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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

September Newsletter deadline is
Wednesday, August 27, 2025

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From the Pastor's Pen



“Address one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart” (Ephesians 5:19).

Did you know that the Lutheran church is known, historically, as the “singing church”? One might be surprised by that statement given the lack of confident, strong singing one experiences on some Sundays. People used to sing much more than they do today. Before the iPod, the advent of Apple Music and Amazon music, etc. people used to sing, rather than simply listen.

Some 500 years ago, Lutheran hymnody took the world by storm. Prior to the Reformation, singing in the church was done primarily by established, and sometimes “professional” choirs. The people didn’t sing. But along came Luther! For him, singing should be a congregational exercise, not just limited to a few. So, not only did he translate Scripture into the language of the people with his German Bible, he, and Paul Speratus put together the first hymnal to be used in congregations. Called *“Songs and Psalms of Praise according to the pure word of God from the Holy Scriptures”* it contained 25 hymns, eight of which were written by Luther. Three of those eight are in our Lutheran Service Book today: “Salvation Unto Us Has Come” (LSB 555), “Dear Christians One and All, Rejoice” (LSB 556), and “From Depths of Woe, I Cry to Thee” (LSB 607).

Lutheran hymnody was a vital component to the success of the Reformation as it spread. I use the term “Lutheran hymnody” for a reason. Not all hymnody (nor modern Christian songs) are the same. Lutheran hymnody is known for at least six (6) characteristics. Lutheran hymnody is:

1. Confessional. They express what we, as Lutheran Christians believe, teach and confess. They are a faithful speaking back to God what He has first spoken to us. As such, they are saturated with God’s Word and exhibit a depth and breadth that is unsurpassed anywhere else.
2. Loaded with theology. Since they are filled with God’s Word, they communicate that theology in connection with melody. Singing the faith is a wonderful way to learn the faith.
3. About THE faith. Lutheran hymnody is not about *my faith*, but The Faith. The objective, outside of us (*extra nos*) focus of faith. Lutheran hymns point us to Jesus who gives us faith, and strengthens and sustains our faith.
4. Sometimes difficult. Duh! But that’s because there is far more substance in these hymns than in other hymns and/or songs. This can be true not only in what the hymns say, but in the music itself. That’s not necessarily a bad thing, is it? After all, a fast-food hamburger takes a lot less time to prepare and eat than a 5-star steak dinner. Which one would you rather have?

5. Congregational. This was mentioned above. I know that many will say the modern American church focuses much more on music and singing than we Lutherans. After all, they spend the first 30 minutes or so singing. But have you noticed who actually is doing the singing? Usually, it's mostly the "worship leaders" doing so. Kind of reminds one of established, sometimes "professional choirs" in Luther's day. Lutheran hymns were not written to be sung by a few for the entertainment or enjoyment of the rest, but they are written so that all can participate and sing together; confess together (see #1 above); learn the faith together (see #2 above); and focus *all* our eyes on Jesus (see #3 above).
6. A servant of the Word. Luther said, *"I am not satisfied with him who despises music... for music is an endowment and a gift of God, not a gift of men. It also drives away the devil and makes people cheerful; one forgets all anger, unchasteness, pride, and other vices. I place music next to theology and give it the highest praise."*¹ For Luther, music complemented what God's Word proclaimed, it didn't "drive" what God's Word says.

Lutheran hymnody is a great treasure of the Church. Along with God's Word we should embrace it wholeheartedly, and treasure it as another vehicle to pass on the Faith to the next generation. Your Bible, your catechism, and your hymnal: three essentials for growth as Christians. So, when we get to church, let's sing boldly and loud, even if we don't know the hymn very well. Let's recover our Reformation heritage. God loves to hear His people offer Him praise and worship.

See you in church...

Pastor Rex E. Watt

¹What Luther Says, An Anthology, 3091, Music a Gift of God. Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis, MO. 1959, pg. 980.



It's already that time of year again!!

Time for the Interfaith Coalition Coat Drive

We will again be collecting coats and cold weather accessories for men, women and children. The collection box is located beneath the military boxes.

Please see Wendy McLeod with any questions.



