



The Saltshaker

June 2022

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

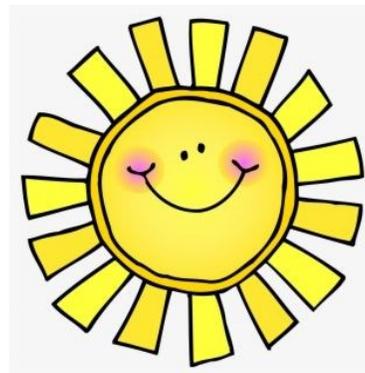
9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

June Newsletter deadline is
Monday, June 20, 2022

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Thank you to all who attended the Voter's Meeting!

2022-2023 Election Results

President: Les Anderson
Vice President: (vacant)
Council Secretary: NaDean Hanson
Treasurer: Carl Olsen
Stewardship: Corinne Thorsen and Barb Abbe will Co-chair
Property: (vacant)
Christian Ed: Marianne Giusti
Evangelism: Ross Abbe
Elders: Rod Hanson, Colin Grabish, and Patrick O'Conner
were elected/re-elected

Congratulations to each of you! And **THANK YOU** for being willing to serve in these various capacities.



VBS 2022 UPDATE

We are going to give it one more week to look for volunteers! At the moment it is not looking too promising. I know summer is a busy time for most, but if you have time the week of July 18-22, from 9:30 am until 12 noon to help, I would really appreciate your willing heart! I'm praying we will be able to have a week of sharing God's word, singing His praises and enjoying crafts, food and fun to children in our church and community.

Thank you,
Heidi



May 2022 RLC Council Meeting Briefs

Pastor Rex opened in prayer at 6:30 p.m.

Devotional based on John 13:33-35

The March minutes were reviewed and accepted as there was not a quorum in April.

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Treasurer's Report: As of the end of April, the church is \$34,318.53 in the black.

Pastor's Report: Confirmation classes continue and will end on June 22nd.

2 shut in visits with communion.

SMP class is in the final week and had 5 meetings with Pastor Wildermuth.

Average April worship attendance was 63, average weekly giving was 5569.75

Elder's Report: Ross reported that he and Pastor Rex were elder members present at the last elder's meeting. They had a devotional from the Old Testament. The ballot to be presented at the upcoming Voter's Meeting was reviewed. Per the usher's report, if Rod happens to be elected to the Elder's Board, the McLeod's will take on the role of head usher(s). The Elder's Meeting was closed with prayer by Pastor Watt.

Stewardship Report: Potluck on the 5th Sunday of May.

Property Report: A time will be scheduled to clean up around the cross area in the front near the parking lot so weed barrier and rock can be placed. Regarding cleaning up the cross area in the front.

Education Report: Preschool graduation was Wednesday, May 18th. Several returning kids and several new kids are signed up for fall 2022.

Unfinished Business: In addition to the \$5,000.00 set aside for new playground equipment for the preschool, there was a generous gift of \$30,000.00 for the preschool. We have volunteers to head up the project of getting new and up to code playground equipment installed in a better location.

New Business: Council approved Pastor Rex's request of his HOA holding annual meetings at the church if needed as their previous location is unavailable now.

Council approved Pastor Rex's request to purchase approx. 100 Palm Sunday Congregational Reading Guides so we have our own to use.

Pastor Rex presented the council with a copy of a bid from JRR Construction to replace the siding and make the necessary repairs to the south side of the church. Along with that bid, there were additional bids for other work/repairs to the church. Council approved to accept the bid from JRR Construction for the work on the south side of the church since the congregation already voted in favor of those repairs. Council decided to ask the congregation about the additional bids that haven't been discussed with the congregation yet.

The Council Meeting was closed in prayer at 8:20 by Pastor Watt



LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...
Everything we have is a gift from God
that we are to use to help others.

Life

What Do You Have That You Have Not Received?

Some of the disciples of John the Baptist were questioning him about the baptism and preaching of Jesus. John the Baptist replies to their questions in this way: “A person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven” (John 3:27).

