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Sunday Worship Service Schedule

9:00 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

August Newsletter deadline is
Friday, July 22, 2022

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From the Pastor's Pen



It is summer! Or at least it looks like summer outside my window as I write this. Summer in the Pacific Northwest brings all kinds of opportunities our way. Back yard BBQ's, trips to the swimming pool or beach, vacations, hiking in the great outdoors and a whole host of other relaxing, soul-satisfying activities. Summer in the Pacific Northwest also brings another phenomenon which this "former Californian" thought was really odd when he first encountered it: decline in church attendance and cancellation of Sunday schools in the summer. It's probably because I came from a community which, compared to the PNW, was pretty much like our summer year-round, that I found this phenomenon odd. But it is what it is. It's life in the northwest.

While I want you to enjoy your summer and partake of as many relaxing, soul-satisfying activities you are able to fit in, I would encourage you not to forget what is truly soul satisfying: hearing and reading God's Word and receiving His body and blood for the forgiveness of your sins. You will sin this summer. And I know that you know that your sins *are* forgiven. But you, like me, need to hear that assurance every now and then; actually, more often than not. If the pandemic taught us anything, it taught us that we need each other. We need to hear that real human voice (not the digitized version), to see one another in person (rather than the digital representation), even to experience the comforting touch of a hand or tap on the shoulder (which is far better than an emoji).

We get all of this in church. To hear God's Word read and proclaimed to us; to be in the presence of God's people; to see, smell, taste and touch His body and blood; *this* is truly soul satisfying. So, my dear people, as you seek out and enjoy the multitude of activities laid out before you this summer; as you take in the incomparable beauty of God's creation on display here in the Pacific Northwest; enjoy the relaxation and refreshment your Lord and God provides you. But remember...that kind of soul satisfaction lasts only for a season. Here in church, or in church wherever you find yourself travelling, you find the soul satisfaction that lasts longer than a season, it lasts a lifetime...even to eternity.

See you in church,

Pastor Rex Watt



Meeting was called to order at 6:30

Pastor Rex opened in prayer

Devotional by Pastor Rex from Numbers 6:24-26

May council minutes reviewed, amended, and passed.

Treasure's Report: The church ended May in the black by \$10,116.56
The church year to date through end of May is in the black by \$46,074.45

Pastor's Report: Pastor held 4 youth confirmation classes, and 2 preschool chapels. Visited 3 shut ins, 2 with communion. 1 home visit with communion. Also held 1 office visit. SMP training started 6/12 on New Testament Theology.

Elder's Report: Ross reported that the Elders met on June 7th. They did a review of the Lord's Supper from the catechism, discussed building repairs, how well the ushers are doing and how the new communion protocol is going. They welcomed the new Elders and discussed how best to handle needs when pastors are gone.

Stewardship: Church picnic scheduled for July 31st and will be a church BBQ with the church providing hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and lemonade.

Education Report: Preschool graduation went well. So far, preschool next year has 10 enrolled for M-W-F and 10 enrolled for T-Th. The playground upgrade is in progress with bids and measurements. Included in the new playground will be a bench with a plaque in memory of Al Reinikka. Due to lack of volunteers, as well as the playground renovation and kitchen remodel, there would be no VBS this year.

Evangelism Report: n/a

Youth Report: n/a

Unfinished Business: More walls have been identified as needing repair in addition to the voter approved South wall repair. Discussed a voters meeting needs to be held to decide on siding repairs after South wall has been repaired.

New Business: Council approved a motion to appoint council members (who have consented) to open positions. Carol Kloes to co-chair Education with Marianne Giusti and Dale Kloes as Vice President The Benevolence Committee will consider applying a portion of this year's unused Benevolence Fund to go toward a loan that helped bring a Ukrainian family to Whatcom County.

Pastor Rex closed in prayer at 7:50

Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool
858 W. Smith Road
Bellingham, WA 98226



SPREAD THE WORD

REDEEMER LUTHERAN PRESCHOOL IS NOW ENROLLING ...

