



August 2026

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

September Newsletter deadline is
Monday, August 24th, 2026

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From the Pastor's Pen



I don't know if I hit a nerve on the last Sunday in July, or if people were just interested in the theme for the day: Beware of false prophets. I had several requests for copies of the sermon, so if you were not in the Divine Service last Sunday, I will give a summary below. The text was based upon the Gospel reading for the 8th Sunday after Trinity (1-year Lectionary), Matthew 7:15-23, with references to the Old Testament reading, Jeremiah 23:16-29. You might want to read those texts first.

Our gracious Lord warns us that not everyone who speaks in his name truly belongs to him. It was true in apostolic times, the early centuries of the church, and it is true today. False teachers often appear kind, wise, and religious. They may speak much about love, success, or spiritual power, yet they lead sinners away from Christ crucified and from the pure doctrine of his Word. Therefore our Savior bids us, "Beware."

Our own wisdom cannot preserve us from deception. Left to ourselves, we are easily drawn to teachings that flatter our sinful nature rather than call us to repentance. The test of every teacher is not outward success, or impressive works, or eloquent speech, but whether Christ is rightly proclaimed according to the Holy Scriptures. The true fruit of faithful preaching is that sinners are brought to repentance, trust in Christ alone for forgiveness, and are strengthened in holy living through his Means of Grace.

The most sobering words in this passage are those spoken on the Last Day, "I never knew you" (Matt 7:23). Many will boast of great works done in Christ's name, yet they will have trusted in themselves instead of the righteousness of Christ. Our confidence rests not in what we have done for God, but in what Christ has done for us. He has fulfilled the Law, borne our sins upon the cross, and declared us righteous through faith alone. In our Holy Baptism he claimed us as his own, and in his Holy Supper he continually strengthens us with his true body and blood.

Therefore let us gladly hear his Word, receive his Sacraments, and remain steadfast in the apostolic faith. There alone the Good Shepherd keeps his sheep safe from every wolf and brings them at last into his eternal kingdom.

See you in church...

Pastor Rex E. Watt

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, a study of the book of Romans.

MEN’S SATURDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY & BREAKFAST: 8:00 am the first Saturday of each month here at the church. A Study of Matthew led by Anthony McLeod.

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, August 21st.*

WEDNESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday mornings at 9:00 am. “God’s Word for Today: Psalms”, led by Lynnata Marttila.



*Congratulations
to
Chase and Eva Casady
married on July 25, 2026*





August Birthdays

08/02 Helen Granger
 08/05 David Ketah
 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 Robert Burger
 09/20 Abby Anderson
 09/24 Norma Ketah

Elder Care List

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

July Sunday Attendance

July 05	48
July 12	39
July 19	65
July 26	65



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 02 – Kitchen Committee
 August 09 – Dave and Cindy
 August 16 – Dee and Annette
 August 23 – Janet, Marsha and Peggy
 August 30 – Potluck

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – AUGUST Altar Care

Lynnata

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
Aug. 02	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	David K.	Matilda K.	Wendy/Corinne
Aug. 09	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Corinne T.	Ian M.	Jon/Ron
Aug. 16	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	Rachel V.	Kari M.	Anthony/Travis
Aug. 23	Doug/Colin	Anthony M.	Ross A.	Travis K.	Wendy/Corinne
Aug. 30	Doug/Colin	Ian M.	David K.	Matilda K.	Jon/Ron

