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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Schedule of Services

Sundays:

Fellowship	8:30 A.M.
Divine Service	9:00 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 I delivered to you as of first importance what I also received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have fallen asleep. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me."

- 1 Corinthians 15:3-8 (ESV)

During Lent, our midweek services focused on the theme "Witnesses to Christ." We looked at the events of our Lord Jesus' passion from the standpoint of those who saw the events take place. The resurrection of Jesus as well was witnessed by those whom St. Paul named above in 1 Corinthians 15.

We would be well-served to remember and take to heart that the resurrection of Jesus from the grave is rooted in history. It's not some mere legend that Jesus' followers concocted to explain away His death. Jesus rose from the grave and He was seen. He was seen by *many*. The testimony of those who saw Jesus risen from the grave stands to this day as our proof that all that the Scriptures foretold about Jesus is, in fact, the truth.

The Church has gathered on Sundays throughout history and around the world as its own witness to the truth of the resurrection. As we gather together on the Lord's Day in the Lord's House around the Lord's Gifts—not just on Easter, but every Sunday—we do so in the confidence that the victory of Jesus over the grave secures our own victory over the grave.

This year, I invite you to contemplate how the resurrection of Jesus changes everything. How does His rising from the dead impact how you regard His Word found in Holy Scripture? How does His rising from the dead impact the way you view your own mortality and hope for a future? How does His rising from the dead impact the reality that He makes Himself present in His Word and Sacraments?

We do not serve a dead Lord. We serve a risen Lord. Unlike every other world religion, the resurrection of Jesus is attested to by, in Paul's own words, "more than five hundred brothers," along with Peter (Cephas), James, the other apostles, and Paul himself. It's not the fanciful fiction of those who claim to have had a private revelation. It's rooted in history. It's historical truth: life-changing, world-altering truth.

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

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Palm Sunday, April 2, Divine Service 9:00 a.m.
Holy Thursday, April 6, Divine Service 7:00 p.m.
Good Friday, April 7, Tenebrae Service 1:00 p.m.
Easter Sunrise, April 9, Divine Service 6:30 a.m.
Easter Breakfast, April 9, 7:30-8:30 a.m.
Easter Sunday, April 9, Divine Service 9:00 a.m.

The Easter Breakfast this year will be a potluck style breakfast. We are asking for egg-baked dishes. Please use the sign-up sheets on the table by the bulletins to sign up to bring a dish or to help with serving/cleanup.

ZONE 2 SPRING LWML RALLY

All women are invited to the LWML Zone 2 Spring Rally on Sat., April 15, at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Marquette. The Rally will begin at 9:00 am (ET) with registration, coffee, and refreshments. A Mother/Daughter duo will present reflections from their recent first-time experience on Redeemer's Honduras Mission Team. Allison Hein, Christian Life leader, will share a bible study called "Holy Communion: God's Gift to Us". Participants are asked to bring toothbrushes, travel size toothpaste, bar soap, travel size shampoo, pencils, and pencil sharpeners to be distributed on next year's Honduras Mission Trip.

There will be a \$5.00 registration fee. RSVP to Caren by April 10. Babysitting can be made available upon request for children age 10 and under. Notify Amy Gawry of babysitting needs by April 10 at amgawry@gmail.com

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING BANQUET

Monday, May 8, 2023
Gathering—5:00 pm
Dinner—6:00 pm

"Where Friends Gather"

Adults.....\$12.00
Students (7-12).....\$7.00
Children (6 & under)..... Free
Lasagna, salad, bread sticks and dessert.

Special diet requests will be taken
(chicken & baked potato)
Ticket sales April 16 -April 30

We are in need of male waiters to serve our meal! Anyone willing to volunteer—poor pay but good food and great thanks!!!
Contact Caren if you can help!

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Funerals

Mary Bednarz March 18, 2023
Damian Treiber March 23, 2023

Release

Alexander Reed March 21, 2023

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"

Spring has begun—along with our many spring activities. Lenten suppers prior to Midweek Lenten Church Services have been enjoyed by many. Thanks to all who are making them possible.

