

THE REDEEMER READER

August A+D 2020

Volume 96, Issue 8



OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
420 W. Breitung Ave.
Kingsford, MI 49802
(906) 774-1844
ourredeemerkingsford.org

Schedule of Services:

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.**

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 or on Facebook at facebook.com/TheLCMS.

From the Pastor's Desk

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 (ESV)

There were a lot of "memes" and statements being shared on social media earlier this year as churches were closing down that said, "The Church Isn't a Building." The sentiment was that just because we can't gather together in one place, doesn't mean we stop being the Church. I agree with that sentiment. The Church is, according to Martin Luther, "sheep who hear the voice of their shepherd." (Smalcald Articles) As long as God's people are hearing the Shepherd, Jesus Christ, speak to them through His Word, the Church is alive and well.

That being said, the Church is meant to gather together to hear that Word and to receive the Lord's Supper. We found creative ways to do that during the statewide lockdown and as soon as it was possible, we reopened the doors to our building and resumed services. I think the thing that has warmed my heart the most since we restarted in-church services has been each week seeing someone return to the Divine Service for the first time. Seeing so many people who probably are at a greater risk than the vast majority of us come forward to receive what Jesus gives them is an encouragement: the type of which our verse speaks about above.

Some of us are still concerned. Or some of us may have just gotten out of the habit. The author to the Hebrews reminds us that Christians should "not [neglect] to meet together, as is the habit of some." The book of Hebrews connects our salvation in Jesus Christ to the worship of Israel in the tabernacle and the temple. Israel had a worship system based on sacrifices brought to the place where they were assured that God was present with them. Our worship isn't so different. The sacrifice of Jesus on the cross, once for all, is the assurance that God is with us. We come together before the altar because we know that our God who loves us is there with His gifts in Jesus Christ for us.

In this year of 2020, I've learned a lot about what it means to be the Church...what a joy it is to serve you, His people...and how painful it is to not be able to serve you with His gifts in all the ways I've been accustomed to doing. Seeing your faces on Sunday morning (or Wednesday evening) is the highlight of my week. Seeing a face that I haven't seen in months...or in some cases, even years...is a joy that I can't even begin to describe. We are doing everything we can to be smart about our gathering together. We are taking every precaution we can to protect the health and well-being of our members.

The one thing we can never stop doing is "meeting together." This, the author of Hebrews reminds us, is what the Church does as "the Day [draws] near." We usually think of the Last Day, the end of this world, as a bad thing...a scary thing. But the fact that Jesus will return on the Day of Judgment isn't bad news. It's the *best news*! God grant that we wouldn't cling to this world which seems to disappoint us more and more on a daily basis. Our hope isn't found in who wins in November or in the finding of a vaccine for COVID-19. Our hope is in the resurrection of Jesus Christ. He lives and He will come again to raise the dead and gather us into His heavenly kingdom. Let's "encourage one another" with this good news...this *best news*! The Church may not technically be a building...but what we do in our building is what God has called us, His Church, to be doing as we await our Lord's return!

Join us this Sunday! Your presence will "encourage" me and everyone else! And we will "encourage" you with the promises that are yours in Jesus...especially the promise that "the Day is drawing near!"

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

Pastor Ruesch

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

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.

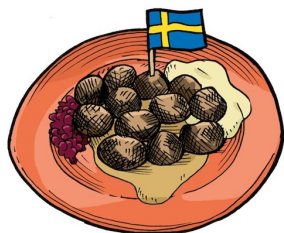
The 10:30 Service will also be transmitted into the parking lot for those who are more comfortable not congregating inside the church. Those in the parking lot will then be offered the option to come into the church afterwards to Commune. It will also continue to be live streamed on the Our Redeemer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

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.



Swedish Meatball “Drive-Thru” Luncheon

Sunday, August 16th, 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. \$8.00 per plate
Swedish meatballs, mashed potatoes, lingonberries, creamed corn,
Swedish rye bread

Reserve a plate by calling the Church Office at (906) 774-1844. Meals can be picked up following the second service at the carport.

Tickets purchased for the scheduled March luncheon may be redeemed at this time. All proceeds benefit the Our Redeemer “Helping Hands” Ministry

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Junior Confirmation

Layla Muchka June 28, 2020

Funeral

Sharon Giannunzio July 2, 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.

