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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, Youth Group & Bible Study	10:30 A.M.

Wednesdays:

Midweek Lenten Vespers	7:00 P.M.
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The Lutheran Church—Missouri
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at facebook.com/TheLCMS.

This Is Love

"In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins."

- 1 John 4:10 (ESV)

For our 2022 Midweek Lenten Series, the LCMS Worship Ministry has suggested a sermon series on 1 John 4 entitled "This Is Love." It seems to me that this is as an appropriate time as any to define Biblical *love* and contrast it with how the world corrupts it.

We don't know what was going through the mind of the apostle John when he wrote his first Epistle. But we do know quite a bit about the world in which he lived. And that might shed some insight as to where his thoughts might have been and what may have preoccupied him and other Christians. We know that proclaiming yourself a Christian was tantamount to marking yourself for death. We know that the world of the Jews was turned upside down when the temple was destroyed, and the city of Jerusalem was laid to waste. We know that John was likely in the city of Ephesus when he wrote this letter...and that the Temple of Artemis was located there. We know that false religion and ungodly living corrupted the culture.

Amid that challenging world, John wrote about love. He didn't write about love as it was spoken about by the poets and musicians of his day. He didn't write about love as it was experienced in people's feelings. He didn't write about love as it was described by the philosophers and orators. He didn't write about love as it was understood by self-proclaimed "experts."

John wrote of love as *God* defined it. "In this is love," writes John, "not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins." Love can't be truly understood unless you know that God sent His only Son Jesus to pay for our sins upon His cross. Love isn't defined by our actions toward others but in God's gracious, forgiving actions toward us.

Even though our world isn't exactly the same as John's, it's definitely similar. And what this world needs remains the same: this world needs to know love as it's revealed in the One who carried our sins onto a cross and gave His life into death.

Come learn what love is at our midweek Lenten services this year...each Wednesday at 7:00 P.M. Come an hour early...and we'll have supper for you as in Lents of the past!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch



2022 Lenten Suppers & Services

Join us every Wednesday during the season of Lent for a **supper being served at 6:00 P.M.**, followed by a **Lenten service at 7:00 P.M.** Our Lenten Theme this year is **“This Is Love”** and is based on **1 John 4**.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Service</u>	<u>Serving Supper</u>
March 2 nd	Ash Wednesday	Ladies' Guild
March 9 th	Midweek of Lent 1	Confirmation Class
March 16 th	Midweek of Lent 2	Church Council
March 23 rd	Midweek of Lent 3	Youth Group
March 30 th	Midweek of Lent 4	To Be Determined
April 6 th	Midweek of Lent 5	Potluck

ALTAR GUILD HAS A NEED FOR MORE MEMBERS! If you are interested in helping keep the sanctuary beautiful, please contact Carol Thornton at 282-8740. Orientation will be provided. Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM, but attendance is not mandatory.



OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Removal (2)

Hank Stephens January 25, 2022 (DOD)
Jeanne Hendricks February 4, 2022 (DOD)

ECONO RECEIPTS We cannot accept any receipts from Tadych's dated before **December 6th, 2021**, the date new owners took over the company. Please check your receipts before dropping them off. Thank You!

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.**

Invitation to Ladies Spring Banquet

May 9th in fellowship Hall of Our Redeemer.

5 p.m. social time, dinner 6 p.m.

Theme—"Smart Shopping to SAVE \$\$\$ thrift Store Treasure Hunting"

Speaker: Judy Reid

Accomplished thrift store shopper and creator of Outfits with a flair.

Lots of fun, fellowship, & surprises

Encourage all women of congregation to attend & bring family & friends.

Details to be finalized at Mar 14th Reg LWML meeting!



LWML-LADIES' GUILD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

Greetings Ladies of Our Redeemer—Our Valentine's Day meeting Feb 14th was opened with a special Valentines Bible Study—story of Ruth. Very interesting and informative by Barb C. (presented by Caren in Barb's absence). Very busy business meeting followed—sharing thank yous, cards, concerns, flooring follow-up. Menu planned for LWML to serve Ash Wed. Lenten Supper. We encourage all to join us for fellowship, good food, and getting to know new members.

Some discussion followed regarding Zone 2 Rally (Save the date—Apr 23—was mailed to all UP churches plus!!) AND Ladies Spring Banquet May 9th. Due to length of meeting. Final decisions will be made at our March 14th 1:00 reg LWML meeting. We'd love to have more ladies of cong. Join us with ideas etc. to make this affair extra special.

