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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
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lcms.org or on Facebook at
facebook.com/TheLCMS.

From the Pastor's Desk

"Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.' Then I said, 'Ah, Lord God! Behold, I do not know how to speak, for I am only a youth.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, 'I am only a youth'; for to all to whom I send you, you shall go, and whatever I command you, you shall speak. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, declares the LORD.'"

- Jeremiah 1:4-8 (ESV)



The phrase "reproductive freedom"—which Proposal 3 on the ballot in Michigan claims to uphold—is a complete and utter myth. This seeks to enshrine in the constitution of the State of Michigan a "new individual right to reproductive freedom, including right to make and carry out all decisions about pregnancy, such as prenatal care, childbirth, postpartum care, contraception, sterilization, abortion, miscarriage management, and infertility." The lie in this amendment is the insinuation that all of the items they list are somehow part of a "reproductive process." The scientific, undisputed *truth* is that as soon as a woman is pregnant, reproduction *has already occurred*. If the "mental health" of a patient is a concern during pregnancy, what is to stop from taking the life of, say, a three-year old? Both the tiny fetus within the mother and the three-year old are the fruit of reproduction that has already happened. They are equally human lives that are simply in different stages of development.

Ultimately, the sin of abortion is—like every other sin—a sin of idolatry. While the Lord gives many commands that flow out of the Ten Commandments, every sin is ultimately a sin, first and foremost, against the First Commandment. "You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things." Every sin of ours places our will above God's...exalts ourselves above Him who gave us life.

In the case of abortion, that sin of idolatry causes us to deny that God is the One who has created this child (even in the most tragic of circumstances) and that He is able to be at work (even in those very tragedies). It replaces trust in God who guides and leads us through this life with the individual as the one who sets the course for the future.

The opening chapter of Jeremiah is a beautiful testament to God at work even in the most tragic of circumstances. Jeremiah is often called "The Weeping Prophet" because of his regular laments over the state of God's people and the judgment that God visits upon them. (He even has a book *called Lamentations*!) "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you." (Jeremiah 1:5, ESV) Even before Jeremiah was conceived in the womb of his mother, the Lord God was ordering things according to His will. Jeremiah needed only trust in God's faithfulness toward Israel. Out of Israel, God would bring forth His Son, Jesus Christ, who would die Himself under tragic circumstances. Yet God would use that death to redeem us from all of our sins, including the sin of abortion and every sin that you and I use to exalt ourselves above the One who loves us and forgives us perfectly.

I urge each of you who are Michigan voters: show up on Tuesday, November 8th to your polling place and vote "NO" on Proposal 3. Christian faith compels us to speak on behalf of those who are unable to speak for themselves.

In Christ our Lord,

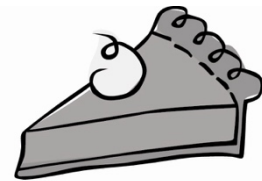
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THANKSGIVING BASKETS will be available to families in need of assistance again this year. If you or someone you know would benefit from a delivery of ingredients for a Thanksgiving dinner, please contact the church office at (906) 774-1844 or secretary@ourredeemerkingsford.org. We will gather to assemble the baskets and deliver them at 9:00 A.M. on Saturday, November 19th. Your help is appreciated!

OUR THANKSGIVING EVE DIVINE SERVICE will take place on Wednesday, November 23rd at 7:00 P.M. We're pleased to also announce that there will be a **PUMPKIN PIE SOCIAL** following the service!



ALTAR GUILD NEEDS MORE MEMBERS, MEN AND WOMEN! If you are interested in helping keep the sanctuary beautiful, please contact Carol Thornton at (906) 282-8740. Orientation will be provided. Meetings are scheduled for the third Wednesday of the month at 10 AM, but attendance is not mandatory.

"HELPING HANDS" IS NOW "THE OUR REDEEMER LIFE TEAM!" We've combined Helping Hands and our "Health & Wellness Ministry" into a new ministry that is the local outreach of "Lutherans For Life." This ministry seeks to meet the bodily needs of our neighbors—inside and outside our congregation—with the message that life is precious to God at every stage. **YOU CAN STILL PURCHASE GIVING BEAN PRODUCTS TO SUPPORT THIS MINISTRY!** Please consider our Giving Bean fundraiser. Giving Bean coffee can be accessed at the ORLC website under the "Ministries" tab by clicking "Life Team."



STAY TUNED FOR DETAILS ON A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS CONCERT! National Christian recording artist Cloverton is coming to Kingsford! They will be performing a special Christmas concert on Friday, December 16th. Further details, including time of concert, will be available in the December newsletter, as well as in the Sunday bulletin and on the church website. To learn more about Cloverton, visit www.clovertonmusic.com.

