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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 21, 2023

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From the Pastor's Pen



Pentecost is upon us. It marks the beginning of the 2nd half of the church year, sometimes called Ordinary Time, Sundays after Trinity, or the Time of the Church. In contrast to the 1st part of the church year, the Festival half, which focuses on the life of Christ and what he has done to save us; the second half focuses on the Church's response to what Christ has done for us. After celebrating the birth, life, death, resurrection, and ascension of Jesus, we now settle into a time for us to reflect more deeply about what all that means for us; how we as Christians ought to respond to the love that God has shown us.

For many Christians, Pentecost conjures up a focus on such things as the miraculous. While there were some pretty miraculous things happening that first day of Pentecost, and in the early part of the Book of Acts, these things were not the primary mission, or ministry, of the church. As Luke closed out his Gospel account, he wrote, *"Thus it is written, that the Christ should suffer and on the third day rise from the dead, and that repentance for the forgiveness of sins should be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And behold, I am sending the promise of my Father upon you. But stay in the city until you are clothed with power from on high"* (Lk 24:46-49); and he opened his second volume, the Book of Acts with, *"[Jesus said to them] wait for the promise of the Father, which, he said, 'you heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now, [and] you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth'"* (Acts 1:4-5, 8). When the Day of Pentecost came, we saw the initial fulfillment of those words of Jesus.

Oh yes, there was wind, fire, and tongues. But those were not the message... they were only signs to get people's attention. Peter's Pentecost Day sermon was the message, and he preached the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus, which is what touched the hearts of his hearers. *"Now when they heard this they were cut to the heart, and said to Peter and the rest of the apostles, 'Brothers, what shall we do?'"* And Peter said to them, *"Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you and for your children and for all who are far off, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to himself. And with many other words he bore witness and continued to exhort them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this crooked generation.'"* So those who received his word were baptized, and there were added that day about three thousand souls" (Acts 2:37-41). That's what Pentecost is all about!

That is also what the Church is about. Paul wrote to the Corinthian believers, *"Jews demand signs and Greeks seek wisdom, but we preach Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and folly to Gentiles, but to those who are called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the*

wisdom of God (1 Cor 1:22-24), and to the Romans, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek" (Rom 1:16).

And this is what Redeemer is about. The proclamation of the gospel, which is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes: you, your family, and your neighbor. God has poured out his love on you. He has sent his Son for the forgiveness of your sins, and given you his Holy Spirit in your baptism. You have the same Holy Spirit as those early disciples. May God use us as he used those early disciples to share that love with those around us.

See you in church...

Pastor Rex Watt



Vacation Bible School

Now is the time to start thinking about summer and Vacation Bible School!

As we consider how and when to share VBS with the local children, it is important to know if we have enough volunteers to present a program at all. All types of volunteers are needed- playground supervision, snacks and kitchen, teachers, music and crafts. A curriculum and date have not been set (the first week of July was suggested) but we need to know if we have enough volunteers to go forward.

If you would be interested in helping with this meaningful outreach, please contact Marsha Edin (360-220-5040) or Cindy McKay (360-961-7710).





Elder Care List

A - Ga: (vacant)
 Gi - Hog: (vacant)
 Hov - Ma: Rod Hanson (Head Elder)
 Mc - Sch: Colin Grabish
 Sm - Z: (vacant)

June Birthdays

06/02 Rodney Hanson
 06/04 Corinne Thorsen
 06/10 Patrick O'Connor
 06/12 Alex Strong
 06/13 Carson Wright
 06/17 Janet Baeder
 06/17 Steven Potvin
 06/19 Carl Olsen
 06/28 Barb Abbe
 06/28 Rachel Hahn

July Birthdays

07/02 Brian Cobb
 07/05 Linda Montgomery
 07/08 Dale Kloes
 07/08 Tonya Lysne
 07/15 John Flarry
 07/19 Sharon Schell
 07/19 Susanne Martinsen
 07/21 Glen Kortlever
 07/21 Colin Grabish
 07/24 Peggy Hind
 07/27 Carol Kloes
 07/28 Wendy McLeod



June Anniversaries

06/07 Rod & NaDean Hanson
 06/14 Roger & Helen Granger
 06/20 Randy & Deanne Bowen
 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 04 - The Stamps & Dee Watt
 June 11- Mary Ann Olsen & Cristi Lysne
 June 18 - Joy Anderson & Heidi Kuljis
 June 25 - Marsha Edin & Janet Baeder