Aug 10—informal get-together @ 1 P.M.
Sept 14—Regular fall meeting @ 1 P.m.
Sept 10-12—Fall Retreat—Camp Luther
2021 Nat. LWML Convention—Lexington, KY
2022—NWD Convention—Green Bay, WI
2022 NWD Convention—Marquette, MI
2023 Nat. LWML Convention



LWML-LADIES' GUILD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

My prayers are that you are all safe & healthy. This covid situation has sure brought on some stressful trying times. I'm glad to have returned from CA safely and glad I was able to be with my friend Saunie & her family as she passed away July 7th. Since my return on July 9th it's been my usual busy. But I miss you all and hold you all in my prayers. I would like to propose an informal get together on August 10th to catch up, share, collect mites, and maybe make some plans for the upcoming year, we will meet at 1 P.M. at the church.

Please notice in your *Mission Tidings* 2020. Our Redeemer Ladies are pictured with the quilts that were made under the direction of Barb C. for Disaster Relief. Prior to shipping, quilts were dedicated by Pastor Matt during Sunday worship on Nov. 3.

The Fall Rally IF held will be in Munising (since Spring Rally, there was cancelled) but we are waiting on an update. Otherwise I really don't have anything to report.

Since officers & mission grants for No. Wis. Districts Conv. 2020 were chosen (via email) we need our mite offerings to fulfill our goal. Mites can be placed in large LWML box in the Narthex at the church. It is checked regularly.

Our regular fall meeting is Sept. 14th at 1 p.m. God willing we will be able to hold that meeting. But as with everything—details pending.

Greeting cards are available but please call Sherry C. 779-5793 to make arrangements to purchase since we are unable to display them at church at this time.

Also, I am continuing to make masks so if you are in need please call and order. I'm trying to keep up with demands. If anyone else is also—let me know & together we can fulfill the need. Think we will be wearing them for a while. Caren @ 774-0182.

In the meantime—stay safe, healthy and Know that God is in control.

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!

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

Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

- Sunday School Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Sept. through May. All children are welcome! Tentative resume date Sept. 13th.
 - Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Sept. through May. Resumes Sept. 9th.
 - Bible Study Opportunities Will resume Thurs., Sept. 10th. And Sunday, Sept. 13th.
-



SUMMER 2020 NEW OPPORTUNITIES

We weren't able to hold our traditional youth programs this summer, but that doesn't mean camp is over! Take advantage of The opportunity to bring your family or group of friends to camp this summer. It's going to be a blast.

Family Camp - Retreat Center

Come for a week at camp with your family (or small group) and stay in Camp Luther's Retreat Center. This time spent at camp will give you and your family the chance to recharge and unplug, and experience fun outdoor activities, meaningful community, and impactful faith building. This is an awesome opportunity for your family to experience the fun of family camp without having to wait for a cottage opening!

Village Glamping

Come to camp this summer with your family or small group and stay in one of Camp Luther's awesome villages! It's like camping, but way cooler. Plus, you're at camp and will have access to a ton of fun camp activities. Each village has six different rooms w/ bunkbeds to spread out in, and comes complete with a campfire circle, firepit grill, and kitchen prep area. All villages groups will be able to use a centrally located showerhouse (complete with lights/electricity, bathrooms, sinks, and showers). Your group can bring your own food and cook out in your village, or take advantage of Camp Luther's brand new Community Center and purchase a meal plan from camp.

Youth Retreats

We'd love to welcome your group to Camp Luther this summer! Come and stay at camp and build memories through awesome camp activities, community building, and time away. Meals are provided through Camp Luther, and each group will be assigned their own staff host who will help coordinate your schedule and be available to lead activities that require the presence of a Camp Luther staff member.

Camper Connections

We're already brainstorming creative ways to continue to care for the campers and junior counselors who would have been here this summer. Check back here for more information as we come up with awesome ways to still connect you with camp this summer!

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.

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

August 2

8:00 am Elder: Damian T.
Organist: Don H.
10:30 am Elder: Damian T.
Organist: Don H.
Outdoor Elder: Brent W.

August 9

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

August 16

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

August 23

8:00 am Elder: Gary P.
Organist: Marian V.
10:30 am Elder: Mark M.
Organist: Marian V.
Outdoor Elder: Brent W.

