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Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Schedule of Services

Sundays:

Divine Service*	9:00 A.M.
Fellowship	10:15 A.M.
Bible Study	10:30 A.M.

(Sunday School will resume in September.)

Wednesdays:

Divine Service	7:00 P.M.
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*The Sunday Divine 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

"So Paul, standing in the midst of the Areopagus, said: 'Men of Athens, I perceive that in every way you are very religious. For as I passed along and observed the objects of your worship, I found also an altar with this inscription: "To the unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.'"

- Acts 17:22-23 (ESV)

I've heard it said numerous times that pastors should never, ever, ever preach about politics. And I've had people tell me that if the preacher started talking about politics from the pulpit, that would be cause to leave the church and never come back. We are told routinely that, along with religion, we are never to talk about politics in casual conversation.

Why is that? Obviously, we as Christians do believe that religion should be a topic of conversation. We believe that Jesus has risen from the dead and we want to proclaim that good news. Should we be talking about politics as well? I would argue that it's impossible to avoid politics and that there is a godly way for us to engage it in conversation.

The Greek word that the New Testament uses for 'city' is *polis*. Think of city names like *Minneapolis*, *Indianapolis*, or *Annapolis*. A *polis* is simply a place where people are gathered together. A number of other English words come from this Greek word. The rules that those gathered people make to govern how they live are called *policies*. The authority that keeps people in the *polis* following the *policies* is the *police*. And the process of ordering how life will be lived together in the *polis* is called *politics*. What this means is that wherever people are gathered together and make decisions about how they will live in that place, there will be *politics*. It's unavoidable.

There are politics in the Church...and that's not a bad thing. It's a necessary thing. Sure, sinful people will do evil things with it. But that doesn't make the concept of politics a bad thing itself. We as a congregation are a gathering of people (*polis*) who have rules that govern our body (*policies*) with a council and boards that carry out the rules (*police*) and we gather together to decide how best to do those things in a godly manner (*politics*).

There are many things being discussed in our culture right now that will have a profound impact on the way that we live together as a people. It's easy and clichéd to say that the Church should "stay out of politics." But a more important question to ask is, "Should the Church be involved in the discussion of how we live together in our world?" If the answer to that question is "yes" (and it is), then we should be ready to join the fray.

On Thursday mornings, we've been studying the book of Acts, where we've looked at how the first Christians engaged the culture with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. In the verse quoted above, St. Paul went to a public forum called "the Areopagus" or "Mars Hill." There the locals would gather to discuss philosophy, politics, and spirituality. Paul brought the Gospel to that place and proclaimed Jesus as risen from the dead.

Starting on Sunday, June 6th, during our Sunday Bible study hour at 10:30 A.M., we will begin a series called "Christians and Culture." Each week, we will look at an issue facing our culture and discussing how Christians respond from a Biblical worldview. We'll look at things like critical race theory, Congress' proposed "Equality Act," transgenderism, pandemic lockdowns of churches, issues in our public schools, and so much more. I truly hope you'll join us and engage the discussion of how we, the people of God in this place, are to live together and interact together according to God's holy will!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

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Board of Missions

We are planning our fundraising for 2021 and will again have our Swedish Luncheon, tentatively scheduled Sunday, September 26th. 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 www.radafundraising.com 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.

Helping Hands would like to thank members who ordered from Rada Cutlery's Our Redeemer Fund page so far. We raised \$279!

Next Meeting: To Be Announced

Yours in Christ,
Carol T., Board of Missions Chair



Our Redeemer has been asked to renew its commitment to the Northern Lights YMCA's capital campaign.

Our Redeemer's commitment is \$750.00. We're looking for members of our church who would like to contribute toward that commitment with a donation. Our congregation is recognized with a banner hanging in the weight room at the YMCA.

Your donations to the Northern Lights YMCA "make Dickinson County better through programs focused on Youth Development, Healthy Living, and Social Responsibility." Donations can be dropped off at the church office. Please make checks out to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" with "YMCA Campaign" on the memo line. Thank you in advance!

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Wedding

Thaler/Woller May 15, 2021

Youth Confirmation

Mackenzie Carol Guy May 16, 2021

Wyatt James Harris May 16, 2021

Chloe Mae Patton May 16, 2021

Maddex Michael Smith May 16, 2021

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.**

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!!



