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MAY 2026

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Redeemer VBS 2026
June 15-18
9am-Noon
@Newburgh

Scan the QR Code or call
812.476.9991 to register!




Preschool
NOW ENROLLING
for 2026-27!




BIBLE READINGS

MAY 3 - FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 6:1-9:7:2A,51-60, 1 PE 2:2-10, JOHN 14:1-14

MAY 10 - SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 17:16-31, 1 PETER 3:13-22, JOHN 14:15-21

MAY 17 - SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

ACTS 1:12-26, 1 PE 4:12-19; 5:6-11, JOHN 17:1-11

MAY 24 - THE DAY OF PENTECOST

NUM 11:24:30, ACTS 2:1-21, JOHN 7:37-39

MAY 31 - THE HOLY TRINITY

GEN 1:1-2:4A, ACTS 2:14A,22-36, MATT 28:16-20



Men's Breakfast & Bible Study

We begin 7:30am @Redeemer Newburgh on the first Saturday of every month. Just bring yourself and a bible, we supply the breakfast! Men of all ages, members and non-members are welcome! We will look at the readings for the following Sunday.

Online Studies:

Thursdays @Noon on Redeemer Evansville FB page join Pastor Tom for 'Backyard Bible Study'

Weekly Adult Bible Study - Sunday mornings @9:15am Redeemer Evansville, In-person or on FB

WoW (Women of the Word) will conclude their current study on May12 and break for the summer! Look out for information on the fall series!

Women's Evening Bible Study

**Tuesdays @5:30pm
Oaklyn Library, Mtg Rm B**

**Sundays @9:15am
Bible Classes for
Toddlers thru
High School
@Redeemer
Evansville!**



May 2026

Help Me Understand

In May I will begin a Bible reading program that is meant first to be an outreach and then to strengthen any of us. We will read through both Luke and Romans at a leisurely pace. I will start with having a class for people who feel that they don't know enough to approach the Bible at all. This class is entitled **Help Me Understand**. I

hope that non-Christians, including members of other world religions would join in, even if it is just curiosity or for their general learning.

Help Me Understand will address the structure of the Bible, how people chose these particular books to be in the Bible, how they were copied to minimize errors, how translation into other languages is done, how you deal with the various literary genres, in what sense to we believe it to be God's Word, and what you can hope to learn from the Bible. I will also try to deal with other immediate questions that class participants have.

The first offering of **Help Me Understand** will be on Monday, May 11 at 6:30pm in Evansville. We will probably use the Fellowship Hall. The second offering will be the next day, Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30pm in Newburgh downstairs. I will also record the class and put it on YouTube with a link on our website and on our Facebook page, but you can't immediately ask questions this way. Questions can always be emailed to me.

The following Monday, May 18, we will start reading on our own just a chapter a week beginning in Luke at whatever pace you like. On Mondays I will post some reflections on the readings we just did and maybe something about the week ahead.

If you have not studied the Bible on your own, this is a way to start. You could easily invite people to do it with you. God's Word has power, so just getting our feet wet in the Word can be powerful.

Building Timeline

Now that we have seen the Master Plan for Newburgh, went through a capital campaign, and chose what to build, it is pretty natural to want to have it done next week. Unfortunately, it doesn't work that way. Architectural and engineering planning will begin the end of May. Perhaps we can break ground in January. A target time for completion would be June of 2028. That is a long time to wait, but it will be available during our 100th anniversary year as a congregation.

Pastor Tom

2026 Auction Total Raised

\$84,000

**Thank you
for supporting
the 2026
E&S Auction**

REDEEMER BUILDS A NEW CHURCH



In September 1944, an ongoing goal of the congregation had been reached. They were debt-free! With that, thoughts of a new church building more towards Evansville's "east side" were entertained. Property was purchased at our current location, and an active campaign was begun to raise \$50,000 to pay for the property, with the rest going into the building fund.

At about the same time, school enrollment was rising with 105 students reported in September 1948. Church membership was 528 and continuing to grow. The school, then called Redeemer Lutheran School, was in the same building as the church. Since the location was rapidly becoming outgrown, moving the church to a new location would solve that problem. The school would continue at the Jefferson Avenue location until 1971.

