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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.
Bible Study	10:30 A.M.

Wednesdays:

Midweek Divine Service	7:00 P.M.
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Our Redeemer 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

"I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever."

- Psalm 145:1-2 (ESV)

When I lived in Puerto Rico, I loved visiting the *plaza* in the different cities. In every city, there would be a "square" or "center" of the city where there would be a lot of hustle and bustle. In each of those cities, there were two buildings that were prominent: the *alcadía* or "mayor's house" (the city government building) and *la cathedral*: the cathedral where Roman Catholics gathered for masses that were offered routinely. I remember the first time I looked closely at the sign outside the cathedral in Mayagüez: there they offered the mass twice a day Monday through Saturday. Then on Sunday, they offered—not one...not two—*six masses* beginning at 6:30 A.M. and ending at 6:30 P.M.

Now there were, undoubtedly, several priests assigned to the cathedral that allowed such a full schedule to be offered. And clearly the Roman Catholic Church has some false teachings about Holy Communion that we reject. But at its core, I *loved* the idea that God's Word and His gifts were continually being offered there in the heart of the city. I *loved* that the cathedrals were found in the center of every city in Puerto Rico (and this is common throughout Latin America). I wanted that sort of attitude in our little Lutheran Church in Mayagüez and it's something that I would love to see here in Kingsford as well!

Obviously, I don't have time and resources to offer services every single day of the week. And while I would *love* for there to be a need for *six Sunday services*...we're still at the place where one Sunday service suits us just fine. But there is a biblical pattern for daily worship that was found in the temple in the Old Testament. The priests would offer a lamb every morning and every evening. Other circumstances dictated other offerings to be sacrificed to the Lord God each and every day of the week and all throughout the year.

Our sacrifice has of course been made in the blood of Jesus...but that routine of regular worship is a good pattern for us to follow. We may not be able to offer a different service every day, but we are pleased to let you know that we are bringing back Midweek Divine Services. We've been offering Wednesday evening services again since reopening in May 2020, but until now, those services have been a repeat of the Sunday service. We will now be offering a distinct Wednesday evening service that all are invited to attend. I've always said that I don't like repeating a service twice if I can avoid it. If a service is going to be offered on Wednesday evening, I would like everyone to be able to attend...even if you were here the previous Sunday.

I also love the idea that we offer more opportunities to worship, in order that people would know that's the center of who we are here at Our Redeemer. Our church may not be located in the "center of town"...but we can show that we center everything on God's Word and His gifts!

In Christ our Lord,

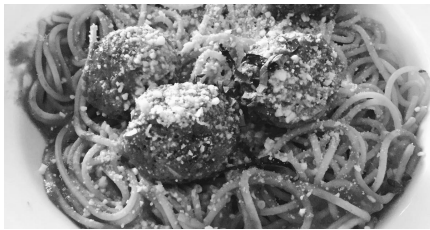
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ALTAR GUILD NEEDS MORE MEMBERS! If you are interested in helping keep the sanctuary beautiful, please contact Carol Thornton at 282-8740. Orientation will be provided. Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM, but attendance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

OUR REDEEMER YOUTH WILL BE ATTENDING NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING! Three high school youth and two adults will be attending “In All Things,” the 2022 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX this July 9th-13th.



SPAGHETTI LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT OUR YOUTH ATTENDING NATIONAL YOUTH GATHERING

June 12th, 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. following Worship Service.

\$8.00 a plate, 12 and under \$5.00. To go—\$8.00 a plate.
Family dine-in \$20.00



BEGINNING JUNE 1ST, we will be offering a different Wednesday Worship Service than our Sunday Service. We invite everyone to join us at every service being offered, no matter the day of the week! During June, Pastor will be preaching through the book of Galatians.

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

ADULT CONFIRMATION (3)

Chris Dupuis	April 27, 2022
Jennifer Dupuis	April 27, 2022
Patti Dupuis	April 27, 2022

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.**

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"

Congratulations one and all that helped LWML reach the goal of \$3000 for replacement of Building Funds used to install the new flooring in the Narthex. Due to generosity of flooring installers who donated their labor—cost was much less! Good job to all and thanks again. Now funds can be used to continue improvements in other areas of the church. Thanks to Mark—Trustee for removal of the tree stumps and yard work. Looking good!!

The Zone 2 Rally held at Kingsford on April 23rd was a wonderful event. We had 32 attendees, and everyone was glad to get together again. Bible Study and business in the morning. Potato/salad bar well received for lunch. Pastor and Heathers talk about their mission experiences in Puerto Rico was wonderful. Ingathering went to St. Vincent & Caring House. Mite offering was \$223.69 and Mission offering went to Neuendorfs for \$250. There was also a Thrivent Grant for \$250.

