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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 this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God."

- Ephesians 3:14-19 (ESV)

The Church is a family. We do well to remember that, particularly in this present age where the family is simply a house of people of any sort of makeup. In the Church, God is the Father. Christ is the Son. The Church is the Bride of Christ. All of us who are baptized into Christ and part of the Church are God's children. The Church has a Father, a "husband and wife," and children. It's a family!

Understanding the importance of this family is crucial to our life as a congregation of God's children here on earth. St. Paul says in the text above that "every family in heaven and on earth is named" after the Father. That means God's family is the pattern...the example...for every single earthly family.

During the month of September, we will take three weeks to reflect on these themes and how they shape our lives as God's people. On September 11th, our theme will be "The Family Gathers" and speak on our life together in worship. On September 18th, the theme will be "The Family Gets to Work" and will focus on our lives as stewards of what God gives us. Then our series will conclude on September 15th with the theme "The Family Grows" and will call attention to the Church's mission and outreach.

Many people—both in the Church and outside of it—lament the deterioration of our family in our culture. As St. Paul reminds us in the Ephesians 3 text above, every family is named after the heavenly Father. In other words, every family is meant to be a picture of God's family. We don't use the terms of family to help us understand God and His family. We understand our own families by knowing Him who has made us and sent His Son to redeem us.

I feel I've written about this in this space and said it countless times (particularly over the past two and a half years), but I will be bold enough to say it again: if you are not here with us, you are missed. You *belong* here. Your brother and sister Christians who gather here with you are your family. God is your Father. Christ is Your brother and is the Church's bridegroom. The family belongs *together*.

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

Pastor Ruesch

Strong Together as
God's Family



*Sermon Series on Our Shared Life
as Children of the Heavenly Father*

JOIN US FOR A SPECIAL SERMON SERIES! On September 11th, 18th, and 25th, “Strong Together as God’s Family” will reflect on what it means for us as Christians to live together as God’s family with the following themes:

Sept. 11th – “Worship: The Family Gathers”

Sept. 18th – “Stewardship: The Family Gets to Work”

Sept. 25th – “Mission: The Family Grows

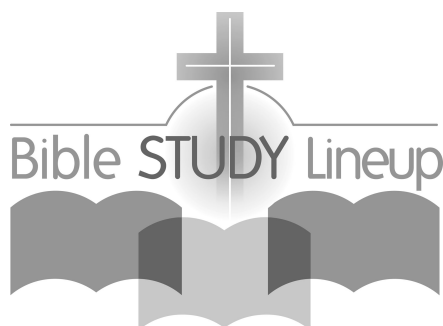
God’s family is meant to be together...so be there! Following these services, we’ll be serving Tadych’s bakery sweet rolls and donuts, along with coffee and juice!



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 START-OF-YEAR CONFIRMATION STUDENT & PARENT MEETING will take place on Wednesday, September 7th at 5:30 P.M. Our class is open to all youth in 5th and 6th grades. Please contact Pastor Ruesch at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org if you are interested in enrolling your child in our confirmation program.



OUR SUNDAY MORNING EDUCATION HOUR will resume on Sunday, September 11th. We invite everyone ages 3 to 103 (and even older!) to join us during the school year at 10:30 A.M.

THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY resumes on Thursday, September 8th at 10:00 A.M. Come study the Word of God with us!

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptisms

Elloise Mae Rajala	July 30, 2022
Lilith Renée Muchka	July 31, 2022

Adult Confirmation

Lisa Swanson	August 3, 2022
Charles Swanson	August 3, 2022
Edward Swanson	August 3, 2022
Sydney Swanson	August 3, 2022

Affirmation of Faith

Harold Long	August 2, 2022
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Transfer In

Jenna Chapes	August 2, 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
Lutheran Women in Mission

LWML-LADIES' GUILD

"Serve the Lord with Gladness"

We've probably asked ourselves, at one time or another, "Why has God put me here on earth?" As we get older, the question may be even more on our minds. Some of us can't do some of the things we did in the past because our health isn't what it used to be. We're more limited in what we can do.

I remember this being the case with quite a few of the members of the church I was a vicar at in Florida. Quite often, I would hear complaints about the aches and pains they experienced as old age set in. Some didn't understand why the Lord had still kept them around because they couldn't do much physically. They didn't see any point in their life.