VOTE "NO" ON PROPOSAL 3! If you are a Michigan voter, you are urged to vote in the General Election on Tuesday, November 8th and vote "NO" on ballot Proposal 3, which amends the Michigan Constitution to include "a new right to reproductive freedom." This amendment would eliminate any existing law and prevent any future law that places any kind of restriction on abortion, "gender affirming" treatments and surgery, and a whole host of other matters. As Christians, we affirm the dignity of every human life from conception until natural death and regard every life as a gift from God Himself. Speak in defense of those who cannot speak for themselves with your vote. Learn more at www.supportmiwomenandchildren.org.



OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptism

Owen Lorenzen October 15, 2022

TADYCH'S/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"

Fall is definitely upon us. No snow as I am writing this but it's all around us. So just in time—LWML presented our Ingathering of socks, mittens, gloves & hats to two of our teachers from the Willis Child Care Center at our Oct. 10th meeting. Teachers Kelsey R. & Emmye H. received 275 in all. That's 35 over three times the goal for "What's your 80?" the challenge of National LWML Celebrating 80 years of God's Grace of LWML 1942-2022. God Bless all for your generous gifts for our young ones in need. Warm hands and feet make happier healthy students. Pastor has a picture of dedication on Facebook.

Our Oct. meeting, we welcomed Marsha S. as a newcomer. We look forward to her joining us as a regular.

Barb C. gave opening and completed the 2nd half of The Bible Study on *Lord's Prayer*. Gloria gave mite prayer prior to mite offering. Business meeting opened by Caren Pres. With many thanks for all accomplished in my absence. Ingathering, LWML Sunday etc.

Upcoming events—Nov meeting for update shut-in list, plans for college and military gifts, planning Christmas Luncheon on Dec. 12th. We welcome all the Congregation to attend meeting and luncheon to offer ideas for improving upcoming events to make them more successful.

Mentioning **SUCCESSFUL**—Were you aware that Oct. 9th was National Pastor's Day?? Time got away from me but when I offered my thanks and appreciation—Pastor says, "I don't get just a day—I get a whole month." SO, if you haven't expressed your thanks, you can even do it in November okay?!

Although Pastor didn't feel his series of Church Family sermons were as productive as he had hoped—when I attended last council meeting, I was thrilled with the newcomers who have accepted offices and become members of Elders, Altar Guild, etc. Praise God for the diligence Pastor and all our officers have put forth to keep our church operating so well. With new officers' ideas there will be changes and I welcome them with my whole heart so we can do our best to uphold God's kingdom.

Thanks to all who responded to God's challenge.

Upcoming events:

Nov. 14—1 p.m.— Reg. meeting

Dec. 12—Christmas Luncheon. Details to follow

Jan.9—1 p.m. 1st 2023 meeting—Happy new Year!

Oops—better wish everyone a Blessed Christmas Season 1st!

Serve the Lord with Gladness

God Bless,

Caren & LWML Gals.

Our Redeemer Children, Youth and Family Ministries

- Sunday School Every Sunday @ 10:30 a.m. Sept. through May. All children are welcome!
- Youth Confirmation Class Wednesdays 5:30 p.m. Sept. through May.
- Bible Study Opportunities Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

VISIT WWW.CAMPLUTHER.COM FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER FOR ANY OF THESE WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITIES.



Giving Tuesday *November 20th - December 2, 2022*

We are asking you to prayerfully consider joining us for our 2022 Giving Tuesday campaign! Giving Tuesday is a nationally celebrated day of giving. Here at Camp Luther we will celebrate Giving Tuesday from November 20th - December 2nd. This year we are looking to raise money for updating Program equipment:

- Replacing our Cross Country Skis and Mountain Bikes
- Updating our Specialty Camp Housing

We are asking for more than just monetary donations, stay tuned for our new and exciting ways to give!

Summer Staff *The NLOMA Application opens November 1st, 2022!*

Few experiences are as profound or impactful as a summer spent working at camp. Step into a job that's filled with purpose and gives you the opportunity to make a difference in the lives of kids by being the person you needed when you were younger. Do you know someone that would make a great summer staff member? Please share this information with them! We hire many different types of summer staff, not just counselors, check out our website for more information!

High School Reunion *December 2-4, 2022*

If you attended **Impact, High School Week**, or were a **Junior Counselor** this past summer, we'd like to invite you back up to the Northwoods for a reunion that's all about reconnecting with your camp friends and summer counselors.

Winter Blast *Weekend #1 - January 13-15, 2023 or Weekend #2 - January 20-22, 2023*

Looking for a weekend retreat for your Middle School and/or High School youth group? Look no further, we have just the retreat for you! The entire weekend is led by the Camp Luther staff to allow your leaders to focus on hanging out and building relationships with your students.

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.