It was decided to open Pastor & Heather's talk on their missionary experience in Puerto Rico prior to coming back to Kingsford, although it's part of Zone 2 Rally—Everyone is encouraged to attend presentation from 1-2:30 p.m. Free of charge to all—not attending all day LWML Rally.

Don't forget to help replenish to Bldg. Fund (earmarked flooring fund) so we can continue with other necessary upcoming projects!! God bless your giving! And thanks to all who made it happen. Love it!!

Stay tuned for further details of upcoming events.

Don't forget deadline to register for Camp Luther Spring Retreat Apr 1 & 2 deadline Mar. 5
NWD—No. Wis. Dist—Conv GBay in June 16-18
deadline May 16. Details in Mission Tidings or call Caren.

Sincerely,
Caren & LWML Gals.

LWML Zone 2 (UP) Rally

Hosted at Our Redeemer Lutheran, Kingsford, MI

On April 23rd!!

OPEN TO ALL!!!

1:00 CST Missionary Speakers—Rev. & Mrs. Matthew Ruesch at their experiences in Puerto Rico. Also update of Neuendorf's in Puerto Rico currently. Congregation & community invited to join us for Mission Presentation.

Zone 2 Rally attendees will begin at 9:30 to 3 p.m. cst. With Devotions, Bible Study, Business meeting, Service Project. Lunch at noon. Details will be finalized at March 14th reg. monthly meeting 1 p.m. Please join us.

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.



Summer Staff 2022 *Application Deadline February 20th!*

Is there a young adult you know who you might be able to nudge to consider a summer of ministry at camp? We encourage you to think about young adults in your life who you can encourage to consider serving at camp this summer. We make the majority of our hiring decisions in February. Apply by February 20 to be considered in our initial round of hiring decisions.

Register for Summer *Registration open!*

Camp Luther summer youth camps provide an incredible, faith-filled experience for campers from Kindergarten all the way through High School. It's our 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!

Every Kid to Camp

Every Kid to Camp is a ministry that sends kids to camp at no expense to their parents (except transportation). Our goal is that every child in the North Wisconsin District and beyond is given the opportunity to attend one of our summer camp programs before they graduate high school. The only qualification for being a part of this program is that the recipient has never attended one of Camp Luther's summer camp programs before. If you know someone who you believe would benefit from receiving an Every Kid to Camp award, please contact the Camp Luther office at 715-546-3647.

Volunteer Week *April 18-23*

"Have you signed up for Volunteer Week yet?! It's April 18-23, you can come for all or part of the week, and there's no registration fee. We made a pros/cons list to help you decide:

Pros: Get outside and get your hands dirty. Make a tangible difference. Meet some really cool people. Eat great food. Impact the ministry of Camp Luther and the thousands of guests and campers that come each year. Serve the Lord with your time and talents.

Cons: You might get sore. (But you'll feel like it was totally worth it and you had a great time, and soreness is really just a reminder that you are ALIVE, so we'll count this as a pro too)

Now that you've decided to help serve at camp during Volunteer Week, head to campluther.com/volunteer to get all the details.

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.

March 6

9:00 am Elder: Damian T. & Jim R.
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Aiden L.

March 13

9:00 am Elders: Ed T. & Jason L.
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Nora R.

March 20

9:00 am Elder: Gary P. & Ed T.
Organist: Marian V.
Acolyte: Jesse G.

March 27

9:00 am Elder: Jason L. & Ed T.
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Jacob H.

Altar Guild for March:

Carol T. & 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.

Digital Music

March 2

Elder: Damian T.
Acolyte: Analise M.

March 9

Elder: Damian T.
Acolyte: Lillie W.

March 16

Elder: Damian T.
Acolyte: Jeremiah W.

March 23

Elder: Jim R.
Acolyte: Zaeda B.

March 30

Elder: Gary P.
Acolyte: Analise M.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Sunday, January 30 (9:00 AM)	83
Wednesday, February 2 (7:00 PM)	15
Sunday, February 6 (9:00 AM)	92
Wednesday, February 9 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, February 13 (9:00 AM)	96
Wednesday, February 16 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, February 20 (9:00 AM)	88
Wednesday, February 23 (7:00 PM)	7

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Health and Wellness Ministry

March

For National Kidney Month, Take Five for your Kidneys

New York, NY – March is National Kidney Month and the National Kidney Foundation is calling on all Americans to take five healthy steps for their kidneys.

The kidneys are the body's chemical factories, filtering waste and performing vital functions that control things like red blood cell production and blood pressure. But over time, the kidneys can become damaged with little or no physical symptoms to warn you that your kidneys are in trouble.