Elder Care List

A - Hah: Doug Bender (Head Elder)
 Hal - Li: Kari Marttila
 Lu - Pa: vacant
 Po - Z: Colin Grabish

August Birthdays

08/02 Helen Granger
 08/09 Shelby Hogle
 08/11 Joseph Stephens
 08/13 Dale Harshman
 08/17 Marianne Giusti
 08/22 Hunter Kuljis
 08/25 Cindy McKay
 08/26 Jan Willand
 08/27 Alton Kimes
 08/29 George Leonard

September Birthdays

09/05 Annette Dixon
 09/05 Cristi Lysne
 09/14 Aurora Blackstock
 09/15 Kendra Anderson
 09/19 Shannon Kimes
 09/20 Abby Anderson
 09/20 Robert Burger



August Anniversaries

08/12 Dave & Susanne Martinsen
 08/16 Karl & Melissa Noste
 08/27 Darryl & Marsha Edin

*As the angels sing heavenly praises for our God above,
 As the dawn touches the Earth with its soft rays,
 As another chapter of your life starts anew,
 I wish that God will grant you your heart's greatest desire
 And your presence endows peace to others
 as refreshing as the morning dew.
 Have a blessed and wonderful birthday or anniversary!*

Note: If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed on this page or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can make the correction.

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

August 03 - Marsha Edin & Tami Marcos
 August 10 - Dave & Cindy McKay
 August 17 - Wendy McLeod & Dee Watt
 August 24 - Cristi Lysne & Mary Ann Olsen
 August 31 - Potluck

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – AUGUST

Altar Care

Arenda Hovde

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Aug. 03	Doug/Colin	Rowan Hogle	Connor Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Anthony/Travis
Aug. 10	Doug/Colin	Ian McLeod	Ross Abbe	Ian McLeod	Wendy/Corinne
Aug. 17	Doug/Colin	Connor Dupuis	Joe Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Jon/Ron
Aug. 24	Doug/Colin	Anthony McLeod	Corinne Thorsen	Ian McLeod	Anthony/Travis
Aug. 31	Doug/Colin	Rowan Hogle	Connor Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Wendy/Corinne

August

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	02 8:00 am: Men's Breakfast & Bible Study
03 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	04 office closed	05	06 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	07 6:30 pm: Elders	08	09
10 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	11 office closed	12	13 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	14	15 11:00 am: LWML Bible Study LWML Meeting	16
17 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	18 office closed	19 6:30 pm: Council	20 Bulletin Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	21	22	23
24 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	25 office closed	26	27 Bulletin Deadline Saltshaker Deadline 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	28	29	30
31 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Potluck	September 01 Labor Day office closed					

The Bulletin Board

TITHES AND OFFERINGS: *Thank you for your faithful giving!*

DEVOTIONALS: “Our Daily Bread” for June - August and “Portals of Prayer” for July - September are available on the offering table.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: MEETS AT 9:00 am.

MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: A Study of Proverbs led by Anthony McLeod. 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month here at the church. **The next meeting will be Saturday, August 2nd.**

LWML BIBLE STUDY: The third Friday of each month at 11:00 am. A study of Luther’s Small Catechism. **The next meeting will be on Friday, August 15th.**

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. A study on the book of Jonah, led by Lynnata Marttila.

The last Sunday to contribute to the service member care packages will be Sunday, August 10th. Please prayerfully consider contributing cards, letters and small treats for our service members (we also have 4 wives, one husband and 2 babies and 2 expectant mothers).



Looking ahead to fall Sunday School...

Children’s Sunday school will be starting in the fall on September 7th. The Board of Education will be looking for volunteers to share God’s love with our students. **There will be a short meeting on Sunday, August 3rd after fellowship time for those interested in volunteering or just want more information.**

“Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it.”

Proverbs 22:6

The Two Missionaries

In the pyramid's heavy shadows,
And by the Nile's deep flood,
They leaned on the arm of Jesus,
And preached to the multitude:
Where only the ostrich and parrot
Went by on the burning sands,
They builded to God and altar,
Lifting up holy hands.

But even while kneeling lowly
At the foot of the cross to pray,
Eternity's shadows slowly
Stole over their pilgrim way:
And one, with the journey weary,
And faint with the spirit's strife,
Fell sweetly asleep in Jesus,
Hard by the gates of life.