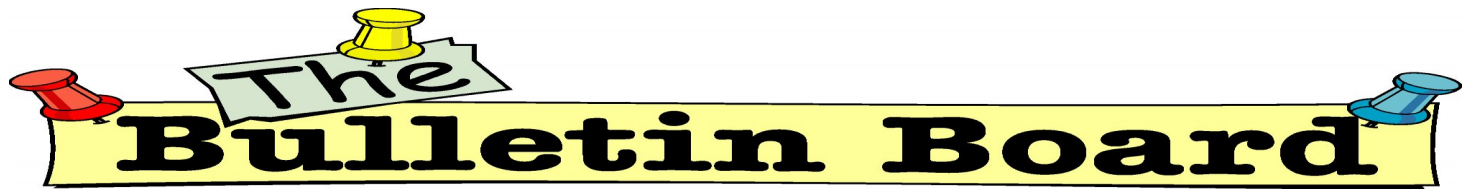
ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – JUNE

Altar Care

Jamie Dupuis

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
June 04	Rod Hanson	Connor Dupuis	Carol Kloes	Colin Grabish	Anthony/Bill
June 11	Rod Hanson	Ian McLeod	Joe Dupuis	Kari Marttila	Corinne/Spiro
June 18	Rod Hanson	Connor Dupuis	Lynnata Marttila	Anthony McLeod	Cheryl/Ron
June 25	Rod Hanson	David Stamps	Corinne Thorsen	Colin Grabish	Corinne/Spiro



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.

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 9:00 am: New Class starting June 4th

“Oh, Come, Let Us Worship Him: A Study of the Liturgy”

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS: Wednesday evenings from 6:30-8:00 pm

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

RLWML: The next scheduled meeting will be Friday, June 16th, at 11:30am.

EVANGELISM MEETING: The next scheduled Evangelism Meetings will be Thursday, June 15th, at 1:30 & 7pm.

LCMS GIVING OPPORTUNITY: The 2023 LCMS National Offering will support the translation and production of meaningful Lutheran resources in languages other than English. If you would like to contribute, cash and checks (made payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church) will be accepted through July 16th. Please mark your offering for “LCMS National Offering”. Offerings will be delivered to the LCMS Synod Convention, July 29-August 03, by our delegates.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: Sunday school has ended for summer break. Thank you to Gail Pappacostas who organized the program, and to all the women who volunteered to teach God’s word to the children! Please consider joining the team as a teacher or helper when Sunday school resumes in the fall.

ELECTED/RE-ELECTED CHURCH OFFICERS

As of the May 21, 2023 voters meeting

President: Les Anderson

Vice President: vacant

Secretary: NaDean Hanson/Wendy McLeod

Treasurer: Carl Olsen

Stewardship: vacant

Evangelism: Ross Abbe

Property: Anthony McLeod

Education: Cindy McKay/Marsha Edin

New Elder: Doug Bender

Officers will be installed on Sunday, June 11th, 2023



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				01	02 2-4pm: Chime Choir Practice	03
04 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Gift Card Shower For Colin & Ingrid	05	06 6:30 pm: Elders	07 Bulletin Deadline 6:30-8:00 pm Adult Instruction Class	08	09 2-4pm: Chime Choir Practice	10
11 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Officer Installation	12	13 6:30 pm: Council	14 Bulletin Deadline 6:30-8:00 pm Adult Instruction Class	15 Evangelism Meeting 1:30 & 7 pm	16 RLWML Meeting: 11:30-1:00 pm 2-4pm: Chime Choir Practice	17
18 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion Father's Day	19	20	21 Bulletin Deadline Saltshaker Deadline 6:30-8:00 pm Adult Instruction Class	22	23 2-4pm: Chime Choir Practice	24
25 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	26	27	28 Bulletin Deadline	29	30 2-4pm: Chime Choir Practice	
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Spring Yardwork



Thank You Helping Hands!

Thank you to all who came out and worked hard to keep the church grounds looking good. Praise God for willing, helping hands!





REDEEMER RAVINGS!



Welcome to a new addition to the Saltshaker, Redeemer Ravings! The dictionary defines “Raving” as “writing with extreme enthusiasm and admiration.” The purpose of our new Redeemer Ravings! section of the Saltshaker is to highlight various people and groups faithfully serving our Lord at Redeemer. Each month, we will highlight a different group and include their picture as a way for us to learn more about each other! This month, we are ‘raving’ about our Quilters at Redeemer! Tune in next month for our exciting new Redeemer Ravings!



Meet Our Quilters!

The Redeemer Quilters began by making quilts for Lutheran World Relief in 1984. Those quilts were shipped all over the world. Over the years, the Quilters have expanded to sharing quilts with those in need in our own community including the Lighthouse Mission, New Way Ministries, Lummi Nation, Love INC, and others. This year, the Quilters are sharing their quilts with families from the Meridian School District. Their favorite ministry though, is making a special quilt for each preschool graduate!

In the group picture above, from left to right, are Annette Dixon, Mary Olson, Marianne Giusti, Cindy McKay, Marsha Edin, and Arenda Hovde. Lynnata Marttila is in the second picture. We asked each of the Quilters to provide a couple of fun facts about themselves to share with our Redeemer family.