Now, John the Baptist says this to show that Jesus, His teaching, and His baptism are from heaven. But this statement is true of everything – everything that we have and are in body and soul. In fact, this is what we are taught in the meaning of the Apostles’ Creed in *Luther’s Small Catechism*.

In the explanation of the Creed’s First Article, we learn that God has made us and everything in the universe. Luther says:

“He has given me my body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, and still takes care of them. He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, and all I have. He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life. He defends me against all danger and guards and protects me from all evil. All this He does only out of fatherly, divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in me. For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.”

In the Second Article of the Creed, we learn that God sent His Son, Jesus, to humble Himself, taking the form of a servant. Luther writes:

“(Jesus) has redeemed me, a lost and condemned person, purchased and won me from all sins, from death, and from the power of the devil; not with gold or silver, but with His holy, precious blood and with His innocent suffering and death, that I may be His own and live under Him in His kingdom and serve Him in everlasting righteousness, innocence, and blessedness, just as He is risen from the dead, lives and reigns to all eternity.”

In the Third Article of the Creed, we learn that the fruits of what Jesus Christ, the Son of God, did are given to us

through the work of the Holy Spirit in the Church. Luther explains:

“That I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him; but the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the true faith. In the same way He calls, gathers, enlightens, and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth, and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith. In this Christian church He daily and richly forgives all my sins and the sins of all believers. On the Last Day He will raise me and all the dead, and give eternal life to me and all believers in Christ.”

Indeed, a person cannot receive even one thing unless it is given him from heaven. But how easy is this for us to forget about this?

How easy is it for us to think that what we have in this life is because we have earned it? How easy is it for us to forget that even all our skills, the abilities of our hands and minds – the very ethic to work diligently and to seek to get better at these skills – is given to us from heaven, just as John the Baptist said? How easy is it for us to forget that it is Christ alone – and the work of the Holy Spirit – that reveals His salvation to us, delivers it to us, and not our doing?

Sure, we have responsibility for coming to church, for delving into God’s Holy Word, and for praying without ceasing. But even these responsibilities are given to us from heaven, not to earn anything but in response to what He has accomplished for us.

A person cannot receive one thing unless it is given to him from heaven. Everything we have, and everything we are – in both body and soul – are gifts from God in heaven. Let us then respond in thanksgiving and give back to Him as He asks us to – with a first-fruits, generous proportion offering of what He has given to us.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod
LCMS Stewardship Ministry – lcms.org/stewardship
Newsletter Article – June 2022



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			01 Bulletin Deadline 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	02 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	03	04
05 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	06	07 6:30 pm: Elders	08 Bulletin Deadline 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	09 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	Northwest District Convention	
12 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	13	14 6:30 pm: Council	15 Bulletin Deadline 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	16 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	17	18
19 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Father's Day	20 Saltshaker Deadline	21	22 Bulletin Deadline 3:30-5:00 pm Youth Confirmation Class	23 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	24	25
26 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Childcare Worldwide Presentation	27	28	29 Bulletin Deadline	30		



Elder Care List

A—Hah: Larry Schell
 Hal—Leg: Ross Abbe
 Leo—P: Kari Marttila
 R—Z: Patrick O'Connor

June Birthdays
 06/02 Rodney Hanson
 06/04 Corinne Thorsen
 06/10 Patrick O'Connor
 06/12 Alex Strong
 06/17 Janet Baeder
 06/17 Steven Potvin
 06/19 Carl Olsen
 06/28 Rachel Hahn
 06/28 Barbara Abbe

July Birthdays
 07/02 Brian Cobb
 07/05 Linda Montgomery
 07/08 Dale Kloes
 07/13 Miller Littke
 07/14 Sally Pinski
 07/15 John Flarry
 07/19 Sharon Schell
 07/19 Susanne Martinsen
 07/21 Colin Grabish
 07/21 Glen Kortlever
 07/24 Peggy Hind
 07/27 Carol Kloes
 07/28 Wendy McLeod



June Anniversaries

06/07 Rodney & NaDean Hanson
 06/14 Roger & Helen Granger
 06/20 Randy & Deanne Bowen
 06/27 John & Lynnea Flarry