Oh, not in Gethsemane's garden,
And not by Genesareth's wave,
The light, like a golden mantle,
O'erspreadeth his lowly grave;
But the bird of the burning desert
Goes by with a noiseless tread,
And the tent of the restless Arab
Is silently near him spread.

Oh could we remember only,
Who shrink from the slightest ill,
His sorrows, who, bruised and lonely,
Wrought on in the vineyard still —
Surely the tale of sorrow
Would fall on the mourner's breast,
Hushing, like oil on the waters ,
The troubled wave to rest.

Alice Cary

Poems of Alice and Phoebe Cary
Copyright 1903
by Thomas Y. Crowell and Co.

Submitted
by

Marianne Giusti

Give us a pure heart that we may see thee,
A humble heart that we may hear thee,
A heart of love that we may serve thee,
A heart of faith that we may love thee.

Dag Hammarskjöld

The Little Book of Prayers

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Baptism of
Vivian Selena Grabish
July 13, 2025



Congratulations and blessings to you!

**Ladies of Redeemer
You Are Invited
to
LWML Meeting
Friday, August 15 at 11:00 am
Bible Study
Business Meeting
Light Lunch will be served**

Come join us to learn more about LWML, it's mission and activities here at Redeemer. We look forward to seeing you as we grow together in God's grace. Should you have any questions please contact Wendy McLeod.





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NORTHWEST DISTRICT CONVENTION SUMMARY

On June 19-21, Pastor Watt and Anthony McLeod (Lay delegate) attended the 67th Northwest District Convention in Spokane, WA. District conventions are held once every three years to gather for worship, nurture, inspiration, fellowship, communication of vital information, and to make decisions regarding the shape and focus of our mutual ministry as a district.

On the first day, acting President, Rev. Dr. Michael Von Behren (who was fulfilling the remaining term of President Linnemann who had retired while in office) was officially elected President of the district. District Vice-presidents were also elected and some reports from various district entities were heard. Synod President, Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison was in attendance and spoke, gave a Synod report, and held a Q & A session taking questions from the floor. The evening concluded with a compline service, followed by the delegate reception on the lawn sponsored by Lutheran Church Extension Fund.

Day two opened with Divine Service and Holy Communion, with President Harrison preaching. Elections for other district positions were wrapped up, and sessions on “Loved & Sent” by Rev. Jeff Cloeter, senior Pastor of Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, Missouri were held. Pastor Cloeter’s book (by the same title) will be used by our congregational leadership meeting to be held in September. This was also the major day for the delegates to conduct business. It was a long day, beginning at 8:00 am and ending at 8:30 pm.

The convention concluded on day three around 12:00 noon. The third day focused on unfinished business from the previous two days, as well as a Bible study by Rev. Dr. Phil Brant (one Pastor’s previous professors) on 1 Timothy 1:5 focusing on the convention theme: “The Aim of Our Charge is Love.”

Of the original 17 resolutions proposed for discussion, 11 were discussed and approved (four were amended prior to approval), with a lively discussion on three more, which were tabled indefinitely. Those may, or may not, come before a future convention; time will tell.

While some of the resolutions were of a housekeeping nature, others had affects on how we, as the Northwest District minister together, and a few were adopted on the basis of sending them on to Synod for consideration in the wider church body. Two resolutions that could be of particular interest to us at Redeemer deal with encouraging lay service and leadership; and raising up servant leaders. The final “resolved” portions of the resolutions of these two are as follows:

Resolution 2-02A

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District in convention give thanks for the many lay leaders who sacrificially serve and lead in our churches and ministries; and be it further RESOLVED, that the congregations and ministries of the Northwest District be encouraged to utilize Mission Training Center (<https://www.missiontrainingcenter.com>), the “Youth Leadership Initiative Report Survey Findings, October 2024” (<https://nowlcms.org/stories/yli-report-survey-findings-showing-up-matters/>),

the Making Disciples for Life Resource Center (<https://makingdisciples-resources.lcms.org>), and other resources for equipping, strengthening; and be it finally

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District and its congregations continue to encourage lay believers in their service and leadership for the sake of Christ.

