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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule:

Fellowship	8:30 A.M.
Divine Service	9:00 A.M.
Bible Study	10:30 A.M.

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

*"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge;
fools despise wisdom and instruction."*

- Proverbs 1:7 (ESV)

Our Thursday morning Bible study is working through the book of Proverbs as we speak. This Old Testament book was written in large part by King Solomon, son of David. Early in his reign as king, the Lord invited Solomon to ask Him for anything. Solomon replied to the Lord, "And now, O LORD my God, you have made your servant king in place of David my father, although I am but a little child. I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of your people whom you have chosen, a great people, too many to be numbered or counted for multitude. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, that I may discern between good and evil, for who is able to govern this your great people?" (1 Kings 3:7-9, ESV) We see this wisdom reflected in the book of Proverbs.

I think Solomon's prayer for wisdom should inspire us to ask the Lord the very same thing. Often we lament the apparent failings of those who lead us and we long for rulers like Solomon who would seek out Godly wisdom. And yet how diligent have we been personally in seeking out the very same thing for ourselves? The book of Proverbs details the struggles that exist for God's people: struggles between doing what is good and doing what is evil...struggles between walking in the ways of the "wise" versus following the path of the "foolish." Do you relate to that struggle? Is it hard to find the right words in the right moment? Are there decisions that leave you wondering if there's a "correct" course? Do you find yourself despairing about what's coming before you?

"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom," says Solomon. Here, "fear" is not "being afraid." Fear is recognizing God as the authority. Fear is recognizing He holds all power. Fear is recognizing all things come from Him and does indeed rule and reign over you as "Lord."

"Wisdom" begins with recognizing who God is and how He deals with you. He deals with you in His Word. His living Word that delivers Jesus to you serves the purpose of guiding you in the struggles of life. It gives you your identity as His dear child. It restores you and heals you by the message of the cross and resurrection. It sustains you as the world wearies you.

These days do indeed call for wisdom. Wisdom begins with the Lord and is delivered in the Word of God that reveals Jesus Christ to you and *for you*. God grant us wisdom by the means of His life-giving Word!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch



PASTOR RUESCH WOULD LIKE TO SPEAK TO PARENTS of “confirmation age” children and younger about the potential of offering “First Communion” at Our Redeemer. A First Communion program would involve an initial meeting between Pastor and the parents, followed by a 4-5 week period of instruction and discussion between the pastor and the family. Confirmation instruction would still be offered at an older age when the parents, child, and Pastor believe the child is ready for discussion of the Christian faith at a deeper

level. If you are interested in learning more, please contact Pastor at pastor@ourredeemerkingsford.org or (906) 396-7401.

BUILDING FUND: As a congregation we are undertaking four projects this summer:

- The water issue around the church
- Five new furnaces
- The bathroom updates
- Flooring

To fund these projects, we need \$15,000 of contributions to the building fund. Please help us fund these projects. Progress on the funding will be provided in the bulletin.

OFFICIAL ACTS OF THE CHURCH

No Official Acts for June

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"

Greetings members of Our Redeemer—We pray many of you attended the thank you banquet on June 11th after Church to honor the many many well appreciated volunteers at Our Redeemer. To the ones unable to attend, we WANT you to know how much we appreciate your efforts as well. God Bless you all! Our catered lasagna meal was delicious and enjoyed by all! Special good wishes and thanks went to our long time (34 yrs.) organist Don H.!! And to all who worked in the kitchen and Pastor Matt and LWML gals for pies!!

By the time this newsletter is published—Sue P. & her mom will have returned from the LWML 40th Biennial Convention in Milwaukee (June 22-25) Theme "Celebrate the Lord of the Nations"—*Blessed is the Nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom he has chosen as his heritage! The Lord looks down from Heaven and he sees all the children of man. (Psalm 33:12-13).* We look forward to an interesting report. The National Conventions are an awesome experience!!

LWML is "Off to enjoy the summer" We look forward to joining together again on September 11th @ 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!!

Again—God Bless you all—enjoy summer!! See you in church and welcome you all in September.

