



July 2021

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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

August Newsletter deadline is
Wednesday, July 14, 2021

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From the Vicar's Pen



As I write this, we are heading into our first “real hot” stretch for the Summer of 2021. I charged up the sprinkler system yesterday so I could be ready early this morning to give my lawn a “really good drink” before the heat wave hits. My lawn isn’t very green, at least not as green as my neighbor’s, but I don’t want to look like the guy that doesn’t care in my neighborhood.

It reminds me of the time I looked up on Google Maps where my son had moved to in Georgia after his military retirement. He had moved to Evans, GA, an outlying suburb of Augusta. You know Augusta, the hometown of Augusta National Golf Club, the host of The Masters Golf Tournament, the most prestigious golf tournament in the world. When I looked up the locale on Google Maps, I switched to the satellite version to see the terrain, etc. It must have been summer since everything was pretty darn brown...except Augusta National Golf Course. It was as green as could be! People’s lawns were brown, parks were brown, cemeteries were brown, even other golf courses were brown. But not Augusta National! You certainly knew what was important to that community.

As we head into summer and hopefully the end of these pandemic restrictions, I can’t help but think, “How’s your watering going?” I don’t mean the watering of your yard, garden, or flower beds; I mean the watering of your life, specifically your spiritual life. This pandemic caused the shutdown of a lot of church activities: worship, Sunday school, VBS and even church social gatherings. People all of a sudden were left without contact with fellow believers. Oh sure, there was online church, and I did participate in that when we had to, but from what I’ve been hearing, for most people that just hasn’t cut it. There is just something about being with other people, not just “connecting” online

(Hebrews 10:24-25). There is just something about hearing God’s Word live, in person, and not via a digital representation (Romans 10:17, Acts 2:42). And...there is just something about receiving again Christ’s body and blood in the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Now that is something the digital world cannot deliver.

As we go into this summer season, I pray that you will continue to water your spiritual life. That watering is accomplished by hearing (reading and studying) God’s Word on a regular basis, fellowshiping with other believers as often as one can, receiving your Lord’s body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins (often, as Jesus says), and praying...not just by yourself, but with your spiritual family.

“Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose trust is the Lord. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7-8).

See you in church,

Vicar Rex E. Watt





Church Council Briefs submitted by Vicar Rex Watt

The June Council meeting was held on Tuesday, June 15, 2021 at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

In attendance were Officers: Ross Abbe, Barb Abbe, Rex Watt, Heidi Kuljis, Corinne Thorsen and Patrick O'Conner. Also in attendance were new Officers: Les Anderson, Susanne Martinsen and Sally Pinski (Treasurer assistant). Absent were Louie Kuljis and Patrick Heaviside.

The Treasurer's report shows the church finances to be \$15,347.02 in the black through May 31st. Council approved a new petty cash account with a debit card to be established with a \$500.00 limit.

The Vicar's report was received and accepted.

Elder's report indicated Ross Abbe was elected Head Elder for the coming year, and Larry Schell was appointed (by Council to fill vacancy) to the Board of Elders to fill Les Anderson's position. Les was elected Chairman of the Congregation at the May Voter's Meeting.

Stewardship report indicated that July 18th will be Annie Thorsen's last Sunday, prior to going active duty with the U.S. Navy. No decision was made regarding August 29th as a 5th Sunday potluck event (stay tuned!)

Property report informed Council of repairs to the women's restroom toilet mechanisms; both were replaced. Counter tops in men's restroom were repaired. Property chair and Heidi Kuljis will be creating a groundskeeping sign-up sheet to facilitate on-going care and maintenance of the church grounds.

The Education report indicated there will be no VBS this year by vote of the Board of Education due to Covid concerns and lack of available staffing. Preschool enrollment for next year is open; with only 2 spots left available for the M-W-F class!

Under Old Business: Discussion was had regarding Concordia Plan Benefits for Vicar Watt. No action. A new set of green Altar paraments are being ordered as a result of a memorial gift. \$1,000.00 from another memorial gift was designated for preschool playground equipment replacement.

Under New Business: Council voted to pay down principal on roof loan with some of the operating surplus mentioned in the Treasurer's report. Council voted to set aside a \$3,300 Covid tax credit received from the State of Washington to be used for the preschool playground equipment replacement. Ross informed Council of the new 2022 WA State Long Term Care Tax to be imposed on all employees.