As with our Newburgh renovation, ideas for the new church were debated and discussed. In 1950, architect Jack Kinkel was employed to draw up plans and specifications for the new building. Again, these proposals were discussed among the members of the congregation. After that, an all-out, every member canvass was begun. In June 1953, the total pledges amounted to \$162,000, payable over three years. Three months later, Pastor Alfred Winter received a call to Immanuel Lutheran Church at Fort Wayne. He declined.

Work on the church progressed rapidly and in October 1954, the cornerstone was laid. The speaker was Rev. Peter Plunkett of Concordia Lutheran. The choir sang and Judge Ben Buente placed several documents into the cornerstone. Pastor Winter was the officiant. That winter, a prediction was made by Thorp Construction Company that the building would be completed by the next fall. The dedication committee, under the auspices of Werner A. Siems, submitted plans for a series of 6 dedication services. These were approved.

The last service held at the old church was November 13, 1955. The farewell service bulletin contained these words: "While this temporary house of worship harbors many personal spiritual memories, that day of farewell is one of rejoicing – rejoicing over the blessings of God which we have known here – rejoicing over blessing of numerical and spiritual growth that have compelled us to provide larger quarters for the worship of our Wonderful Lord. To God, alone, be thanks and Glory." The congregation by that time had grown to almost 900.

*contributed by Carolyn Farmer,
author, historian and member of Redeemer*

DON'T MISS THE NEXT EDITION OF THE REDEEMER CHRONICLES!

UE Faith in Action - College Ministry

Unfortunately, due to scheduling and planning conflicts, we were unable to hold our spring Semester Mid-week Paws. Thank you for being willing to help with that event.

Thank you to everyone who supported Faith in Action this school year. We had an extremely successful year! We will say goodbye to several of our students this month! UE graduation will be Saturday, May 9. We pray for a successful transition to graduate school for Nick and Saif. We also wish Madelyn and Kate success as they begin their Physical Therapy careers! Godspeed to all of you! We will miss you here, but know that you will shine the light of Christ wherever He places you!

The executive board will be meeting to plan for the 2026-2027 school year. We are already looking forward to June, July, and August for freshmen orientation! GO ACES!



SMP UPDATE

Jason and I will complete our fifteenth class in May. Our final class is on campus from June 22 through June 26.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 - REGISTRATION IS OPEN!
REGISTER ONLINE AT [REDEEMERCHURCH.ORG](https://redeemerchurch.org)

COME VISIT THE PASTURES OF IRELAND (IN NEWBURGH) AS THE LUTHERAN CHURCH OF OUR REDEEMER HOSTS ITS SUMMER VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, "EMERALD CROSSING," JUNE 15-18, 2026, FROM 9 AM TO NOON. WE WILL BE TAKING AN IRISH ADVENTURE THROUGH PSALM 23. VBS WILL BE HELD AT THE REDEEMER NEWBURGH CAMPUS, LOCATED AT 7811 OAK GROVE ROAD, FROM 9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM.

COME AND JOIN US FOR BIBLE LEARNING THROUGH MUSIC, CRAFTS, GAMES, AND LIVE ANIMALS. A FAMILY COOKOUT TO CLOSE OUT THE FUN ON THURSDAY AT NOON!



YOUTH NEWS

REDEEMER ROOTS AND REACH

A team has been formed to brainstorm and schedule events for both the Middle and High School students. We are finalizing an event calendar for the summer and the fall! Be on the lookout for upcoming events.

The Good Friday service in Newburgh was led by 14 high school students and Pastor Jeremy. The service received so many positive responses and comments that we will be looking into making this a tradition. Check out some photos from our rehearsal!





Redeemer Christian **PRESCHOOL** **MAY 2026**

COLOR: BROWN SHAPE: PENTAGON LETTERS/SOUNDS: X,Y&Z

NUMBER RECOGNITION AND WRITING EACH: 1-20

JESUS TIME: JESUS SENDS THE CHURCH

**TOPICS: MOTHER'S DAY, CHICKS, BIKE SAFETY,
END OF YEAR CELEBRATION**

ON THE CALENDAR:

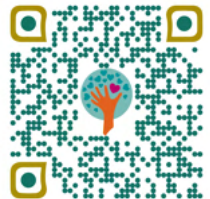
MAY 2 - MOMS & MUFFINS

MAY 7 - ST JUDE TRIKE A THON

MAY 15 - END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

!!EXTRA!!EXTRA!!