Resolution 2-05A

RESOLVED, that the Northwest District encourage people in its congregations and ministries to continue their efforts to raise up new generations of leaders utilizing the Set Apart to Serve resources (<https://resources.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve/>), the NOW Leadership Initiative Tool Kit (<https://nowlcms.org/resources/now-li-final-9-1/>), the “Youth Leadership Initiative Survey Findings, October 2024” (<https://nowlcms.org/stories/yli-report-survey-findings-showing-up39-matters/>), and other such resources.

The Northwest District has been a “leading district” within the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod in the encouragement and development of lay service and leadership within the church. There are a variety of resources available for you, as the people of God in this place, to grow and sharpen your skills as lay leaders and servants. If there are areas of service and leadership you would like to explore and receive additional training in, please give me a call.

Thank you, as a congregation, for allowing Anthony and I to attend. It is a pleasure to be able to serve you in this place we call Redeemer.

See you in church,
Pastor Rex E. Watt



Thank you from Niko and Molly

Hi church family!

Thank you all so much for the Easter box, Niko was on a trip when it was delivered, but it was there waiting for us to open it when he got back and we absolutely loved all the sweet notes, bible verse art and of course, all the chocolate (especially Molly!) Thank you for blessing us with care packages so often and for all your prayers!

Niko & Molly





June 2025 Council Briefs

Pastor opened the council meeting with a prayer and devotion.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from the May 2025 Council Meeting were reviewed and accepted by council.

Treasurer's Report: The church's actual expenses are over our budgeted expenses by a small amount but the good news is that our actual income is greater than our budgeted income.

Pastor's Report: For the month of May, Pastor Watt had a normal preaching and visitation schedule. He also attended the Puget Sound Pastors' Conference in Sequim.

Elders Report: Elders will be making recommendations to council for donations for various events approved to be held at the church

Stewardship Report: The Church picnic is coming up in July. Please sign up on the board near the kitchen to bring either a side dish or dessert.

To stay in budget the council decided to end individual subscriptions for the Lutheran Witness magazine. The church will order 20-25 copies of the Lutheran Witness every month and they will be at the church for members to borrow and return for others to read.

Property Report: Some interior light bulbs need replacing and the ceiling that needed fixed (from previous remodel) in the corner near where the book cases used to be will be fixed and painted soon.

Education Report: An Assistant teacher for preschool has been hired for the 2025-2026 school year. A Pre-school operations manual is in the works by the Board of Education. The curriculum for Sunday School 2025-2026 is finished and ready for this September.

A memorial clock will be installed in the preschool area in honor of Sue Urbanec.

Evangelism: Ross shared some information regarding WWII lessons learned and the credit to God as well as some moral approaches for a Christian based nation.

Unfinished Business: Putting the folding chairs up against the wall in the fellowship area during the week is causing wall damage. A member will donate the wood and install a chair rail around the fellowship room to protect the walls.

The sound board is quite old and will eventually need to be replaced. Fixing it is really no longer realistic. Updated systems that can connect with hearing aids are being explored. Estimates are needed before further consideration.

Redeemers' security service has increased \$36 per quarter. This includes sending someone out to see whether an alarm needs a response and if so, contact the police. This will save Pastor from coming to the church to check on each alarm.

New Business: The current toilet paper dispensers in the main restrooms are not functioning properly, wasting toilet paper, and council decided to replace them in the near future.

Council decided to continue most meetings online but to have 1-2 meetings per year in person.

Pastor closed in prayer at 7:53 pm.



Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bellingham, WA
(KI394),

The Kroger Co. Family of Stores is committed to bringing hope and help to the local neighborhoods we call home. Our stores are on a mission to not just part of, but to help create a stronger community. We recognize that every community has unique causes that need support. Thank you for being such an important organization in our community.

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Thank you for being such an important organization in our community,

Community Rewards Staff

01-Apr-2025 to 30-Jun-2025

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Simply go to www.fredmeyer.com/communityrewards and search for Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bellingham, WA (or our organization non-profit number: KI394) and connect your card to our church.



Jesus' Transforming Presence

“But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, ‘Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost’” (Luke 19:8-10 NIV).

Who knew, all those kids sitting in Sunday school were getting a lesson in stewardship! Generations of children have very often heard lessons based on the familiar account of Zacchaeus. The diminutive tax collector’s curiosity surrounding the person and ministry of Jesus is what the Holy Spirit used to set him on a collision course for a total stewardship transformation. This transformation, according to the text of Luke 19, is not just about this life. This stewardship transformation is about eternity as well!