Monday, May 9th was our Ladies Banquet and again everything went well, and everyone had a good time!! Decorations, punch social, consignment displays, program with Judy Reid (thrift store shopper) did awesome job followed by Style shows modeling all outfits from thrift stores!! Fun Fun! By the way Judy's husband/driver even worked as a server for supper along with Pastor, Dana, John, Rob, Jason, Aaron. All loved working with caterer Patti and hubby Brett. Hope you will shop and support our local thrift consignment shops—they were thrilled with response!! Happy Shopping!

Also, take a few minutes as you enter the Narthex to notice the Aqua bench with butterfly cushion and give us your opinion if you think we should purchase it for extra seating as you enter the church. As yet it's on loan from "Not Just Another Resale Shop" in Norway. Refurbished (antique) headboard from bed and upholstered by Rob & Vicki K.

LWML will not be meeting for business meeting thru the summer BUT we are discussing trips to area museums with lunch prior. Plans not finalized yet but keep posted! Ones considered are: Children's Imagination Factory Museum, Glider Museum and Niagara Historical Museum. Nice to know what's going on in our area to pass it on to family and friends!

Enjoy the summer. See you in the fall—Sept. 12th.

Thanks again to ALL who helped in any way at any of the current events—sure was appreciated. Also, congratulations and welcome to our confirmands—June 5th. AND all the others throughout the year. Please feel free to join us!!

Serve the Lord with Gladness

God Bless,
Caren & LWML Gals.

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.



Volunteer Village

What is Volunteer Village? We are in the process of building rustic cabins for volunteers to utilize in the summer to add to our volunteer program and increase the ministry impact that happens at camp. Each cabin will have space for 5 people to sleep, with 2 bunkbeds in a full-twin and twin-twin format. Additional information about the program and the application are available below. For any further information please reach out via email to volunteer@campluther.com

Join our Summer Staff 2022

Camp is still in need of summer staff, specifically four counselors! Do you know someone who would be great for a summer of ministry with us? Send them to the link below for more information. It is a big challenge every year to recruit summer staff and we know that word of mouth is great and that you know hardworking and mature college students who love Jesus and are willing to sacrifice a lot to bring that love to thousands of kids over the course of a summer at camp.

Alumni Staff Reunion July 1-3, 2022

Are you a past summer staffer? Come join us for our Alumni Staff Reunion this summer! This weekend is a great way to catch up with old staff members, reminisce on old memories, and create new ones.

"Therefore, as you received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in him, rooted and built up in him and established in the faith, just as you were taught abounding in thanksgiving."

Despite the constant changes that we experience in the world that we live in, our God remains faithful to us and keeps us rooted in our faith through the Holy Spirit. Camp Luther has remained rooted and firm in its mission and core values to continue to witness to and serve all who come away to this quiet place. Regardless of where we've been since our summers at camp, we pray that your time at Camp Luther is rooted deep in your memories and that it may always hold a special place in your heart.

Golf Classic! June 17, 2022

Come support Camp Luther in the 18th Annual Golf Classic. All proceeds from this event help bring first-time campers to camp. All are welcome to take part in this event!

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.

Online Auction

We will be holding an online auction to further support the Every Kid to Camp fund. The auction will start on May 17th and end on the afternoon of the Golf Classic, June 17th. Make sure to follow social media accounts for sneak peeks of our auction items.

Auction Items

If you have items that you think would make great auction items, please fill out the form on our web-site and send it in with your item. If you have any questions, please contact the Camp Luther Office at (715) 546-3647 or oz@campluther.com

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.

June 5

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Gary P
Organist: Don H.

June 12

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

June 19

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Jim R.
Organist: Marian V.

June 26

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

Altar Guild for June:

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:

- ☐ A fever
- ☐ Chills
- ☐ A dry cough
- ☐ Shortness of breath
- ☐ Sore throat
- ☐ New loss of taste &/or smell

☐ Masks are available on the Welcome Kiosk as well as hand sanitizer for anyone who wishes to use them.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

June 1

Elder: Damian T.

June 8

Elder: Damian T.

June 15

Elder: Gary P.

June 22

Elder: Damian T.