**CURRENTLY ENROLLING FOR 2026-27 SCHOOL YEAR!
SPREAD THE WORD!**







ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

SENIOR LUNCH

Senior Luncheon will be held May 18 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer Evansville. Our guest speaker is Redeemer member audiologist Dr. Angela Graves. "What's all the hype about hearing? Can you believe everything you see on the internet?" Main dish and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. All ages are welcome.

HELP WANTED @EVANSVILLE AND @NEWBURGH

We are still in need of ushers for all services. Contact the Church Office for more information.

The Prayer Warriors could use a few more to pray daily for our members. Just a few minutes each day to be sure that everyone at Redeemer is prayed for every day! Contact Jan Baker @ [812-893-3391](tel:812-893-3391) or j.cor@twc.com.

Help is needed setting up and cleaning up communion in Newburgh. Please contact Leanne Collier if you can help out in this way. [812-470-9317](tel:812-470-9317) or keithandleanne@gmail.com.

HEARING AIDS @EVANSVILLE

Did you know? Our new part-time tech Chris Parsons has given our hearing assist devices a tune-up and they are all working properly! If you have trouble hearing the service at Evansville, give one a try!

PLOTS AT SUNSET AVAILABLE

We have some plots available at Sunset Cemetery that were gifted to Redeemer. If you'd be interested in purchasing a single plot in the Christus Garden or three plots in the Apostle's Garden, contact Larry Fritsche or Paul Yates in the Church Office. All bids will be considered.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

The Lutheran Cemetery Board would like to invite you to celebrate Memorial Day with us. Rev. Chad Eckels of St. Paul's Lutheran Church will lead us in a service on Monday, May 25, at 11 a.m. at the Cemetery. Refreshments will be served in the Cemetery office following the service to offer an opportunity for fellowship and to answer any questions you may have. The Cemetery is located at 1305 North St. Joseph Avenue in Evansville. We look forward to seeing you on May 25!

VBS @ST PAUL'S

St. Paul's wanted to extend an invitation to their VBS "Freedom in Christ" which kicks off May 31st 15 11am with a potluck to be followed by "Patriot Nights" for the kids from June 1-3, 5-7:30pm for children ages 3 years old through fifth grade. Contact the St Paul's Church Office to register (812) 422-5414 or stpaulslcms@stpaulslcms.org.

LHM Ministry Update



LHM's partnership with the SAT-7 multimedia ministry continues to shine the light of Christ into more than 20 countries throughout the Middle East and North Africa (MENA), as well as several countries in Central Asia.

Women from Christ Lutheran Church in Lincoln, Nebraska, aged 25 up to their 80s gather for a Bible study each week and spent time digging into LHM's *Everyone is a Gift* **Project Connect** booklet.



Today, wise men and women who have invested in gold or other precious metals have seen the value of their investments skyrocket. Some of these individuals are offering their gifts to bring more people to Jesus in partnership with LHM.

Any offering given during April, May or June that is earmarked for 'Missions' will be given to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

FROM PAUL & NICOLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Treasurer's Report as of 4/15/26

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$72,545.96	\$78,619.41
Expenses	\$107,613.86	\$114,347.89
Income - Expenses	-\$35,067.90	-\$35,728.48
YTD Income	\$378,929.93	\$329,939.41
YTD Expenses	\$507,685.75	\$406,409.85
YTD Income - Expenses	-\$128,755.82	-\$76,470.44
Memorial Trust Fund	\$1,135,297.90	
LCEF Contingency Fund	\$491,113.08	

Attendance

* estimate
In-person unless noted

DATE	8AM EVV	10:30AM EVV	11:30 NWB	ADULT BIBLE STUDY@EVV	TODDLER - HS BIBLE CLASSES (KIDS/ADULTS)
MAR 25 - WED	NOON - 35	6PM - 55			
MARCH 29	126	138	39	38*	18/6
APR 2 - THURS	NOON - 234	7PM - 51			
APR 3 - FRI	NOON - 71	7PM - 73	7PM - 67		
APRIL 5	6AM - 36 8AM - 205	209	60	NA	NA
APRIL 12	102	121	39	42	12/6
APRIL 19	91	107	42	42	6/3

***MEMBER
INFORMATION IS
NOT AVAILABLE
ONLINE***



JUNE 26-28, 2026 CONVENTION COMMUNICATION

REGISTRATION ON LWMLINDIANA.ORG (CLICK ON GOOD NEWS, THE 2 PAGES OF THE REGISTRATION FORM WHEN REGISTERING ARE IN THAT DOCUMENT).

