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## Schedule of Services (beginning July 5<sup>th</sup>):

### Sundays:

Divine Service 8:00 A.M.  
Divine Service\*\* 10:30 A.M.

### Wednesdays:

Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

**\*\*The 10:30 A.M. Sunday Divine Service is broadcast to the parking lot on 107.1 FM. Those members who desire to receive Holy Communion may enter the building to do so after the conclusion of the service.**

**\*\*This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live. Access the livestream by visiting us at [facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford](https://facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford).**

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a congregation of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, a denomination of nearly 2 million members in the United States and Canada. Learn more about The LCMS by visiting its website at [lcms.org](http://lcms.org) or on Facebook at [facebook.com/TheLCMS](https://facebook.com/TheLCMS).

## From the Pastor's Desk

*"And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell."*

- Matthew 10:28 (NKJV)

Back in the 1500s, when the Lutheran Reformation was about to get under way, the average Christian had a very backwards understanding of Holy Communion. The Sacrament was believed to be a bloodless "sacrifice" of Jesus every time you were there. The eating and drinking weren't important. Only the priest received both the body *and* blood of Christ. What mattered was that you were present so that this re-sacrificing of Jesus could be made to atone for the sins that you had committed since the last time that you were at the mass. Holy Communion was an *obligation*. It was a burden that was placed on the Christian. Talk to practicing Roman Catholics today and you will find that they by-and-large view Holy Communion in this way: as something that they are obligated to do as part of being a faithful Catholic.

Among the many things that the Lutheran Reformation recovered was a right, biblical understanding of the Lord's Supper. In 1529, Martin Luther wrote in The Large Catechism, "**If you could see how many knives, darts, and arrows are every moment aimed at you [Ephesians 6:16], you would be glad to come to the Sacrament as often as possible.**" (Large Catechism V, 82, *Concordia: The Lutheran Confessions*) Christians are *glad* when they come to the Lord's Supper because they know that they there find Jesus, the One who is their champion over sin, death, and Satan! Holy Communion is a gift! It's not a burden!

Does Jesus want you go to Holy Communion? Yes! Are you obligated to do it as a Christian? Well, *obligated* isn't the right word. Jesus tells us "Do this" in the same way that we tell our children on Christmas morning, "Kids! Come downstairs and open your presents!" Jesus "commands" us to eat His body and blood in the same way that we "command" someone to come to the table and eat a delicious meal. It's all invitation...all gift...never a "work" that we do for God.

For a couple of months, we had to go without the Lord's Supper for a time. That time has ended. Service are being offered in the Lord's House and His body and blood are being given for sinners. Luther's quote above would remind us to run gladly to the Lord's Supper! There our Lord gives us His very body and blood as that which thwarts the devil's attacks. It might be a little bit scary to reenter the Lord's House...especially if your age or health place you at a higher risk of infection. I don't envy those of you who have to walk that line between being responsible and yet not caving into fear. Remember that the Lord's Supper is a gift and refuge that our Lord desires for us to receive. Remember Jesus' words that I quoted above: "[Do] not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell." (Matthew 10:28, NKJV)

Let me know how I can make Holy Communion available to you. This month, we will begin offering it to those worshiping in the parking lot (now at 10:30 A.M.) who wish to come inside and receive it. I'm happy to visit you at home. I'm also more than happy to reassure you and comfort you with God's promises that He has defeated the one "who is able to destroy both body and soul in hell." Thanks be to God for the victory that is ours in Jesus Christ!

In Christ our Lord,

*Pastor Ruesch*

Pastor Ruesch

## **NEW WORSHIP SCHEDULE BEGINNING JULY 5**

We will continue with our Divine Service on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 P.M. with Holy Communion.

Our Sunday Schedule will be as follows: 8:00 A.M., Divine Service in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion  
10:30 A.M. Divine Service in the Sanctuary with Holy Communion.

The 10:30 Service will also be transmitted into the parking lot for those who are more comfortable not congregating inside the church. Those in the parking lot will then be offered the option to come into the church afterwards to Commune. It will also continue to be live streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page.

## **QUARTERLY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

Our July Quarterly Congregational meeting will be held on July 26, 2020 at 6:30 P.M. in the Sanctuary of the Church. We will also set up Zoom to be available to those who are not comfortable congregating. Please call the church office to leave your email address so we can invite you to join us.

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## **PROTECTING EACH OTHER DURING COVID-19**

As we return to worship services, we all need to do our part to safeguard our neighbors. It is

who we are as Christians. When attending service, please plan on doing the following:

- ☐ Stay home if you have ANY of these symptoms:
  - o A fever
  - o Chills
  - o A dry cough
  - o Shortness of breath
  - o Sore throat
  - o New loss of taste &/or smell
- ☐ Wear a mask if you feel the need.
- ☐ Stop at the Welcome Kiosk hand washing station to wash your hands and pick up bulletin.
- ☐ Sit in designated pews marked with blue tape, with your family members.

