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#### **OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG**

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### Schedule of Services: Sundays:

Divine Service 8:00 A.M.
Bible Study & Sunday 9:15 A.M.
School

Divine Service\* 10:30 A.M.

#### Wednesdays:

Midweek Lenten 7:00 P.M. Divine Service\*

\*This service will also be streamed on Facebook Live. Access the livestream by visiting us at facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford.

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#### From the Pastor's Desk

I never thought I would "repeat" a newsletter article. But this was shared in the March 2020 issue of "The Redeemer Reader." It's from Martin Luther's Large Catechism on the importance of the Lord's Supper. Little did we know that just a few weeks into March 2020, gathering for the Lord's Supper would be more difficult than at any point in our lives. It seems fitting—one year later—to hear these words again!

In Christ our Lord,

Postor Russch

Pastor Ruesch

"80 Besides this, you will also have the devil about you. You will not entirely tread him under foot [Luke 10:19], because our Lord Christ Himself could not entirely avoid him. 81 Now, what is the devil? Nothing other than what the Scriptures call him, a liar and a murderer [John 8:44]. He is a liar, to lead the heart astray from God's Word and to blind it, so that you cannot feel your distress or come to Christ. He is a murderer, who cannot bear to see you live one single hour. 82 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. But there is no reason why we walk about so securely and carelessly, except that we neither think nor believe that we are in the flesh and in this wicked world or in the devil's kingdom.

"83 Therefore, try this and practice it well. Be sure to examine yourself [1 Corinthians 11:28], or look about you a little, and just keep to the Scriptures. If even then you still feel nothing, you have even more misery to regret both to God and to your brother. Then take this advice and have others pray for you. Do not stop until the stone is removed from your heart [Ezekiel 36:25–26]. Then, indeed, the distress will not fail to become clear, and you will find that you have sunk twice as deep as any other poor sinner. You are much more in need of the Sacrament against the misery which, unfortunately, you do not see. With God's grace, you may feel your misery more and become hungrier for the Sacrament, especially since the devil doubles his force against you. He lies in wait for you without resting so that he can seize and destroy you, soul and body. You are not safe from him for one hour. How soon he can have you brought suddenly into misery and distress when you least expect it!

"85 Let this, then, be said for encouragement, not only for those of us who are old and grown, but also for the young people, who ought to be brought up in Christian doctrine and understanding. Then the Ten Commandments, the Creed, and the Lord's Prayer might be taught to our youth more easily. Then they would receive them with pleasure and seriousness, and so they would use them from their youth and get used to them. <sup>86</sup> For the old are now nearly past this opportunity. So these goals and others cannot be reached unless we train the people who are to come after us and succeed us in our office and work. We should do this in order that they also may bring up their children successfully, so that God's Word and the Christian Church may be preserved. <sup>87</sup> Therefore, let every father of a family know that it is his duty, by God's order and command, to teach these things to his children, or to have the children learn what they ought to know [Ephesians 6:4]. Since the children are baptized and received into the Christian Church, they should also enjoy this communion of the Sacrament, in order that they may serve us and be useful to us. They must all certainly help us to believe, love, pray, and fight against the devil."



#### **ALTAR GUILD MEMBERS NEEDED:**

We are currently down 5 members to serve the Lord and the church on the Altar Guild. Serving is a wonderful opportunity to take care of the objects and places in the Lord's house. Please give prayerful consideration of joining us. Contact the Church Office to be put in touch with an Altar Guild member.

#### **Board of Missions**

The Board of Missions Helping Hands Ministry provided 13 Thanksgiving Baskets in November 2020. We were also able to send donations to The Caring House, The Walk of Life Pregnancy Center, The Salvation Army Bread of Life, and St. Vincent de Paul of Iron Mountain. We received monies from donations and also the Giving Bean coffee sale for a fund balance of \$2463.48.

We are planning our fundraising for 2021 and will again have our Swedish Luncheon, tentatively scheduled Sunday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be actively recruiting volunteers for this event. Also, consider our ongoing fundraising at Giving Bean Coffee and Rada Cutlery. Giving Bean coffee can be accessed at the ORLC website under Helping Hands. Rada Cutlery can be accessed at <a href="https://www.radafundraising.com">www.radafundraising.com</a> and selecting "your fundraising group" as Our Redeemer Michigan. There are also catalogues of the cutlery with order blanks on the table in the narthex.

Thank you for your continued support. Please call the church office if you have any needs that Helping Hands may assist with.

**Next Meeting: To Be Announced** Yours in Christ,

Carol T., Board of Missions Chair



4/1	Holy Thursday	7:00 p.m.
4/2	Good Friday	1:00 p.m.
4/2	Good Friday	7:00 p.m.
4/3	Holy Saturday	5:00 p.m.
4/4	Easter Sunrise	6:30 a.m.
4/4	Easter Sunday	8:00 a.m.
4/4	Easter Sunday	10:30 a.m.



#### OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

No Official Acts for February

#### **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.



## <u>LWML-LADIES' GUILD</u> "Serve the Lord with Gladness"

"So now faith, hope, and love abide. These three; but the greatest of these is love." (1 Corinthians 13:13) Love and hope have been the theme for all of

February, Valentine's Day and all. Following the Feb 8th LWML meeting the LWML gals made treat bags for church members to receive after services on Valentine's Day. They were graciously received. Gloria S. presided over the meeting in absence of Pres. Caren. Roxie M. conducted Bible Study on "LOVE" and emphasized benefits of Portals of Prayer, Black History Month and their gospel hymns. Interest was shown in attending the Spring Retreat at Camp Luther April 9-10. Keynote speaker is Heather R. Details to follow. A discussion was held regarding Ladies Spring banquet. It was decided to delay until late summer or fall, August date possible. A call was received from Dee M.—Zone 2 Pres. And they are interested in having the Rally at Victory in Gwinn (instead of Laurium) probably late April. Requesting input from our members. Anyone interested in attending National LWML Convention in Lexington KY can call me or see info in the Quarterly & Mission Tidings, June 24-26. Mission Mites were sent for the quarter (Oct., Nov., Dec.) \$134.00 (Jan.) \$113.00 Christmas LOVE offering \$100.00. Additional \$125.00 was collected for 2nd donation—Salvation Army Food Pantry. Our meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

We cordially invite any ladies to join us at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting at 1p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Sincere thanks to Helping Hands for their special Valentine gifts to various ones in our Congregation. God Bless you all!

Blessings to all— Caren, LWML Pres.

#### STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Our Lutheran women's Missionary League began collecting used postage stamps in 1993 when The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod office in St. Louis, Missouri, ended this project. Our North Wisconsin District has worked with many different gentlemen over the years to sell our stamps. We are currently taking our stamps to a gentleman in Green Bay.

Our stamps were sold five different times in 1994 and the total amount sold to help support our missions was \$345.49. The year-to-date total now is \$13,897.66 Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Please continue to collect your stamps within your societies and encourage others from your church to join. Please share with them how to trim the stamps leaving a quarter inch around the stamp. The perforation on the stamp must be intact, if the perforation is missing the stamps cannot be sold.

What a blessing to have the opportunity to collect our stamps and help those in need. Please continue in this mission as we serve the Lord with gladness! In Christ, *Shirley H. & Mary S.* 

Please place the stamps in the LWML MITE box!! Thank so much!



#### Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

- Sunday School Every Sunday @ 9:15 a.m. Sept. through May. All children are welcome!
- Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Sept. through May.
- <u>Bible Study Opportunities</u> Sundays, 9:15 a.m. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.



# VISIT WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.

**APPLY FOR SUMMER STAFF 2021** Serving at camp is one of the most impactful, life-changing jobs you'll ever have. Be the person you needed when you were younger. Join a close-knit community of people led by full-time staff committed to your personal development and support. The life that changes just might be your own. We're currently hiring around 35 college-aged staff to serve as Counselors, Leadership Staff, and Support Staff (kitchen & maintenance). **APPLY NOW!** 

#### **SUMMER CAMP REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

Registration for summer camps is now open! Check out <a href="www.cmapluther.com/summer2021">www.cmapluther.com/summer2021</a> to learn everything you need to know about registration. We hope to see you in the summer!

#### **PROGRAM CHANGES:**

We're currently planning to limit the number of on-site campers each week to 60% of our normal capacity. This change means that we've reduced the number of specialty programs we plan to offer this summer. You can learn more about our Summer 2021 program schedule, including session dates and prices, on our website, here. Some important changes we want everyone to be aware of:

- No Retreat Center weekend programs this summer (to accommodate additional cleaning requirements in between different weeks of camp). We still want to give the youngest campers an opportunity to come to camp, so check out our weekday Explorer sessions (Grades 1-3) and our weekend Kindercamp Villages program (ages 4-7).
- No KBC camper programs, but high schoolers can check out our awesome High School Week for intentional community, crazy awesome activities, and deep faith talks.
- Village Glamping and Family Fun Days on various weekends throughout the summer, so the whole family can get in on the fun!
- Since the 4th of July is on a Sunday this year, we're offering a special Monday-Friday Pathfinder session July 5-9.
   This could be a good option if your camper is testing the waters of a week-long camp for the first time.

#### How to Register:

Our registration process has moved completely online. Register, fill out your forms, and pay your balance all in one place! Visit our website to access online registration and read our full registration policies. If you have already created an account for our online registration system, please use that account to complete the registration process. (You'll receive a reminder email with your log-in details on December 28th.) Otherwise, you will need to create a new account. Once in the system, follow the instructions to register for your chosen program.

