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Schedule of Services <u>Sundays:</u>

Divine Service*	9:00 A.M.
Fellowship	10:15 A.M.
Bible Study	10:30 A.M.
(Sunday School will resume	in September.)
Wednesdays	<u>s:</u>
Divine Service	7:00 P.M.

*The Sunday Divine Service will also be streamed on Facebook Live. Access the livestream by visiting us at <u>facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford</u>.

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 <u>lcms.org</u> or on Facebook at <u>facebook.com/TheLCMS</u>.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

- Proverbs 22:6 (ESV)

There is no shortage of verses in the Bible dedicated to the importance of teaching our children the Word of God. The verse from Proverbs I quoted above is just one of them. After leading Israel through the wilderness and to the threshold of the Promised Land, Moses told the Israelites, "Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. **You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.**" (Deuteronomy 6:4-7, ESV)

God's people center their lives on God's Word. This is more than just going to church on Sundays and hearing God's Word preached. This is building our *entire lives* around the words that God speaks to His people in the Scriptures. Parents are to teach these words to their children. Families are to discuss these words with one another. Passing on the legacy of Christian faith to our children ought to be one of the greatest priorities in our homes and in our congregation.

Recently, the Church Council and the Board of Elders have been discussing the challenges of raising children in the Christian faith in this present day. The culture challenges the Biblical worldview in so many different ways: on marriage...on gender...on race...on creation...just to name a few things.

We shouldn't be surprised. The values of the world and the values of the Church have never been completely in sync. And if we've expected them to be so, then we've been foolish. If we want our kids to be Christians, we need to do the hard work of teaching them the Word of God. All of us collectively.

To that end, we are putting together a committee to discuss the possibility of a Lutheran education ministry at Our Redeemer. While we give thanks to God for outstanding public schools in our area with faithful, dedicated teachers, we also realize that public schools aren't equipped—and never will be to teach values that are completely in sync with the Christian faith. While it may be reasonable for our Christian children to hold to their faith at present while attending public schools, that could very well become more and more difficult as time marches on.

If any of you—particularly parents and anyone who has worked in the education field—would be interested in being a part of this committee, please reach out to me. At this point, we're simply exploring the possibility, asking questions, and looking for answers to those questions.

God bless our children as we "train them up in the way they should go!"

In Christ our Lord,

Postor Kuesch

Pastor Ruesch





VBS 2021!!!!

Join us this summer for our "Rainforest Explorers" Vacation Bible School: Where "Jesus Leads the Way!" All kids in preschool through 6th grade (2020-21 school year) are welcome to join us. There is no cost for this event. Kids will learn Bible stories, do crafts, play games, learn songs, eat snacks, and enjoy being with other kids as the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ is proclaimed!

August 2nd – 6th 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. On-line registration. Go to: www.ourredeemerkingsford.org



Volunteers needed as well!!!!

People of all ages are invited to join the Our Redeemer community on Sunday, August 8th at 10:30 a.m. for an outdoor service in front of the church, which will be followed by a picnic. Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chair for the service, but folding chairs will be available as well. The picnic meal will be served potluck-style with meat and beverages being provided.

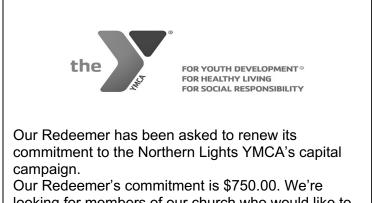
Board of Missions

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 <u>www.radafundraising.com</u> 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



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!

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OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism Ezra Thomas Mortl

July 25, 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 aroceries 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!



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

We pray you are enjoying this wonderful summer—all the heat, humidity, holidays, travel, & more. Sure everyone is keeping busy and the LWML gals are busier than ever planning our SUMMER (in lieu of SPRING) Banquet—August 9th. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The theme—"Love from the heart". Tickets are on sale on Sunday mornings: \$10 for adults, \$5 for children (6-12), and free for under 6. Invite family, friends and have a good time and wonderful meal!