I'm convinced that as long as we are alive God has a purpose for us, no matter what our physical and mental states happen to be. It doesn't matter to God if we can no longer get on our sore knees to work in the garden. It doesn't matter to Him that we aren't able to lift our aching arms high enough to get rid of all the cobwebs hanging in the corners of the rooms in our house. He doesn't care if we can't remember what we did yesterday. He still has a purpose for us.

Paul wrote: *"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Ephesians 2:10). Our purpose on earth is to continue to do the good works God has ordained for us to do. As long as we are alive, we can do good by God's grace. We don't have to be in top physical shape to pray. We don't have to do the fifty-yard dash under five seconds in order to give our mites. We don't have to score high on an IQ test to share the love of Jesus with someone else. God continues to use us for good despite our declining physical and mental conditions. He still has a purpose for us; He still values us.

God gives us reason to rejoice. He uses us as we are, in every stage of our life.

Pastor Douglas Reinders

Senior Pastoral Counselor

(Summer 2022, Mission tidings article, NWD LWML)

Upcoming events:

Sept. 12—1 p.m.—1st meeting

Oct. 2—9 a.m. LWML Sunday

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

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

Labor Day Weekend SEPT. 2-5, 2022 | FAMILIES | 3 NIGHTS & 7 MEALS

Enjoy a flexible and relaxing schedule with your family and other families during this holiday weekend. Adults and kids have age-appropriate Bible study sessions, with the adults led by a guest pastor and kids led by camp staff. Start a new family tradition this year! There'll be time for pontoon rides, kayaking, trail biking, swimming, cookouts, softball, disc golf, Bible study, and campfire devotions.

Retreat Center Housing and Meals are still available

\$150 (Adult); \$125 (Age 5-17); Free (Age 0-4)

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.

September 4

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Jim R.
Ushers: Michael K. & Bob R.
Organist: Don H.

September 11

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Bob R. & Scott W.
Organist: Don H.

September 18

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Jim R.
Ushers: Bob R. & Michael K.
Organist: Marian V.

September 25

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

Altar Guild for September:

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

September 7

Elder: Gary P.

September 14

Elder: Damian T.

September 21

Elder: Damian T.

September 28

Elder: Gary P.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, July 27 (7:00 PM)	Cancelled
Sunday, July 31 (9:00 AM)	101
Wednesday, August 3 (7:00 PM)	17
Sunday, August 7 (8:00 AM)	29
Outdoor Service (10:30 AM)	59
Sunday, August 14 (9:00 AM)	65
Sunday, August 21 (9:00 AM)	65
Wednesday, August 24 (7:00 PM)	7
Sunday August 28 (9:00 AM)	99

Cold remedies: What works, what doesn't, what can't hurt

There's no cure for the common cold. But what about cold remedies that claim to make you feel better faster? Find out what's effective — and what's not.

Cold remedies are almost as common as the common cold, but are they effective? Nothing can cure a cold. But some remedies might help ease your symptoms and keep you from feeling so miserable. Here's a look at some common cold remedies and what's known about them.

Cold remedies that work

If you catch a cold, you can expect to be sick for one to two weeks. That doesn't mean you have to be miserable. These remedies might help you feel better:

- **Stay hydrated.** Water, juice, clear broth or warm lemon water with honey helps loosen congestion and prevents dehydration. Avoid alcohol, coffee and caffeinated sodas, which can make dehydration worse.
- **Rest.** Your body needs rest to heal.
- **Soothe a sore throat.** A saltwater gargle — 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon salt dissolved in an 8-ounce glass of warm water — can temporarily relieve a sore or scratchy throat. Children younger than 6 years are unlikely to be able to gargle properly.

You can also try ice chips, sore throat sprays, lozenges or hard candy. Use caution when giving lozenges or hard candy to children because they can choke on them. Don't give lozenges or hard candy to children younger than 6 years.

