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OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

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Sunday Schedule:

Coffee & Fellowship 8:30 A.M.
Divine Service 9:00 A.M.
Bible Study, Sunday 10:30 A.M.
School, & Youth Group

Wednesday Schedule:

Catechism Vespers 5:30 P.M. Divine Service 7:00 P.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

"Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that whether I come and see you or am absent, I may hear of you that you are standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel, and not frightened in anything by your opponents."

- Philippians 1:27-28a (ESV)

Over the last several weeks, I've noticed a theme running through all of our Sunday readings. All of our Gospel readings have been from St. Matthew. Our Epistles had taken us through the book of Romans and now have started coming from Philippians. That common thread that I've noticed is the great treasure we have in our fellow Christians.

Jesus told Peter in Matthew 16 that His Church would be built on the rock of Himself as the Christ with sins being forgiven. Peter then later asked Jesus about how often he needed to forgive his brother. Jesus told him, "not seven times, but seventy times seven." Paul talked about "genuine love" in Romans 12 that reflects Jesus' love toward others, about fulfilling God's command to "Love your neighbor as yourself" in Romans 13, not judging one another in Romans 14, and engaging the battle against the Church together in Philippians 1.

All of these texts in combination have served as a beautiful reminder to me—and I hope to you as well!—of what a gift we have in our fellowship together in Jesus' Church. "Standing firm in one spirit, with one mind striving side by side for the faith of the gospel"...the Word of God serves as a poignant reminder that we are never *ever* alone. Yes, Jesus sends His Holy Spirit to us. Yes, He comes to us Himself in His body and blood...but He does so not to just us personally, but to a blessed family that gathers together in His name.

Take some time to remember the gift of the Church...that it's brothers and sisters of the same Heavenly Father...brought to be together! I'm thankful for each and every one of you and that we get to receive God's gifts and do His work side-by-side!

In Christ our Lord,

Pastor Ruesch



THE YOUTH GROUP IS SPONSORING MOVIE NIGHT!

Everyone is invited to join us on Saturday, October 7th at 6:30 P.M. for a showing of "Hotel Transylvania" (Rated PG). There is no cost for the event, though a free will offering is suggested. Bring the family and come for popcorn and laughs!





PASTOR JAMES & DEACONESS CHRISTEL NEUENDORF will be at Our Redeemer on Sunday, October 22nd! Pastor Neuendorf will be our guest preacher during the 9:00 A.M. Divine Service and the two of them will give a mission presentation during our normal 10:30 Education Hour. The Neuendorfs serve as LCMS missionaries in Ponce, Puerto Rico where Pastor Neuendorf serves Fountain of Life Lutheran Church and Deaconess Christel directs mercy work in Ponce and throughout the island. Be sure to join us!

OUR QUARTERLY VOTERS' MEETING will be held on Sunday, October 29th at 10:30 A.M. Please note the date has been moved from the normal 4th Sunday to the 5th Sunday due to the Neuendorf Missionary Visit the week before. This meeting is the one where we will conduct elections and pass our budget for 2024. All voting members (communicant members at least 16 years old) are urged to attend.





TRUNK-OR-TREAT WILL BE TUESDAY, OCTOBER 31st from 4:00-7:00 P.M. Please see the sign-up sheets on the coffee kiosk in the narthex. We need people to decorate trunks for outside the carport, volunteers for the inside, and—of course—we could always use candy donations! Prior to the pandemic, this event brought 350-400 people into the church! If we have enough help, we'd like to do the event on a larger scale as we've done in the past. Please consider helping out!



No official acts for September

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 Inkiets (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"

"The King is coming" Psalm 24:7-10. This is the theme for LWML Mission Sunday October 1st, 2023. During this special service you will be greeted by members in purple, have special bulletin covers, bookmarks for new biennials approved at the National LWML Convention in Milwaukee this summer, and refreshments served in the fellowship hall. All to explain the mission of our group. Come and enjoy!

"Fall for Jesus, He never leaves", Join us on October 7th as we are invited to the Zone 2 Rally at Good Shepard Lutheran Church in Munising, MI. We are departing at 6AM, Registration begins at 7AM Eastern Time with the rally beginning at 9AM. The rally will feature "Steadfast in Christ" bible study, there are baskets in narthex for the Medi-Lodge (personal care items, grip socks, bird seed). Call Caren for further details by October 2nd, 906-774-0182.

At our October 9th meeting plans for the upcoming year following bible study and business meeting. New offices will need to be chosen. Caren, Gloria, and Nancy have given their resignation. President, VP, and Secretary offices need to be filled. We encourage all to attend with fresh ideas! See you there!

We extend Congratulations to Renee as she retires from her position as church secretary. Renee has been a great asset to LWML with all our multiple requests. Thank you for your years of dedicated service and with you the best.

At the same time we welcome Claire as new church secretary. God Bless you as you begin this new challenge.

Sunday, October 22^{nd} join us as we welcome Christel and Rev. James Neuendorf missionaries from Puerto Rico. Rev. James will be giving the sermon and they will be available to tell of many of their special experiences. They are missionaries that we support with our mission budget.