If you rolled over your Summer 2020 payment or received an Every Kid to Camp certificate in 2020, you will be receiving a separate email explaining how to redeem those for Summer 2021.

Lastly, please don't hesitate to let us know if you encounter any problems with the registration process. You can email office@campluther.com or call our office at 715-546-3647. We're here to help!



## 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. The 10:30 a.m. service is being live streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page <a href="www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford">www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford</a>. A link to the bulletin will be available as well.

March 7

**8:00 am Elder:** Gary P.

Organist: Don H.

10:30 am Elder: Mark M.

Organist: Don H.

March 14

8:00 am Elder: Ed T.

Organist: Don H.

10:30 am Elder: Damian T.

Organist: Don H.

March 21

8:00 am Elder: Jim R.

Organist: Marian V.

10:30 am Elder: Gary P.

Organist: Marian V.

March 28

**8:00 am Elder:** Ed T.

Organist: Don H.

**10:30 am Elder:** Jim R.

Organist: Don H.

Altar Guild for March:

Gloria S.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

March 3, 7:00 pm Elder: David M.

March 10, 7:00 pm Elder: David M.

March 17, 7:00 pm Elder: Dana B.

March 24, 7:00 pm Elder: Dana B.

#### **ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

_	Wednesday, January 27 (7:00 PM)	15
	Sunday, January 31 (8:00 AM) In (10:30 AM) Out (10:30 AM)	42 43 0
	Wednesday, February 3 (7:00 PM)	11
	Sunday, February 7 (8:00 AM) In (10:30 AM) Out (10:30 AM)	20 48 0
_	Wednesday, February 10 (7:00 PM)	9
	Sunday, February 14 (8:00 AM) In (10:30 AM) Out (10:30 AM)	26 54 0
	Wednesday, February 17 (7:00 PM)	51
_	Sunday, February 21 (8:00 AM) In (10:30 AM) Out (10:30 AM)	34 42 0

#### 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

We encourage wearing a mask. Masks are available on the Welcome Kiosk Stop at the Welcome Kiosk hand washing station to wash your hands and pick up bulletin. Sit in designated pews marked with the service time you are attending.



Health and Wellness Ministry

March

Colorectal cancer, also known as bowel cancer, colon cancer, or rectal cancer, is any cancer that affects the colon and the rectum. The American Cancer Society estimate that about 1 in 21 men and 1 in 23 women in the United States will develop colorectal cancer during their lifetime. It is the second leading cause of cancer death in women, and the third for men. However, due to advances in screening techniques and improvements in treatments, the death rate from colorectal cancer has been falling. Colorectal cancer may be benign, or non-cancerous, or malignant. A malignant cancer can spread to other parts of the body and damage them. Symptoms of colorectal cancer include:

- changes in bowel habits
- diarrhea or constipation
- a feeling that the bowel does not empty properly after a bowel movement
- blood in feces that makes stools look black
- bright red blood coming from the rectum
- pain and bloating in the abdomen
- a feeling of fullness in the abdomen, even after not eating for a while.
- fatigue or tiredness
- unexplained weight loss
- a lump in the abdomen or the back passage felt by your doctor
- unexplained iron deficiency in men, or in women after menopause

Most of these symptoms may also indicate other possible conditions. It is important to see a doctor if symptoms persist for 4 weeks or more.

Your risk of getting colorectal cancer increases as you get older. About 90% of cases occur in people who are 50 years old or older. Other risk factors include having—

- Inflammatory bowel disease such as Crohn's disease or ulcerative colitis.
- A personal or family history of colorectal cancer or colorectal polyps.
- A genetic syndrome such as familial adenomatous polyposis (FAP)external icon or hereditary nonpolyposis colorectal cancer (Lynch syndrome).
- Lifestyle factors that may contribute to an increased risk of colorectal cancer include—
- Lack of regular physical activity.
- A diet low in fruit and vegetables.
- A low-fiber and high-fat diet, or a diet high in processed meats.
- Overweight and obesity.
- Alcohol consumption.
- Tobacco use.

Screening can detect polyps before they become cancerous, as well as detecting colon cancer during its early stages when the chances of a cure are much higher.

**Fecal occult blood test (blood stool test)** This checks a sample of the patient's stool (feces) for the presence of blood. This can be done at the doctor's office or with a kit at home. The sample is returned to the doctor's office, and it is sent to a laboratory.

**Stool DNA test** This test analyzes several DNA markers that colon cancers or precancerous polyps cells shed into the stool. Patients may be given a kit with instructions on how to collect a stool sample at home. This has to be brought back to the doctor's office. It is then sent to a laboratory.

**Flexible sigmoidoscopy** The doctor uses a sigmoidoscope, a flexible, slender and lighted tube, to examine the patient's rectum and sigmoid. The sigmoid colon is the last part of the colon, before the rectum.