Patti Eberstch again has agreed to be our caterer—yum! Yum! Menu: Spinach & Strawberry Salad, Lasagna with red meat sauce, Garlic bread and Angel Food Dessert & Beverages. "Heart Healthy Indeed!!"

Heart theme will fill the church—decorations, Bible Inspiration, verses, songs, talk & good fellowship. Keynote Speaker: Care of the Heart by Megan Collins PA @ UP Cardiologist with Dr. Clayton Shaker. Abounding in Love— Barb Carlson. Special Music by Heather Ruesch along with other favorite songs, etc.

We will begin at 5:30 p.m. with punch and socializing along with a silent auction—baby afghanis & fleece scarfs, etc. Proceeds for upcoming LWML projects. If anyone has other items for auction please contact Caren @ 774-0182 or Sue Patton @ 906-221-0451. We also received a Thrivent Grant for expenses along with stunning black & white tee shirts for male servers. We could use a few more servers. "We don't pay good, but we feed well" and you get t-shirt to take home with you. Again, if interested call Caren @ 774-0182 (leave message)

If you have special <u>RED</u> clothing, we are encouraging as many as possible to wear <u>RED</u> to support "Women's Heart Care"—<u>BUT</u> not required!!! See you there!

We will get into fall LWML activities in next month's newsletter after the banquet activities are over. Guess I just have a one-track mind right now.

UPCOMING DATES

VBS—August 2nd – 6th, from 9 a.m. to noon Outdoor Service with Church picnic—August 8th Ladies Banquet—August 9th Monthly Meeting—Sept. 13th @1 PM, fellowship hall 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

- <u>Sunday School</u> 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!

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 <u>715-546-3647</u>, or email <u>snowcat@campluther.com</u>. Housing is available at no cost and meals may be provided depending on the Camp schedule. Thank you for serving at Camp!

Camp Luther summer youth camps provide an incredible, faith-filled experience for campers from Kindergarten all the way through High School. It's their goal that everyone who attends Camp Luther is encouraged and strengthened in their faith through authentic community, outstanding staff, experiential activities, and intentional faith building. Come experience the power of camp this summer!

Currently, we're planning to limit the number of on-site campers each week to 60% of our normal capacity. This change, combined with restrictions in camper group sizes, means that we'll be limiting the number of specialty programs we offer this summer. Visit our website for all summer camp opportunities!



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<u>www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford</u>. A link to the bulletin will be available as well.

August 1

9:00 am Elders: Mark M. & Jim R. Organist: Don H.

August 8

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

August 15

9:00 am Elders: Jim R. & Damian T. Organist: Marian V.

August 22

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

August 29

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

Altar Guild for August:

Sue R. & Tracy V.

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

August 4 Elder: David M.

August 11 Elder: Dana B.

August 18 Elder: Dana B.

August 25 Elder: David M.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, June 30 (7:00 PM)	17
Sunday, July 4 (9:00 AM)	56
Wednesday, July 7 (7:00 PM)	8
Sunday, July 11 (9:00 AM)	76
Wednesday, July 14 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, July 18 (9:00 AM)	78
Wednesday, July 21 (7:00 PM)	11
Sunday, July 25 (9:00 AM)	97





Health and Wellness Ministry

August

Diabetes - People with diabetes have high levels of sugar in the blood that can hurt parts of the body. They are often too heavy and have high blood pressure and high cholesterol. Here's what you can do to keep your diabetes under control. • Eat less and don't eat too many sweets or starches.

- Try to exercise everyday.
- Check your blood sugars and write them down to show your doctor.
- Don't smoke.
- Take your medicines everyday.

Ask your doctor about the best way to diet, exercise and lose weight.

Ask your doctor about an A1c test, your blood pressure, cholesterol level, an eye exam and foot care.