Remember the story: Zacchaeus was a tax collector. Do not think of friendly neighborhood IRS agents. This was more like a toll booth operator, but the governing authorities did not set the toll. They would contract men to staff roadside booths and tax the commerce that was passing along the road. This was an enterprise full of greed and graft. The tax collectors would take as much as they could and only pass on a portion to the government. The rest did not go into the community chest either! It went into the pocket of the tax collector.

This is why the people had such disdain for Jewish tax collectors. They were seen as both crooks and traitors. They were crooks in that they extorted their compatriots and others in the toll process. But worse, they were seen as traitors because their efforts supported the occupying Roman authorities. That is the real reason that the people would not make way so that short Zacchaeus could see Jesus.

For this reason, he runs ahead and climbs a tree. He had heard all the stories. He wanted to see this Jesus with his own eyes. Mercy is on display. This hated crook and traitor gets a direct audience with Jesus — at Jesus’ own request! Jesus invites Himself to Zacchaeus’ house. This is where the transformation is about to take place!

Notice how Jesus does it. He does not preach a three-week sermon series, nor does He ask Zacchaeus to make a pledge. There is nothing programmatic about Jesus’ approach. But Zacchaeus is completely transformed! The transforming force is the very presence of Jesus!

Direct time with Jesus takes a crooked, selfish, criminal and makes him the most faithful steward.

This new life of stewardship is marked by the promises made. First, he gives half of his ill-gotten gains to the poor. These are people whom he would not have defrauded at all! Yet, after spending time with Jesus, they are His first concern. Only after this does he double the requirement of the Levitical law on fraud. And what does Jesus say is the result? Salvation!

Doing the acts of stewardship does not save. Rather, the faith in Jesus that is created by the Holy Spirit is what saves! This is critical for us to confess. Failed stewardship can and will cut you off from God. The only antidote for failed stewardship is the presence of Jesus.

We do not need to run ahead and climb a tree for this presence of Jesus. He makes Himself available to us every week in the Divine Service. He speaks His Word of invitation to us in the pages of Holy Scripture. This, and this alone, transforms us from sinner to saint, from owner to steward of all that belongs to the Lord.

Do you want to become a more faithful steward? Spend more time with Jesus. Make the Divine Service a weekly priority. Feast on Christ's body and blood weekly! This is the great gift that brings salvation from God's House to yours!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – August 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool

Looking ahead to the 2025-2026 School Year...
Here are some items on our *Wish List*!

- Sand (bags of sand from Dollar tree or wherever) 24 bags
- Crayola Markers (10 ct.) 10 each
- Crayola Colored Pencils (12 ct.) 10 each
- Cans of Play-doh assorted colors - 24
- Clorox wipes (Costco packs)
- Dollar Tree gift cards
- Michaels gift cards
- Hobby Lobby gift cards

**Redeemer Lutheran
Preschool**

Ages 3 1/2 to 5 YRS

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**Now enrolling
for the
2025-2026
School year!**



Lutheran's For Life Quotes: August 24

“We stand together, one in mind and heart, and with one voice, in defense of the lives of our unborn children—God’s precious little ones. Yet, what we stand for is not only the lives of these precious unborn children but also the moms, the dads, the grandmas and grandpas, the young and the old, the healthy and the sick and dying. What we stand for is the very value—the very gift—of life itself.”

Pastor Paul Clark, LFL of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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Free Cards



SHARE GOD’S WORD BY USING FREE GIDEON CARDS

How would you like to extend the missionary outreach of our church to some 200 countries around the world? You are encouraged to use Gideon cards to send the Word and Change a Life!

Every time you send a Gideon card, your donation for Bibles will send God’s Word to someone who desperately needs it—perhaps in your own neighborhood or somewhere else around the world.

Gideon cards can be given in the memory of someone special (sympathy cards) or for any special occasion, and that’s a life-changing difference!

Check out the display of free Gideon cards in our church. Where are they? They are on the wooden shelf at the back wall in the fellowship room. Help yourself. Then, let these cards acknowledge your gift in memory or in honor of someone, and provide Bibles, helping fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for sharing God’s Word around the world.