SOME CONVENTION HAPPENINGS: KEYNOTE SPEAKER-KRISTIN SCHULTZ; FIVE SERVANT EVENTS, AND ONE IS LOVE THE HUNGRY FOOD PACKAGING ON FRIDAY, 9A.M.-12P.M. AND 1P.M.-3P.M., SIGN-UP FOR ONE OF THOSE TIME SLOTS TO PARTICIPATE; MOVING FOR MITES-FUN ACTIVITIES TO LEARN ABOUT MITES AND RAISE MONEY FOR MISSION GRANTS; INTEREST SESSIONS- THERE ARE EIGHT TO CHOOSE FROM WITH PRESENTERS SHARING HOW GOD STRENGTHENS YOU TO BE HIS WITNESS; CHOIR-WHEN REGISTERING, SIGN-UP TO SING FOR THE TWO WORSHIP SERVICES; ENTERTAINMENT-A GROUP OF MUSICIANS WILL HELP YOU CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC.

NEEDED - CHAIRMAN AND CO-CHAIRMAN FOR: NEWS MEDIA, AND USHERS.

LAST COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN MEETING BEFORE THE CONVENTION-ALL COMMITTEE CHAIRMEN NEED TO ATTEND ON MAY 16 AT PEACE LUTHERAN CHURCH, OWENSBORO, KY, 2200 CARTER ROAD (CT) 9A.M.-1P.M., (ET) 10A.M.-2P.M.



LWML Indiana District Convention on June 26 – 28, 2026

Vanderburgh County 4-H
Center, 201 E. Boonville-New
Harmony Road, Evansville, IN

**Don't miss all the
information at the LWML
display in the Gathering
Area!**

**Trinity Lutheran LWML
in Henderson are
having an Accessory
Sale on Saturday, May
2nd from 8-11 am. They
will have a wide variety
of new and gently used
purses, luggage,
wallets, totes, scarves
and jewelry. Some
new SWIG drinkware
will also be available.
Money raised will go
towards their projects
to benefit their
community.**

for - Lutheran Ladies coming together
in troubling times as God's children to
share in suffering.

Knowing that the blessings and
comfort of God leads to their response
of help and support in difficult times.

NEWBURGH TEAM FEED (CASTLE BOYS' LACROSSE)

On Friday April 17 we held a Team Feed at Redeemer Newburgh. It was a HIT!

Don Haury, Barry Hampton, Keith Collier and Tim Fisher prepared the food - which was AMAZING. The boys loved it! Pancakes, bacon, sausage, cinnamon rolls, biscuits and gravy, fresh fruit salad and Gatorade. There was just the perfect amount to feed the team and the coaches. The head coach's wife and daughters joined. Overall, we had roughly 29 to 30 people. Most of the boys stayed after and played basketball and football out in the parking lot and on the grass. The coach was SO thankful!





**WALKING TOGETHER TO
BUILD HOMES AND HOPE**

Sunday, May 17

1:00 PM Registration

Bally's Evansville

Riverfront



SPECIAL NEED: someone to design pretty flower pots for both sides of the Giving Garden sign. We have the pots and will purchase the flowers and soil and do the summer watering. We however, are vegetable people and need help selecting pretty proper flowers.

We can always use leaves and untreated lawn grass clippings. Bags can be dropped off at the garden gate.

We will be prepping and planting the garden on **Monday and Thursday evenings beginning April 27.**

Regular hours Mondays and Thursdays 4-8 pm or until finished for evening, if before 8 pm. Bring a drink and garden gloves. All are welcome!

Thanks! - Shelby

A Look at the Lions

MAY 2026

- May 1** No School
- May 12** 4th-8th Spring Concert
6pm @ ELS
- May 19** Kindergarten Celebration
6pm @ St Pauls
- May 21** 8th Grade Graduation
6pm@ Redeemer
- May 22** Last day of School
Early Release



Evansville Lutheran invites you to join us for chapel every Wednesday at 8:15 unless noted differently.

We invite and encourage our congregation members to join us!
For more information, stop by the school or call (812) 424-7252.

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for updates and most current information



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Sundays@Redeemer Evansville

1811 Lincoln Ave

Worship 8am* & 10:30am

Adult Bible Study & Coffee Hour 9:15am

Sundays@Redeemer Newburgh

7811 Oak Grove Rd

Worship 11:30am*

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