After service, exit by the office door to the parking lot. The Sanctuary will be cleaned by the Elder on duty between services for your safety.

## OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

### Baptism

Eli Carter Smith May 22, 2020  
Hadley Lorenzen June 13, 2020

### Wedding

Antonissen/Linsmeyer June 20, 2020

## ECONO/SUPER ONE RECEIPTS

Have you been saving grocery slips? Have you been turning them into Our Redeemer? There is a large white bucket under the LWML card table labeled for Econo/Super One slips. We receive 1% of each \$1.00 you spend on groceries through their rebate programs. Sherry C. has graciously been tallying them up. The money goes into the Youth Program checking account. We use the money to sponsor our Compassion Child which is \$480 a year. There is also a container for stamps & ink cartridges however, they only accept Inkjets (they DO NOT accept Laser/Toner cartridges). Your support is greatly appreciated. **We no longer take Campbells soup labels as Campbells has discontinued its labels for education program.**

## LWML DATES to KEEP in MIND.

2022—NWD Convention—Green Bay, WI  
Sept 10-12—Fall Retreat—Camp Luther  
2021 Nat. LWML Convention—Lexington, KY  
2022 NWD Convention—Marquette, MI  
2023 Nat. LWML Convention



## LWML-LADIES' GUILD

### ***"Serve the Lord with Gladness"***

"Miracles never cease"—Believe it or not, your LWML Pres. Caren (BIG thanks to Pastor Matt) is now connected to Email. I'm so computer illiterate—it's been a long time coming. ANYWAY—in order to vote as a delegate for our No Wis. District Convention (that was cancelled until 2022)—I had to have email. Voting took place July 15-19<sup>th</sup>. Since I had been called out of town—Sherry took over as alternate and did the voting for our society in my behalf.

The Mite Box has been moved to the Entryway of the church. \$110,000 Mission Goal was voted on and approved. So, it is necessary to continue our support to all of these special needs. Thanks in advance.

Sherry has received a new supply of greeting cards so if you are in need of certain cards, please call her and she will make arrangements with you personally until we are able to again display them in church. Again, thanks for your patience with all the COVID restrictions.

All of us would like to extend an Extremely BIG thanks to Pastor, Renee, Elders, and all others who have allowed us to continue to worship and hear God's Word during these trying times.

The Lord is with us and HE will bring us thru!

Prayers to all! Stay SAFE and Stay Healthy.

No plans yet for our Annual Ladies' Spring Banquet. We will keep you informed.

Hope to see you all in Sept.

We encourage other ladies in the congregation to join us as soon as we can resume our gatherings. Call Caren 774-0182 or church 774-1844 if in need of a ride.

Mites always welcome and greatly appreciated!

Cards are available on the LWML table in the Fellowship hall.

Serving the Lord with gladness  
Sisters to Christ  
LWML Ladies and Caren E., President

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Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

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- Sunday School Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Sept. through May. All children are welcome!
  - Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Sept. through May
  - Bible Study Opportunities Thursdays, 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
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**Camp Luther's staff and Board of Directors, after prayerful deliberation, have made the difficult decision to cancel all summer youth camp programs for the summer of 2020.** An email was sent to all camp families who are directly affected by this, but we felt it was important to make this information available to our larger Camp Luther Family.

During this unprecedented time, we have been working hard to respond to a rapidly changing situation and do everything we can to keep open the possibility of running camp programs this summer. We have been processing different guidelines for overnight camps developed by the CDC and state and local officials, and looked at many different options for modifying our youth programs. In the end, the number of obstacles we faced made it clear that it would be impossible for us to run our normal youth programs this summer. We did not reach this decision easily, nor do we take it lightly.

This summer is going to look different at camp—but our mission hasn't changed. We're planning new opportunities to build up kids and families in Christ. We're already brainstorming creative ways to continue to support the campers, junior counselors, and staff who would have been here this summer.

And while we cannot offer youth programs this summer, we are able to still move forward with our family camp programming. We're planning an expanded family camp program where families and small groups can come to camp and stay in our Retreat Center and villages. We'd love to welcome your family to camp this summer!

This summer is going to look different, but God's faithfulness remains the same. Instead of giving in to fear, anxiety, or worry, we can hold on to this truth: God is good. (All the time!) While we don't always understand what He's doing or how He will use this yet, we are putting our hope in the One who loves us. And we can't wait for the day when we get to welcome you to camp once again.