Sunday, October 29th After regular Divine Service there is a Voter's Meeting with important business to discuss! We encourage all to attend!

-Serve the Lord with Gladness - Caren and all the LWML Gals

Upcoming events:

2023

Oct. 1—LWML Sunday

Oct. 7—Zone 2 Fall Rally. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Munising, MI

Oct. 9—Regular LWML meeting 1 pm in fellowship hall Nov. 11—Christian Life Workshop, Rib Mountain, WI 2024

June 13-15—LWML North Wis. District Convention, Paper Valley Hilton, Appleton WI

ALL WOMEN WELCOME TO ALL ACTIVITIES!!



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.
- <u>Bible Study Opportunities</u> Sundays, 10:30 a.m. Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

Youth Group Update

10/7 Movie Night, 6:30PM – Free will offering for the Youth Group, save the date to watch a family friendly movie hosted by the Youth Group. Popcorn included!



Workbee Weekend October 20-22,2023

Spend a weekend serving at Camp Luther! Workbee Weekends are crucial to the ministry of Camp Luther, their goal is to help clean up camp and get things ready for our next season of groups. Bring the whole family, there is a project for everyone! Registration for this FREE event is now open on our website

Thrivent Action Team: We are in need of 2 Action Team cards for our October Workbee. If you would like to support this event through an Action Team card please contact info@campluther.com and we will provide you with the information you will need to apply for the card.

Fall Retreat Availability Come out to Camp Luther!

Looking for a location to host your retreat? Come on out to Camp Luther! Let our creative staff lead you in bible study, games, challenge course, campfire, and so much more! Camp Luther is the perfect place for crafting retreats and seminars. Our meeting spaces can conform to any group's need while you embrace the picturesque views of the Northwoods! For more information please contact William "Shuphyl" Jackson, Retreats Program Manager: shuphyl@campluther.com

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.

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



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.

October 1

9:00 am Elder: Jim R.

Ushers: Volunteers **Digital Music**

October 8

9:00 am Elder: Rob K.

Ushers: Volunteers
Digital Music

October 15

9:00 am Elder: Gary P.

Ushers: Volunteers **Organist:** Marian V.

October 22

9:00 am Elder: Gary P.

Ushers: Volunteers **Digital Music**

October 29

9:00 am Elder: Dana B.

Ushers: Volunteers

Digital Music

Altar Guild

Carol T. & Cindy K.

Wednesday Divine Service 7:00 P.M.

Digital Music

October 4
Elder: Jim R.

October 11 Elder: Jim R.

October 18 Elder: Rob K.

October 25 Elder: Dana B.

ATTENDANCE TOTALS

Sunday, Sept. 3 (9:00 AM)	69
Wednesday, Sept. 6 (7:00 PM)	12
Sunday, Sept. 10 (9:00 AM)	92
Wednesday, Sept. 13 (7:00 PM) 10
Sunday, Sept. 17 (9:00 AM)	99
Wednesday, Sept. 20 (7:00 PM	11
Sunday, Sept. 24 (9:00 AM)	88



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

LIFE NEWS



lutheransforlife.org

Life Newsbytes

On August 23, the Center for Biblical Worldview at Family Research Council released the results of a nationwide study analyzing the beliefs of American churchgoers. Of the 1,009 survey participants, 72% reported weekly church attendance, while the other 28% said they go to church at least monthly ... About one out of every six respondents (16%) admitted to having ever paid for, encouraged, or chosen to have an abortion. Among these, 56% indicated they read the Bible weekly, and 62% attend church weekly. Additionally, 50% of those who have participated in an abortion said the Bible was "clear and decisive" on the topic of abortion. (Only 26% said the Bible was "unclear or ambiguous.") ... Christians might be surprised to learn that around 17% of female churchgoers have had an abortion, and 15% of male churchgoers have paid for or actively encouraged someone to get an abortion ... Among the 65% who said the Bible indicates when human life begins, 52% said it teaches that life begins "upon fertilization of the female egg." Other responses included once the child has been delivered and begins breathing (8%), once the embryo/ fetus reaches viability (7%), six weeks after the fertilization of the female egg (6%), sometime during the first three months after fertilization (3%), and sometime after three months but before six months after fertilization (3%). (The Washington Stand, 8/26/23, washingtonstand.com/commentary/ regarding-abortion-the-views-of-regularchurchgoers-are-surprisingly-mixed)



Speaking up For Life

"A Christian funeral isn't the end. Yes, we don't deny death. That would be foolish and insensitive. But in Christ, we defy death. That's Christian. Because the dead don't stay down when Jesus is involved. They are saints triumphant! Encourage one another with these words." Rev. Peter Sulzle, St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church, Redwood Falls, Minnesota