"Of the 26 million American adults estimated to have kidney disease, most don't know they have it. That's why taking care of your kidneys, especially if you are at risk for kidney disease, is vital," said Joseph Vassalotti, MD, National Kidney Foundation Chief Medical Officer. "There are a few simple things people can do to keep their kidneys healthy and strong."

Take 5 for Your Kidneys

All Americans can do 5 simple things to protect their kidneys:

Get Tested! Ask your doctor for an ACR urine test or a GFR blood test annually if you have diabetes, high blood pressure, are over age 60, or have a family history of kidney failure. Get screened for free through the National Kidney Foundation's KEEP Healthy program by visiting www.kidney.org/KEEPHealthy.

Reduce NSAIDs. Over the counter pain medicines, such as NSAIDs (nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs), may alleviate your aches and pains, but they can harm the kidneys, especially if you already have kidney disease. Reduce your regular use of NSAIDs and never go over the recommended dosage.

Cut the Processed Foods. Processed foods can be significant sources of sodium, nitrates and phosphates, and have been linked to cancer, heart disease and kidney disease. Try adopting the DASH diet to guide your healthy eating habits.

Exercise Regularly. Your kidneys like it when you exercise. Regular exercise will keep your bones, muscles, blood vessels, heart and kidneys healthy. Getting active for at least 30 minutes a day can also help you control blood pressure and lower blood sugar, which is vital to kidney health.

Control Blood Pressure and Diabetes. High blood pressure and diabetes are the leading causes of kidney disease and kidney failure. Managing high blood pressure and strict control of blood sugar levels can slow the progression of kidney disease. Speak with your doctor if you are having trouble managing diabetes or high blood pressure.

Throughout National Kidney Month, the National Kidney Foundation is offering free kidney health screenings through the KEEP Healthy program. To locate a KEEP Healthy screening near you, or to learn more about the kidneys and risk factors for kidney disease, visit www.kidney.org/KEEPHealthy.

Kidney Facts:

- 1 in 3 American adults is at high risk for developing kidney disease today.
- High blood pressure, diabetes, a family history of kidney failure and being over 60 are major risk factors for developing kidney disease.
- 1 in 9 American adults has kidney disease -- and most don't know it.
- Early detection and treatment can slow or prevent the progression of kidney disease.
- Kidney disease risk can be reduced by controlling blood pressure and blood sugar, quitting smoking, regular exercise, maintaining a healthy weight, and avoiding excessive use of pain medications.

The **National Kidney Foundation** is the leading organization in the U.S. dedicated to the awareness, prevention and treatment of kidney disease. For more information, visit www.kidney.org.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—March

God's Providential Care

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God's providential care. We understand that we're not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.

He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there's more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: "Then Moses said to the people of Israel, 'See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.' " (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God's provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord's Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God's provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn't stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God's gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. "For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him" (Luther's Small Catechism, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed.



March Birthdays

- 1 Harry G.
- 5 Gary B.
- 6 Jack B.
- 7 Brian R.
- 12 Paula B.
Heather K.
Jeremiah W.
- 14 Carolyn M.
Damian T.
- 15 Heather B.
- 16 Zoey B.
Logan F.
William G.
- 20 Bella M.
Jade P.
- 21 Aryana B.
Brianna L.
Mark M.
- 22 BreeAnna P.
- 23 Judy W.
- 26 Kate P.
- 30 Elijah P.
- 31 Jason L.
Cody 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.

March Anniversaries



- 07 Jeremy & Kristi P.
- 10 Jamie & Nikki B.
- 14 Rick & Lynda H.
- 17 Rob & Vicki K.

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



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>		1	<p>2 <i>Ash Wednesday</i> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*</p>	<p>3 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>4 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>5 10:00 A.M. New Members Class</p>
<p>6 <i>1st S. in Lent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group</p>	<p>7 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders</p>	8	<p>9 <i>Midweek of Lent 1</i> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>10 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>12 10:00 A.M. New Members Class</p>
<p>13 <i>2nd S. in Lent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group</p>	<p>14 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild</p>	15	<p>16 <i>Midweek of Lent 2</i> 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>17 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>19 10:00 A.M. New Members Class</p>
<p>20 <i>3rd Sunday in Lent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group</p>	<p>21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council</p>	22	<p>23 <i>Midweek of Lent 3</i> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>24 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>26 10:00 A.M. New Members Class</p>
<p>27 <i>4th S. in Lent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group</p>	28	29	<p>30 <i>Midweek of Lent 4</i> 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 6:00 P.M. Lenten Supper 7:00 P.M. Midweek Lenten Vespers</p>	<p>31 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>		

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Here to Serve!