If you are taking diabetes medicine and you feel shaky, sweaty or confused, eat some candy, check your blood sugar, and call the doctor right away.

HIV/AIDS Treatment - Taking your HIV medicine the right way is the most important thing you can do to stay well.

- Take all of your medicines every day. Don't miss doses.
- Keep all appointments with your doctor. HIV infection can get worse without your knowing it.
- Never stop taking just one of your HIV medicines: this may keep other medicines from working.
- Call your doctor if you get a fever or rash, can't hold down liquids, lose weight, feel sick, or think you are having a problem with your medicine.

Ask your doctor what you can do to be sure you take your medicines the right way every day.

Ask your doctor about getting shots against common pneumonia and flu.

Ask your doctor about diet, exercise, stopping smoking, safe sex, and other things you can do to keep healing.

Ask your doctor how to keep your baby from getting HIV if you are pregnant or are planning to have a baby.

Before you begin your medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist these questions"

• What does each medicine do?

- · How many times a day should I take my medicines?
- For how long should I take my medicines?
- Do I need to keep any of my medicines in the refrigerator?
- · Should I take my medicine with or without food?
- Are there any foods or drinks I should not have while taking my medicines?
- Can I take my HIV medicines with other medicines?
- If I forget to take my medicine, what should I do?
- If there are warning labels on the medicine bottle, what do they mean?
- What are the side effects of each medicine?
- Is this medicine safe to take if I am pregnant?
- · Should I bring my medicines to my next doctor visit?

Tdap - Tdap stands for Tetanus, Diphtheria, and Pertussis. Tdap is a vaccine that keeps you from getting all three of serious infections. Here is what you need to know.

What does the Tdap shot protect against?

- Tetanus causes pain in the muscles and can lead to locking of the jaw and death. I enters your body through cuts, scratches or wounds.
- Diphtheria causes a thick covering in the back of your throat. It can lead to breathing problems and death.
- Pertussis causes a lot of coughing called "whooping cough". It can lead to being admitted to the hospital. It is also a very serious infection for babies less than six months old.

The tetanus shot wears off after 10 years. You may get a Tdap shot 2 years after your last tetanus shot. Who should get the Tdap shot?

- If you are under 65 years old, you need to get the Tdap shot at least one time.
- If you are around babies less than 12 months old.
- If you are a new mother and have not had a Tdap shot in the last 2 years.
- If you are a health care worker with direct patient contact.

Ask your doctor if you need a Tdap shot.

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies or if you have had a problem with a shot.

Tell your doctor if you had an allergic reaction after receiving a tetanus shot.





When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1–4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide.

We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1 Corinthians 16:1–2, 2 Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2 Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.



August Bírthdays

- 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. Journee R.
- 8 John K.
- 9 Jeremy M.
- 10 Travis G. Rick H. Sandy R.
- 11 Jessica G. Grayson T.
- 12 Aria H. 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. David W.



"Rejoice with those who Rejoice"

-Romans 12:15

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

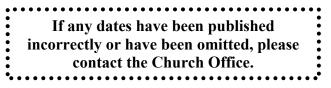
Anniversary Prayer

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 Wesley & Isabella B. Keen & Suzanne S. Jr. Gene & Marilyn T.
- 30 Doug & Ronda J. Larry & Cindy K. Barbara & Joseph S.



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August 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 9 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service *	2	2 3 4 5 6 9:00 A.M12:00 P.M. Vacation Bible School				7
10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	6:30 P.M. Board of Elders		7:00 P.M Divine Service*			
 8 10th S. after Trinity 8:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Outdoor Service 11:30 A.M. Church Picnic 	9 5:30 P.M. Ladies' Banquet	10	11 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	12	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 <i>11th S. after Trinity</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	16 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	17	18 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	19	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
 22 12th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study 	23	24	25 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	26	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 13 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	30	31	Worship Services in bold print. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)			

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Here to Serve!