August

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





Define Your Life by How You Give

Originally Published in August 2023

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

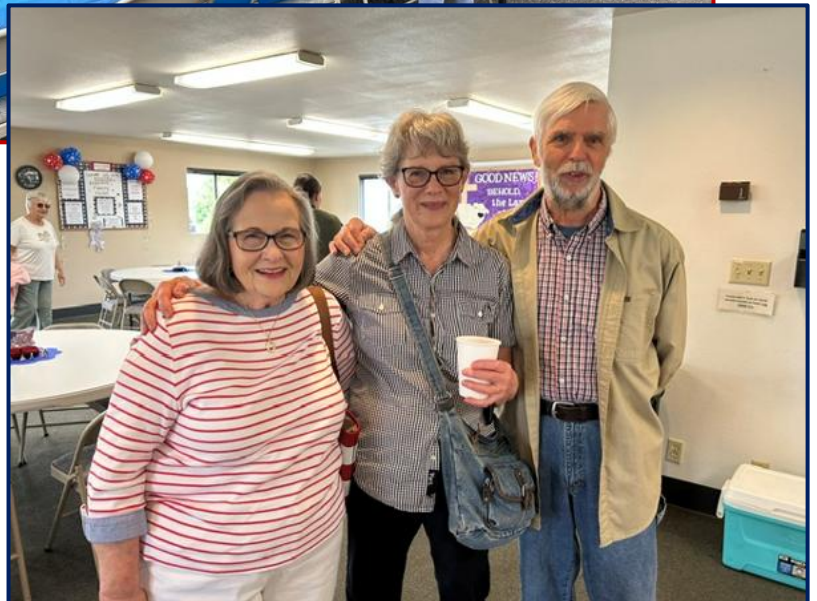
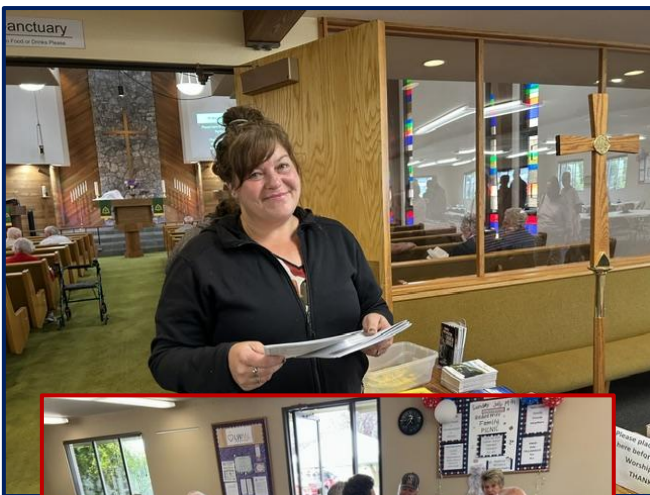
Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

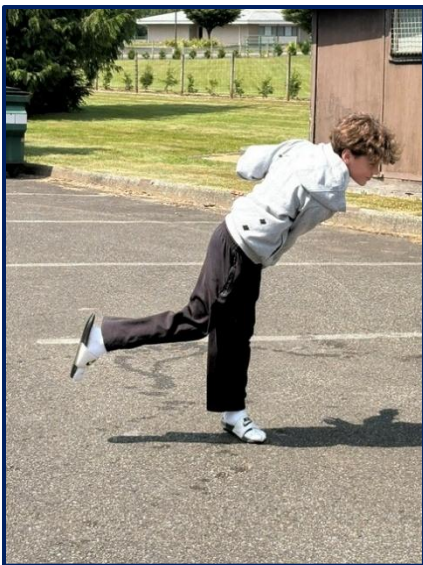
But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

“It is more blessed to give than to receive”
Acts 20:35

Redeemer Red White & Blue Church Picnic







Redeemer Lutheran Handbell Choir

“Praise Him with the sounding of the trumpet,
praise Him with the harp and lyre,
praise Him with timbrel and dancing,
praise Him with the strings and pipe,
praise Him with the clash of cymbals,
praise Him with resounding cymbals.”

Psalm 150:3–5

Did you catch the announcement last Sunday? Shepherd of the Valley Lutheran Church in Santa Ynez, CA is loaning Redeemer their two-octave set of Schulmerlich Handbells to start our own handbell choir! Handbells have been used in worship services for over three hundred years, and are a traditional and beautiful addition to any service. We are so thankful for this amazing gift!

I want to thank everyone for the huge outpouring of support and excitement for this incredible blessing. Come ring with us, experience this fun fellowship opportunity, and “make a joyful noise unto the Lord.” Everyone is welcome—all ages and musical backgrounds. You do not need to read music or “consider yourself musical.” Rehearsals will be at church on Sundays following fellowship time.

In His Service, Shannon Kimes



**IT'S NOT TOO EARLY
To Plan Ahead For
REDEEMER'S ADVENT SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP
DECEMBER 6TH, 2026**

**PUBLICITY ~ HOSTESS COORDINATOR
PROGRAM ~ DECORATIONS
FOOD ~ KITCHEN ASSISTANCE/SERVERS
SET-UP & CLEAN-UP
INGATHERING PROJECT**

Prayerfully consider how you might
use your gifts and talents to help
plan and prepare Redeemer's
Advent Fellowship Sunday.
Should you have questions or wish
to volunteer, please contact
Annette Dixon or Dee Watt.



**Redeemer Lutheran
Preschool**

Ages 3 1/2 to 5 YRS

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Redeemer Lutheran Preschool

NOW ENROLLING

for the 2026-2027 School Year
2-day or 4-day class options

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more information.





Lutheran's For Life Quotes: August 02

"And so, our life finds its meaning in Him. Our path is directed by Him. Our future is secure in Him. Though life may take a very unexpected turn, whether with a pregnancy, an illness, depression, or sudden loss, there is hope, there is peace, and there is comfort in the compassion and mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, who loved us and gave Himself for us."

Rev. Paul Clark, Lutherans For Life of Michigan – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life
lutheransforlife.org

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IF YOU'RE SEARCHING for stories of the Church in action:

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