June 29

Elder: Damian T.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, April 27 (7:00 PM)	13
Sunday, May 1 (9:00 AM)	87
Wednesday, May 4 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, May 8 (9:00 AM)	122
Wednesday, May 11 (7:00 PM)	8
Sunday, May 15 (9:00 AM)	110
Wednesday, May 18 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, May 22 (9:00 AM)	95



Health and Wellness Ministry

June

JUNE IS NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

HOW TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL SAFETY MONTH

Conduct a home fire drill

Fire is highly likely. However, taking precautionary measures can prevent severe damage. And what better time than National Safety Month to practice a fire drill. Select a safety point that's close to your house. Test your fire alarms and perform the drill.

Update your first-aid kit

Keeping an updated professional first aid kit is a simple yet effective way to keep yourself prepared for unforeseen emergencies. Make sure to stock it with dressings, bandages, tape, ointments, wipes, aspirin, gloves, scissors, and gauze pads. Make sure to check the first-aid kit regularly and remove ointments and medications that have reached their expiration dates.

Practice self-defense

It's always good to be mentally and physically prepared to face any unforeseen harm or danger. The best part about self-defense is that anyone can learn it. Anyone who needs to improve their strength and agility can practice different techniques like karate, boxing, and jiu-jitsu.

Motor vehicle safety

- Insist on good driver education and plenty of driving practice before getting a license.
- Teach never to drive after consuming alcohol. Nearly half of all motor vehicle deaths involve alcohol.
- Urge a call home instead of driving drunk or riding with an intoxicated driver. Talk about the incident the next morning.
- Teach to refuse a ride in a car driven by someone who has been drinking.
- If possible, limit the late night outings. Most accidents occur on weekends, after midnight.
- Teach to always wear seat belts. Set a positive example by wearing seat belts whenever you drive.
- Stress the dangers of playing "chicken" - driving into the path of an oncoming vehicle or train. Every year, many are seriously injured or killed when they misjudge the speed or distance of the oncoming vehicle.

Bicycle and pedestrian safety

- Stress the need for bicyclist and pedestrians to follow safety rules. Urge bicyclists and motorcycle drivers and passengers to wear helmets.
- Stress the dangers of playing "chicken" - standing in front of oncoming vehicles, bicycles or trains. Every year, many are seriously injured or killed when they misjudge the speed of the oncoming vehicles.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—June

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.



June Birthdays

- 1 Casey A.
Bradley H.
- 2 Sally G.
Todd L.
- 3 Eli S.
- 5 Cynthia K.
Heather R.
- 6 Laurence M.
- 8 Myles M.
- 9 Don H.
Lori L.
- 10 Dorothy J.
Candy S.
- 11 Mary B.
Maridol B.
Liz R.
- 12 Kim B.
Stephanie B.
Aliyah G.
Mike W.
- 13 Julie M.
David M.
- 16 William P.
Olivia T.
- 17 Jennifer D.
- 19 Tyler B.
Ronda J.
Eric R.
- 20 Steven K.
Shelly T.
Nancy W.
- 21 Allyn N.
Riley P.
Tracy V.

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

- 23 Margaret L.
Natalie P.
- 25 David W.
- 26 Sebastian T.
- 28 Ely M.
- 29 Chris D.
- 30 Chloe H.

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.

June Anniversaries



- 5 Joe & Chelsea H.
- 6 Carolyn & Mike M.
- 8 Gilbert & Diane K.
- 12 Rodney & Barbara H.
Don & Roxanne M.
- 16 David & Kathy P.
- 17 Paul & Kate M.
- 18 Robert & Jessica G.
Ed & Carol T.
- 19 David & Sue P.
- 20 Bradley & Hannah L.
- 21 John & Carole E.
Mark & Laura M.
- 23 Mike & Lynn C.
- 28 David & Sharon A.
- 30 David & Heather S.

**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>			<p>1 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M Midweek Divine Service*</p>	<p>2 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>3 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>4</p>
<p>5 <i>Day of Pentecost (Confirmation)</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders</p>	<p>8 7:00 P.M Midweek Divine Service*</p>	<p>9 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>10 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>11</p>
<p>North Wisconsin District Convention – Rothschild, WI</p>						
<p>12 <i>The Holy Trinity</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M.-1:00 P.M. Youth Group Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>	<p>15 7:00 P.M Midweek Divine Service*</p>	<p>16 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>17 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19 <i>2nd S. after Pentecost</i> 99:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>20 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i></p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22 7:00 P.M Midweek Divine Service*</p>	<p>23 No Bible Study</p>	<p>24 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i></p>	<p>25 3:00 P.M. Korte/Antonissen Wedding</p>
<p>26 <i>3rd S. after Pentecost</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>	<p>29 7:00 P.M Midweek Divine Service*</p>	<p>30 10:00 A.M. Bible Study</p>		

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Here to Serve!