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule
 June 05 - Dave & Sandy Stamps & Dee Watt
 June 12 - Susanne Martinsen & Mary Ann Olsen
 June 19 - Marianne Giusti & Karla Booker
 June 26 - Colin Grabish & Janet Baeder

*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!*

ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – JUNE
Altar Care
 Jamie Dupuis

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
June 05	Larry Schell	Ian McLeod	Pastor Watt	Rod Hanson	Barb/Spiro
June 12	Ross/Kari	Wendy McLeod	Ross Abbe	Anthony McLeod	Dale/Ron
June 19	Larry/Rod	David Stamps	Joe Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Cristi/Anthony
June 26	Kari/Colin	Bill Baeder	Corinne Thorsen	Rod Hanson	Cheryl/Ron

Should you have any questions, please contact Dee for Host/Hostesses and Tabatha for the rest.
 Thank you!

The Bulletin Board

TITHE ENVELOPES — Thank you for your continued tithe offerings. Just a reminder to write out **Redeemer Lutheran Church** on your check. Thank you. You may continue to drop off your tithe envelopes to the secure Prayer Box.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 9:15 am: "Exploring God's Word—The Old Testament", led by Pastor Watt.

THURSDAY NIGHT ADULT BIBLE STUDY AT 7:00 PM: Study of 1st & 2nd Samuel, led by Colin Grabish.

DEVOTIONALS: "Our Daily Bread" for June-August and "Portals of Prayer" for April-June are available at the bulletin table and the mailbox table.

2022 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET is posted on the bulletin board by the office. This is an opportunity for you to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memory, etc. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please place your name and phone number on the line corresponding with the date on the altar flower sign-up sheet. If you would like Lynnata to purchase flowers for you, please contact her at 360-318-5298.

TUNE INTO THE LUTHERAN HOUR: Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, gives a sermon each Sunday. The program also features hymns and reflections on the texts.

Online: www.kfuo.org

Radio: 550AM KARI 11:30 am



Redeemer Lutheran Women Missionary League – LWML

LWML will meet **Friday, June 17 at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.**

This will be an organizational meeting to vote for officers and discuss other details and announcements. If you were not able to attend the May meeting, you are most welcome to come. Bring a sack lunch. Dessert will be provided. Please contact Gail Pappacostas at 360-306-9902 with any questions.

Future LWML meetings will be held on the 3rd Friday of each month at 11:30 am - 1:00 pm.



Interfaith Coat Drive

Coat donations welcome! There is now a donation box for the Interfaith Coat Drive, it is located beneath the coat rack. Summer garage sales can be a great place to pick up gently used winter items to donate to those in need. Thank you!



From the Pastor's Pen

Today We Grieve

by Pastor Michael Salemink of Lutherans for Life.

You may access Lutherans for Life at: <https://lutheransforlife.org/>

Today we grieve. Today we must grieve.

Twenty-one of our children perished too young. Nineteen students and two teachers. Their parents, their families, their communities have lost incalculable and irreplaceable blessings. Malice has ripped away hope and joy from them. Murder has robbed them of an innocence and a security. These crimes, these evils, these sins have violated our world and deprived our future of untold wonders.

It should not have happened. We should have prevented it and everything that contributed to it. We should have protected them, especially because it has happened before. No one ought ever to regard children or any neighbor as disposable. Almighty God has not intended humankind to perpetrate such atrocities. These wrongs leave His own heart weeping and bleeding.

“How often would I have gathered your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!” (Matthew 23:37)

These offenses have stirred Him not only to anger but also to action.

What makes abortion, euthanasia, and embryocide reprehensible also makes this situation wretched. Victimizing the vulnerable and deliberately ending human life is always unnecessary injustice. We might even consider how allowing abortion and physician-assisted suicide has accustomed our culture to a viewpoint that some persons have less worth than us or others and has encouraged or at least enabled other massacres. We might likewise contemplate whether the proliferation and glorification of firearms has facilitated these tragedies. Whatever the dangers of possessing a weapon, one does not take life just by having a gun. The same does not hold true for abortion.

