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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

"He who testifies to these things says, 'Surely I am coming soon.' Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!"

- Revelation 22:20 (ESV)

The question was asked right after we had finished a recent Bible study...and it was a good one:

"Pastor, how are we supposed to react to everything right now?"

That's a question that you've perhaps asked yourself. What does a Christian even *do* at a time like this? If it seems like our world is hurtling toward a fiery end, well, it actually is. It always has been. But maybe right now it seems a little more obvious and a little bit more unsettling than it has in the past.

Thanks be to God, the Scriptures tell us *exactly* what we should be doing right now at a time just like this. In fact, this month of November is the last few weeks of the Church Year...just before Advent begins. During these last few weeks of the Church Year, the readings that we hear have a lot to do with the end of all things.

The word that Jesus often used in the Gospels is *watch*. Christians are to watch...like sentries on the walls of a castle. They are to watch for enemies. They are to watch for the master. In Matthew 25, Jesus tells of ten virgins who wait outside the city gate for the bridegroom. Half are prepared and half are unprepared. Jesus says, "Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour." (Matthew 25:13, ESV) Christians *watch* for their Bridegroom, Christ Himself, to come at an hour which no one knows but the Father in heaven. (Matthew 24:36)

Christians also *repent*. They spend these last days turning away from sin. This is the proper Christian response to the evils and tragedies that we see in the world around us. In Luke 13, Jesus tells His followers, upon hearing of terrible events, "Repent, [or] you will all likewise perish." We recognize that when Christ returns, we should be living in the joy of sins forgiven by the blood of His cross...not holding on to our sins with selfish pride.

The third thing that Christians are to do in these last days is *pray*. Specifically, Christians pray that Jesus would return and do so quickly. Many of us learned to pray "Come, Lord Jesus" as our table prayer. But the words come from the end of the book of Revelation (which is also the end of the Bible!) where St. John pens this prayer. We recognize that when Jesus comes, it will be to raise the dead and usher in a new heaven and a new earth as described in the last couple chapters of Revelation. He will be the Bridegroom, we will be the Bride, and heaven will be our wedding feast.

For that reason, Christians look with great *joy* to the end of all things! Though the state of our world may leave us feeling discouraged, take heart. Jesus is coming again. And that will be the greatest Day we could ever hope for. Until then: *watch...repent...and pray*.

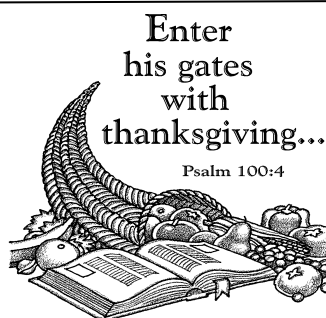
In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

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JOIN US FOR PIZZA & MISSIONARIES!!! We are pleased to welcome Pastor James & Deaconess Christel Neuendorf to Our Redeemer on Friday, November 5th @ 6 P.M. Join us for pizza dinner and the opportunity for the Neuendorfs to update us on their mission work on the island of Puerto Rico. Everyone is welcome to this fun night of conversation, fellowship, and hearing about God's work in sharing Jesus Christ throughout the world. Please sign up on the welcome kiosk so we know how much pizza to order!
This event is being sponsored by the Our Redeemer Board of Missions.

THE NEXT CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING has been rescheduled for Monday, November 8th at 6:30 P.M. **THE NEXT QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING** has been rescheduled for Sunday, November 14th, at 10:30 A.M.



JOIN US ON NOVEMBER 24TH @ 7:00 P.M. FOR OUR THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE.

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: November 6th 9:00 A.M.

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."

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism

Leon Daniel Linsmeyer October 24, 2021

Wedding

Joseph Mortl & Allison Barnett October 23, 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.**



This is where the quilts are being sent.



LWML-LADIES' GUILD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Our Oct. regular meeting was cancelled so we had a meeting along with our Quilting Bee on Oct. 19. As of then we have one completed quilt, and 8-9 close to being finished. We are hoping to complete ten to send to Grace Lutheran Church in Houma, LA in Bayou County prior to Thanksgiving. Don't know if Mon. work bees would work better BUT we set Nov. 1st and Nov. 8th at 9:00 a.m. for them. On the 8th we will quilt in the morning and bring a sack lunch and we will have our regular meeting at 1 p.m. Please join us for any and all activities because lots is happening.

