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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

"And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

- Acts 2:42 (ESV)

Every now and then when I'm preparing a sermon, there's a verse from Scripture that rolls around in my head more than usual. Acts 2:42 is one of my all-time favorite verses because it describes so clearly and succinctly what the Church looked like from its beginning. As I'm preparing to preach on Acts 2:42-47 for this Sunday (4/30), I thought I'd highlight this verse in detail for the newsletter.

As the apostles and the followers of Christ moved on from Pentecost, St. Luke (the author of Acts) tells us that the Church "devoted themselves" to four things. It would serve us well to follow this model as a congregation of Christ's followers nearly 2000 years later.

"the apostles' teaching" – It was the apostles who had followed Jesus most closely, who heard His words, who witnessed Him risen from the dead, had been commissioned by Him to carry the Gospel into the world, and who had received the gift of the Holy Spirit. The Church is then always focused on their words, recorded for us in Holy Scripture, because they reveal Christ to us. The Church of God is always centered on His Word, recorded by those whom He inspired by His Holy Spirit.

"the fellowship" – In Greek, the word is *koinonia*...sharing in a "common thing." The Church always recognizes that we are "the body" of Christ. We share together in what He has done for us. We are indeed a family who shares the same Father in heaven and the same Redeemer who gives us eternal life. Together we share in one another's joys, sorrows, challenges, and common work for God's kingdom.

"the breaking of bread" – St. Luke uses this phrase to describe the Lord's Supper. From its very beginning, the Church recognized that Jesus makes Himself present for His Church when they gather together around the meal that He has established. Indeed, Jesus says at the end of Matthew's Gospel, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." (Matthew 28:20b) The "breaking of bread"...Holy Communion...is where we know that Christ is with us for our forgiveness, life, and salvation.

"the prayers" – Note that it doesn't just say *prayer* but *the prayers*. The early Church continued in the order of prayers that was handed down to them in their Jewish community. Our gathering together for prayer is a heritage that connects us from one generation to the next. Similarly, our liturgy isn't a new innovation but has its roots in the earliest worship of the synagogue and temple.

The Church isn't just a gathering of people in this present moment in one specific place. It's the "body of Christ" in every time and every place. God grant us faithful worship and faithful devotion as was first practiced by the apostles and their fellow disciples of Jesus Christ!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch

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CONFIRMATION SUNDAY IS MAY 7TH. On Sunday, May 7th, four young people will confess for themselves the faith given to them in Holy Baptism with the Rite of Confirmation during our 9:00 A.M. Divine Service. Please keep them each in your prayers!

Logan Ryan William Faucett
(son of Cole Faucett & Katie Burby)

Aiden Brickly Lindow
(son of Aaron & Janis Lindow)

Nora Mae Robertson
(daughter of Ken & Sara Burke)

Jeremiah Matthew Wilson
(son of Dylan Wilson & Jennifer Wilson)



OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH “CELEBRATION OF SERVICE” On June 11th following the 9:00 a.m. Divine Service we will be having a “Celebration of Service” potluck luncheon. LWML and Our Redeemer Congregation want to honor and thank all the workers and volunteers who make our church run so efficiently! Please bring a dish to pass and join us!

There are so many projects and work that are done behind the scenes where we don’t even know who did the work! This is our way of showing our appreciation! God bless you all!! Our congregation is filled with so many talents and we thank you all for sharing them.

OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH SPRING BANQUET

Monday, May 8, 2023
Gathering—5:00 pm
Dinner—6:00 pm
“Where Friends Gather”

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

Baptisms

Patrick Toedte	March 13, 2023
Ondrea Pickering	April 16, 2023
Pamela Pickering	April 16, 2023

Transfer In

Debbie Sleik	April 6, 2023
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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”

April showers hopefully May flowers coming soon!! Sure has been a long winter & spring.

The highlight of our May activities will be our annual Ladies Spring Banquet May 8th beginning @ 5 p.m. Super @ 6 p.m. Dinner will be Patti's special Lasagna with salad, bread and fixings and surprise “chef's” dessert. Gluten free or special diet menu on request. “Where Friends Gather” is the theme and we encourage ALL to get better acquainted with church family, friends, and neighbors. During social time we'll serve punch and play a SPECIAL GET ACQUAINTED Bingo & prizes. Join in the fun!! The program will be featuring The Salvation Army sharing services available and what they offer in the community. The Downtown Development Authority will share exciting news of new stores, restaurants, activities and upcoming events in Iron Mountain/Kingsford. Music will be provided by Crystal and Dawn. We welcome all this information to help us enjoy our local area & make it prosper. AND of course—we are appealing to our gentlemen interested in being servers at this lovely event. As we have said before “the pay is nothing, but you will get a good meal for your service.” Sign up with Caren and get a Thrivent T-shirt to wear to serve. Thanks! God Bless. Ladies workbee on May 4th at 1 pm to finish decorating.

The rest of the April meeting was a discussion on the Spring Retreat at Camp Luther. Joan L. and Caren attended. 70+ women attended, excellent event.