In Christ,

Woody, Executive Director

And the Camp Luther Staff

*Camp Luther is a subsidiary ministry of the North Wisconsin District-LCMS. Our mission is to build up believers in Christ for service to the church and witness to the world.*

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## Board of Missions

Hello,

Just a reminder that the Helping Hands of the Board of Missions is here to serve members of our congregation and the community through providing assistance for minor home repairs, yard work, and other small projects (wheelchair ramps are referred to Habitat for Humanity). Helping Hands also provides funding for our annual Thanksgiving Baskets.

Currently, we have a fund balance for Helping Hands of \$1807. We were able to fund raise with our October Coffee Sale but because of Covid-19, our other fundraising plans have been put on hold.

So please consider making a donation of any amount during this year. You may make out a check to Our Redeemer Helping Hands and mail it to the church or drop it in the collection basket after services. We hope you will prayerfully consider this donation.

**ALL MEETINGS ARE POSTPONED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.**

Yours in Christ,

Carol T., Board of Missions Chair

**PLEASE WATCH OUR WEBSITE AND  
FACEBOOK PAGE FOR UPDATES!**



## Serving in God's House This Month

Sunday Divine Service: 8:00 and 10:30 A.M.  
"Drive-In" Service Transmitted into the  
parking lot during the 10:30 A.M. Service

### July 5

**8:00 am** Elder: Ed T.  
Organist: Don H.  
**10:30 am** Elder: David M.  
Organist: Don H.  
**Outdoor** Elder: Damian T.

### July 12

**8:00 am** Elder: Ed T.  
Organist: Don H.  
**10:30 am** Elder: Mark M.  
Organist: Don H.  
**Outdoor** Elder: Damian T.

### July 19

**8:00 am** Elder: Gary P.  
Organist: Marian V.  
**10:30 am** Elder: Mark M.  
Organist: Marian V.  
**Outdoor** Elder: Ed T.

### July 26

**8:00 am** Elder: Ed T.  
Organist: Don H.  
**10:30 am** Elder: David M.  
Organist: Don H.  
**Outdoor** Elder: Gary P.



Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

## Digital Music

### July 1, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

### July 8, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

### July 15, 7:00 pm

Elder: Damian T.

### July 22, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

### July 29, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

## ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Sunday, May 24 (9:00 AM)	89
Sunday, May 31 (8:00 AM)	22
(9:15 AM)	73
(10:30 AM)	25
Wednesday, June 3 (7:00 PM)	14
Sunday, June 7 (8:00 AM)	26
(9:15 AM)	54
(10:30 AM)	15
Wednesday, June 10 (7:00 PM)	7
Sunday, June 14 (8:00 AM)	26
(9:15 AM)	48
(10:30 AM)	21
Wednesday, June 17 (7:00 PM)	7
Sunday, June 21 (8:00 AM)	41
(9:15 AM)	42
(10:30 AM)	28

What is age-related macular degeneration? Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is a disease that blurs the sharp, central vision you need for "straight-ahead" activities such as reading, sewing, and driving. AMD affects the macula, the part of the eye that allows you to see fine detail. AMD causes no pain. In some cases, AMD advances so slowly that people notice little change in their vision. In others, the disease progresses faster and may lead to a loss of vision in both eyes. AMD is a leading cause of vision loss in Americans 60 years of age and older.

Are there different forms of AMD? AMD occurs in two forms: wet and dry.

- Wet AMD occurs when abnormal blood vessels behind the retina start to grow under the macula. These new blood vessels tend to be very fragile and often leak blood and fluid. The blood and fluid raise the macula from its normal place at the back of the eye. Damage to the macula occurs rapidly. An early symptom of wet AMD is that straight lines appear wavy. If you notice this condition or other changes to your vision, contact your eye care professional at once. You need a comprehensive dilated eye exam.

- Dry AMD occurs when the light-sensitive cells of the macula slowly break down, gradually blurring central vision in the affected eye. As dry AMD gets worse, you may see a blurred spot in the center of your vision. Over time, as less of the macula functions, central vision in the affected eye can be lost gradually. The most common symptom of dry AMD is slightly blurred vision. You may have difficulty recognizing faces. You may need more light for reading and other tasks. Dry AMD generally affects both eyes, but vision can be lost in one eye while the other eye seems unaffected.

The dry form has an early and intermediate stage. Both the wet and the advanced dry form are considered advanced AMD. The dry form is much more common. All people who have the wet form had the dry form first.