Lynnata loves flowers and gardening. She also loves spending time with her children and family!

Annette loves taking care of her family. She also enjoys sewing, quilting, and baking.

Mary Olson has been quilting with Redeemer Quilting ladies for 19 years!

Marianne Giusti is a volunteer to read at the Preschool where she is known as “Mrs. Ladybug!”

Cindy McKay loves to read, sew, and bake pies! She also loves shoes and purses!

Marsha Edin loves to fish at their summer cabin in Conconully, Washington!

Arenda Hovde spent 40 years as a dental surgery assistant. She loves her family and animals, and enjoys making crafts!

We thank each of our Quilters for blessing our community with their quilts. If you would like to learn more about quilting with the group, they meet on Tuesdays.



Mother's Day Brunch



♥ God Bless Mothers ♥

Thank you to the Elders who hosted a lovely brunch to celebrate Mother's Day!



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool

Where did this year go? I remember sitting at my computer getting ready to start the year and here I am writing my final newsletter article for the year! Well it has been a year full of laughs, cries, fun and some drama! We had 15 graduates that participated in our celebration on the 24th and they really did a fantastic job! I wish them an abundance of blessings as they continue on their journey to more education in kindergarten! We had a “sweet” theme this year because all these kids love candy! I sometimes have a candy jar out on their cubbies that is “per parent permission” available and I never have had it disappear so quickly! I really do hope they let their adventures be sweet with Jesus!

We had a very busy and quick end to our year but I think we ended on a really great note! We had so much fun at the Scrap-It recycling center, planting seeds, bike day with the T/Th class getting to have some water fun on their sunny last day! The M/W/F class got to enjoy a pinata on their last day for a student’s birthday! Pastor Rex even got up on a ladder and hung it in the tree and held the rope for us in his work suit! We are looking forward to our end of the year picnic on Friday, June 2nd! Then it’s clean and organize the classroom for next year!

I want to shout out another thank you for the playset! The children were so excited to be able to enjoy it for the last month of the school year! It will be thoroughly enjoyed for years to come! A huge thank you to the quilting ladies for the amazing quilts they make for each graduate! They absolutely love them! Thank you to Mrs. Ladybug for coming to our program, it was wonderful to have a quilter there! Thank you to my mom and Rex for all you do for me throughout the year and all your help, I could not do this without you! Thank you to all our church members who pray for me and this program and for your giving donations to our preschool! This preschool cannot survive without you!
THANK YOU!

May the Lord bless all of you and your summer! Love and blessings, Heidi

“Seek God’s will in all that you do and he will direct your path.” Proverbs 3:6



Last
day
of
school!!



Preschool Mother's Day Luncheon





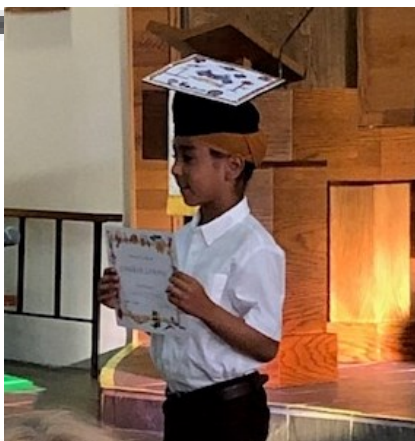
The preschoolers honored their moms with singing, gifts and lots of love! Everyone enjoyed sharing a special Mother's Day lunch!



2022-2023 Redeemer Lutheran Preschool Graduation



The children were delighted to each receive their own quilt made with love by the Redeemer Quilters. Thank you ladies!





CONGRATULATIONS to our Graduates!
Blessings to them as they head into
kindergarten.



Council Minutes May 16, 2023

Pastor opened in prayer.

Pastor presented a devotional from 1st Peter 3:18

April 2023 Council Minutes were reviewed and accepted.

Treasurer's Report: There is a budget shortfall due to a reduction in tithes and donations. Council voted to have the church and the preschool accounting systems on the same fiscal year to simplify accounting for both. The council approved the following: paying the head of preschool operations a 20 percent bonus on the remaining balance of the preschool fund account at the end of the fiscal year to promote saving money etc... If there is not a surplus there will not be a bonus and the church will pick up the deficit. 75% of any preschool end of year surplus is to be moved to the church's general fund. Carl also asked to move 75 percent of the remaining Preschool fund balance after the bonus to the general fund of Redeemer Lutheran church at the end of every calendar year.

Pastor's Report: Pastor held three confirmation classes, pastoral care consisted of: 1 individual counseling session, 1 phone call session, 1 home visit, 1 shut in visit, and a graveside service. Pastor is in the final stages with Course 15 of SMP training. Summer intensive at St. Louis will be in early June.

Elder's Report: Doug Bender has agreed to be on the ballot to hopefully be elected to Elder Board. Most of the council positions have been filled with the exception of the Vice President, and Stewardship.