Due to conflict of schedule—no one was able to attend the Zone 2 Rally in Marquette. Sorry—may get report soon.

Reg. business meeting with devotion and Bible Study by Barb. Mite devotion by Gloria. Secretary & Treasurer report etc.

The next event in planning at Our Redeemer—a thank you potluck to all our dedicated Church volunteers on June 11th. See more on page 2. Hope to see you there to show our appreciation to ALL our volunteers.

Enjoy your summer!!

Smile and remember friends with a note or phone call!!!

Upcoming events:

May 4, 2023, Banquet workbee at 1 pm to finish decorating.

May 8, 2023, Ladies Spring Banquet

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

Resume meetings on Sept. 11 @ 1 pm.

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.

History of Camp Luther

Camp Luther was purchased by the North Wisconsin District -- LCMS in 1946. Ninety-one acres, Lodge and three cottages were purchased for just \$22,000. Many improvements were made and much growth was seen through the 1950s and 60s as additional land, more cottages and other facilities were added. The camp became a year-round ministry in the 1970s as the first full-time staff was put in place. Camp Luther saw tremendous growth in the 1970s and 80s with the addition of many new programs, retreats, and cottage rental opportunities.

Today Camp Luther annually hosts over 5500 guests. A variety of camping programs are offered for people of all ages. Fifteen cottages that dot the shore of Range Line Lake provide a unique getaway for families. Dozens of youth, family, and adult groups take advantage of this excellent facility each year.

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 heed your help getting the word out!

We are still looking for:

- 1 Male Counselor
- 1 Female Counselor
- 1 Healthcare Program Coordinator (**Highest Need**)
- 1 Impact Program Coordinator (Preferably Male)

For more information on each position please go to our website.

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!

Support our Every Kid to Camp Program

Each year we host a Golf Classic to raise funds for our Every Kid to Camp Program which offers a week of summer camp to any first time camper at **no cost to them!** Click on the Picture to Learn more about how to support this event.

Camp Gift Certificates

Good for the Canteen, a Summer Camp, or a Cottage Rental!

Available in any amount. Just tell us how many you would like.

Please call Camp at 715-546-3647. We can have your gift certificate out in a day or two.

Wishlist

There is always a need for items on our Wishlist! These supplies could range from program items for new games at camp to new tools for our volunteers to use on projects.



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.

May 7

9:00 am Elders: Gary P. & Jim R.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Pearl K.

May 14

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Jaidyn L.

May 21

9:00 am Elders: Gary P. & Jeremy P.
Ushers: Volunteers
Organist: Marian V.
Acolyte: Cloe L.

May 28

9:00 am Elders: Jason L. & Ed T.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music
Acolyte: Riley P.

Carol L. & Cindy K.

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

May 3

Elder: Jeremy P.

May 10

Elder: Jim R.

The Ascension of Our Lord

May 18, Thursday

Elder: Gary P.

May 24

Elder: Ed T.

May 31

Elder: Gary P.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, March 29 (7:00 PM)	40
Sunday, April 2 (9:00 AM)	92
Holy Thursday, April 6 (7:00 PM)	26
Good Friday, April 7 (1:00 PM)	62
Sunday, April 9 (6:30 AM)	31
Sunday, April 9 (9:00 AM)	160
Wednesday, April 12 (7:00 PM)	18
Sunday, April 16 (9:00 AM)	108
Wednesday, March 19 (7:00 PM)	24
Sunday, April 23 (9:00 AM)	100
Wednesday, April 26 (7:00 PM)	16



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



Life Newsbytes

A newborn was safely surrendered in an Indiana Safe Haven Baby Box on April 8. The surrender marks the fourth that has taken place in the state and the sixth nationwide since the start of 2023. Run by the Safe Haven Baby Box organization, the baby box is a temperature-controlled box equipped with a silent alarm that allows a parent to safely and anonymously surrender their infant under their state's safe haven laws ... In a news release, battalion chief Jason Allen said that responders retrieved the newborn inside the box in under a minute. "Firefighters provided basic EMS care and comfort to the baby until paramedics arrived on scene and transported the baby to the hospital for further evaluation," he said. (*Live Action News*, 4/20/23; *CLR LifeWire*, 4/21/23)

In New Brunswick, Canada, a community recently came together to honor the 77th birthday of one of their most beloved residents, Bruce Brown, who is believed to be the oldest person living with Down syndrome in the nation. A parade of 70 cars drove by Brown's home, showing the power of every person to make unique and invaluable contributions to their community and the world. According to Laura LaChance, executive director of the Canadian Down Syndrome Society, Bruce is not only believed to be one of the oldest individuals with Down syndrome living in Canada but possibly even in the world. (*Live Action News*, *CLR LifeWire*, 4/21/23)

Speaking up For Life

"Let's also recruit, instruct, and support more couples and families toward opening their homes to serve children in need. Multitudes—majorities, even—of foster families and adoptive parents confess Christ and consider themselves for-life. More foster parents—not fewer children—seems the most praiseworthy solution to foster care failures. And those who can recognize those failures may just be the most excellent candidates for the vocation!" *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