LWML Sunday was a success except we missed Pastor Matt. Flowers on Altar, ladies greeting and serving refreshments, purple frosted cupcakes with gold crosses and all singing *Serve the Lord with Gladness* at the close of Service. Thanks to all who partook!! And made it a success. Upon leaving church we gave out several mite boxes—special ones for children. We pray all are remembering to fill with their pennies, dimes, and nickels or more to help with God's Mission Projects around the world. Bookmarks give the current projects we are collecting money for!! We will plan a special ingathering soon and sincerely appreciate your contributions!

Ladies' Christmas Luncheon planned for Dec. 13th at noon. ALL ladies welcome. We will have catered box lunches in the Fellowship Hall with Christmas Program followed by our regular meeting. See you there!

Ladies agreed to host the Spring Zone 2 Rally. Details not finalized but will keep you posted!!

Several projects being discussed and planned—Fund raiser for Narthex (or Entry) flooring! College student packets, small prayer shawl project (anyone who knits and wants to make them—patterns are available). Get acquainted/thank you banquet, Ladies Spring Banquet, 2023 national LWML Convention in Milwaukee, jewelry sale. We would appreciate your help in any and all of these activities. ALSO check LWML card table, as we have several new cards on display!!

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

UPCOMING DATES

Sewing bees—Nov. 1st & Nov. 8th

Monthly Meeting—Nov. 8th @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 WINTER BLAST YOUTH RETREATS *January 14-16, 21-23, & 28-30*

It's not too early to consider joining one of Camp Luther's many Winter Blast Youth Retreats this winter! Bring a middle school or high school group to experience a weekend in the Northwoods that's full of adventure, laughter, and some amazing hot chocolate. More than that, this weekend will provide your group with the opportunity to recharge and be reminded again of who they are in Jesus Christ.

HIGH SCHOOL REUNION *December 3-5* Camp Luther will be holding a High School reunion for Summer 2021 IMPACT and High School Week campers and Junior Counselors. Check your email and follow camp's social media platforms (Facebook & Instagram) to get the most up-to-date information about this reunion. Stay updated here campluther.com/winteryouth

CAMP LUTHER SUMMER STAFF 2022 *Application Now Open!* Camp needs YOU!! Are you a fun, Jesus-loving, college aged student? Do you want to be part of a meaningful community this summer? Does leading a copious amount of outdoor activities for youth and yourself sound totally awesome? Then you can apply via the NLOMA profile to work at camp as part of our Summer Staff 2022 and make this summer ROCK! For more details on what summer staff looks like and what the NLOMA profile consists of check out campluther.com/summerstaff

GIVING TUESDAY *November 21-December 3* In the world we live in now, the connection and community that Camp Luther is able to provide has become increasingly important, needed, and sought after. Giving Tuesday and the donations that it brings ensure that Camp Luther continues to build up all people in Christ! The official date for Giving Tuesday is November 30, however, here at camp we are celebrating it Nov. 21- Dec 3! Also, this year we have a \$15,000 match, which means your gift is doubled! November 21- December 3 you can help ensure that Camp Luther continues to build up all people in Christ in a variety of ways.

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.

November 7

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

November 14

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

November 21

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

November 28

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

Altar Guild for November:

Carol L. & Carol T.

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:
 - ☐ A fever
 - ☐ Chills
 - ☐ A dry cough
 - ☐ Shortness of breath
 - ☐ Sore throat
 - ☐ 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

November 3

Elder: Dana B.

November 10

Elder: Dana B.

November 17

Elder: Damian T.

November 24, Thanksgiving Eve

Elder: Damian T.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, September 29 (7:00 PM)	22
Sunday, October 3 (9:00 AM)	94
Wednesday, October 6 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, October 10 (9:00 AM)	57
Wednesday, October 13 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, October 17 (9:00 AM)	51
Wednesday, October 20 (7:00 PM)	20
Sunday, October 24 (9:00 AM)	88



Health and Wellness Ministry

November

What is Diabetes?

With diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use it as well as it should. Diabetes is a chronic (long-lasting) health condition that affects how your body turns food into energy.

Most of the food you eat is broken down into sugar (also called glucose) and released into your bloodstream. When your blood sugar goes up, it signals your pancreas to release insulin. Insulin acts like a key to let the blood sugar into your body's cells for use as energy.

If you have diabetes, your body either doesn't make enough insulin or can't use the insulin it makes as well as it should. When there isn't enough insulin or cells [stop responding to insulin](#), too much blood sugar stays in your bloodstream. Over time, that can cause serious health problems, such as [heart disease](#), [vision loss](#), and [kidney disease](#). There isn't a cure yet for diabetes, but losing weight, eating healthy food, and being active can really help. Taking medicine as needed, getting [diabetes self-management education and support](#), and keeping health care appointments can also reduce the impact of diabetes on your life.