"Every time we speak up for the sanctity of life—whether for the unborn, the disabled, the elderly, or the marginalized—we speak for hope. Every time we drop some coins or a check into a baby bottle, we stand for hope and healing and life. Every time we personally care for someone or hug someone or talk to someone who is in a crisis pregnancy or is disabled or is elderly or is marginalized, we show them Christ. We show them the common ground that transcends all our differences. We show them that all our lives matter because God made us. He chose each of us to be His child, and He will never leave us or forsake us. Let us never give up on baby bottle drives and hugs and smiles. The world needs us!" Barbara A. Geistfeld, D.V.M., Assistant Director of Volunteer Relations, Lutherans For Life

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes







LCMS- Stewardship-Ministry-Newsletter Article—OCTOBER

Consider the humble baseball bat. It is a simple tool designed for a complex task. The batter needs a tool that can consistently deliver force to a small ball which may be thrown at over 100 miles per hour, but which might also come slanting across the plate as a slow curve. For a game like this, the founders of baseball had to redesign the old cricket bat, which is more of a flat paddle. The tool had to fit the job.

But even a specially designed tool can be used for a different purpose. It turns out that some years ago in England, the home of cricket, baseball bats suddenly started selling like hotcakes. What were folks across the pond doing with all those baseball bats? Using them as clubs in riots!

A tool can be used, and it can be misused. It's all in the way that you use it.

The same is true with the things of God. The Second Commandment states that we should "not misuse the name of the Lord." In the Small Catechism, Luther goes on to tell us exactly what this misuse is, as well as the proper use:

"We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." (SC I)

The Lord has given us His name: He has placed it upon us in Holy Baptism and He has invited us to pray to Him as our Father. In this sense, the Lord's name is something for us to use. We should not misuse it ... and we should not fail to use it. The Pharisees of old were so afraid of misusing the name of God that they decided to simply never say the name of God (YHWH, Jehovah) at all! This non-use is just as bad as misuse. The Lord gives His gifts for our use.

A Christian steward is one who is called to use all of God's gifts for His purposes. This includes things like the Name of God, the Sacraments and the Word, and it also includes things like our family and friends, our talents and skills, our money and resources. Everything that God has given to you, He has given to you so that you may be blessed to use it for His kingdom.

It's all in the way that you use it!





October Birthdays

- Jesse G. Nevaeh T.
- 2 Lisa V.
- 3 Kathy B.
- 4 Katie B. Roger O.
- 6 Rodney H.
- 7 Sara B.
- 8 Lacey L. Aubrey M.
- 9 Sheila B.
- 10 Kristine P. Renee W.
- 11 Steve B.
- 12 Miles C. Jacob M. Kammie S.
- 13 Amv H.
- 15 Jane L.
- 16 Camila F.
- 19 Laurie B. Carolyn G. David P.
- 21 Kathleen P. Taylor R. Dave T.

Savannah V.

Wendy W.

- 22 Vivian V.
- 23 Mark M.
- 25 Amelia M.
- 26 Arianna B. Kendra T.
- 27 Bentley G.

"Rejoice with those who Rejoice" -Romans 12:

28 Gracie C.

Sterling F.

Allison K.

Jocelyn T.

- 30 Jim R.
- 31 Sherry C.

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

October Anniversaries

- Gary & Gina H.
- Jeff & Lisa S. 7
- Jeremy & Nicole M. 11
- Steve & Merri B. 20
- 23 Joe & Allison M.
- 25 John & Lori C.
- 28 Thomas & Lynn T.

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



OCTOBER 2023

Church Office Hours:

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday 9:00 A.M.-2:00 P.M.

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 18 th S. after Pentecost 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	2 6:30 P.M. Board of Elders	3 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	4 5:30 P.M. Catechism Vespers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	5 10:00 A.M. Proverbs Bible Study	6 Pastor's Day Off	7 10:00 A.M. First Communion Class 6:30 P.M. Movie Night - "Hotel Transylvania"
	Pastor at North WI District Pastors' Conference –Wisconsin Rapids, WI					
8 19 th S. after Pentecost 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School		9:00 A.M. Circuit Pastors' Meeting at Ss. Peter & Paul-Houghton 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	9:00 A.M. Service at Optalis 5:30 P.M. Catechism Vespers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	12 10:00 A.M. Proverbs Bible Study	13 Pastor's Day Off	14
15 20 th S. after Pentecost 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	16 Newsletter Deadline 6:30 P.M. Church Council	17 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	18 5:30 P.M. Catechism Vespers 7:00 P.M. Midweek Divine Service*	19 10:00 A.M. Proverbs Bible Study 5:00 P.M. Men's Gathering at Dave & Sue Patton's Home	20 Pastor's Day Off	21
22 21 st S. after Pentecost 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Neuendorf Missionary Presentation	23	24 5:30 P.M. Gsus Singers	25 5:30 P.M. Confirmation 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	26 10:00 A.M. Proverbs Bible Study	27 Pastor's Day Off	28
29 Reformation Day (Observed) 8:30 A.M. Coffee & Fellowship 9:00 A.M. Divine Service* 10:30 A.M. Quarterly Voters' Meeting 10:30 A.M. Bible Study, Youth Group, & Sunday School	30	31 4:00-7:00 P.M. Trunk-or- Treat	Worship Services in bold print. Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service. (Marked with an asterisk*)			

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Here to Serve!