Who is at risk for AMD? AMD can occur during middle age. The risk increases with aging. Other risk factors include:

- Smoking
- Obesity. Research studies suggest a link between obesity and the progression of early and intermediate stage AMD to advanced AMD.
- Race. Whites are much more likely to lose vision from AMD than African Americans.
- Family history. People with a family history of AMD are at higher risk of getting the disease.
- Gender. Women appear to be at greater risk than men.

AMD is detected during a comprehensive eye exam that include a visual acuity test, dilated eye exam and tonometry (measuring the pressure inside the eye).

Once dry AMD reaches the advanced stage, no form of treatment can prevent vision loss. The National Eye Institute's Age-Related Eye Disease Study (AREDS) found that taking a specific high dose formulation of antioxidants and zinc significantly reduces the risk of advanced AMD and its associated vision loss.

There are two treatments for wet AMD: laser surgery and photodynamic therapy (a drug injected into your arm that travels throughout the body including your eye). Neither is a cure for wet AMD. Can my lifestyle make a difference? Your lifestyle can play a role in reducing your risk of developing AMD.

- Eat a healthy diet high in green leafy vegetables and fish.
- Don't smoke.'
- Maintain normal blood pressure.
- Watch your weight.
- Exercise.



## LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—July 2020

“Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And the ruler replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” (Luke 18:18–22)

As we listen to this, one question is raised in our minds: Is Jesus speaking to us also or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor? As good Lutherans, we answer: No! But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor?

The simplest explanation is this: If we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t mean it isn’t to be used for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family, and society. We are members of all three of these by birth.

- We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from either our birth into the church or the birth of others by Baptism into it.
- We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from either our birth into that family or the birth of others into our family.
- Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are is to be pressed into service for the church, the family, and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and our duties toward them would falter.

So consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You provide food, clothing, and shelter for the members of your family. You save for college for your children.

But the one station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits – the best from off the top – even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought and intent. It means that you sit down and make a plan for what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems there are other more immediate and pressing things.

This is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time while giving is low due to high unemployment or restrictions on meeting in church to give. If we love God, his gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace we receive at church and only at church, then we will support the church just as we love our country and our family.

For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious and giving God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son into death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What is more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of the church, the family, and society, are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three by birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be ignored or even an afterthought. The church is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation by Word and Sacrament for eternal life.



## July Birthdays

- 3 Aaliyah H.
- 5 John M.
- 6 Larry K.
- 7 Paige B.  
Tony C.  
Pearl K.
- 9 Paul S.
- 10 Marsha S.
- 11 Lynne C.  
Roxanne M.  
Ethan R.  
Patti W.
- 12 Richard S.
- 13 Mac F.
- 14 Ketan G.  
Chynna W.
- 15 Megan A.  
John S.
- 17 Doug J.
- 18 Cathey A.  
Brandon W.
- 20 Gladys B.  
Jacob B.  
Molly P.  
Jaden T.
- 21 Chris K.  
David M.
- 23 Allen P.  
Debra P.
- 24 Krista F.  
Dawn S.
- 25 Brynnly S.

**“Rejoice with those who Rejoice”**  
-Romans 12:15

- 29 William B.  
Ashley L.  
Pastor Tom M.  
Christian M.  
Maria Lorena R.
- 30 Jacki B.
- 31 Sharon A.  
Jennifer H.

### Anniversary Prayer

*O Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank you for another year of life together for those we mention before you. We ask you to keep them open to receive always more of your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## July Anniversaries



- 2 Dean & Linda G. II
- 7 Jim & Carol C.
- 9 Jacob & Calyn M.
- 10 Jim & Lisa R.  
Brian & Maria Lorena R.  
Jeffery & Lindsay S.
- 11 John & Barbara M.
- 22 William & Jade P.

**If any dates have been published  
incorrectly or have been omitted, please  
contact the Church Office.**





# July 2020

**Church Office Hours:**  
Monday, Wednesday, Thursday  
8:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

**Pastor Ruesch's Office Hours:**  
Monday-Wednesday 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M.  
or by Appointment

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>Worship Services in bold print.</p> <p>Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)</p> <p>10:30 Sunday services marked with a "†" are transmitted to the parking lot on 107.1 FM. and streamed on Facebook Live.</p>			<b>1</b> 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	<b>2</b> 6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>3</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>4</b> <i>Independence Day</i>
<b>5</b> 4 <sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	<b>6</b> 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	<b>9</b> 6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>10</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>11</b>
<b>12</b> 5 <sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	<b>16</b> 6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>17</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>18</b>
<b>19</b> 6 <sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	<b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	<b>23</b> 6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>24</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	<b>25</b>
<b>26</b> 7 <sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*† 6:30 P.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	<b>30</b> 6:00 P.M. Bible Study (Zoom)	<b>31</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	

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*Here to Serve!*