August 30

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

Altar Guild for August:

Sue R. & Tracy V.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.
Digital Music

August 5, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

August 12, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

August 19, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

August 26, 7:00 pm

Elder: Dana B.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, June 24 (7:00 PM)	8
Sunday, June 28 (8:00 AM)	21
(9:15 AM)	20
(10:30 AM)\	43
Wednesday, July 1 (7:00 PM)	10
Sunday, July 5 (8:00 AM)	20
In (10:30 AM)	30
Out (10:30 AM)	7
Wednesday, July 8 (7:00 PM)	16
Sunday, July 12 (8:00 AM)	28
In (10:30 AM)	30
Out (10:30 AM)	25
Wednesday, July 15 (7:00 PM)	14
Sunday, July 19 (8:00 AM)	26
In (10:30 AM)	28
Out (10:30 AM)	5
Wednesday, July 22 (7:00 PM)	7
Sunday, July 26 (8:00 AM)	26
In (10:30 AM)	33
Out (10:30 AM)	6

Health and Wellness Ministry

August

What is a cataract? A cataract is the clouding of the lens in the eye that affects vision. Most cataracts are related to aging. Cataracts are very common in older people. By age 80, more than half of all Americans have either a cataract or have had cataract surgery. A cataract can occur in either or both eyes. It cannot spread from one eye to the other.

What is the lens? The lens is a clear part of the eye that helps to focus light, or an image, on the retina. The retina is the light-sensitive tissue at the back of the eye. In a normal eye, light passes through the transparent lens to the retina. Once it reaches the retina, light is changed into nerve signals that are sent to the brain. The lens must be clear for the retina to receive a sharp image. If the lens is cloudy from a cataract, the image you see will be blurred.

Who is at risk for cataract? The risk of cataract increases as you get older. Other risk factors for cataract include: certain diseases (for example, diabetes); personal behavior (smoking, alcohol use); the environment (prolonged exposure to ultraviolet sunlight).

What are the symptoms of a cataract? The most common symptoms of a cataract are:

- Cloudy or blurry vision.
- Colors seem faded.
- Glare. Headlights, lamps, or sunlight may appear too bright. A halo may appear around lights.
- Poor night vision.
- Double vision or multiple images in one eye. (This symptom may clear as the cataract gets larger.)
- Frequent prescription changes in your eyeglasses or contact lenses.

These symptoms also can be a sign of other eye problems. If you have any of these symptoms, check with your eye care professional.

How is a cataract detected? A cataract is detected through a comprehensive eye exam that includes:

- Visual acuity test. This eye chart test measures how well you see at various distances.
- Dilated eye exams. Drops are placed in your eyes to widen, or dilate, the pupils. Your eye care professional uses a special magnifying lens to examine your retina and optic nerve for signs of damage and other eye problems. After the exam, your close-up vision may remain blurred for several hours.
- Tonometry. An instrument measures the pressure inside the eye. Numbing drops may be applied to your eye for this test.

How is a cataract treated? The symptoms of early cataract may be improved with new eyeglasses, brighter lighting, anti-glare sunglasses, or magnifying lenses. If these measures do not help, surgery is the only effective treatment. Surgery involves removing the cloudy lens and replacing it with an artificial lens. A cataract needs to be removed only when vision loss interferes with your everyday activities, such as driving, reading, or watching TV. You and your eye care professional can make this decision together. Once you understand the benefits and risks of surgery, you can make an informed decision about whether cataract surgery is right for you. In most cases, delaying cataract surgery will not cause long-term damage to your eye or make the surgery more difficult. You do not have to rush into surgery. If you have cataract in both eyes that require surgery, the surgery will be performed on each eye at separate times, usually 4 to 8 weeks apart.

Is cataract surgery effective? Cataract removal is one of the most common operations performed in the United States. It also is one of the safest and most effective types of surgery. In about 90% of cases, people who have cataract surgery have better vision afterward.