LWML-LADIES' GUILD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

It's exciting that we are all getting more active and involved in life and activities, greeting people in church we haven't seen in a long time. It was a wonderful Confirmation of our four confirmands. We welcome you to our Christian family. Plans are in full swing for our summer banquet on August 9th.

At our May meeting Barb C. opened with a special on Love, Happiness, and Joy and Bible Study—*Rejoice Always*. Set the mood for our "Love with the Heart" theme for the Banquet August 9th. Mark the date on your calendar! See you there!

LWML agreed to pay for refreshments after church for the next month.

Good discussion on banquet, prayer partners, and getting to know each other better—we welcomed two new comers. Praise God.

Fall activities include the Zone 2 Rally—Gwinn, Camp Luther Retreat, LWML Supper, etc.

We pray everyone will enjoy summer and activities, safe travels, and our beautiful country. Also, congratulations to all our Graduates!!

Also, thanks to Pastor Mackey for all his efforts to furnish meals for Family Ties. Anyone interested in providing a meal for 12 at noon, contact him for details!

Praise God and Pastor for all the special services and efforts with church officers to make our church run so smoothly.

Hope everyone had a Blessed Memorial Day—honoring our veterans and our departed family and friends.

UPCOMING DATES

Monthly Meeting—June 14th

Monthly Meeting—July 12th

Ladies Banquet—August 9th

Swedish Meatball Dinner—Sept. 26th

We welcome all ladies of the congregation to join us in any and all activities.

God Bless

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Caren, LWML gals, and Pastor

Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

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



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

Feeling underutilized or mundane? Looking to get out and get your hands dirty? Ready to make a real difference? It's time to join the hundreds of volunteers that impact the ministry of Camp Luther each year! Put simply, Camp Luther would not be what it is without thousands of hours of volunteer service. As a volunteer, you'll use your skills (or learn new ones!) to make a tangible difference, helping kids, families, and staff grow in their faith. What you'll get in return is an immense sense of accomplishment, knowing you are serving Jesus and helping the ministry of Camp Luther continue (not to mention fellowship and free housing). Get started with one of these opportunities to serve at Camp this spring and summer!

RV Volunteers, Summer 2021 Do you like to volunteer? Do you have an RV? Each summer Camp Luther hosts incredible people who help to make Camp Luther a better place. RV Volunteers stay for one or two weeks and commit to serving a minimum of half days during their stay. Our RV hosting site has hookups for water and septic. Most meals are available in the Camp Luther Dining Hall throughout your stay. It's great fun and great support of the Camp Luther ministry! For information, contact Brian "Snowcat" Scheid, Director of Maintenance and Improvements at [715-546-3647](tel:715-546-3647) or email snowcat@campluther.com.

Anytime volunteers, September – December Camp Luther welcomes adults and couples to assist with light construction, painting, repairs, landscaping, clean-up, and other projects. Through your service, Camp Luther is able to provide incredible experiences to children, families, and groups! To become a Camp Luther Volunteer, contact Brian "Snowcat" Scheid, Director of Maintenance and Improvements at [715-546-3647](tel:715-546-3647), or email snowcat@campluther.com. Housing is available at no cost and meals may be provided depending on the Camp schedule. Thank you for serving at Camp!

75th Anniversary Kick-Off Camp Luther is celebrating 75 years of God's provision and ministry in 2021! You're invited to join the virtual Anniversary Celebration Kickoff event on Sunday, May 9th at 6:00 p.m. on Facebook([Facebook.com/CampLutherWI](https://www.facebook.com/CampLutherWI)). The new Community Center will also be dedicated during this event.

We're Hiring! Want to join the Camp Luther team on a year-round or seasonal basis? There are several positions available including: Camp Luther Assistant Cook, KBC Food Service Manager, KBC Food Service Assistant. And Summer Staff positions including: Quest Program Coordinator, Female Counselors, Kitchen & Maintenance Assistant.

Camp Luther Golf Classic On June 18, 2021, join Camp Luther for the 17th Annual Golf Classic. Enjoy great golf, camp friends, and making a difference by raising money to bring more kids to camp! The day begins at 9:00 am at Rhinelander's Northwood Golf Club. Can't make it but would like to help? Encourage your business or organization to be a hole sponsor. Learn more and register at campluther.com/golf.