Today we must grieve, but not today only. No amount of outrage and shaming will solve the problem. The failure here does not lie ultimately with laws or leaders alone. We need more than new policies or better persuading. Banning guns will not stop hostilities and homicides. A killer who has no pistol will pick up a blade or a brick or a stick and attack with fists and fingers. Nor can criminalizing scalpels and pharmaceuticals discontinue abortions.

The defect and the disorder reside in sinful human nature.

“For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness” (Mark 7:22).

Murderers do not amount to monsters—that is, no more so than the rest of us. They commit the offenses we all at one time or another wish we could. They only implement the same impulses we each nurse in our attitudes and imaginations. Their consistency of thought and act does them in while only our felicitous hypocrisy delivers us from imitating them. Our comparing, competing, and contempt; our frightened and furious political, ethical, and even religious rhetoric; our loathing this neighbor and neglecting that one: These dehumanize those around us no less than a school shooter does. Either we are all human—worthy of respect, entitled to protection—or none of us is.

And indeed, only this reality can treat these wounds and right these wrongs. The Heavenly Father’s work of creating proclaims every human life special. The Incarnate Savior’s labor of redeeming proves every human being precious. The Lord God’s activity of incorporating into His kingdom and family pronounces every human person priceless. Each member of our race belongs to Him as beloved treasure from fertilization to forever. His grace, favor, forgiveness, and salvation give worth and purpose to everyone, no matter what their origin, age, appearance, or ability. When we receive our sanctity and significance from Him, we no longer need to seize it from each other or anyone else.

“He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24).

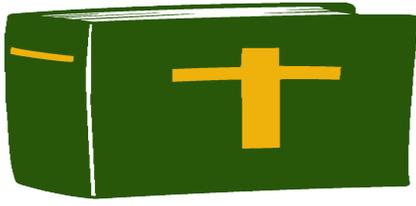
Today we must grieve, but not grieve only. God has come and Jesus is Lord. He has served and died for us. Christ is risen and lives with us. He will come again and evermore. Let us believe it, behold, and be held by Him, with changed hearts and changed behavior. Let us declare God’s truth and display Christ’s love. Let us engage neighbors with courage and treat them with compassion, especially the injured and endangered ones. Let us pray for their survival, salvation, relief, and recovery, and let us put it into tangible practice. Let us open ears and hearts, hands and homes to share life, one at a time, with the one in need and the one right in front of us. And let us wait, beg, and work for the day when we no longer represent threats to one other.

“He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away ... ‘Behold, I am making all things new’” (Revelation 21:4-5).

Passing this along for my Pastor’s Pen this month...

See you in church,

Pastor Rex Watt



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



As Sunday School came to an end, I am thankful for the time we did get together to read and hear stories from the Bible. I hope you all have a wonderful summer and I look forward to more Sunday School in the Fall.

“Children’s children are a crown to the aged and parents are the pride of their children.”
Proverbs 17:6

I do ask that you would really pray and consider helping with Sunday School this Fall! Our children, young and through teenage years, need us and to know that God is always with them! In this crazy world we live in we can be a mentor, a listening ear, a teacher, a friendly/loving face. As new leadership arrives on our education board, I can’t do this on my own and I really want something for my teenage children available! With the help of God we can do this! Prayers that our church will have willing hearts to help our children!

Love In Christ,
Heidi

2021-2022 Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Class Pictures

Monday/Wednesday/Friday
Preschool Class



Tuesday/Thursday
Preschool Class



Have a great

Vacation!

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



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Well we have finished another great year of preschool! We had a full Pre-K class which was amazing but very busy! Our preschool class doubled by the end of the year! We celebrated 19 Pre-K children at our program in May that will be going on to kindergarten next school year! Our celebration went well, the children did an amazing job, and I received many compliments. I would like to thank Ross for recording our program as always! The parents really appreciate having a copy! I would also like to thank the quilting ladies for the beautiful quilts you made for each graduate! They have quickly become a special and much appreciated item for our graduates! The compliments and love from the families are overwhelming! Your mission and gift of love you put into those goes a long way! Thank you to Arenda, Janet, Tabatha, Mom and Rex for all your support and help during the graduation celebration! I could not have done it without you all!

