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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.
Sunday School & Bible Study	10:30 A.M.

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

"The grass withers, the flower fades when the breath of the LORD blows on it; surely the people are grass. The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

- Isaiah 40:7-8 (ESV)

October is upon us, which means that we will observe Reformation Day. On October 31st, 1517, Martin Luther posted his 95 Theses on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, meant to protest the selling of indulgences in the Church. An indulgence was a piece of paper—authorized by the pope—that would grant someone (alive or dead) to be freed from "purgatory." Purgatory was the place taught by Rome where Christians went after death to make payment for the sins that they had not properly atoned for while alive. By purchasing an indulgence from the Church, Christians were told they could free themselves or a loved one from this suffering.

Neither purgatory nor indulgences have any basis in Scripture. Our eternal destination is determined based on whether or not we have faith (Matthew 25:31-46) and that can't be purchased (Ephesians 2:8-9). As the Church drifted away from the Word of God, it drifted farther and farther into error.

Some people think that the motto of the Reformation was "Grace Alone, Faith Alone, Scripture Alone." But more accurately, the actual motto of the Reformation was "Verbum Domini Manet in Aeternum": "The Word of the Lord Endures Forever." The phrase was used by various princes of Saxony who defended the work of Luther. It comes from Isaiah 40:8... "The grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever."

The Reformation, if anything, was a return to the Word of God. Various pastors and religious leaders have all suggested that we need a modern day "Reformation" of sorts in the Church. But what the Church needs is the same thing that it has always needed: the Word of the Lord. It needs to remain rooted in Holy Scripture. It needs to continue to proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ found in the Bible's pages.

God's Word is the greatest treasure that each of us possesses. It never "withers" or "fades." It remains forever and ever. Let this October be a time of renewed commitment to that Word... to the unfading, eternal message found on Scripture's page, that Jesus Christ our Lord is our hope and our salvation.

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

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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 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



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT®
FOR HEALTHY LIVING
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

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."



October 31, 2021—4-7pm
Volunteers needed!

Decorated trunks
Serving
Candy donations



YOUTH GROUP BONFIRE

Sunday Oct. 3, 5 p.m.
@ Ruesches

Youth 7th – 12th grade and parents are invited.

We will be putting together our schedule of events and looking for parents/families to take turns hosting events!



OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Transfer In

Rob Calderwood	September 2, 2021
Dawn Calderwood	September 2, 2021
Robert Calderwood IV	September 2, 2021
Keegan Calderwood	September 2, 2021
Randy Wallace	September 22, 2021
Wendy Wallace	September 22, 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"

Fall is here in all its glory! Hope you take time to enjoy all the foliage, fall leaves, color, and weather that our Lord gives us. It's always the busiest time for LWML. Lots of activities coming up.

Our meeting opened by Barb C. with Devotion—"Do Not Worry"—Matt. 6:25-35. Bible Study *"Come all ye who are weary, and I will give you rest."* After routine reports and business, Barb proposed doing another quilt mission project for those affected by the southern storms. This is our third! Under her expertise we have set Sept. 28, Oct. 5, and Oct. 19th as sewing bee (and assembling etc. at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We hope to complete 8-10 quilts. If you personally know of friends, family or churches in need please contact Barb or Caren. Remember—we need QUILTERS and HELPERS alike to complete quilts so please join us and we'll find just the right job for you to do whether you sew or not!!

Oct 3rd is LWML Sunday—theme "Our Hearts in His Hand." We look forward to sharing our mission and having you learn more about LWML. Join us after church for food & fellowship. Our next meeting is Oct. 11th at 1:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Upcoming projects include Care Packages for our college students.

Discussion was also held regarding a "Getting Acquainted & Thank you" potluck for all our many volunteers who keep our church in good shape. We appreciate so much every thing done by everybody. In the meantime, reach out to our new members and visitors to make them feel welcome and want to come back.

Love to welcome new LWML members also with exciting new ideas to "Serve the Lord" and others with Gladness.

UPCOMING DATES

Sewing bees—Sept 28, Oct 5, and Oct 19

LWML Sunday—Oct. 3rd

Monthly Meeting—Oct. 11th @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

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.



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, email 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 to volunteer!

Women's Retreat October 1-3, 2021 Want to relax in God's creation, and join other women to be built up in your faith and refocused on God's Word? Then come join us for our Fall Women's Retreat! Amy Meyer will lead a Bible study created just for us: Connecting with Your Creator in His Creation. Together we will explore how to release control, restore calm, and renew creativity.

Workbee Weekend October 15-17, 2021 Our ministry at camp happens year round. Come join us and serve in a way that makes a difference for everyone that comes to camp. During a Workbee Weekend you'll enjoy the atmosphere, fellowship, and even the work! Come volunteer and make a difference around camp!

Successful Golf Classic! Thank You! Thank you to all of you who golfed, those who won auction items, and all sponsors of the 2021 Golf Classic in June! It's because of YOU that 52 kids will be able to come to Camp Luther for their first time, thank you. Over \$26,000 was raised at this year's Golf Classic. Save the date! Next summer's Golf Classic will be: **June 17, 2022!**

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.

A link to the bulletin will be available as well.

October 3

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

October 10

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

October 17

9:00 am Elders: Mark M. & Damian T.
Organist: Marian V.

October 24

9:00 am Elders: Gary P. & Jim R.
Organist: Don H.

October 31

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

Altar Guild for October:

Gloria S. & Sheri 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

October 6

Elder: Damian T.

October 13

Elder: Dana B.

October 20

Elder: Dana B.