Barium enema X-ray Barium is a contrast dye that is placed into the patient's bowel in an enema form, and it shows up on an X-ray. In a double-contrast barium enema, air is added as well.

**Colonoscopy** A colonoscope is longer than a sigmoidoscope. It is a long, flexible, slender tube, attached to a video camera and monitor. The doctor can see the whole of the colon and rectum. Any polyps discovered during this exam can be removed during the procedure, and sometimes tissue samples, or biopsies, are taken instead.





### LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—March

Hudson Taylor, a Nineteenth Century British missionary to China, is reported to have said, "God's work, done in God's way, will not lack God's supply." To know God's way, we need to know His Holy Word. Or to say it another way: you need to know your Bible.

St. Paul, before he spends two chapters on giving, wrote that every thought is to be taken captive to the obedience of Christ (2 Cor 10:5). Doctrine matters. And doctrine matters because the Scriptures matter. And the Scriptures matter because this is where we learn the teaching of Christ. Our thoughts must be brought into line with the teaching of Scripture so that our work is what God wants done and so that we do this work in His way.

A good tree bears good fruit. A bad tree bears bad fruit. We have been made good trees in holy baptism. We are fertilized and pruned for bearing good fruit by constantly hearing God's Word preached and taught in sermon and Bible Class and in receiving the life-giving, faith-sustaining food of the Lord's Supper. Remember your doctrine, hold on to the Lord's teaching, and your thoughts will be taken captive to the obedience of Christ.

Bringing every thought captive to the obedience of Christ is recognizing that God does provide. The Lord's Prayer teaches us to pray for daily bread. Praying this day in and day out reminds us that the Lord is the giver of our daily bread, and that we are to gives thanks for His daily provision of it. God is rarely early and never late in His work, as Abraham learned on the mount of the Lord it will be provided. The Lord's generosity forms our generosity in return.

Thus, we set aside for the work of God a generous, first-fruits, proportion of the daily bread that God has given to us. This act of trust in the Lord's provision is the working out of our faith in Him. When budgetary discussions pop up our natural reaction is to point fingers. But remember your doctrine, and what your mother taught about pointing fingers. Our first natural reaction is not always right. In fact, when our thoughts are brought into captivity of Christ, our first reaction should be repentance. It should raise questions in our own lives. As good trees in Christ who are to bear good fruit, we should ask whether our thoughts have been taken captive by obedience to Christ. Have we given generously? Have we given our first-fruits? You know. And God knows. "For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him" (2 Chron 16:9).

God will provide. He always has and He always will. He gives His meat in due season. He has not left you as orphans but has grafted you into His own family. You belong to Him. Remember this, letting this thought dwell in you richly. And you will then be rich toward others.





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

### March Birthdays

- 1 Harry G.
- 3 Lindsay S.
- 5 Gary B.
- 6 Jack B.
- 7 Brian R.
- 9 Patricia M.
- 11 Tara C.
- 12 Paula B. Heather K. Jeremiah W.
- 14 Carolyn M. Damian T.
- 15 Heather B. Rachel M.
- 16 Zoey B.
  Logan F.
  William G.
  Samantha N.
  Hank S.
- 18 Courtney B.
- 20 Bella M. Jade P.
- 21 Brianna L. Mark M.
- 22 BreeAnna P.
- 23 Judy W.
- 26 Kate P.
- 28 Emmah M. Joseph S.
- 29 David A., Jr.
- 30 Elijah P.
- 31 Cody M.

#### **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.



### March Anniversaries

07 Jeremy & Kristi P.

10 David & Lori N.

14 Rick & Lvnda H.

17 Rob & Vicki K.

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



## March 2021

\*\*\*NOTE\*\*\*

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FOR COVID-19 RELATED UPDATES.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
	1 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	2	3 Midweek of Reminiscere 10:00 A.M. Service at Maryhill Manor 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service	4 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	5 Pastor's Day Off	6	
7 3 <sup>rd</sup> S. in Lent (Oculi) 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 9:15 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*	8 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	9	10 Midweek of Oculi 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service	11 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	12 Pastor's Day Off	13	
14 4 <sup>th</sup> S. in Lent (Laetare) 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 9:15 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*	15 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 P.M. Church Council	16	17 Midweek of Laetare 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service	18 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	19 Pastor's Day Off	20	
21 5 <sup>th</sup> S. in Lent (Judica) 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 9:15 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*	22	23	24 Midweek of Judica 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service	25 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	26 Pastor's Day Off	27	
28 Palm Sunday/S. of the Passion (Palmarum) 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 9:15 A.M. Bible Study & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Divine Service*	29	30	31	Worship Services in bold print.  Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service.  (Marked with an asterisk*)			

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