A HUGE thank you to the anonymous donation for a new playset! What an answer to prayer and a more than gracious gift! Please know how grateful I am and what it means to our program! I know part of the playset we currently have was from my childhood and built by Roger Granger! The amount of love and hours of playtime for children we have gotten from that playset is a blessing! I know the new playset God is providing will share hours of fun and love for our children for many years to come! What a blessing! Much love to you! Thank you Dave and Cindy for your willing hearts to take charge of purchasing and setting up the playset so graciously given!

As I look ahead to the beginning of another school year this Fall I have many projects I would like to get done over this summer! I already have 9 or 10 children signed up for our preschool class and with our returners there is 10 for our Pre-K class next year! God continues to bless me with amazing children and families each year!

As Sophia and I clean and organize for next year I will have a list of wish list items available next month! I always appreciate your giving hearts for items that help our preschool throughout the year! I love these children and enjoy making it a fun place to learn and grow in God's word and your help with items to make this happen is such a blessing to our program! I also know this cannot be done with all your thoughts and prayers along the way! I feel so much love and prayer throughout the year so thank you!

Thank you to the Board of Education, Cindy, Marsha and Sue! You all have so much knowledge and expertise that is so helpful and I am truly blessed by each one of you! I pray that God will provide us a new head of the Board of Education for this coming year! I look forward to continuing to work with all of you and that we can work together to spread God's word to children of all ages and opportunity at Redeemer!

Enjoy your summer and may God's grace shine upon all of you!

Love Always,

Heidi



From the book titled...
Daily Strength For Daily Needs

Copyright 1884, 1901 By Mary W. Tileston
University Press, John Wilson & Son, Cambridge, USA

And what doth the Lord require of thee, but to do justly, and to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God? —Micah 3:8

*Put on therefore...kindness, humbleness of mind, meekness, long-suffering.
—Colossians 3:12*

Plant in us an humble mind,
Patient, pitiful, and kind;
Meek and lowly let us be,
Full of goodness, full of Thee.
~C. Wesley

There is no true and constant gentleness without humility; while we are so fond of ourselves, we are easily offended with others. Let us be persuaded that nothing is due to us, and then nothing will disturb us. Let us often think of our own infirmities, and we shall become indulgent toward those of others.

~Francois De La Mothe Fenelon

Endeavor to be patient in bearing with the defects and infirmities of others, of what sort soever they be; to that thyself also has many failings which must be borne with by others. If thou canst not make thyself such an one as thou wouldest, how canst thou expect to have another in all things to thy liking?

~Thomas A Kempis

A note about this book from the author:

This little book of brief selections in prose and verse, with accompanying texts of Scripture, is intended for a daily companion and counsellor. These words of the godly fellowship of wise and holy men of many times, it is hoped may help to strengthen the reader to perform the duties and bear the burdens of each day with cheerfulness and courage.

~Mary Wilder Tileston

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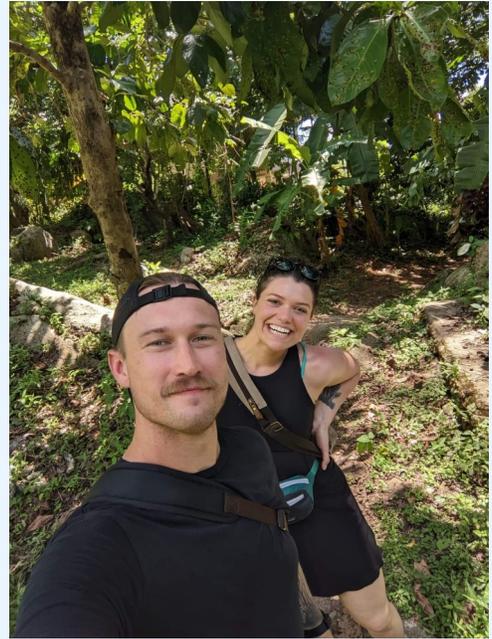
Marianne Giusti



Service Member Update



Niko & Molly Marttila in Thailand



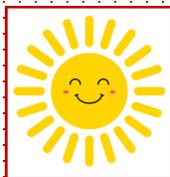
Niko Marttila and his wife Molly were recently able to have some long awaited time together and take a honeymoon trip to Thailand. What a blessing that they were able to enjoy this time together!