Our Camp Luther Retreat will be held April 15th. "How God has gifted Us—"What's your story". Wonderful day of friendship and learning God's word.

Our March meeting was opened with a devotion "Where Friends Gather" which is also the theme of our Ladies Spring Banquet May 8th. Bible Study by Barb C. was "Chosen for a Purpose" Excellent.

Discussion was held planning the Banquet with several plans for decorations, speakers etc. Caterer Patti Eberstch agreed to serve a Lasagna Dinner with salad, bread sticks & dessert. Special diet requests will be taken. (chicken & Baked Potato) Prices set at \$12.00 for adults, \$7.00 for students 7-12 and 6 and under free. Ticket sales will begin April 16th thru April 30th. Social Time is 5:30 Dinner served at 6:00 p.m. Program to follow in church proper. Salvation Army will speak on services offered in our area and we will be collecting donations for food pantry (canned goods & non-perishables) and personal hygiene items (always in need). There will be baskets in the Narthex prior to the banquet. We encourage donations and give thanks to all!! Special music will be provided by Crystal Hogan and Daron Kranz. We will also learn new gathering places in our own downtown area. A special emphasis will be on getting to know our friends and neighbors better. Please join us. Sure you'll have a good time. We are also in need of male waiters to serve our meal! Anyone willing to volunteer—poor pay but good food & great thanks!!

Hope you are planning for our National LWML Convention in Milwaukee, WI June 22-24. Absolutely a wonderful experience.

HAPPY Easter "He is Risen Indeed!"

Upcoming events:

April 10, 2023, meeting, 1 p.m. workbee for banquet

April 15, 2023, NWD Zone 2 Rally, Redeemer Lutheran, Marquette

April 15, 2023, Spring Retreat @ Camp Luther

May 8, 2023, Ladies Spring Banquet

June 22-24, 2023, National Convention in Milwaukee, WI

Serve the Lord with Gladness

Sincerely,

Caren and 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.



Golf Classic June 16th, 2023

Join us this summer for the 19th annual Golf Classic! All proceeds from this event go to our Every Kid to Camp program. This amazing program covers registration cost for any first time camper at Camp Luther. We love being able to provide this opportunity for all kids, but we can't do it without your help! Register today to help send more kids to camp!

Summer Staff Needs! Summer Staff 2023

We are so excited to welcome in our Summer Staff for 2023! We have already filled many of our positions, but we have a few still open and we need your help getting the word out!

We are still looking for:

- 2 Male Counselors
- 1 Female Counselor
- 1 Kitchen Assistant
- 1 Healthcare Program Coordinator
- 1 Male Impact Program Coordinator

Camp Luther's Keweenaw Base Camp Update

Over 10 years ago, "Keweenaw Base Camp" or "KBC" was formed because of a partnership between Camp Luther and what is now Northwinds Adventures (NWA). It has truly been incredible to see God work through KBC. The impact was felt through the changed lives of so many youths, adults, staff, and campers who had the privilege of attending programming there.

Camp Luther is continually asking the question of how we can best live out our mission, vision, and core values. As a result, it has been decided we will no longer continue to host groups at KBC. Instead, we have chosen to hone our time and resources to the staff, campers, families, groups, facilities, and programming that happens at Camp Luther to strengthen the ministry for years to come. This decision was carefully made because of many prayers and conversations between our Northwinds Adventures partners, camp leadership, and the board of directors.

We graciously thank Northwinds Adventures and all the people responsible for carrying out God's works through KBC! We will continue to pray for and encourage this important ministry in the UP and Camp Luther!

Luke "Trigger" Kunze
Executive Director



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.

April 2

9:00 am Elders: Jeremy P. & Jim R.
Ushers: Michael K. & Scott W.
Digital Music
Acolyte: Cloe L.

April 9

6:30 am Elder: Jim R.
Digital Music

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Jim R.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Aubrey M.

April 16

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Volunteers
Organist: Marian V.
Acolyte: Riley P.

