

# THE REDEEMER READER

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## OUR REDEEMER ON BREITUNG

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### Schedule of Services

#### Sundays:

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

(Sunday School resumes on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>.)

#### 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](https://facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford).*

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

**“As Luther once went the lonely way between Rome and Spiritualism,** so the Lutheran Church today stands alone between the world powers of Roman Catholicism on the one hand and modern Protestantism on the other. Her doctrine which teaches that the Spirit is bound to the means of grace is as inconceivable to modern people in the twentieth century as it was to their predecessors in the sixteenth. But we are convinced that behind this doctrine stands one of the most profound truths which has ever been expressed in Christian theology. Luther once formulated it in the Smalcald Articles in the following way:

“And in these matters which concern the external spoken Word, we must hold firmly to the conviction that God gives no one his Spirit or grace except through or with the external Word which comes before. Thus we shall be protected from the Enthusiasts—that is, from the Spiritualists who boast that they possess the Spirit without and before the Word...

“In short, Enthusiasm clings to Adam and his descendants from the beginning to the end of the world. It is a poison implanted and inoculated in man by the old dragon, and it is the source, strength, and power of all heresy, including that of the papacy and Mohammedanism. Accordingly, we should and must constantly maintain that God will not deal with us except through his external Word and Sacrament. Whatever is attributed to the Spirit apart from such Word and Sacrament is of the devil.

“That is Luther’s theology. Moreover, it is the doctrine of the Lutheran Church. Just as God is revealed only as the Incarnate One, just as he always remains hidden outside of Jesus Christ, just as we can never conceive of the naked God (Deus nudus) in his undiluted majesty, so the Spirit of God also works only through the external means of grace.

“But if that is correct, then we understand the enormous significance of the office of the ministry which is never understood by the world, but rather despised and ridiculed by it. Then the humble preaching of the Gospel and the administration of these simple Sacraments are the greatest things that can happen in the world. For in these things the hidden reign of Christ is consummated. He himself is present in these means of grace, and the bearer of the ministerium ecclesiasticum actually stands in the stead of Christ. That certainly puts an end to any clerical conceit. We are nothing. He is everything. And that means that the terrible sin of pessimism, which is the pastor’s greatest temptation, is finished with as well. It is nothing but doubt and unbelief, for Christ the Lord is just as present in his means of grace today as he was in the sixteenth or the first century. And “all authority in heaven and on earth” [Matt 28:18] is just as much his today as it was when he first spoke that promise to the apostles. And it remains so into all eternity.”



*Sasse, Hermann. The Lonely Way: Selected Essays and Letters, Volume 2 (1941-1976).  
Concordia Publishing House*

### Board of Missions

Our Swedish Luncheon is cancelled and will be rescheduled after the new year.

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](http://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



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THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO DONATED!!!

Our Redeemer has met its goal to renew its commitment to the Northern Lights YMCA's capital campaign!!

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."



Join us for Sunday School  
& Bible Studies

Sunday School will resume on Sept. 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

**Bible  
Study**



Thursday Bible Study will resume on September 9<sup>th</sup> @ 10 a.m.  
Sunday Bible Study will resume on September 12<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 a.m.

## OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

No official acts for August

## **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"***

"Love from the Heart" the theme for our Ladies Banquet on Aug. 9<sup>th</sup> we feel was a total success. Decorated with red—red table cloths, red roses, red hearts, red quilts and all!! Meal of spinach/strawberry salad, lasagna, garlic bread with Angel food dessert! Patti Ebertsch was our caterer and meal served by our church men—Pastor Matt, Pastor Tom, John M., Jim R., Bob T. Rob K., and Jacob L. Patti was full of praise for the servers and for all their assistance. And all the women were too. God Bless all of you and Thrivent for their generous grant. If you haven't already, make sure you take your T-shirt home! The program featured Megan Collins PA from UP cardiology—"Take Care of Heart". "Abounding in Love" Barb C., Special Music and Words of Wisdom by Heather R. And closed with "Jesus Love Me" with her great nieces. Beautiful program!

Kudos to Jessica G. and her family for all their efforts to decorate for the Rain Forest theme for VBS. It was extra ordinaire!! Wow! Pray many of you took time to go into to the hall and see the whole display. It was awesome!! Also, thanks to all who assisted in VBS—teachers, helpers, lunch gals, and especially the 30+ kids who attended. Heard a tale you were able to pelt Pastor Matt with water balloons because your offerings were so good. They will be purchasing books for children in Papua, New Guinea as a mission project. Congratulations!! Sure loved the singing in church on Sunday also, Jesus Loves you and we do too!!