We thank all the service members and their spouses/families for the sacrifices they make to serve and protect our country. Thank you and God bless you!





2022 Preschool Graduation Celebration

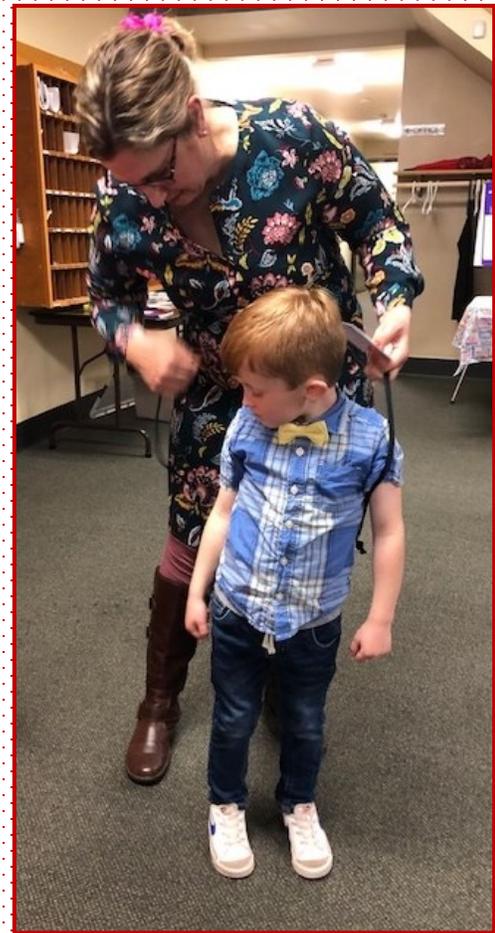


Congratulations to 2022 Preschool Graduates...

Kinley Aamot
Hannah Bromet
Kynslee Chavez
Blakely Corwin
Chloe Craig
Adalynn Emmons
Gage Gilliam
Corbin Hayes
Noa Ingram
Ashtyn Johnson

Teagan Johnson
Jacob Kiforishin
Mia Pederson
Debora Reyes
Matias Reyes
Levi Rowley
Wynslet Tieri
Deacon Zender
Raegan Zender





Once again all graduates were presented with a handmade quilt from the quilters here at Redeemer. Thank you quilters!





Lutheran’s For Life Quote: June

“The Lord God loves your neighbors—even the ones that annoy you. He cares so much for them that He sent His Son to die and rise again for them—for all of them. For the thief, the bigot, the liberal, the conservative, the one with the manicured lawn who judges your overgrown lawn, and the one who has let their property become overgrown and run down. He cares for all of them. He cares so much that He called you and He placed you in that neighborhood to seek its welfare.”

Rev. Dr. Jason Broge, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans

Stay connected to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

IF YOU WANT HELP UNDERSTANDING the world from a Lutheran perspective:

The Lutheran Witness (lcms.org/witness)

IF YOU LIKE HEARING directly from the president and other members of the president’s office: Witness, Mercy, Life Together blog (wmltblog.org)

IF YOU WANT TO CONNECT with other LCMS Lutherans: LCMS Facebook (facebook.com/thelcms), Twitter ([lthelcms](https://twitter.com/lthelcms)), Instagram (thelcms) and Periscope

IF YOU WANT TO HEAR from LCMS leadership: Leader blog (blogs.lcms.org, category/leader-blog)

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

Lutherans Engage the World (lcms.org/lutheransengage)

IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR NEWS: *Reporter* (blogs.lcms.org/reporter)

IF YOU CAN’T GET ENOUGH of all things mission:

Journal of Lutheran Mission (lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission)

IF YOU WANT IT ALL: LCMS News and Publications (blogs.lcms.org)



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.