

About the House

July 20, 2025

August Opportunities to Serve

Coordinated by the Board of Outreach

Serve a Meal at Safe Harbor

What: 6-8 individuals to assist in setting up and serving a meal for 50-70 people

Where: Safe Harbor Shelter (601 W. Washington St., Blm)

When: Wednesday, August 13th

Arrive at 6:30 pm; dinner served from 7:00 pm - 7:30 pm (no clean up required)

Sign up is located on the Welcome Center. Please sign up by Sunday, August 10th.



Midwest Food Bank

What: 15 individuals to serve on a Team Our Redeemer to assist with a service project

Where: Midwest Food Bank warehouse (2031 Warehouse Road, Normal)

When: Monday, August 25th from 1:00 – 3:00 pm.

Registration deadline is Thursday, August 14th!



Details: *Only requirement is to wear closed toe shoes.*

After signing up in the Friendship Hall, a link directing you to the official Midwest Food Bank volunteer page will be sent to you for your completion. You must complete the Midwest Food Bank volunteer page by August 18th so they can plan accordingly.

If you have any questions regarding these volunteer opportunities, please reach out to any member of the Board of Outreach – Cheri Byers, Keli Krueger-Hura, Colene Ramsey, Marilyn Rebmann, or Tracy Wapp.

New Directory on the Horizon!

It's time to smile for the camera.



All church member families should have received an email with a link to sign up for having your picture taken for the new directory. In the link you will see dates and times available. There will also be opportunities to sign up in the Friendship Hall after worship beginning Sunday, July 27th.

If you did not get the email, below is the link that you can use to sign up:
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0E4FA8AD2-57536606-directory>.



Stop by your church mailbox today to pick up your second quarter giving statement.

Pack the Pantry Food Drive Update ...

Thank you so much, Our Redeemer church family, for your generous June donation of 119 boxes of cereal that was delivered last week and received with sincere thanks. We are focusing on Operation Christmas Child this month and hope you are enjoying looking for gifts that will give a child joy. More information regarding Pack the Pantry will be forthcoming.



Christmas in July ... There is still time to participate in the "Christmas in July" Operation Christmas Child. Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child offers shoeboxes to fill and be sent to children in underprivileged countries.



Parishioners can take a shoebox and fill it with items suggested on the flyers distributed with the boxes. Items can be for a boy or girl, and for one of the different age groups (2-4; 5-9; 10-14 years). If you prefer you can donate toward shipping costs. Cash may be placed in the donation box on the table.

Boxes are available to pick up today! Deadline to return them is August 3rd.

Thank you in advance for making Christmas brighter for children who struggle everyday. For more information contact Cyndi Buenerkemper at 309-660-1503 or cyndibuenerkemper@gmail.com.

Job Opening ... Trinity Lutheran School in Bloomington is seeking to fill an Early Childhood Aide position for the upcoming school year. This is a part-time position, Monday through Friday, afternoons only. No teaching degree is required. Please submit a resume to the school office. To be eligible for this position a candidate must pass a background check and fulfill the morals policy as outlined in the Personnel Handbook.



Summer Oasis Fellowship Opportunity: Breakfast!

This summer, the Oasis women's group will gather for fellowship over breakfast on the second and fourth Tuesdays of July and August. We will meet from 9:30 am - 11:00 am at the Garden of Paradise (1412 E Empire St, Bloomington) on each of those dates. Our next meeting is Tuesday, July 22nd.

At these meetings, we'll enjoy time to share stories and encouragement as well as to discuss parts of our summer reading "The Hiding Place" by Corrie Ten Boom that we find interesting.

We will use Signup Genius for you to RSVP so that we can notify the restaurant of the number of women attending. If you are not on the Oasis Women's Bible Study email list but are interested in attending, please contact Sheryl Soukup (mssmfam4@gmail.com).

Stop by the Welcome Center to Sign Up For ...

Door Host ... Requirements are to simply arrive 30 minutes before the start of service and open the door to greet those coming for worship. If you have questions or need more information, contact a member of the Board of Outreach (Cheri Byers, Keli Krueger-Huhra, Colene Ramsey, Marilyn Rebmann, or Tracy Wapp).

Reader ... Readers assist in worship services by presenting the assigned Old Testament and Epistle readings for that Sunday. If you are interested in serving or learning more, contact Kris Boerger at 309-662-5706 or keboerger@yahoo.com.