October 27

Elder: Damian T.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, September 1 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, September 5 (9:00 AM)	73
Wednesday, September 8 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, September 12 (9:00 AM)	84
Wednesday, September 15 (7:00 PM)	11
Sunday, September 19 (9:00 AM)	94
Wednesday, September 22 (7:00 PM)	16
Sunday, September 26 (9:00 AM)	75



Health and Wellness Ministry

October

Breast cancer Breast cancer is cancer that forms in the cells of the breasts. After skin cancer, breast cancer is the most common cancer diagnosed in women in the United States. Breast cancer can occur in both men and women, but it's far more common in women. Substantial support for breast cancer awareness and research funding has helped create advances in the diagnosis and treatment of breast cancer. Breast cancer survival rates have increased, and the number of deaths associated with this disease is steadily declining, largely due to factors such as earlier detection, a new personalized approach to treatment and a better understanding of the disease.

Symptoms Signs and symptoms of breast cancer may include:

- Nipple changes
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- A breast lump or thickening that feels different from the surrounding tissue
- Change in the size, shape or appearance of a breast
- Changes to the skin over the breast, such as dimpling
- A newly inverted nipple
- Peeling, scaling, crusting or flaking of the pigmented area of skin surrounding the nipple (areola) or breast skin
- Redness or pitting of the skin over your breast, like the skin of an orange

When to see a doctor If you find a lump or other change in your breast — even if a recent mammogram was normal — make an appointment with your doctor for prompt evaluation.

Risk factors A breast cancer risk factor is anything that makes it more likely you'll get breast cancer. But having one or even several breast cancer risk factors doesn't necessarily mean you'll develop breast cancer. Many women who develop breast cancer have no known risk factors other than simply being women.

Factors that are associated with an increased risk of breast cancer include:

- Being female. Women are much more likely than men are to develop breast cancer.
- Increasing age. Your risk of breast cancer increases as you age.
- A personal history of breast conditions. If you've had a breast biopsy that found lobular carcinoma in situ (LCIS) or atypical hyperplasia of the breast, you have an increased risk of breast cancer.
- A personal history of breast cancer. If you've had breast cancer in one breast, you have an increased risk of developing cancer in the other breast.
- A family history of breast cancer. If your mother, sister or daughter was diagnosed with breast cancer, particularly at a young age, your risk of breast cancer is increased. Still, the majority of people diagnosed with breast cancer have no family history of the disease.
- Inherited genes that increase cancer risk. Certain gene mutations that increase the risk of breast cancer can be passed from parents to children. The most well-known gene mutations are referred to as BRCA1 and BRCA2.

These genes can greatly increase your risk of breast cancer and other cancers, but they don't make cancer inevitable.

- Radiation exposure. If you received radiation treatments to your chest as a child or young adult, your risk of breast cancer is increased.
- Obesity. Being obese increases your risk of breast cancer.
- Beginning your period at a younger age. Beginning your period before age 12 increases your risk of breast cancer.
- Beginning menopause at an older age. If you began menopause at an older age, you're more likely to develop breast cancer.
- Having your first child at an older age. Women who give birth to their first child after age 30 may have an increased risk of breast cancer.
- Having never been pregnant. Women who have never been pregnant have a greater risk of breast cancer than do women who have had one or more pregnancies.
- Postmenopausal hormone therapy. Women who take hormone therapy medications that combine estrogen and progesterone to treat the signs and symptoms of menopause have an increased risk of breast cancer. The risk of breast cancer decreases when women stop taking these medications.
- Drinking alcohol. Drinking alcohol increases the risk of breast cancer



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—October

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.



October Birthdays

- 1 Jesse G.
Nevaeh T.
- 2 Lisa V.
- 3 Kathy B.
- 4 Katie B.
Katie F.
Diane L.
Roger O.
Joshua S.
- 6 Rodney H.
- 7 Sara B.
- 8 Lacey L.
Aubrey M.
- 9 Sheila B.
- 10 Kristine P.
Easton R.
Renee W.
- 11 Steve B.
- 12 Miles C.
Jacob M.
Kammie S.
- 13 Amy H.
- 15 Jane L.
- 18 Rebecca R.
- 19 Laurie B.
Carolyn G.
David P.
- 21 Kathleen P.
Taylor R.
Dave T.
Savannah V.
- 23 Mark M.
- 26 Arianna B.
Kendra T.
- 27 Bentley G.
Lori N.

“Rejoice with those who Rejoice”
-Romans 12:15

- 28 Gracie C.
Sterling F.
Allison K.
Jocelyn T.
- 29 LeAnn Z.
- 30 Jim R.
- 31 Sherry C.

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.

October Anniversaries



- 4 Gary & Gina H.
- 7 Jeff & Lisa S.
- 11 Jeremy & Nicole M.
- 14 Jeff & Patti W.
- 20 Steve & Merri B.
- 25 John & Lori C.
- 28 Thomas & Lynn T.

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



October 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
3 18 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School 5:00 P.M. Youth Group Cookout at the Ruesches	4 5:00 P.M. Nominations Committee 6:00 P.M. Budget Committee	5 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	6 9:00 A.M. Service at Maryhill Manor 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	7 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	1 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	2
10 19 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	11 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	12	13 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	14 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	15 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	16
17 20 th S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	19	20 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	21 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	23
24 21 st S. after Trinity 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Youth Group & Sunday School 10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting	25	28	27 5:30 P.M. Youth Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	28 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	30
31 Reformation Day 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School 4:00-7:00 P.M. Trunk-or-Treat	<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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