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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

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'"

- Galatians 5:13-14 (ESV)

Throughout the month of June, our Epistle lessons on Sunday have been from the book of Galatians. During our Wednesday services, I've been preaching through that book one chapter at a time. I loved that the above verses came on the last Sunday of June, just two days after the Supreme Court voted to overturn *Roe v. Wade*. "The whole law is fulfilled in one word: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'" (Gal. 5:14) Out of love and concern for the weakest and most frail of our neighbors, Our Redeemer and the LCMS are pro-life and celebrate this court decision as one huge step in a return toward the value of all human life in our society.

One of the criticisms often leveled at Christians by those who want to justify the abortion of the unborn is that the Church cares more about "births" than it does babies after they're born, mothers, the poor, the mentally ill, and anyone else whose life is endangered. We would agree that the Church should *absolutely* care about every single life, no matter the age or circumstance. However, we would reject the notion that we should pit the lives of unborn against all others. There is room in the Church—and there is a history in the Church—for caring for the lives of all. The early church in Acts 6 created the office of deacon to oversee distribution of food to the hungry so the apostles could focus on preaching and teaching. (Acts 6) St. Paul urged the Corinthians to give in support of the Christians in need in Jerusalem. (2 Cor. 9) The apostles commanded that Christians care for widows and orphans. The Church led the way in the field of medicine by creating hospitals. Even today, many hospitals have a Christian affiliation. Christians have started crisis pregnancy centers and adoption agencies in order to give women with unplanned pregnancies options toward protecting the life of their children and securing hope for the future.

Now, I've used this article to further reflect on what it means to be pro-life as a congregation. But I have a secondary motivation. The Church is where we receive God's love and mercy in Jesus Christ...and then in turn show love and mercy to others. That's what it truly means to be *pro-life*: to receive *life* from God in our Lord Jesus and to aid the *life* of our neighbor who is also loved by God. Our service toward our neighbor—whom God has commanded us to love—is non-negotiable. It is upon us to be a congregation where we love our neighbor...every neighbor, no matter how small...no matter how they have been wounded by this world.

How can you serve your neighbor? How can you be *pro-life* each day in the relationships where God has put you face to face with His children? It begins with the *life* that you receive from Him. That *life* equips you to bear love and mercy to every one of the dear children of God the Father.

In Christ our Lord,

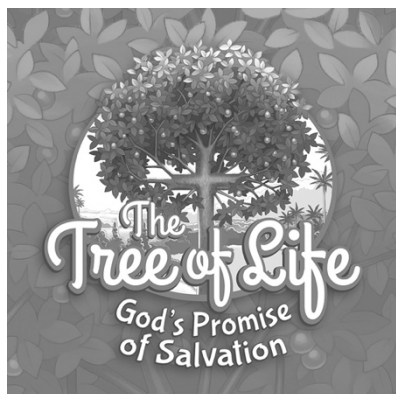
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ALTAR GUILD NEEDS MORE MEMBERS! If you are interested in helping keep the sanctuary beautiful, please contact Carol Thornton at 282-8740. Orientation will be provided. Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM, but attendance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

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



VBS 2022 All kids in preschool through 6th grade (2021-22 school year) are welcome to join us. There is no cost for this event. Kids will learn Bible stories, do crafts, play games, learn songs, eat snacks, and enjoy being with other kids as the good news of our salvation in Jesus Christ is proclaimed!
AUGUST 1ST – 5TH 9:00 A.M. TO 12:00 P.M. VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AS WELL!!!
REGISTER AT WWW.OURREDEEMERKINGSFORD.ORG – CLICK ON ‘VBS’ IN THE MENU.



People of all ages are invited to join the Our Redeemer community on Sunday, August 7th at 10:30 a.m. for an **OUTDOOR SERVICE IN FRONT OF THE CHURCH, WHICH WILL BE FOLLOWED BY A PICNIC.** Attendees are welcome to bring their own lawn chair for the service, but folding chairs will be available as well. The picnic meal will be served potluck-style with meat and beverages being provided.

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

CONFIRMATION (5)

Zaeda Bowers	June 5, 2022
Jesse Garvaglia	June 5, 2022
Jacob Harris	June 5, 2022
Analise Muchka	June 5, 2022
Lillie Wilson	June 5, 2022

WEDDING (1)

Antonissen/Korte	June 25, 2022
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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"

Pres. Caren attended "Women of Faith" No. Wis. Dist. Convention June 16-18, 2022, at Radisson Hotel in Green Bay. Was a very interesting conference—met many old and new friends. Heather R. & Jim O. provided music throughout and due to a cancellation of the main speaker at the Banquet they also presented a special concert. Election of Officers—Joan B. Pres., Dawn V. 2nd VP, Diane S. Treasurer, Rev. Brian Lierman, Pastoral Counselor. Mission Grant Budget \$115,000 goal approved. Top six grants approved:

1. Orphan Grain Train WI Branch; \$1,500
2. NW Prof. Church Workers grants; \$25,000
3. Concordia Food & Clothing Co-op; \$10,000
4. Hannah Center (Women's Crisis); \$10,000
5. Future Servant Leaders; \$20,000
6. "God Speaks Our Languages"; \$8,500

Caren continued on vacation and will fill in further details upon return!

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 but be cautious in the heat!

See you in the fall—Sept. 12th. 1:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall.