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

Serving in God's House This Month

The 9:00 a.m. Divine Service is being live streamed on the Our Redeemer Facebook page www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford.
A link to the bulletin will be available as well.

June 6

9:00 am Elders: Mark M. & Gary P.
Organist: Don H.

June 13

9:00 am Elders: Jim R. & Ed T.
Organist: Don H.

June 20

9:00 am Elders: Gary P. & Ed T.
Organist: Marian V.

June 27

9:00 am Elders: Dana B. & Mark M.
Organist: Don H.

Altar Guild for June:

Maridol B. & Nancy W.

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.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

June 2

Elder: Dana B.

June 9

Elder: Damian T.

June 16

Elder: Damian T.

June 23

Elder: Dana B.

June 30

Elder: Dave M.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, April 28 (7:00 PM)	15
Sunday, May 2 (9:00 AM)	81
Wednesday, May 5 (7:00 PM)	15
Sunday, May 9 (9:00 AM)	85
Thursday, May 13 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, May 16 (9:00 AM)	97
Wednesday, May 19 (7:00 PM)	19
Sunday, May 23 (9:00 AM)	82



Health and Wellness Ministry

June

NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Each week throughout National Safety Month in June is an opportunity to make a difference in your home, work, and community. Identifying risks around the home or improving safety standards at home and in your community protects everyone. Whether we increase first aid and emergency awareness through drills or provide water safety tips for summer recreation, we're taking steps to provide a safer neighborhood.

HOW TO OBSERVE #NationalSafetyMonth - Get involved!

- Report repairs as they are needed
- Hold drills at home to help children know what to do in the event of fire, tornado, medical event, or another natural disaster
- Volunteer to participate in community emergency preparedness events
- Put together a first aid kit
- Take a CPR class
- Teach someone to change a tire properly and safely
- Learn about proper storage and disposal of medications
- Take a defensive driving course
- Learn how to identify fall hazards in a home

Visit the National Safety Council website for tips and resources and use #NationalSafetyMonth to share on social media.

5 Summer Safety Tips

1. Stay Hydrated - Dehydration is another safety concern during the summer months. Be sure to drink enough liquids throughout the day, as our bodies can lose a lot of water through perspiration when it gets hot out.
2. Protect Your Skin - Use a sunscreen 30 minutes before going out. Reapply sunscreen every two hours or after swimming or sweating. Limit sun exposure during the peak intensity hours – between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. Stay in the shade whenever possible.
3. Water Safety - Remember to always have adult supervision for children. Whether they're in the pool or playing in the sand at the seashore, having someone who can help them — should an emergency arise — is essential.
4. Eye Safety - The sun's ultraviolet (UV) light can harm the eyes. Wear sunglasses year-round whenever you are out in the sun. Sun damage to the eyes can occur any time of year. Choose shades that block 99 to 100 percent of both UVA and UVB light.
5. Sports Safety - Not only can injuries happen, but in heat exhaustion and dehydration can happen more often in the summer months. It helps to be conditioned to the activities in which we're preparing to engage. Warm up, stretch, gear up, go with a buddy, and remember to cool down and stretch afterwards.

There are several heat-related illnesses to look out for.

Heat Stroke - Heat stroke occurs when the ability to sweat fails and body temperature rises to a dangerous level quickly. It's often fatal or results in organ damage. Someone experiencing heatstroke will have very hot skin and an altered mental state. Seizures can result. Ridding the body of excess heat is crucial.

Heat Exhaustion - When the body loses an excessive amount of salt and water, heat exhaustion sets in. People who work outdoors and athletes are very susceptible. Symptoms are similar to the flu, and include severe thirst, fatigue, headache, nausea, vomiting and, sometimes, diarrhea. They may also have clammy or pale skin, dizziness, or rapid pulse.

Heat Cramps - Heat cramps are muscle spasms usually affecting the legs or abdominals, often after physical activity. Excessive sweating reduces salt levels in the body, resulting in heat cramps. Persons with pain or spasms in the abdomen, arms or legs should not return to work for a few hours.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—June

“There are three conversions necessary to every man: the head, the heart, and the purse.” Attributed to Luther, though yet to be located in his vast writings, this statement echoes what Jesus taught about hearts and treasures. He said, “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” (Matthew 6:21; Luke 12:34)

But which conversion comes first? I submit that the order is this: first the head, then the purse, then the heart. Let’s explore this topic.