Altar Guild ... Serving on Altar Guild is a special way to support all worshipers by preparing and cleaning the supplies so that all can enjoy communion. If you have any questions or are in need of training, please contact Doris Davenport at 309-824-9770 or djd0148@msn.com.

GOD GIVES US THE PRIVILEGE OF SERVING AS HIS MESSENGERS TO MAKE THE GOSPEL KNOWN TO PEOPLE ALL OVER THE EARTH.

“Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20a).



The Our Redeemer Prayer Chain is ready to share in lifting up the needs and joys of our church family to our Heavenly Father! Your requests will be kept in confidence and prayed for each day by the Prayer Team.

To share a prayer request or become a part of the Prayer Team, please contact Pam Fuller (pjfuller9@gmail.com / 309-830-3129) or the church office (office@OurRedeemerLCMS.net / 309-662-3935).

More pray-ers are always welcome. If you are interested in being part of the Prayer Chain Team, please contact Pam Fuller.

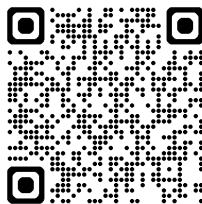
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Celebrating this week:

Birthdays

7-22 Jeanne Ohler
7-23 Tom Shadid
7-24 Jan Bloom
7-26 Reagan Spevak

Anniversaries

7-25 Michael and Connie Walters

Contact Information for Pastor Smith

Pastor is routinely in the office Monday - Thursday from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm. He is also available at other times by appointment.

For routine matters, please call the church at (309) 662-3935 or email Pastor at Pastor@OurRedeemerLCMS.net.

For emergencies, you may call or text (984) 214-1422. Please be certain to sign any text messages so that Pastor knows who they are from.

Pastor Smith's website/blog: revsmith.wordpress.com. Here you can find information and audio recordings of sessions of the Sunday Adult Bible Study on Genesis.



Call



Email



Text

THIS WEEK AT OUR REDEEMER

Sunday, July 20th

Newsletter Deadline

9:00 am Worship Service w/ Communion

No Adult Bible Study

Monday, July 21st

6:30 pm Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, July 22nd

9:30 am Oasis Women's Breakfast Fellowship

7:00 pm AA

Wednesday, July 23rd

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, July 24th

7:00 pm AA

Friday, July 25th

No Events Scheduled

Saturday, July 26th

7:30 am Men's Bible Study

7:00 pm AA

Sunday, July 27th

9:00 am Worship Service

No Adult Bible Study

Sunday Worship ... 07/13/2025

Attendance: 85

Offering: \$10,877.00

Education Hour: 25

Memory Verse Challenge

The memory verse for the week of July 20th is 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain."



PRAYER LIST:

(Names in **Bold** are Our Redeemer members. Names in *italics* are the members who submitted the prayer request. Out of love and concern for all, we ask that any prayer request submitted for the prayer list be done so with the permission of the individual or family for whom the prayer is listed.)

General Prayer Requests

- Carle BroMenn Outpatient Therapy Services

Long Term Health Concerns

- **Judy Magnuson**, memory issues
- **Orval Dahme**, cancer of the esophagus
- Ben Deck, hip replacement surgery, *father of Linda Christman*
- Matthew Thomason with serious cancer diagnosis, *son of Cyndi Buenerkemper's friend Linda Thomason-Pulcher*
- Shani Wiesen, cancer, *friend of Soukup family*
- Ed Gutmann, lung issues, *long-time friend of Marvin and Dee Loos*
- Bobby Trunnel, cancer, *brother of Mary Trunnel*
- Amy (Olson) Hyatt, peace and strength needed, *niece of Pam Fuller*
- Susan Costello, health issues, *daughter of Orval Dahme*

Shut-Ins

- Elaine Phares
- Bill and Shirley Ohlendorf
- Lyle Cagley
- Carol Olson
- Rhea Baker
- Mary Lessen
- Bev Meginnnes

Serving Next Sunday, July 27, 2025 at 9:00 am

Guest Pastor: Rev. David Ehlers

Pianist	Tracy Holloway
Elder	Jeff Kuenneth
Ushers	Ron Lund (Lead) and Pam Fuller
Reader	Pam Fuller