



The Saltshaker

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

July Newsletter deadline is
Wednesday, June 24, 2026

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From the Pastor's Pen



I stumbled across a devotional resource that I have found to be absolutely incredible. A pastor acquaintance of mine often says, “read old theology books!” This devotional guide is called, “Book of Prayer and Meditations on the Scriptures: Devotions for Every Day of the Year” by N.J. Laache. I acquired it from Concordia Publishing House, and it is a “reprint on demand” book, being first published in 1902. Bishop Laache (1831-1892) was a widely read and beloved Norwegian Luther pastor renowned for his devotional literature.

I would like to share with you his thoughts on Pentecost with reference to Acts 2:1-11. You may want to read that passage before reading his devotional comments as copied below:

The confusion of tongues at Babel and the division into different languages shows the human race’s separation because of sin. It had been God’s will that people should spread over the earth. It had also been His will that they should establish separate nations, each with its distinctive features. As each individual person is distinct from another, so each nationality is distinct from others, and this multiple diversity between persons and peoples would also have happened even if we had not sinned. But all would have been united in peace and love, with sympathy for all near and far, in perfect mutual understanding and in the most beautiful unity and harmony. Now the fellowship is broken. People have become strangers to one another and do not know or understand each other. Their spirits go separate ways and do not agree. Nations are enemies of one another and destroy one another. Love is gone; God’s image is lost. Man has declared himself rid of God, “the imagination of man’s heart is evil from his youth” (Gen 8:21), and thereby the fellowship of unity and love is gone.

But Pentecost is the reverse and annulment of Babel. The tongues of fire from heaven are the living language that the Spirit puts in the mouths of the saints from the new life in their hearts, and this life is a life of fellowship with love, fellowship with God in Christ and mutual fellowship with one another. When the Holy Spirit cleanses our hearts, no one is deprived of individuality. Rather He sanctifies it, brings us into harmony with each other and unites us as one in God. All united with Christ, we are united with one another and have everything in common, that is, each one uses the talent entrusted to him for the edification of the whole Church.

The diversity of languages will never be removed, but they shall all be purified and transformed into a higher unity. This most glorious work is not yet finished, but God’s Spirit is working on it continually. Language barriers are being overcome, and the Gospel is being proclaimed over all the earth. All people shall hear the word of life in their

own tongue, and all languages are filled with the everlasting truth. This was foretold in the miracle of Pentecost day when people of all nations heard the Apostles speaking in their own language. When the Church is made perfect, the ransomed of all nations together shall form one blessed and holy race, and all languages shall sound harmonious together in the heavenly language of love, in which the Church sings the song of God and the Lamb.

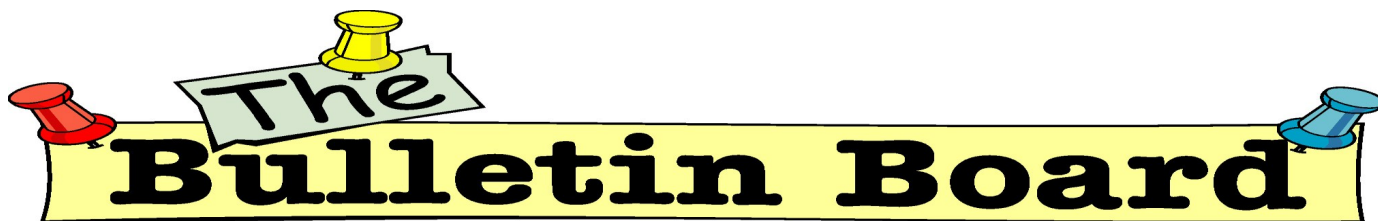
He then closes his devotion with the following prayer: O Holy Spirit, gather our hearts to Christ, and gather in all people so that there soon may be one flock, one Shepherd. Amen.

May it be so.

See you in church!
Pastor Rex E. Watt

Devotion accessed and copied from:

<https://havasulutherans.org/about-god/devotional-material/bishop-laaches-handbook/devotion-234/>



The Bulletin Board

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

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

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY: MEETS AT 9:00 am, led by Jon Dixon.

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. *Next Meeting will be Saturday, June 6th.*

LWML BIBLE STUDY AND MEETING: The third Friday of each month at 11:00 am. A Bible study followed by a LWML meeting. *The next meeting will be Friday, June 19th.*

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

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR TAMI MARCOS: A memorial service for Tami Marcos will be here at Redeemer on Friday, June 26 at 11:00 am.

COMING SOON: REDEEMER CHURCH PICNIC! Sunday, July 19th following morning worship. More details to follow!



Elder Care List

A - Hah: Doug Bender (Head Elder)
 Hal - McK: Kari Marttila
 McL - Z: Colin Grabish

May Sunday Attendance

May 03 54
May 10 56
May 17 59
May 24 90
May 31 51

June Birthdays

06/02 Sabina Jada
 06/03 Travis Kimes
 06/04 Corinne Thorsen
 06/10 Patrick O'Connor
 06/12 Alex Strong
 06/12 Eva Lado
 06/13 Carson Wright
 06/17 Janet Baeder
 06/17 Steven Potvin
 06/19 Carl Olsen
 06/21 Doug Bender
 06/28 Barb Abbe

July Birthdays

07/02 Brian Cobb
 07/05 Linda Montgomery
 07/08 Tonya Lysne
 07/08 Dale Kloes
 07/15 John Flarry
 07/19 Susanne Martinsen
 07/21 Colin Grabish
 07/27 Carol Kloes
 07/27 Jon Dixon
 07/28 Wendy McLeod



June Anniversaries

06/14 Roger & Helen Granger
 06/16 Colin & Ingrid Grabish
 06/20 Randy & Deanne Bowen
 06/23 David & Norma Ketah
 06/27 John & Lynnea Flarry

*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!*

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

June 07 - Wendy M. & Leslie R.
 June 14 - Annette D. & Dee W.
 June 21 - Father's Day
 June 28 - Potluck

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – JUNE

Altar Care
 Jamie

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.