April 23

7:00 pm Elders: Gary P. & Jeremy P.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Jocelyn T.

April 30

7:00 pm Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Jack B.

Altar Guild for April:

All Members

April 6 Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M.

Elder: Gary P.
Digital Music

April 7 Good Friday 1:00 P.M.

Elder: Jason L.
Digital Music

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

April 12

Elder: Jason L.

April 19

Elder: Jason L.

April 26

Elder: Jason L.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Sunday, February 26 (9:00 AM)	97
Wednesday, March 1 (7:00 PM)	38
Sunday, March 5 (9:00 AM)	85
Wednesday, March 8 (7:00 PM)	38
Sunday, March 12 (9:00 AM)	59
Wednesday, March 15 (7:00 PM)	39
Sunday, March 19 (9:00 AM)	97
Wednesday, March 22 (7:00 PM)	41
Sunday, March 26 (9:00 AM)	83

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.

Equipping Lutherans and their neighbors to be Gospel-motivated voices For Life



Life Newsbytes

When Oregon's Measure 16 passed, assisted suicide was limited to state residents. That requirement was recently deemed inoperative by the state's ever-flaccid suicide regulators after a lawsuit was settled and is expected to soon be repealed. That threatens to open a floodgate and transform Oregon into the U.S. equivalent of Switzerland, where suicide clinics flourish. Already, people from out of state who have been diagnosed with a terminal illness—something very loosely defined—are traveling to Oregon to find a death doctor willing to help them make themselves dead in just over two weeks. From the *Daily Mail* story:

“Oregon has become America's first ‘death tourism’ destination, where terminally ill people from Texas and other states that have outlawed assisted suicide have started travelling to get their hands on a deadly cocktail of drugs to end their lives, DailyMail.com can reveal. In the liberal bastion Portland, at least one clinic has started receiving out-of-staters who have less than six months to live and meet the other strict requirements of the state's Death with Dignity (DWD) law. Dr Nicholas Gideonse, the director of End of Life Choices Oregon, recently told a panel that he was advising terminally ill non-residents on travelling to Oregon to end their lives, despite a legal gray area.” (*National Review*, *Daily Mail*, 2/5/23)

Speaking up For Life

“Just as God personally created your body, so too He continually designs His body, the Church, bringing together people from all walks of life, all nations, and all abilities, in service to the world. And while it may be true that the world does not appreciate the gifts you have to offer, the body of Christ most certainly needs you.” *Michelle Bauman, director of Y4Life*

“The Word became flesh and God made Himself man as an embryo. Jesus took the lowliest form of a servant to leave no human life out.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“I cannot ponder every day the full life of Christ in the Gospels. But I can during the year on various days celebrate and ponder His annunciation, nativity, presentation, Baptism, temptation, transfiguration, triumphal entry, Last Supper, agony in the garden, arrest, trial, passion, carrying of the cross, crucifixion, death, burial, resurrection, great commission, or ascension.” *James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James*



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**Since 1973: 64,443,118
abortions in America**

Source: www.lifenews.com/2023/01/09/64443118-babies-have-been-killed-in-abortions-since-roe-v-wade-in-1973



LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—APRIL

A BETTER WAY

The most common question about stewardship is not whether a Christian should give to their church. Of course Christians should give to their church. Everyone knows this. Rather, the question asked most is, “How much should I give?” But this question really means, “Should Christians give a tenth of their income to their local congregation?”

Here are some common reasons against tithing. Some say tithing isn’t necessary because it isn’t expressly commanded in the New Testament. There is no “Thus saith the Lord,” or “should” concerning tithing. Others say that Christians give to their congregation in ways much broader than money. They give of their time and their talents, and these together with treasures (money) add up to more than a tithe. Still others say that they give of their treasures to other things be-sides their congregation, and they want to support those things alongside their church. And then there are those who think Christians shouldn’t tithe because of some fear. They are afraid that if they tithe, their gift will be misused, or that after tithing, there won’t be enough left over to get the things that they use, want or need.