Upcoming events:

Resume meetings on Sept. 11 @ 1 pm.

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.



Join us this summer! Camp Luther summer youth camps provide an incredible, faith-filled experience for campers from Kindergarten all the way through High School. It's our goal that everyone who attends Camp Luther is encouraged and strengthened in their faith through authentic community, outstanding staff, experiential activities, and intentional faith building. Come experience the power of camp this summer!

General Volunteering Maybe you'll paint, or perhaps help in the kitchen. We may need help in the office, or clearing trails, The volunteer projects in the summer vary, but they are all needed, and you can know you are making a difference! **Have an RV?** Camp Luther offers 3 RV sites that include water and a 30 Amp power connection. **No RV: No problem!** Stay in Volunteer Village, which consists of rustic cabins. Get more information and apply to be a general summer volunteer at campluther.com/volunteer.

Guest Medics, We need medical professionals to work with our Healthcare Program Coordinator this summer in caring for the medial needs and safety of campers, staff, and guests. Qualified medical professionals include (but not limited to) licensed physicians, nurses, physician's assistants, practical nurses, certified trainers, EMT and paramedics. Guest Medics typically serve Sunday-Sunday, and are provided with housing in the Retreat Center and meals for themselves and their immediate family members. Guest Medics are still needed for the following week: August 13-18. Contact Kardia at Kardia@campluther.com if you're interested.

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.

July 2

9:00 am Elder: Jeremy P.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music

July 9

9:00 am Elder: Dana B.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music

July 16

9:00 am Elder: Jim R.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music

July 23

9:00 am Elder: Gary P.
Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music

July 30

9:00 am Elder: Jim R.
Ushers: Volunteers
Organist: Marian V.

Lisa S. & Jenna L.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Wednesday, May 24 (7:00 PM)	6
Sunday, May 28 (9:00 AM)	61
Wednesday, May 31 (7:00 PM)	9
Sunday, June 4 (9:00 AM)	86
Wednesday, June 7 (7:00 PM)	16
Sunday, June 11 (9:00 AM)	89
Wednesday, June 14 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, June 18 (9:00 AM)	81
Wednesday, June 21 (7:00 PM)	10
Sunday, June 25 (9:00 AM)	74

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



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



Life Newsbytes

The Minnesota legislature approved an Omnibus health bill that repeals a bipartisan measure protecting newborns and a bipartisan program supporting pregnant women who want to carry their babies to term. It also rescinds a number of longstanding laws surrounding abortion. Gov. Tim Walz signed the wide-ranging bill, which the House and Senate passed into law along narrow party lines, into law. “First Gov. Walz and DFL majorities enacted abortion-up-to-birth, a policy at odds with the vast majority of the world,” said MCCL Co-Executive Director Cathy Blaeser. “Now, somehow, they have gone even further. They have revoked a law that requires lifesaving care for newborns. And they have wiped out the Positive Alternatives program that supports pregnant women in difficult circumstances. Babies and women are both harmed by this sweeping extremism.” The Omnibus bill, SF 2995, was largely crafted behind closed doors without input from Republicans on the conference committee. The bill strips out Minnesota’s existing requirement that reasonable measures be taken to “preserve the life and health” of born-alive infants, replacing it with a requirement for “care,” which the bill’s House author, Rep. Tina Liebling (DFL-Rochester), has described as mere “comfort” care. Under the new language, an infant could be denied lifesaving care and allowed to die. Disabled babies, whose lives are often devalued, could be especially at risk from the denial of this basic protection. (*LifeNews.com*, 5/22/23)

Speaking up For Life

“The Lord God loves your neighbors—even the ones that annoy you. He cares so much for them that He sent His Son to die and rise again for them—for all of them. For the thief, the bigot, the liberal, the conservative, the one with the manicured lawn who judges your overgrown lawn, and the one who has let their property become overgrown and run down. He cares for all of them. He cares so much that He called you and He placed you in that neighborhood to seek its welfare.”
Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour

“God is love. God is relationship. His eternal love supplies the source of every life. He created humankind in this image, for Himself, for relationship, to be loved and to love.” *Pastor Michael Salemink, Lutherans For Life*

“The God who chose to give us life at the moment of fertilization is the same God who chose to rescue us and redeem us and give us salvation. And He did it by sending His Son, Jesus, to experience every stage of human life so we could be forgiven and given life everlasting with Him!” *Rev. Craig Michaelson, Faith Community Lutheran Church, Las Vegas, Nevada*

**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—JULY

Go ... Sell All You Have?