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 on our web-site. For any further information please reach out via email to volunteer@campluther.com

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.

Camp Luther Cottages

Life is hectic with constant change and new information that leaves you wondering what is right and what is wrong. The anxiety and stress pile up. It isn't supposed to be this way. We get it. And we want to help. Book a cottage at Camp Luther and escape the noise of the world for a few days. Find peace, restore joy, and return home healthier and more equipped to handle the next change that comes your way.

Each of our 15 lakeside cottages features:

- Bathroom with shower
- Living Room
- Kitchen with stove, refrigerator, and small kitchen appliances
- Picnic Table
- Charcoal Grill
- 12' Rowboat
- Walk-Out Pier
- Access to Camp Luther's recreational equipment free of charge

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.

July 3

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

July 10

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

July 17

9:00 am Elders: Jim R. & Ed T.
Organist: Marian V.

July 24

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

July 31

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

Altar Guild for July:

Carol L.

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

July 6

Elder: Gary P.

July 13

Elder: Damian T.

July 20

Elder: Damian T.

July 27

Elder: Damian T.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Thursday, May 26 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, May 29 (9:00 AM)	55
Wednesday, June 1 (7:00 PM)	15
Sunday, June 5 (9:00 AM)	122
Wednesday, June 8 (7:00 PM)	17
Sunday, June 12 (9:00 AM)	107
Wednesday, June 15 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, June 19 (9:00 AM)	78
Wednesday, June 22 (7:00 PM)	25
Sunday, June 26 (9:00 AM)	85



Independence
DAY

Health and Wellness Ministry

July

Wellness starts with ...Physical Activity

A growing number of people are overweight or obese. Being overweight increases your risk of heart disease, type 2 diabetes, high blood pressure, stroke, breathing problems, arthritis, gall-bladder disease, sleep apnea, osteoarthritis, and some cancers.

An active lifestyle can help. Being physically active can provide these benefits:

- reduces your risk of dying from heart disease or stroke
- lowers your risk of getting heart disease, stroke, high blood pressure, colon cancer and diabetes
- lowers high blood pressure
- helps keep your bones, muscles, and joints healthy
- reduces anxiety and depression and improves your mood
- helps you handle stress
- helps control your weight
- protects against falling and bone fractures in older adults
- may help protect against breast cancer
- helps control joint swelling and pain from arthritis
- gives you more energy
- helps you sleep better
- helps you look better

Steps you can take to get moving. It's easy to add 30 minutes of physical activity into your day.

- Choose an activity that's fun.
- Change your activities, so you don't get bored.
- Doing housework may not be fun, but it does get you moving! So does gardening, yard work, and walking the dog.
- If you can't set aside one block of time, do short activities during the day, such as three 10 minute walks.
- Create opportunities for activity, such as parking your car farther away, taking the stairs instead of the elevator, or walking down the hall to talk to a coworker instead of using e-mail.
- Don't let the cold weather keep you on the couch! You can still find activities to do in the winter like exercising to a workout video or joining a sports league. Or get a head start on your spring cleaning by choosing active indoor chores like window washing or reorganizing closets.
- Use different jogging, walking, or biking paths to vary your routine.
- Exercise with a friend or family member.
- If you have children, make time to play with them outside. Set a positive example!
- Make activities into social occasions - have dinner after you and a friend work out.
- Read books or magazines to inspire you.
- Set specific, short-term goals, and reward yourself when you achieve them.
- Don't feel badly if you don't notice body changes right away.
- Make your activity a regular part of your day, so it becomes a habit.
- Build a community group to form walking clubs, build walking trails, start exercise classes, and organize special events to promote physical activity.

Talk to your health care provider before you start any physical activity if you:

- have heart disease or had a stroke or are at high risk for them
- have diabetes or are at high risk or it
- are obese
- have an injury like a knee injury
- are older than age 50
- are pregnant



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—July

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.



July Birthdays

- 2 Wendy S.
- 3 Aaliyah H.
- 5 Miles L.
John M.
- 6 Larry K.
Hope S.
- 7 Paige B.
Tony C.
Pearl K.
- 9 Allison M.
Paul S.
- 10 Dawn C.
Marsha S.
- 11 Lynne C.
Roxanne M.
Ethan R.
- 13 Mac F.
- 14 Benjamin F.
Chynna W.
- 15 Megan A.
John S.
- 17 Doug J.
- 18 Cathey A.
Brandon W.
- 20 Gladys B.
Jacob B.
Jaden T.
- 21 Chris K.
- 23 Wyatt M.
Allen P.
Debra P.
- 24 Krista F.
Dawn S.
- 25 Brynnly S.

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

- 28 Ann G.
- 29 Bill B.
Ashley L.
Pastor Tom M.
Christian M.
Maria Lorena R.
- 30 Jacki B.
- 31 Sharon A.
Jennifer 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.

July Anniversaries



- 2 Dean & Linda G. II
- 7 Jim & Carol C.
- 9 Jacob & Calyn M.
- 10 Jim & Lisa R.
Brian & Maria Lorena R.
- 11 Rob & Dawn C.
John & Barbara M.
- 22 William & Jade P.

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3 4 th S. after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	4 Independence Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	6 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	7 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	1 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	2
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17 6 th S. after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	18 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	19	20 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	21 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	22 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	23
24 7 th S. after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting	25	26	27 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	28 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	29 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	30
31 8 th S. after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	<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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Here to Serve!