Here are some reasons why Christians should tithe. Even though the New Testament doesn’t specifically command Christians to tithe, the Old Testament people were commanded to. And on top of this, St. Paul often describes giving a regular and generous proportion of the first fruits of one’s income — terms similar to a tithe (2 Cor. 8:7–23; 2 Cor. 9:2–7).

But here’s another way to think about it. What was the point of the tithe in the Old Testament? Where did it go? This tithe was intended to support the ministry of the Levites. They were not given any land because they had no time to farm; their full-time job was the ministry. What does it say in the New Testament? “The Lord commanded that those who proclaim the gospel should get their living by the gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14). This is the verse that Luther used in the Small Catechism’s Table of Duties to explain what Christians owe to the support of the ministry.

It seems clear from both the Old and the New Testaments that the tithe is the goal of Christians in their giving. But what if we’re not there yet? How should we handle this? What are we to do?

Let’s answer this by asking a different question. What would you say to your adult children who only attended church quarterly or once a month? After all, there is no passage in the New Testament that requires Christians to go to church weekly. Hebrews 10:25 is the closest verse we have, and it states simply that Christians should not neglect gathering together. And even though there is no passage that commands Christians to gather weekly, that is the implicit expectation throughout the Old and New Testaments.

So, what would you say to that son or daughter? The conversation might go something like this. I’m glad you’re still going to church. It is a wonderful blessing to hear God’s promises of forgiveness, life and salvation, and to receive His gifts in Word and Sacrament. But you can do better, and it will only be a blessing to you. There is a better way, and I’d really like you to try to attain it.

We should approach the topic of tithing with a similar conversation. The tithe is not specifically commanded in the New Testament, but it sure seems like the implicit expectation of both the Old and New Testaments. So, we’re ecstatic that you’re giving, and that you’re giving in all these various ways — time, talents and treasures. But there is a better way. And that will only be a blessing to you, just as the Word of God — Old and New Testament alike — promises. Can you try increasing your gifts over the coming weeks, months and years? Can you put your trust in the God who sent His Son to take away your sin and give you everlasting life? And if He did this for you, if He did not spare His only Son, how will He not give you all things? He will not disappoint.



April Birthdays

- 2 Keen S., Jr.
Muriel W.
- 3 Bradley L.
Landon T.
- 6 Madison S.
- 10 Steven T.
Sheri V.
- 11 Chelsea H.
Sue R.
- 12 Anna P.
- 14 EmmiLyn B.
- 15 Edward T.
- 16 Joanna F.
- 17 Earl S.
- 18 Lisa S.
- 19 Bob R.
- 20 Matthew G.
Darren P.
- 21 Scott B.
- 23 Gloria S.
Lillie W.
- 24 Erin F.
- 25 Rob C.
Charlie K.
Sue P.
- 27 Calyn M.
Lynn T.
Izabel V.
- 28 Elloise R.
Linda G.
- 29 Gary S.
Mackenzie T.

"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.

April Anniversaries

- 04 Joseph & Paula M.
- 06 Harry & Sally G.
- 15 Tony & Sherry C.
Jason & Carol L.
- 16 Matt & Ann G.



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





APRIL 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	3 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	4	5	6 Holy Thursday 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	7 Good Friday 1:00 P.M. Tenebrae Service	1 8
9 The Resurrection of Our Lord 6:30 A.M. Divine Service* 7:30 A.M. Easter Breakfast 9:00 A.M. Divine Service*	10 1:00 P.M. Ladies' Guild	11 9:00 A.M. Circuit Pastors' Meeting @ Trinity-Covington	12 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	13 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15 8:30 A.M. LWML Spring Retreat at Camp Luther
16 Second Sunday of Easter 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	18	19 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	20 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22 7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
23 Third Sunday of Easter 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting 10:30 A.M. Sunday School & Youth Group	24	25	26 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	27 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29
30 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	<p style="text-align: center;">Worship Services in bold print.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)</p>					

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Here to Serve!