Council adjourned at 8:15 pm



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

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able

to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry Newsletter article – July 2021



JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01	02	03
04 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship <i>Independence Day</i>	05 <i>Office Closed In Observance of Independence Day</i>	06 6:30 pm: Elders	07 Bulletin Deadline 6:30 AIC	08	09	10
11 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship & Communion	12	13 6:30 pm: Council	14 Bulletin Deadline Saltshaker Deadline 6:30 AIC	15	16	17
18 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship	19	20	21 Bulletin Deadline	22	23	24
25 9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship & Communion	26	27	28 Bulletin Deadline	29	30	31





ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – JULY

Altar Care

Jamie Dupuis

July Birthdays

07/02 Brian Cobb
 07/05 Linda Montgomery
 07/13 Miller Littke
 07/14 Sally Pinski
 07/15 John Flarry
 07/19 Susanne Martinson
 07/19 Sharon Schell
 07/21 Glen Kortlever
 07/24 Peggy Hind

August Birthdays

08/02 Helen Granger
 08/06 Larry Schell
 08/09 Shelby Dupuis
 08/11 Joseph Stephens
 08/13 Dale Harshman
 08/17 Marianne Giusti
 08/20 Richard Hallmark
 08/22 Hunter Kuljis
 08/23 Cheryl Kortlever
 08/25 Cindy McKay
 08/26 Jan Willand
 08/29 George Leonard

July & August Anniversaries

07/04 George & Ann Leonard
 07/04 Dennis & Sue Urbanec
 07/10 Louis & Heidi Kuljis
 07/25 Joe & Jamie Dupuis
 07/27 Carl & Mary Ann Olsen
 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.

Shut-ins: Virginia Blackmore, Ken Hindman



Elder Care List

A—Gra:	Larry Schell	360.294-6100
H—Lu:	Ross Abbe	360.908.2545
		360.734.9088
M—Sch:	Kari Marttila	360.318.5298
Sm—Wri:	Patrick O'Connor	515.707.3928

UPDATE

THE VOLUNTEER WORSHIP SCHEDULE (ushers, counters, etc.) will be postponed until restrictions for such activities are lifted by the governor.

Our Lord continues to walk with us daily through this unprecedented time and we give thanks for His promise to never leave us or forsake us. This we take comfort in, as He teaches us patience in waiting upon Him.

In is time, we look forward to the opportunity to use our gifts of hospitality/serving once again. Should you have any questions, please contact Dee for Hostesses and Tabatha for the others.

“The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is Thy faithfulness.” Lam. 3:22-23

	<u>ELDER</u>	<u>LAY READER</u>
July 04	Larry Schell	Corinne Thorsen
July 11	Patrick O'Connor	Rex Watt
July 18	Ross Abbe	Sally Pinski
July 25	Larry Schell	Rex Watt

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

July 04	Barb Abbe & Janet Baeder
July 11	Marianne Giusti & Sally Pinski
July 18	Dee Watt & Joy Anderson
July 25	Sandy & Dave Stamps



The Bulletin Board

PLEASE NOTE: THE EVENTS BELOW MAY ALL CHANGE AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES...

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: "A Longer Look at the Lessons: A Study of the Weekly Pericopes", led by Larry Schell.

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

2021 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 - 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



Submitted
by 

Marianne Giusti

Battle Hymn of the Republic

Julia Ward Howe



'Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord:
He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
He hath loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
His truth is marching on.

'I have seen Him in the watch-fires of a hundred circling camps;
They have builded Him an altar in the evening dews and damps;
I can read his righteous sentence by the dim and flaring lamps:
His day is marching on.



'I have read a fiery gospel, writ in burnished rows of steel:
"As ye deal with my contemners, so with you my grace shall deal;
Let the Hero, born of woman, crush the serpent with his heel,
Since God is marching on."



'He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
He is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment-seat:
O, be swift, my soul, to answer Him! be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on.

'In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
With a glory in His bosom that transfigures you and me:
As He died to make men holy, let us die to make men free,
While God is marching on.

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

"I went to bed that night as usual, and slept, according to my wont, quite soundly. I awoke in the gray of the morning twilight; and as I lay waiting for the dawn, the long lines of the desired poem began to twine themselves in my mind. Having thought out all the stanzas, I said to myself, "I must get up and write these verses down, lest I fall asleep again and forget them." So, with a sudden effort, I sprang out of bed, and found in the dimness an old stump of a pencil which I remembered to have used the day before. I scrawled the verses almost without looking at the paper." -**Julia Ward Howe on writing the words of the Battle Hymn of the Republic.**

Julia Ward Howe was an American poet born in 1819. In addition to penning the words to the Battle Hymn of the Republic during Civil War times, she was an active abolitionist and advocate for women's suffrage. The Battle Hymn was first published in *The Atlantic Monthly* in February 1862. She died in 1910 with many poems to her credit.