We are looking forward to the new floor in the entry—phase one has been purchased and paid for by LWML Ladies and will be installed by Pastor Tom and Rob K. Sure it will be wonderful.

September is just around the corner and our 1<sup>st</sup> Fall Meeting will be held Sept 13<sup>th</sup> in the Fellowship Hall at 1 p.m. We welcome all ladies of the church to join us. By then we should have more information about the Zone 2 Rally, Camp Luther Retreat, LWML Sunday and upcoming projects!!

Again—thanks to everyone who made our Banquet a success for 80 people. Great job done!!

## UPCOMING DATES

Monthly Meeting—Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> @1 PM, fellowship hall

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

Sincerely,  
Caren and LWML gals  
Serve the Lord with Gladness

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Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

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- 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.

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**VISIT [WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM](http://WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM) FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.**



Camp Luther would not be what it is without YOUR hard work! Volunteers are essential to the ministry that happens at camp - we simply couldn't do it without you!

We would love to get you involved at camp. We have many opportunities through our Workbee Weekends and Summer RV program. There's also a group of people who just call us up and say when can I come and help? If you would like to volunteer at camp, check out the programs below, email [info@campluther.com](mailto:info@campluther.com), or call our office at [715-546-3647](tel:715-546-3647).

Wondering what projects need to get done? Check out the project list on our website and let us know if you'd like to help or have a skill in a particular area! Email Snowcat, Director of Maintenance and Improvements at [snowcat@campluther.com](mailto:snowcat@campluther.com) to volunteer!

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Check out our website for all the wonderful opportunities to enjoy Camp to it's fullest. We have retreats and cabin rentals. Fall is a great time to enjoy the great outdoors. There are also great opportunities at KBC, you will find all the information on our website.

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected everyone, including Camp Luther. Your financial gifts are especially appreciated during this time.



**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](https://www.facebook.com/ourredeemerkingsford).

A link to the bulletin will be available as well.

**September 5**

**9:00 am Elders:** Mark M. & Damian T.  
**Organist:** Don H.

**September 12**

**9:00 am Elders:** Gary P. & Ed T.  
**Organist:** Don H.

**September 19**

**9:00 am Elders:** Dana B. & Mark M.  
**Organist:** Marian V.

**September 26**

**9:00 am Elders:** Gary P. & Ed T.  
**Organist:** Don H.

**Altar Guild for September:**

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.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

**Digital Music**

**September 1**

**Elder:** David M.

**September 8**

**Elder:** Damian T.

**September 15**

**Elder:** Dana B.

**September 22**

**Elder:** David M.

**September 29**

**Elder:** David M.

**ATTENDANCE TOTALS**

Wednesday, July 28 (7:00 PM)	9
Sunday, August 1 (9:00 AM)	82
Wednesday, August 4 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, August 8 (8:00 AM)	22
August 8 (10:30 AM)	79
Wednesday, August 11 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, August 15 (9:00 AM)	64
Wednesday, August 18 (7:00 PM)	10
Sunday, August 22 (9:00 AM)	59
Wednesday, August 25 (7:00 PM)	10
Sunday, August 29 (7:00 PM)	76

Health and Wellness Ministry

September

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### **Signs and Symptoms of Ovarian Cancer**

Ovarian cancer may cause several signs and symptoms. Women are more likely to have symptoms if the disease has spread, but even early-stage ovarian cancer can cause them. The most common symptoms include:

- Bloating
- Pelvic or abdominal (belly) pain
- Trouble eating or feeling full quickly
- Urinary symptoms such as urgency (always feeling like you have to go) or frequency (having to go often)

These symptoms are also commonly caused by benign (non-cancerous) diseases and by cancers of other organs. When they are caused by ovarian cancer, they tend to be persistent and a change from normal – for example, they occur more often or are more severe. These symptoms are more likely to be caused by other conditions, and most of them occur just about as often in women who don't have ovarian cancer. But if you have these symptoms more than 12 times a month, see your doctor so the problem can be found and treated if necessary.

