



#### FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

"After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" - Revelation 7:9-10 (ESV)

I remember as a child sitting in the pews at Our Redeemer...whenever the Bible or the sermon would speak of heaven, my mind's eye would picture the same sanctuary as Our Redeemer, only with clouds everywhere and everyone singing all of the time.

The Bible uses a lot of pictures to describe "the new heavens and the new earth": a mountaintop...a feast...a wedding...a new garden with a "Tree of Life" in the middle of it. And yet the picture of heavenly choirs and voices lifted in praise to the Lord is one of those enduring images that fills our minds. "Won't we get tired of all the singing?" I used to think as a child!

The short answer is "No!" Heaven is —at its core—the people of God before His throne and before "the Lamb," Jesus Christ. When you are in such a place, you can't help but sing! Perhaps you've experienced such a moment in your life when you were filled with such profound joy and celebration that if you had a song in your heart it would have burst from your lips.

There's a reason that Lutheran worship is filled with so much singing. It's because every time we enter the house of the Lord, we do so with the joy and celebration of His presence with us. Every time we enter into His presence to have our sins forgiven...to hear His Word proclaim...and to have His Supper given to, we join with those gathered before the throne in Revelation 7. Our song is always, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" (Rev. 7:10)

The Lord bless your lifting up of voice in praise to God and to the Lamb!

In Christ our Lord

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**Pastor Ruesch** 

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#### OUR REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

#### SUNDAY SCHEDULE

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

#### WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

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

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

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#### OCTOBER RECAP

#### TRUNK-OR-TREAT

Through the blizzard we had a wonderful turnout! Thank you everyone for the candy donations and lending your trunks for a wonderful community impact day!!





#### **ATTENDENCE TOTALS**

Wednesday, Sept. 27th 7:00 P.M. 7 Sunday, Oct. 1st 9:00 P.M. 75 Wednesday, Oct. 4th 7:00 P.M. 12 Sunday, Oct. 8th 9:00 A.M. 111 Wednesday. Oct. 11th 7:00 P.M. 22 98 Sunday, Oct. 15th 9:00 P.M. Wednesday, Oct. 18th 7:00 P.M. 11 Sunday, Oct. 22nd 9:00 A.M. 88 Wednesday, Oct. 25th 7:00 P.M. 12 Sunday, Oct. 29th 9:00 A.M. 124



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#### **OFFICIAL ACTS**

#### **BAPTISMS**

Kolton Harvath Nathan Forsberg

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FATIH**

Jamie Cruz

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION**

Dustin Sotka Stephanie Sotka

#### **FIRST COMMUNION**

Drake Henry Pearl Kline Katherine McFarland Rickz Mendez Eli Smith

#### **ADDED TO MEMBERSHIP**

Quinn Sotka

#### TRANSFERS IN

Jim Sleik Stephanie Cruz Mike Nault Shane Nault Drake Henry Zoe Henry

#### **TRANSFERS OUT**

Judy Walker

#### **RELEASES**

Jason Lundy Carol Lundy Ed Thonton Cloe Lundy Miles Lundy





Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!

#### THIS NOVEMBER

#### THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE & PUMPKIN PIE SOCIAL

Wednesday, November 22nd, we will offer a special Thanksgiving Eve Divine Service at 7:00 P.M., followed by a Pumpkin Pie Social provided by our Altar Guild. Join us as we prepare our hearts in thanksgiving by gathering around God's gifts and then enjoy fellowship and treats afterwards.

\*\*There is NO Catechism Vespers Service on November 22nd.\*\*



Happy Thanksgiving to you and your family

# FEED A FAMILY FOR THANKSGIVING!

Every year, Our Redeemer provides a gift to families in need just before Thanksgiving to provide them with the means to have a Thanksgiving meal. This year, we are asking our families to sponsor the gift of a \$50 Tadych's Marketplace Foods gift card for those who could use help. If you are willing to assist checks can be made out to "Our Redeemer Lutheran Church" with "Thanksgiving Help" on the memo line and put in the offering plate or Church Office.

#### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

1st Andrew V.

2nd Douglas T. 2nd Donovan v. 5th Kate M. 5th Ali B. 6th Judy P. 10th Jim W. 11th Ray W. 12th Patricia W. 13th Gabriel F. 14th Lori G. 19th Casey G. 19th Josh M. 19th Jeff S. 20th Jacob H. 20th Paula M. 22nd Mackenzie B. 22nd Allie S. 22nd Connor T. 26th Jaidyn L. 26th Jace S. 26th Braxton W. 27th Cecil B.

#### **ANNIVERSARIES**

2nd Mac & Jan F. 10th Robert & Dawn S. 14th Junior & Jenna L. 29th Gary & Maria P.

30th Analise M.

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#### LWML RECAP & INFO.

## "Serve the Lord with Gladness!"

As we observed LWML Mission
Sunday on October 1st, we hope you
gained insight into what a wonderful
organization it is and all the
wonderful things that are
accomplished by the mites we
collect. Our local LWML is part of
Zone 2 (Upper Peninsula of
Michigan) & also a member of
Northern Wisconsin District and
National Organization. Of our
monthly mites collection, 75% goes
to the district and 25% goes to
national.

The National Convention is in Milwaukee, WI this summer and has set a goal of \$2,350,000 to pay 31 mission grants. Our district goal last year was \$115,000 for 9 grants. Year-to-date we have paid for 7.5 of the grant goal. How Wonderful!!

Praise God for this goodness! Our Sunday School children received special mites boxes and have an accompanied lesson to explain the impact they can have.