Redeemer Church Family,
What a blessing you have been to our family over the years. The love of Christ is so evident in all you do. The way you embraced our little school & then subsequently came to know & care for Tyrel over the years made a huge impact on who Tyrel has become. Please continue to keep him & our family in your prayers. We will continue to keep in touch, you are our 2nd church family. We love you! ♥Rock



Redeemer Lutheran,
Thank you for your generosity and allowing us to use your facility. Not only for that, but thank you as well for all the years of support you graced on me during elementary school. All of your members have such caring and compassionate hearts, I pray for the best for all of you!
- Tyrel



Roof Fund Update...



Dear Saints, as you remember, nearly two years ago (October 2019) we took a loan from Lutheran Church Extension Fund in the amount of \$50,000.00 to assist in the total cost (\$155,160.00) of the church re-roofing project. The original loan had a phenomenal interest rate of only 2% for the first two years, adjusting up to 4.25% for years 3-10. The Church Council kept the Roof Fund “open” for the express purpose of allowing for and keeping track of special, specific donations to the project, if possible, to reduce the loan amount before the jump in interest rate.

Through regular monthly loan payments, additional Council approved principal payments, as well as special donations to the Roofing Fund we have been able to reduce that balance as of June 2021 to about \$11,000.00! God be praised! Thank you all for your faithful giving which has allowed us to take on this added expense above and beyond our normal monthly church expenses. A special thank you to those who have made specific contributions to the Roofing Fund as we have been able to use those gifts to reduce the loan balance. Should you feel led to contribute to the Roofing Fund before October 2021, it would reduce our loan balance even more before the interest rate increase.

Thank you all for your support!

Vicar Rex Watt

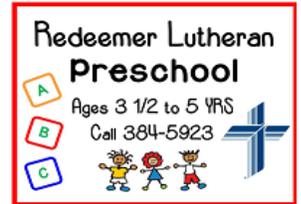
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PRAISE
The Lord!
we

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



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SPREAD THE WORD REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING ...

It's that time! We are now enrolling for the 2021-2022 school year. If you would like to register, you can download the registration packet from our website (www.redeemberellingham.com) or call the office and we will have one ready for you or we can email you one! 360-384-5923



Wish List for the 2021-2022 Preschool Year

24 pack of Crayola crayons (18 boxes)
Construction Paper 12 x 18in (2 packs each)
-black
-white
-tan
Pom poms (assorted colors and sizes)
6 qt Sterilite bins – clear bins with colored lids (8 bins)
16 qt Sterilite bins – clear bins with colored lids (8 bins)

Pipe Cleaners 50pk (1 pack each)

-orange -purple
-yellow -black
-brown -green
-white -blue

GIFT CARDS: Dollar Tree, Hobby Lobby, Michaels



COMING



FALL OF 2021

“OPPORTUNITY FAIR”

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

Prayerfully Consider...

Where can the Lord use my gifts and talents for His work at Redeemer?

- Christian Education
- Worship Assistance
- Building and Grounds Maintenance
- Ladies Ministries
- Evangelism/Community Outreach

WATCH for additional information and details in the coming weeks!





Thank you to Ron Willand for the new, bright, white lines in the parking lot. It looks wonderful!



New Ministry Opportunity Military “Care Packages”

We are excited to announce a new ministry opportunity to support our congregation members who are serving in the military. A “care package” ministry that will encourage our servicemembers and remind them that we are thinking of them, praying for them and supporting them as they serve our country. The care packages will consist of items such as snacks, books, magazines, personal items, notes, etc. from the members of Redeemer. If you are interested in participating in this ministry by contributing items or donating funds, or if you have any questions, please contact Carl or Mary Ann Olsen at 360-510-3056.





Lutheran's For Life Quote: July 4

“The creation of the world and its government is the work of the Lord, and it is not in His declared plan that man will destroy it. The fright peddlers are giving too much power to man. It is God’s power they need to recognize, not man’s. If man is the basic power, then the answers must come from man, but if God is the sovereign power, then the answers must come from God, and none other. God has provided the answers, and they are in His Word. Our problem is that men pay no attention to them.”

R. J. Rushdoony, author and theologian – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life •

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](https://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.