- **Combat stuffiness.** Over-the-counter saline nasal drops and sprays can help relieve stuffiness and congestion. In infants, experts recommend putting several saline drops into one nostril, then gently suctioning that nostril with a bulb syringe. To do this, squeeze the bulb, gently place the syringe tip in the nostril about 1/4 to 1/2 inch (about 6 to 12 millimeters), and slowly release the bulb. Saline nasal sprays may be used in older children.
- **Relieve pain.** For children 6 months or younger, give only acetaminophen. For children older than 6 months, give either acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Ask your child's doctor for the correct dose for your child's age and weight. Adults can take acetaminophen (Tylenol, others), ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others) or aspirin. Use caution when giving aspirin to children or teenagers. Though aspirin is approved for use in children older than age 3, children and teenagers recovering from chickenpox or flu-like symptoms should never take aspirin. This is because aspirin has been linked to Reye's syndrome, a rare but potentially life-threatening condition, in such children.
- **Sip warm liquids.** A cold remedy used in many cultures, taking in warm liquids, such as chicken soup, tea or warm apple juice, might be soothing and might ease congestion by increasing mucus flow.
- **Try honey.** Honey may help coughs in adults and children who are older than age 1. Try it in hot tea.
- **Add moisture to the air.** A cool-mist vaporizer or humidifier can add moisture to your home, which might help loosen congestion. Change the water daily and clean the unit according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- **Try over-the-counter (OTC) cold and cough medications.** For adults and children age 5 and older, OTC decongestants, antihistamines and pain relievers might offer some symptom relief. However, they won't prevent a cold or shorten its duration, and most have some side effects. Experts agree that these shouldn't be given to younger children. Overuse and misuse of these medications can cause serious damage. Talk with your child's doctor before giving any medications. Take medications only as directed. Some cold remedies contain multiple ingredients, such as a decongestant plus a pain reliever, so read the labels of cold medications you take to make sure you're not taking too much of any medication.

Cold remedies that don't work

The list of ineffective cold remedies is long. Some of the more common ones that don't work include:

- **Antibiotics.** These attack bacteria, but they're no help against cold viruses. Avoid asking your doctor for antibiotics for a cold or using old antibiotics you have on hand. You won't get well any faster, and inappropriate use of antibiotics contributes to the serious and growing problem of antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
- **Over-the-counter cold and cough medications in young children.** OTC cold and cough medications may cause serious and even life-threatening side effects in children. Talk with your child's doctor before giving any medications.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—September

What is Stewardship?

What is a steward? Most people, when asked this question, will reply: “A manager.” That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner’s property on the owner’s behalf.

We are God’s stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him. For we have brought nothing into this world, and we can take nothing out of it (1 Tim. 6:7). Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God’s fatherly Divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. Not only because, as the Creator, He created all things. But also, as the Redeemer, He has redeemed, that is, purchased and won all things. It all, therefore, belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage His possessions on His behalf here on earth. And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed.

What a responsibility. For to whom much is given, much shall be required (Luke 12:48). We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what His desire and will for His property is.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will for all His gifts are to be used. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing that we have that doesn’t belong to Him. “Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price” (1 Cor. 6:19–20). He informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – His managers and custodians – of His property are to do the managing.

And that is what stewardship is. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us. As St. Paul said: “Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness” (Rom. 6:13). So, let’s dive into the God’s Word and listen to what the owner desires from His stewards.



September Birthdays

- 2 Robert G.
- 4 Jacob L.
- 7 Carol L.
- 8 Betty S.
- 9 Charlotte B.
Darla H.
Mary L.
Vicki W.
- 10 Glenn J.
Carrie V.
- 11 Laura M.
- 13 Michael K.
Adrienne T.
- 14 Carmen L.
Mike P.
- 16 Paul O.
Chloe P.
Zach P.
Maddex S.
- 17 Hannah L.
- 19 Zaeda B.
Alexander R.
- 20 Gilbert K.
Christyl S.
- 22 Julia A.
Joan L.
- 23 Rudy V.
- 24 Myron F.
- 25 Brynley G.
- 26 Cloe L.
- 28 Helen N.
Jen P.
Kathy P.
- 29 Kayla J.
Lisa R.
- 30 Dean G. II
Jennifer P.

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

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.

September Anniversaries



- 4 Chris & Renee W.
- 7 Christopher & Allison K.
- 10 Preston & Jean T.
- 13 Bernie & Judi P.
- 19 Gary & Julie M.
Steve & Tracy T.
- 23 Ken & Sara B.
- 25 Roger & Tricia O.
- 26 Michael & Kendra T.
- 29 Kevin & Kris M.
Roger & Carrie V.
- 30 Pastor Tom and Shirley M.

**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	2 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	3
4 13 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	5 Labor Day <i>Church Office Closed</i>	6 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	7 5:30 P.M. Confirmation Meeting 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	8 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	9 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	10
11 14 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	12 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	13 8:00 A.M. Circuit Pastors' Meeting at ORLC	14 Holy Cross Day 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	15 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	16 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	17
18 15 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	19 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	20	21 St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	22 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	23 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	24
25 16 th Sunday after Pentecost 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	26	27	28 St. Michael and All Angels (Obs.) 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	29 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	30 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	

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Here to Serve!