What are the risks of cataract surgery? As with any surgery, cataract surgery poses risks, such as infection and bleeding. Before cataract surgery, your doctor may ask you to temporarily stop taking certain medications that increase the risk of bleeding during surgery. After surgery, you must keep your eye clean, wash your hands before touching your eye, and use the prescribed medications to help minimize the risk of infection. Serious infection can result in loss of vision. Cataract surgery slightly increases your risk of retinal detachment. Other disorders, such as high myopia (nearsightedness), can further increase your risk of retinal detachment after cataract surgery. One sign of a retinal detachment is a sudden increase in flashes of floaters. Floaters are little cobwebs or specks that seem to float about in your field of vision. If you notice a sudden increase in floaters or flashes, see an eye care professional immediately. A retinal detachment causes no pain.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—August 2020

Winston Churchill reportedly said, “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill then, our lives are defined less by what we have gotten and more by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserve because of sin. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death, and hell. So it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got us for Himself, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it is also for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. Giving softens our hearts and frees us from the worries of this world and making a living. For when we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get.

That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives – our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers, and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor, and servant to others?” to “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But, when we give, we do not have less, and we do not become less. We have more and become more. Because when we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the divine nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).



August Birthdays

- 1 Nancy B.
John E. Jr.
- 2 Keylyn R.
- 4 Carol G.
Carol P.
- 5 Teddy N. III
Scott S.
- 7 Kathy B.
Lynn C.
Mackenzie G.
Journée R.
- 8 John K.
- 9 Jeremy M.
- 10 Travis G.
Rick H.
Sandy R.
- 11 Jessica G.
Grayson T.
- 12 Nathan K.
Isabella W.
- 14 Hadley L.
Maria P.
- 15 Aubrey F.
- 17 Gina H.
Judi P.
Jacob T.
- 18 Sarah D.
Aaron L.
- 19 Lori C.
Anastasia T.
- 21 Anthony B.
Roger W.
- 22 Aurelie F.
- 23 Steven T.
- 24 Valri H.
- 25 Lynn T.

"Rejoice with those who Rejoice" -Romans 12:15

- 27 Lynda H.
Matthew P.
Michael P.
April R.
- 28 Krista T.
- 31 Trinity M.
Liam P.

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.

August Anniversaries



- 1 Jon & Tami O.
- 5 Mike & Jennifer P.
- 9 Keith & Krista F.
- 10 Miles & Barbara C.
- 11 Charles & Diane L.
- 14 Russell & Jennifer K.
- 17 Jeff & Erin F.
- 18 John & Christyl S.
Tom & Lynn T.
- 19 Warren & Courtney W.
- 24 Michael & Cynthia W.
- 26 Scott & Candy S.
- 27 Pastor Matt & Heather R.
- 28 Dan & Cat O.
- 29 Duane & Margaret P.
Keen & Suzanne S. Jr.
Gene & Marilyn T.
- 30 Doug & Ronda J.
Larry & Cindy K.
Barbara & Joseph S.



OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG

August 2020

Church Office Hours:

N/A – By Appointment

Pastor Ruesch's Office Hours:

N/A - By Appointment

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 8 th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	3 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	4	5 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	6	7 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	1
						8 2:00 P.M. Koscher/Murdock Wedding (Green Bay)
9 9 th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	10 1:00 P.M. Ladies Guild	11	12 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	13	14 <i>Pastor’s Day Off</i>	15 6:00 P.M. Swedish Meatball Meal Prep
16 10 th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*† 11:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Swedish Meatball “Drive Thru” Luncheon	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	18	19 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	20	21	22
						<i>Pastor Ruesch on Vacation</i>
23 11 th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	24	25	26 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	27	28	29 3:00 P.M. Morrow/Brabant Wedding (Florence)
<i>Pastor Ruesch on Vacation</i>						
30 12 th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*†	31	<div>Worship Services in bold print. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*) 10:30 Sunday services marked with a “†” are transmitted to the parking lot on 107.1 FM.</div>				
<i>Pastor Ruesch on Vacation</i>						

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
420 West Breitung Avenue
Kingsford, MI 49802

NONPROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
IRON MOUNTAIN, MI
PERMIT NO. 196

**ELECTRONIC SERVICE
REQUESTED**

Ministry Staff

Rev. Matthew Ruesch w: 906-774-1844 c: 906-396-7401
Pastor E-mail: pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org

Renee Wilson w: 906-774-1844
Secretary E-mail: secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org
Hours: Mon., Weds., Thurs. 8:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.

Tricia Osterberg, RN h: 715-589-3335
Parish Nurse E-mail: parishnurse@ourredeemerkingsford.org

Here to Serve!