“What must I do to inherit eternal life?” asked the rich young ruler. Jesus said, “You know the commandments.” And he replied, “All these I have kept from my youth.” And Jesus said to him, “One thing you still lack. Sell all that you have and distribute to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me” (Luke 18:18–22).

When we hear this story, this question comes to mind: is Jesus speaking to us also, or only to the rich young ruler? In other words, is Jesus telling us to sell all that we have and give it to the poor?

As good Lutherans, we answer, “No!” But why? Why should we not sell all that we have and distribute it to the poor? The simplest explanation is this: if we sold everything we have, our wife and our children would be neglected. In other words, to sell everything we have and give it to the poor would ignore, even abandon, those whom God has placed in our care. Our money, everything we have, is not to be used solely for the church. But that doesn’t excuse us from using our money for the purpose God intends.

Everyone has three stations in life, three spheres in which we live and are to be of service to our neighbors. These stations are the church, the family and society. We are members of all three of these by birth. We are born into the church by water and the Word of God, and our duties to others in the church arise from our Baptism into the church. We are born into a family, and our duties to others stem from our birth into that family. Finally, we are born into society, which is simply a further extension of our birth into our family. The duties we have toward other members of society come from either our own birth or the birth of others into the same society.

All that we have and all that we are ought to be pressed into service for the church, the family and society. If we were to sell all we have and give only to one, the other two would be neglected, and we would falter in fulfilling our duties.

So, consider your life and all that you have in light of these three stations. You pay taxes to support and help those in society. You save for college for your children, and provide food, clothing and shelter for the members of your family.

But the station that is usually thought of last is the church. Since the needs of the family and society are more immediate, the church is often given what is left over. This is not how it should be. Rather, we are to give of our first fruits, from off the top, the best, even as Abel gave the best of his flock.

This requires forethought. It means that you sit down and make a plan of what you will give from the beginning. It means sticking to it even when it seems that there are other more immediate and pressing things.

And this is all the more necessary now as we enter into periods of time where giving is low due to high unemployment or where restrictions on meeting in church limit opportunities to give. If we love God and His gifts of forgiveness given through the means of grace, which we receive at church and only at church, then we will support it, just as we love our country and our family. For all that we have and all that we are is given to us by our gracious God. He spared no expense for us and our salvation. He gave up His Son to death so that our sins are forgiven, and we will live. What’s more, He provides for all that we need for this body and life. And our lives in this world, among these three spheres of church, family and society are to mirror the generosity of the one who gave us life in all three at birth.

Don’t let the church, your divine family, be an afterthought or even ignored. It is nurturing you, bringing you up in salvation through Word and Sacrament.



July Birthdays

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

"Rejoice with those who Rejoice"

-Romans 12:

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

Anniversary Prayer

O Lord, Your mercies are new every morning. We thank you for another year of life together for those we mention before you. We ask you to keep them open to receive always more of your love that their love for each other may never grow weary but deepen and grow through every joy and sorrow shared; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

July Anniversaries



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

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



JULY 2023

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

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2 <i>5th S. after Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study	3	4 <i>Independence Day</i> <i>Church Office Closed</i>	5 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	6 10:00 A.M. Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	7 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	1 8
9 <i>6th S. after Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study	10	11	12 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	13 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	14 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	15
16 <i>7th S. after Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study	17 <i>Newsletter Deadline</i> 6:30 P.M. Church Council	18	19 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	20 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	21 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	22
23 <i>8th S. after Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting	24	25	26 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	27 10:00 A.M. Bible Study	28 <i>Pastor's Day Off</i>	29 7:00 A.M. Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
30 <i>9th S. after Pentecost</i> 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Adult Bible Study	31	<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!