LWML surprised Renee Wilson on her last day with coffee, cake and gifts! Thank you for all you have done for the church and LWML!! At our regular meeting on November 13th at 1P.M. Heather Ruesch has been invited to speak about the new mission -The Cure. All are invited to attend and learn more about this mission.

Plans are being made for our LWML Christmas Luncheon! It will be held this year at Holiday Kitchen at 11AM. A reservation Sheet will be in the narthex. The Christmas program will take place over lunch, it is self pay. It is a wonderful opportunity for fellowship and please feel free to bring a friend for a good time. We also collect a love offering for a local charity and this year we have chosen The Cure.

Hard to imagine we are talking about Christmas already-we still have hunting season and Thanksgiving, but it will be here sooner then we think!

Praise God for all his wonderful blessings & for being our savior!

Sincerely Caren & the WML Girls!

ALL WOMEN ARE WELCOME TO ALL ACTIVITIES

#### STAMPS FOR A MISSION

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!

#### **TADYCH'S/SUPERONE RECIEPTS**

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.



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

### LIFE NEWS—NOVEMBER 2023







#### Life Newsbytes

13,241 People Were Euthanized in Canada in 2022, Setting New Record -From Alex Schadenberg: Health Canada recently released the Fourth Annual Report on Medical Assistance in Dying (2022). The data is gathered from the reports submitted by the medical or nurse practitioners who carried out the death ... The report (2022) indicates that there were: 13,241 assisted deaths in 2022 up from 10,092 in 2021, 7611 in 2020, 5665 in 2019, 4493 in 2018, 2838 in 2017, and 1018 in 2016. The 2022 report also indicates that the number of assisted deaths increased by 31.2%, representing 4.1% of all deaths. The total of number of reported assisted deaths in Canada from legalization to December 31, 2022, was 44,958. The report indicates that euthanasia represented 3.3% of all deaths, which was up from 2.5% in 2021. The data indicate a big difference in the percentage of euthanasia deaths between provinces. According to the data, the percentage of all deaths that were euthanasia increased in all provinces ... This is the Second Health Canada MAiD report since the federal government expanded eligibility for euthanasia (MAiD) in March 2021 by passing Bill C-7 ... It is concerning that 2264 people (17.1%) died by euthanasia based on loneliness and isolation. Many people with significant medical conditions also live with loneliness and isolation. Social isolation and loneliness require a compassionate, caring community, not death by lethal injection. (Read more: alexschadenberg.blogspot.com.)

#### Speaking up For Life

"Tune out the NOISE of the lies, bury yourself deep into God's Word of truth, and go forth with the life-affirming message, dressed in Christ's priestly armor and standing as sentry in prayer!" Lynette Auch, former president of Lutherans For Life

"Respect for God's chain of authority holds true with the police, legislators, governors, presidents, and judges who have been placed over me. Some I may have chosen willingly, while others I may have voted against or had no say in. Still, we believe God has given them their authority. I may feel a responsibility to oppose their plans or question how they perceive and execute justice, but even then, I owe them respect and honor." Pastor Dan Guagenti, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Shelbyville, Kentucky

"In the Christian calendar, secular time is swallowed up in Sacred Time, which is a foreshadowing of the eternal Day of the Lord, when all that we have foolishly sought after and worried about will vanish as will the night vanish on the dawning of the Lord's Day. Rejoice, the Lord is near." James M. Kushiner, executive director, Fellowship of St. James

lutheransforlife.org/resources/life-quotes





OUR REDEEMER
LUTHERAN CHURCH

**YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES** 

~SUNDAY SCHOOL - SUNDAYS AT 10:30 A.M.

~YOUTH CONFIRMATION - WEDNESDAYS AT 5:30P.M.

~BIBLE STUDY - SUNDAY AT 10:30 A.M. & THURSDAYS AT 10 A.M.



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# STEWARDSHIP "Give Thanks with a Grateful Heart!

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, by His death for our sins and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water combined with His Word, promise and name, the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure and wealth is that we belong to the most holy Trinity and everything that is His belongs also to us: righteousness, peace, eternal life. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly, divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's Holy Word, as a sacrifice. Thus all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him, from which we eat to nourish our bodies and share with our family, neighbors and fellow Christians, with the poor and even our enemies, as holy things given by our holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and bring blessing upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom and the souls that receive them.

Thus we place all that we have into God's hands. He never fails to remember us and pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for Thanksgiving celebrations, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all — even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

# THIS MONTH'S SCHEDULE

#### **November 1**

Elder: Gary P.

#### **November 5**

Elder: Jim R. Ushers: Volunteers Digital Music

#### November 8

Elder: Bob R.

#### November 12

Elder: Gary P. Ushers: Volunteers Digital Music

#### **November 15**

Elder: Dana B.

#### **November 19**

Elder: Rob K. Ushers: Volunteers Organist: Marian V.

#### November 22

Elder: Rob K.

#### November 26

Elder: Dana B. Ushers: Volunteers Digital Music

#### **November 29**

Elder: Jim R.

#### **Altar Guild**

Lisa S. & Jenna L.

LOOKING TO SERVE? CONTACT THE OFFICE OR TALK TO PASTOR!



# **NOVEMBER 2023**

Facebook: ourredeemerkingsford Keep Up-To-Date: ourredeemerkingsford.org

1 9:00 A.M. Service at Qotalis Rehab & Care			ay Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Holy Communion is offered at every Divine Service.  (Marked with an asterisk*)  Service*	Divine Service. k*)	5:30 P.M. Catechi Vespers 7:00 P.M. Divine Service*	ism		
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