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
June 07	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	Corinne T.	Matilda K.	Jon/Ron
June 14	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Carol K.	Ian M.	Anthony/Travis
June 21	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	Rachel V.	Kari M.	Wendy/Corinne
June 28	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Ross A.	Travis K.	Jon/Ron



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



Women in Missions Ingathering Cups of Hope for Lighthouse Mission

Redeemer will be collecting new and gently used coffee mugs for Lighthouse Mission this summer.

These mugs will be used in their Street Outreach program and for those living at the Mission.

Many of the people who pass through Whatcom County are in need of encouragement and support. LHM sends volunteers out into the community to share God's message of love and salvation.

In the fall, we will then add packets of instant coffee, tea and soup along with a granola bar and a spoon to the mugs before gifting them to LHM for distribution to those in need.

Your mugs can be left in the box on the Mite Box shelf in the fellowship area. You will be invited to help fill the mugs in September during fellowship time.



Lutheran Women in Mission FOCUS ON:

Proclaiming Christ

*Declare his glory
among the nations,
his marvelous works
among all peoples!*
(Psalm 96:3).

Supporting Missions

*And he said to them,
"Go into all the world
and proclaim the gospel
to the whole creation"*
(Mark 16:15).

Equipping Women

*Now may the God of
peace ... equip you with
everything good that
you may do his will*
(Hebrews 13:20–21).

Serving Others

*As each has received
a gift, use it to
serve one another*
(1 Peter 4:10a).



Congratulations and Blessings to Ian and Zhaniece!

-married at Redeemer on May 24, 2026



SAVE THE DATE: July 19, 2026

For the Redeemer Lutheran
Church Picnic!

Look for more details to follow!



CONGRATULATIONS

Ferndale High Graduate Jaxon Kuljis

Jaxon Kuljis will be graduating from Ferndale High School on June 5, 2026. We are incredibly proud of Jaxon for his accomplishments and perseverance as he has been faced with many challenges along the way. He plans to attend Bellingham Technical College in the Fall and study architecture or a trade in the hunting or fishing profession. We know God will lead him down the path that is right for him and will continue to watch over him as he enters this next chapter of life. We ask for prayers that God would continue to bless Jaxon on this next adventure in the beginning of his adult life!

Love and Blessings, The Kuljis Family





**Thank You, Redeemer Elders,
for honoring mothers with the lovely
brunch served on Mother's Day.**







Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Hello dear church members!

Wow, this April, and May really flew by for me! God blessed us with an amazing year, and I was very sad to see the pre-K students go! We had 10 students graduate from preschool that are moving on the kindergarten! There were six of those students who were the “babies” of the families that I have had all their children over my years as the preschool teacher; it was a very sad time for me. I have been blessed in so many ways being a preschool teacher and have had so much love and support throughout my time and your thoughts, prayers and contributions have made this all possible. As we look forward to next year, I do ask for prayers that our preschool will continue. At this moment I have 2 potential returners for next year. Please pray that God would like us to keep this ministry going and there are families that want preschool education along with the love of Jesus! I look forward to sharing God’s love for these little ones next year! Spread the word of God and the word of our preschool mission here at Redeemer! God said, “let the little children come to me” Matthew 19:14.

May you all have a wonderful summer!

Love and Blessings, Heidi

Preschool Mother's Day Luncheon





Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Graduation Congratulations 2026 Graduates!



LEAVING PRESCHOOL
WITH JESUS BY MY SIDE



ALOHA KINDERGARTEN!

Preschool graduation

May 19th, 2026





Thank you to the quilters who provided a hand-made quilt for each graduate!





LCMS Stewardship June 2026 Newsletter Article

Originally published in June 2023

What Do You Want?

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the “Shepherd Psalm.” There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don’t know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord’s sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here’s the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

THE SECRET

I met God in the morning,
When my day was at its best,
And His presence came like sunrise,
Like a glory in my breast.

All day long the Presence lingered,
All day long He stayed with me,
And we sailed in perfect calmness
O'er a very troubled sea.

Other ships were blown and battered,
Other ships were sore distressed,
But the winds that seemed to drive them
Brought to us a peace and rest.

Then I thought of other mornings,
With a keen remorse of mind,
When I too had loosed the moorings,
With the Presence left behind.

So, I think I know the secret,
Learned from many a troubled way:
You must seek Him in the morning
If you want Him through the day!

Raph Spaulding Cushman

Submitted
by 

Marianne Giusti

From the rising
of the sun to its
setting,
the name of
the LORD is to
be praised.
Psalm 113:3

Lutheran's For Life Quotes: June 14



“It is important for each of us that we not forget how our country came to be an independent nation. It’s even more important that we individually remember how dependent we are upon God’s provision, protection, and blessing for those liberties we daily enjoy and use. Take the time to turn to the Lord with a thankful heart. Pray also for the willingness to share in the responsibilities and duties that belong to you as a citizen of the United States of America.”

Daily Devotions, Redeemer Lutheran Church, Sister Lakes, Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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