Our Lord Jesus Christ dwelt among us to save us. He took on our flesh, fulfilled the demands of the law in our place, became sin for us, and suffered torture and death on our behalf. He did this in order that we would be free from sin, death, and hell. He gives us what He accomplished through Baptism, Absolution, and the Lord’s Supper. And so, He doesn’t just do it for us but gives it to us. He makes what He did ours by making us His. Thus, we are called by His name: Christians. We have a new life in Him.

Through the preaching of Law and Gospel, God grants us repentance, a changing of our minds. It is a conversion of the mind. We are called to turn away from our sins and turn toward Him for forgiveness, life, and salvation. For when God calls us away from something, He is, at the same time, calling us to something.

And thus, He calls us to a new life, with new deeds. This is the conversion of the purse. Jesus said that “it is easier for a camel to enter through the eye of a needle than for a rich person to enter the kingdom of God.” (Matthew 19:24) “For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” Notice that our hearts follow our treasures, not the other way around. As Christians, God calls us to invest our treasures in His Kingdom to ensure that the gospel is preached and the sacraments are administered. He calls us to share all good things with the one who teaches us the doctrines of Christ. He calls us to be generous in giving to the church, for it is more blessed to give than to receive.

So where is your treasure? If it is not invested in the kingdom of God, then the only response is repentance – a conversion of the heart – and to begin doing just that. And as our Lord promised, where your treasure is there your heart will be also.

This is not to say that you earn your way into heaven. It is simply to say that as Christians, those who have been made to be temples of the Holy Spirit, who have been given a new life in Christ, who are dead to sin and now alive in Him, we are actually to live – think (conversion of the mind), do (conversion of the purse), and be (conversion of the heart) – a new life in Him. And when you fail, know that God in Christ loves and forgives you and still calls you away from that and to Himself.



June Birthdays

- 1 Casey A.
Bradley H.
- 2 Sally G.
Stefni H.
Todd L.
- 3 Eli S.
- 5 Cynthia K.
Heather R.
- 6 Laurence M.
- 8 Myles M.
- 9 Don H.
Lori L.
Crystal N.
- 10 Dorothy J.
Candy S.
- 11 Mary B.
Maridol B.
Amanda P.
- 12 Kim B.
Stephanie B.
Aliyah G.
Mike W.
- 13 Julie M.
David M.
- 15 Russell K.
- 16 William P.
Olivia T.
- 19 Tyler B.
Ronda J.
Eric R.
Brian T.
- 20 Steven K.
Shelly T.
Gene T.
Nancy W.
- 21 Allyn N.
Riley P.
Tracy V.

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

- 23 Maxwell P.
Natalie P.
- 24 Barbara T.
- 25 John B.
David W.
- 26 Sebastian T.
- 28 Ely M.
- 29 Tyler R.
- 30 Chloe 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.



June Anniversaries

- 8 Gilbert & Diane K.
- 12 Rodney & Barbara H.
Don & Roxanne M.
- 16 David & Kathy P.
- 17 Paul & Kate M.
- 18 Robert & Jessica G.
Ed & Carol T.
- 19 David & Sue P.
- 21 John & Carole E.
Mark & Laura M.
- 23 Mike & Lynn C.
- 26 Richard & Teri S.
- 28 David & Sharon A.
Eric & Heather K.
- 30 David & Heather S.

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



June 2021

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
8:00 A.M.-2:00 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
		1 5:00 P.M. AED/CPR Training	2 9:00 A.M. Service at Maryhill Manor 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	3 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	5 12:30 P.M. Rochon/Heyrman Wedding 4:00 P.M. Rochon/Heyrman Reception
6 1 st S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	7 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	8	9 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	10 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12
13 2 nd S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	14 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	15	16 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	17 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19
20 3 rd S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	22	23 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	24 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26
27 4 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	28	29	30 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	<p>Worship Services in bold print.</p> <p>Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)</p>		

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Here to Serve!