A local Ukrainian church body has requested to use Redeemer's facilities to start a new church. After consideration, the Elders recommended to deny the request. Council voted in agreement with the Elders and the request will be denied.

Stewardship Report: For Father's day there will be a cake and Dad snacks. There will be a fifth Sunday potluck in July, and if there is VBS a potluck will be held at the end of VBS.

Property Report: All of the exterior LED lights and fixtures including the parking lot have been installed. There is a bare counter in the preschool that needs a surface (Formica for example) and there is a need for more cubbies, which a member has volunteered to complete this summer.

Education Report: VBS materials are already here and are being reviewed, volunteers are needed; requests will be in the Saltshaker. The Board of Education has reviewed the Sunday School curriculum and decided there was not a need to order new supplies. Everything has been organized and assembled for September thru December. The preschool play equipment is installed.

Evangelism report: Pastor Watt reported there is an evangelism meeting this Thursday at 1:30 and 7.

Unfinished Business: Mount Baker lawn service is coming on a month to month basis for now.

New Business: Pastor reported that he and Dee had a young adults meeting at their home, and everyone was excited and would like to get together once a month.

There will be a voters meeting on May 21st, installation of officers will be June 11th.

Pastor closed in prayer at 8:10 pm.



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June 2023

FUND RAISER FOR ERIN BLACK

Thank you for your abundant generosity. The silent auction for the quilts and receiving blankets and the bake sale provided LWML with \$952. This amount paid for Erin's air fare to Milwaukee and for her convention meals as well as provision for convention expenses.

Please pray for the June 22-25, 2023 40th Biennial LWML Convention, and for each attendee to hear God's call for serving Him in the LWML organization when they return home.

Congratulations to quilt winners and all of you who bought a baked treat. We are thankful for all of you and especially for your sweet tooth!

SALUTE TO SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND HELPERS

We are grateful for each Redeemer woman who graciously agreed to be a teacher or a helper for launching the Sunday School program during the months of January-May. We had 6 teams working on a rotation schedule, giving ample time to prepare their lesson for every 6th week. Class time was 30 minutes. There were consistently 3-4 children weekly, and as many as 6. The children were knowledgeable of Biblical stories which enriched the lesson development. Please think about joining the team of teachers and helpers for the school year 2023-2024.

MISSION GRANT - YOUR MITES AT WORK

Lutheran Heritage Foundation continues its work of translating, publishing, distributing, and introducing Lutheran materials throughout Africa. Christian missionaries continue to spread the Light of the Gospel. The missionaries may be forced to leave the country but the Lutheran books stay behind.

This \$100,000 grant will introduce children to Jesus in their Lutheran schools, Sunday schools, and orphanages. By the end of preschool, every child knows the 10 Commandments, the Apostles' Creed and the Lord's Prayer. LHF is able to print catechism booklets for less than 50 cents each. Beautiful, full-color Bible storybooks can be produced for less than \$3 per child. The Holy Spirit will use your gifts to share Jesus with tens of thousands of children.





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.



Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow.

Matthew 6:28

They do not toil:
Content with their allotted task
They do but grow; they do not ask
A richer lot, a higher sphere,
But in their loveliness appear,
And grow, and smile, and do their best,
And unto God they leave the rest.

Marianne Farningham

Interpose no barrier to His mighty life-giving power, working in you all the good pleasure of His will. Yield yourself up utterly to His sweet control. Put your growing into His hands as completely as you have put all your other affairs. Suffer Him to manage it as He will. Do not concern yourself about it, nor even think of it. Trust Him absolutely and always. Accept each moment's dispensation as it comes to you from His dear hands, as being the needed sunshine or dew for that moment's growth. Say a continual "yes" to your Father's will.

H.W. Smith

Thine own self-will and anxiety, thy hurry and labor, disturb thy peace, and prevent Me from working in thee. Look at the little flowers, in the serene summer days; they quietly open their petals, and the sun shines into them with his gentle influences. So will I do for thee, if thou wilt yield thyself to Me.

G. Tersteegen



From Daily Strengths for Daily Needs

Mary W. Tileston

Copyright 1884, 1901

Submitted
by 

Marianne Giusti



Lutheran's For Life Quote: June 04

“Almighty Triune God, thank You for Your amazing love for us. Thank You that You have rescued us from ourselves and that You have made us Yours through Christ dying on the cross for our sin and rising again to give us eternal life. Thank You for Your Holy Spirit, which calls us and opens our eyes and minds and hearts to respond in faith to Your message of salvation. And bless us this day as we cling to You and as You hold us up in the palm of Your hand and in the grip of Your grace.”

Rev. Roland Syens, Guest Speaker on “The Lutheran Hour” – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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Journal of Lutheran Mission (lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission)

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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.