It's that time! We are now enrolling for the 2022-2023 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

REDEEMER LUTHERAN WOMEN'S GROUPS

Redeemer Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The ladies of Redeemer met on Friday, June 17th for our first meeting of the newly reorganized ladies group. We have decided on the group name of Redeemer Lutheran Women's Missionary League or RLWML for short. After a short devotion and selecting the group name we discussed the function of the officers and committee heads and decided to hold our election of new officers at the July meeting. We ask that all ladies prayerfully consider their gifts and how they can best serve the ladies and the congregation at Redeemer.

Our next RLWML will be Friday, July 15 at 11:30 am: Everyone is invited to bring a bag lunch and join us for fellowship before our meeting. Dessert will be provided. Any questions can be directed to Gail, NaDean or Cindy. We hope to see you there and don't forget your MITES!

WOMENS BIBLE STUDY: It's time to restart our women's bible study! We plan to restart with this schedule (could be changed) starting on **Monday, July 11th** and **Thursday, July 14th** -

1. Monday mornings at 9:00am at Redeemer Lutheran Church - led by Sharon Schell - or -
2. Thursday evening at 6:30pm at the Marttila's home at 1010 Edson Street, Lynden - led by Lynnata

The bible study we plan to start with is from LWML and is entitled, "**Whatever...Keeping Your Heart in Tune With Whatever Life Brings**" by Anneke Hudson. If you have any questions, please contact Lynnata at 360.318.5298 or Sharon at 310.294.6100

JULY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
					01	02
03 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	04 Happy 4th of July Office closed	05 6:30 pm: Elders	06 Bulletin Deadline	07 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	08	09
10 9:00 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship /Communion	11 9:00am: Women's Bible Study	12 6:30 pm: Council	13 Bulletin Deadline	14 6:30pm: Women's Bible Study @ the Marttila's 7:00 pm: 1&2 Samuel Bible Study	15 11:30am: RLWML meeting	16 9:30am - 12pm Evangelism meeting and pizza
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Elder Care List

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

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

A - Ga: Larry Schell
 Gi - Hog: Kari Marttila
 Hov - Ma: Rod Hanson
 Mc - Sch: Colin Grabish
 Sm - Z: Patrick O'Connor



July Anniversaries

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

Fellowship Host/Hostess Volunteer Schedule

July 03 - Mary Ann Olsen & Cristi Lysne
 July 10 - Joy Anderson & Heidi Kuljis
 July 17 - Cheryl Kortlever & Jamie Dupuis
 July 24 - Dave & Sandy Stamps & Dee Watt
 July 31 - BBQ

*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 – JULY

Altar Care

Jamie Dupuis

Worship Volunteer Schedule

	Elder/Assistant	Usher	Lay Reader	Soundboard	Counters
July 03	Rod Hanson		Pastor Watt	Anthony McLeod	Barb/Spiro
July 10	Larry/Colin	Ian McLeod	Ross Abbe	Kari Marttila	Cheryl/Cristi
July 17	Patrick/Ross/Rod	Bill Baeder	Joe Dupuis	Rod Hanson	Corinne/Ron
July 24	Kari/Colin	David Stamps	Corinne Thorsen	Anthony McLeod	Sharon/Anthony
July 31	Larry/Rod	Wendy McLeod	Ross Abbe	Kari Marttila	Cristi/Dale

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.

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



5th Sunday BBQ July 31st after the service.



The church will provide hot dogs, hamburgers, buns and lemonade. A signup sheet for additional food will be posted in July. Looking for baked beans, potato salad, macaroni salad, fresh vegetables ie., tomatoes, lettuce, pickles etc. Louie and Rod have volunteered their barbecues but we could always use a third one if anyone is interested.



2022 Graduates of Bellingham Technical College

Congratulations to Redeemer members **Connor Dupuis** and **Ian McLeod** who both graduated from BTC this spring.



Connor

Connor graduated from the Electrician's Program with an Associate's Degree of Applied Science and will be applying for apprenticeships.



Ian (with mom, Wendy)

Ian graduated from the Welding Program and is currently employed as an apprentice welder with Marcon and will be a journeyman level welder after one more year of employment.