Diabetes by the Numbers

- **34.2 million** US adults have diabetes, and 1 in 5 of them don't know they have it.
- Diabetes is the **seventh leading cause** of death in the United States.
- Diabetes is the **No. 1** cause of kidney failure, lower-limb amputations, and adult blindness.
- In the last **20 years**, the number of adults diagnosed with diabetes has more than **doubled**.

Types of Diabetes

There are three main types of diabetes: [type 1](#), [type 2](#), and [gestational diabetes](#) (diabetes while pregnant).

Type 1 Diabetes

Type 1 diabetes is thought to be caused by an autoimmune reaction (the body attacks itself by mistake) that stops your body from making insulin. Approximately 5-10% of the people who have diabetes have type 1. Symptoms of type 1 diabetes often develop quickly. It's usually diagnosed in children, teens, and young adults. If you have type 1 diabetes, you'll need to take insulin every day to survive. Currently, no one knows how to prevent type 1 diabetes.

Type 2 Diabetes

With type 2 diabetes, your body doesn't use insulin well and can't keep blood sugar at normal levels. About 90-95% of people with diabetes have type 2. It develops over many years and is usually diagnosed in adults (but more and more in children, teens, and young adults). You may not notice any symptoms, so it's important to get your blood sugar tested if you're at [risk](#). Type 2 diabetes can be prevented or delayed with healthy lifestyle changes, such as losing weight, eating healthy food, and being active.

Gestational Diabetes

Gestational diabetes develops in pregnant women who have never had diabetes. If you have gestational diabetes, your baby could be at higher risk for health problems. Gestational diabetes usually goes away after your baby is born but increases your risk for type 2 diabetes later in life. Your baby is more likely to have obesity as a child or teen, and more likely to develop type 2 diabetes later in life too.

Prediabetes

In the United States, 88 million adults—more than 1 in 3—have [prediabetes](#). What's more, more than 84% of them don't know they have it. With prediabetes, blood sugar levels are higher than normal, but not high enough yet to be diagnosed as type 2 diabetes. Prediabetes raises your [risk](#) for type 2 diabetes, heart disease, and stroke. The good news is if you have prediabetes, a CDC-recognized [lifestyle change program](#) can help you take healthy steps to reverse it.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—November

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or wherever than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like and how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

The fact that we don't like it certainly means we ought to face it. So, here are a few simple and practical realities.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. That means that we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and then give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need – and stuff we think we need – and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10%? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so that they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1 Cor 9:14). So if 10% is what it took in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

By first-fruits, sacrificial, and generous giving – that's how. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've outgiven God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think that way, but consider that no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

St. Paul brought the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church when he wrote: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Cor. 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's Law, and the Law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The Law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. So if first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.



November Birthdays

- 1 Andrew V.
- 2 Douglas T.
Donovan V.
- 5 Kate M.
Ali B.
- 6 Reese L.
Judy P.
- 10 Jim W.
- 11 Ray W.
- 12 Patricia W.
- 13 Gabriel M.
Marilyn T.
- 14 Lori G.
- 19 Casey G.
Josh M.
Jeff S.
- 20 Jacob H.
Paula M.
- 21 Greg B.
- 22 Mackenzie B.
Ailie S.
Connor T.
- 23 Paul L.
- 24 Teri S.
- 26 Jaidyn L.
Jace S.
Braxton W.
- 27 Cecil B.
- 30 Analise M.

“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.

November Anniversaries



- 2 Mac & Janice F.
- 10 Robert & Dawn S.
- 29 Gary & Maria P.

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





November 2021

Church Office Hours:
Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday
9:00 A.M.-3:00 P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 5:00 P.M. Budget Committee 6:00 P.M. Nominations Committee	2	3 9:00 A.M. Service at Maryhill Manor 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	4 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	5 6:00 P.M. Neuendorf Mission Presentation & Pizza Dinner	6 9:00 A.M. Helping Hands/Board of Missions
7 <i>All Saints' Day (Observed)</i> <i>Daylight Saving Time Ends</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	8 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild 6:30 P.M. Church Council	9	10 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	11 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13
14 <i>24th S. after Trinity</i> 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	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16	17 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	18 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20
21 <i>Last S. of the Church Year</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	22	23	24 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service*	25 <i>Thanksgiving Day Church Office Closed</i>	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27
28 <i>1st S. in Advent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	29	30	<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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