November 6

9:00 am Elders: Jim R. & Gary P.
Ushers: Scott W. & Bob R.
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Aubrey M.

November 13

9:00 am Elders: Jim R. & Gary P.
Ushers: Michael K. & Volunteer
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Riley P.

November 20

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Scott W. & Michael K.
Organist: Marian V.
Acolyte: Jocelyn T.

November 27

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Brian R. & Volunteer
Organist: Don H.
Acolyte: Logan F.

Altar Guild for November:

Cindy K. & Carol L.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

November 2

Elder: Damian T.

November 9

Elder: Jim R.

November 16

Elder: Damian T.

November 23

Elder: Damian T.

Organist: Don H.

November 30

Elder: Jason L.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, September 28 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, October 2 (9:00 AM)	79
Wednesday, October 5 (7:00 PM)	20
Sunday, October 9 (9:00 AM)	82
Sunday, October 12 (9:00 AM)	20
Sunday, October 16 (9:00 AM)	91
Wednesday, October 19 (7:00 PM)	20
Sunday October 23 (9:00 AM)	104

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.

Health and Wellness Ministry

November

What are the first signs of being a diabetic?

If you have any of the following diabetes symptoms, see your doctor about getting your blood sugar tested:

- Urinate (pee) a lot, often at night.
- Are very thirsty.
- Lose weight without trying.
- Are very hungry.
- Have blurry vision.
- Have numb or tingling hands or feet.
- Feel very tired.
- Have very dry skin.

What is diabetes caused by? Type 2 diabetes is primarily the result of two interrelated problems: Cells in muscle, fat and the liver become resistant to insulin. Because these cells don't interact in a normal way with insulin, they don't take in enough sugar. The pancreas is unable to produce enough insulin to manage blood sugar levels.

How does diabetes affect your body? Over time, high blood glucose levels can damage the body's organs. Possible long-term effects include damage to large (macrovascular) and small (microvascular) blood vessels, which can lead to heart attack, stroke, and problems with the kidneys, eyes, gums, feet and nerves.

How do you feel if your diabetic? The symptoms you experience won't exactly match those of another person. However, the most common diabetes symptoms experienced by many people with diabetes are increased thirst, increased urination, feeling tired and losing weight.

How do you feel when your blood sugar is too high?

If your blood sugar level is too high, you may have:

- Increased thirst.
- Frequent urination.
- Blurred vision.
- Tiredness or weakness.
- Headache.
- Nausea and vomiting.
- Shortness of breath.

Can you be diabetic without knowing? So, yes, you most certainly can have diabetes and not know it. Without treatment, diabetes can increase your risk of developing other health issues, such as kidney disease, peripheral neuropathy, or heart disease. Diabetes is a chronic health condition, but it can be managed.

What kind of food should diabetics avoid? 11 Foods and Drinks to Avoid with Diabetes

- Sugar-sweetened beverages. Sugary beverages are the worst drink choice for someone with diabetes. ...
- Trans fats. ...
- White bread, rice, and pasta. ...
- Fruit-flavored yogurt. ...
- Sweetened breakfast cereals. ...
- Flavored coffee drinks. ...
- Honey, agave nectar, and maple syrup. ...

What organs are affected by diabetes? Diabetes is a serious disease that can affect your eyes, heart, nerves, feet and kidneys.

Without treatment, it can lead to:

- Heart and blood vessel disease. ...
- High blood pressure. ...
- Anemia (low blood cell count). ...
- Mineral and bone disorder. ...
- Kidney failure.

What happens if you don't treat diabetes? If left untreated, diabetes can lead to devastating complications, such as heart disease, nerve damage, blindness, kidney failure and amputations. And the risk of death for adults with diabetes is 50 percent higher than for adults without diabetes.



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—November

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Cor. 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It’s the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.





November Birthdays

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

“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.

November Anniversaries

- 2 Mac & Janice F.
- 10 Robert & Dawn S.
- 14 Junior L. & Jenna C.
- 29 Gary & Maria P.



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





NOVEMBER 2022

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Worship Services in bold print. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)		1	2 9:00 A.M. Service at ProMedica 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	3 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	4	5
6 <i>All Saints' Day (Observed)</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	7 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	8 9:00 A.M. Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Sion-Chatham	9 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	10 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	11 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	12
13 <i>23rd S. after Pentecost</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	14 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	15	16 10:00 A.M. Altar Guild 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	17 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	18 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	19 9:00 A.M. Thanksgiving Basket Assembly
20 <i>Last S. of the Church Year</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	21 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	22	23 7:00 P.M. Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service* & Pumpkin Pie Social	24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	25 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	26
27 <i>1st S. in Advent</i> 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:15 A.M. Fellowship 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	28	29	30 <i>Midweek of Advent</i> 1 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Advent Evening Prayer			

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Here to Serve!