"Remember, it is your INDISPENSABLE hands that gather up all the coins from baby bottles, the diapers from diaper drives, and the layettes and baby clothes that keep pregnancy resource center shelves stocked and able to provide much needed support for a pregnant mother and father to choose life!" *Rev. Jeff Duncan, Lutherans For Life*

"Your ascended Jesus goes with you. When you have doubts and struggles, take them to Jesus. When you're conflicted and troubled by sin and guilt, take it to Jesus and the cross. Together we lift each other up and grow up in Jesus! You are gifted! You are equipped! Know you are serving Jesus, now and to eternity!" *Rev. Darren Green, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota*

**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—MAY

Follow Him in Generosity

Our Savior calls us to follow Him in generosity. “For I have given you an example, that you also should do just as I have done to you” (John 13:15). We cannot give our lives for the salvation of the world, of course. Praise God, that job’s already done! But with hearts full of thanksgiving for what Jesus has given us, we can follow His example of generous giving. And Jesus’ generosity is not merely an example. Our Lord also commands us to act according to our gifts: “The one who contributes, [let him give] in generosity” (Rom. 12:8).

So, when we bring offerings to the Lord, we should strive to heed His command and follow the pattern He has established for us. Jesus did not give us leftovers. He gave His best. We should not give leftovers, either, but the first and best of what He has given us. Jesus did not give as an afterthought — He gave according to the plan of salvation God established from the foundation of the world. So, when it comes to our own offerings, we should make a thoughtful plan to give generously, in proportion to the way He has blessed us. Like the Macedonian Christians, who gave according to their ability, and even beyond their ability (2 Cor. 8:3), we should honor the Lord by giving a generous portion of the income that God provides us.

We should also give freely, just as Jesus gave freely for us. There is no compulsion involved in our works of love and our offerings to the Lord. We do not give grudgingly, but willingly and cheerfully, each “as he has decided in his heart,” as the Lord says (2 Cor. 9:7). There is no New Testament ceremonial law involved here. Rather, we are free to give as generously as our Savior has given for us!

In the same way, our Lord teaches us to give generously out of our love for Him and for our neighbor. Jesus shows us that genuine love is always love “in deed” (1 John 3:18). It is love that sees our neighbor in need and gives generously to help him. It is love that hears the Word of the Lord and does what it says. If we truly love, we give generously. If we give without love, our giving is not truly following Jesus.

Finally, we follow Jesus in generosity when we support His Gospel ministry and other works of mercy. The people of Israel gave generously to construct and support the operation of the tabernacle, for that was the place where the Lord received the Old Testament sacrifices, through which He bestowed the forgiveness of sins on His people. So, they gave abundantly, so abundantly they had to be told to stop giving! (Ex. 36:5–6). In the same way, we should bring generous offerings to support the Lord’s work. We support our congregations in the preaching of His Word, Baptism and the Lord’s Supper, which bestow His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation, and we take care of those who are poor and needy.

Our Savior calls us to follow His example in generous giving. Let us then, with thankful hearts, rededicate ourselves to following Him in generosity.



May Birthdays

- 1 Tyler V.
- 4 Camden M.
- 5 Greg H.
Isabelle H.
Faith W.
- 6 Dana B.
- 7 Josh P.
- 8 Cooper M.
- 10 Sharon B.
Curtis V.
- 11 Sally C.
Donna D.
- 12 Teresa C.
- 17 Nikki B.
Ava M.
- 18 Sofia R.
- 20 John E.
Logan M.
Dan O.
- 22 Tyler N.
Randy W.
- 24 Bradley H.
Joseph M.
Tricia O.
- 25 Barbara C.
Gary H.
David N.
Claire V.

“Rejoice with those who Rejoice”
-Romans 12:

- 26 Jan F.
Michael W.
- 27 Emily M.
- 31 Ken J.
Chris W.

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.

May Anniversaries



- 5 Randy & Wendy W.
- 12 Jim & Amy H.
- 13 Rudy & Lisa V.
- 15 David & Patti W.
- 17 Don & Bev H.
- 18 Swen & Carol S.
- 19 Dave & Shelly T.



MAY 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	2	3 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers Practice 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	4 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 1:00 P.M. Spring Banquet workbee	5 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	6
7 <i>5th S. of Easter (Confirmation Sunday)</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	8 6:00 P.M. Ladies' Spring Banquet <div>Pastor Ruesch at NWD Spring Pastors' Conference in Shawano, WI</div>	9	10 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers Practice 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	11 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	12 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	13
14 <i>6th S. of Easter</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	15 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i>	16	17 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers Practice	18 <i>The Ascension of Our Lord</i> 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	19 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	20
21 <i>7th S. of Easter</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Sunday School, Bible Study, & Youth Group	22	23	24 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers Practice 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	25 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	26 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	27 7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
28 <i>Day of Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Bible Study	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	30	31 7:00 P.M Divine Service*	<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!