### **Other symptoms of ovarian cancer can include:**

- Fatigue (extreme tiredness)
- Upset stomach
- Back pain
- Pain during sex
- Constipation
- Changes in a woman's period, such as heavier bleeding than normal or irregular bleeding
- Abdominal (belly) swelling with weight loss

**What Causes Ovarian Cancer?** We don't yet know exactly what causes most ovarian cancers. As discussed in Ovarian Cancer Risk Factors, we do know some factors that make a woman more likely to develop epithelial ovarian cancer. Much less is known about risk factors for germ cell and stromal tumors of the ovaries.

**Ovarian Cancer Risk Factors** A risk factor is anything that increases your chance of getting a disease like cancer. Different cancers have different risk factors. Some risk factors, like smoking, can be changed. Others, like a person's age or family history, can't be or changed.

- Getting older
- Being overweight obese
- Having children later or never having a full-term pregnancy
- Taking hormone therapy after menopause
- Having a family history of ovarian cancer, breast cancer, or colorectal cancer
- Having a family cancer syndrome
- Using fertility treatment
- Having had breast cancer
- Smoking

**Avoiding certain risk factors** - Some risk factors for ovarian cancer, like getting older or having a family history, cannot be changed. But women might be able to lower their risk slightly by avoiding other risk factors, for example, by staying at a healthy weight, or not taking hormone replacement therapy after menopause.

**Oral contraceptives** - Women who used oral contraceptives for 5 or more years have about a 50% lower risk of developing ovarian cancer compared with women who never used oral contraceptives.

**Gynecologic surgery** - Both tubal ligation and hysterectomy may reduce the chance of developing certain types of ovarian cancer, but experts agree that these operations should only be done for valid medical reasons -- not for their effect on ovarian cancer risk.



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

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

“Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service, you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, ‘Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.’ Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child’s present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129).”

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1 Cor. 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, “Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more” (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: “Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master” (Matt. 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God’s fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Gal. 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own sons, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.



## September Birthdays

- 2 Robert G.
- 4 Jacob L.  
Tom T.
- 7 Carol L.
- 8 Betty S.
- 9 Charlotte B.  
Darla H.  
Mary L.  
Vicki W.
- 10 Glenn J.  
Carrie V.
- 11 Laura M.
- 13 Michael K.  
Adrienne T.
- 14 Carmen L.  
Mike P.
- 16 Paul O.  
Chloe P.  
Zach P.  
Adam R.  
Maddex S.
- 17 Hannah L.
- 19 Zaeda B.  
Alexander R.
- 20 Gilbert K.  
Christyl S.
- 22 Julia A.  
Joan L.
- 23 Rudy V.
- 24 Myron F.
- 25 Brynley G.
- 26 Cloe L.
- 28 Helen N.  
Jen P.  
Kathy P.
- 29 Kayla J.  
Lisa R.
- 30 Dean G. II  
Jennifer P.

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

### 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.*

## September Anniversaries



- 4 Brad & Rebecca R.  
Chris & Renee W.
- 7 Christopher & Allison K.
- 10 Preston & Jean T.
- 13 Bernie & Judi P.
- 19 Gary & Julie M.  
Steve & Tracy T.
- 23 Ken & Sara B.
- 25 Roger & Tricia O.
- 26 Michael & Kendra T.
- 29 Kevin & Kris M.  
Roger & Carrie V.
- 30 Pastor Tom and Shirley M.

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





# September 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
<p>Worship Services in bold print.</p> <p>Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)</p>			<p><b>1</b> 9:00 A.M. Service at Maryhill Manor <b>7:00 P.M Divine Service*</b></p>	<p><b>2</b></p>	<p><b>3</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p><b>4</b></p>
<p><b>5</b> 14<sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship</p>	<p><b>6</b> Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i></p>	<p><b>7</b> 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders</p>	<p><b>8</b> 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation <b>7:00 P.M Divine Service*</b></p>	<p><b>9</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>10</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p><b>11</b></p>
<p><b>12</b> 15<sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>13</b> 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild</p>	<p><b>14</b></p>	<p><b>15</b> 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation <b>7:00 P.M Divine Service*</b></p>	<p><b>16</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>17</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p><b>18</b></p>
<p><b>19</b> 16<sup>th</sup> S. after Trinity <b>9:00 A.M. Divine Service*</b> 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study &amp; Sunday School</p>	<p><b>20</b> <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council</p>	<p><b>21</b></p>	<p><b>22</b> 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation <b>7:00 P.M Divine Service*</b></p>	<p><b>23</b> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p><b>24</b> <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p><b>25</b></p>
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