**Congratulations and God's Blessings to our
2022 graduates!**



Evangelism - preaching or promulgation of the Gospel from place to place.
"Random House Dictionary"

Evangelism - Spreading of the Christian Gospel by personal witness. "Internet"

- What is the purpose of **Evangelism** at Redeemer Lutheran church LCMS?
- Why is **Evangelism** important to Christians of Redeemer Lutheran church?
- How do we spread **Evangelism** at and from Redeemer LCMS?
- How do you teach **Evangelism** at and from Redeemer LCMS?

We (ALL CONCERNED) will review, discuss and suggest our ideas to plan and develop our Evangelism program and purpose for Redeemer LCMS.

See below to note when we will meet and plan Evangelism from the many tools and talents that we have and which are available.

We will have pizza for lunch at the church on
SATURDAYS 9:30-12:00
July 16th and 30th and/or August 13th and 27th.
Pick the Saturday or Saturdays that fit your schedule.

Some items to review and/or choose from.

1. "Spiritual Conversation", "LHM"
2. Embracing God's truth in a hostile culture, "Focus on Family"- "Einstein"
3. The Spiritual Vibrant Home, "Barna, LHM"
4. "The Reluctant Witness", "Barna, LHM"
5. How I found God through my Abortion Journey, "Focus on Family"
6. How to Win Friends and Influence People, "Dale Carnegie"- "Socrates"
7. Living the 66 Books of the Bible, "Dr. David Jeremiah"

Ross Abbe, Evangelism Chairman

FREE KITCHEN ITEMS

WHEN: SUNDAYS
June 26 ~ July 3 ~ July 10

WHERE: In the Fellowship Area
By the Library Shelves

In preparation for Redeemer's kitchen remodel, the kitchen drawers and cupboards have been sorted through. As a result, there were many duplicate items, boxed items that have never been used, as well as items that are no longer used. You are welcome to browse the tables and see if there is anything you could use or perhaps you know of someone who might need some of these items.

Please feel free to take whatever you might have need of. Items remaining on the tables after July 10th will be taken to Good Will.

Thank you for your assistance as we move forward with Redeemer's kitchen remodel project. **GOD BE PRAISED!!!**





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

New Testament Standard Giving

Whenever the topic of stewardship and giving comes up, the conversation inevitably turns to the question: “How much should I give?” Answers will vary because the motive behind such questions vary also.

Sometimes the motive behind asking this question is for self-justification. Even though as Lutherans, we know that we are not saved by our works but by grace through faith because of Jesus’ substitutionary atonement. Yet the natural religion of fallen man is to earn God’s favor by what we do.

Take for example the response of our Lord to the rich young ruler who asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus first tells him to keep the commandments. The rich young ruler responds by indicating that all this he has kept from his youth. But Jesus tells him that he lacks one thing: He must sell all that he has and give it to the poor and then follow him. This rich, young ruler went away sad because he was quite wealthy and could not part with his possessions.

Here we see that those who seek to justify themselves by their giving will hear a response that intensifies the duty that God places upon them. Indeed, they will hear a response that makes it impossible to win God’s favor by their works.

But to those who genuinely desire to know what their duty is, as Christians, in the arena of giving, we look to the Bible for our answer. We believe that the Bible is the Word of God. And we know that the Word of God has been “breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Tim. 3:16–17).

So, we begin to answer the question, “What should I give?” with the question, “What does the Bible say about how much we should give and to whom?”

The Old Testament is explicit. The expectation is that the people of God would give a tithe, that is 10 percent, of the first fruits of their labor to support the full-time ministry of the Levites. This is what the Lord gave Moses to teach the people:

“You shall tithe all the yield of your seed that comes from the field year by year. And before the Lord your God, in the place that he will choose, to make his name dwell there, you shall eat the tithe of your grain, of your wine, and of your oil, and the firstborn of your herd and flock, that you may learn to fear the Lord your God always. And if the way is too long for you, so that you are not able to carry the tithe, when the Lord your God blesses you, because the place is too far from you, which the Lord your God chooses, to set his name there, then you shall turn it into money and bind up the money in your hand and go to the place that the Lord your God chooses and spend the money for whatever you desire—oxen or sheep or wine or strong drink, whatever your appetite craves. And you shall eat there before the Lord your God and rejoice, you and your household. And you shall not neglect the Levite who is within your towns, for he has no portion or inheritance with you.

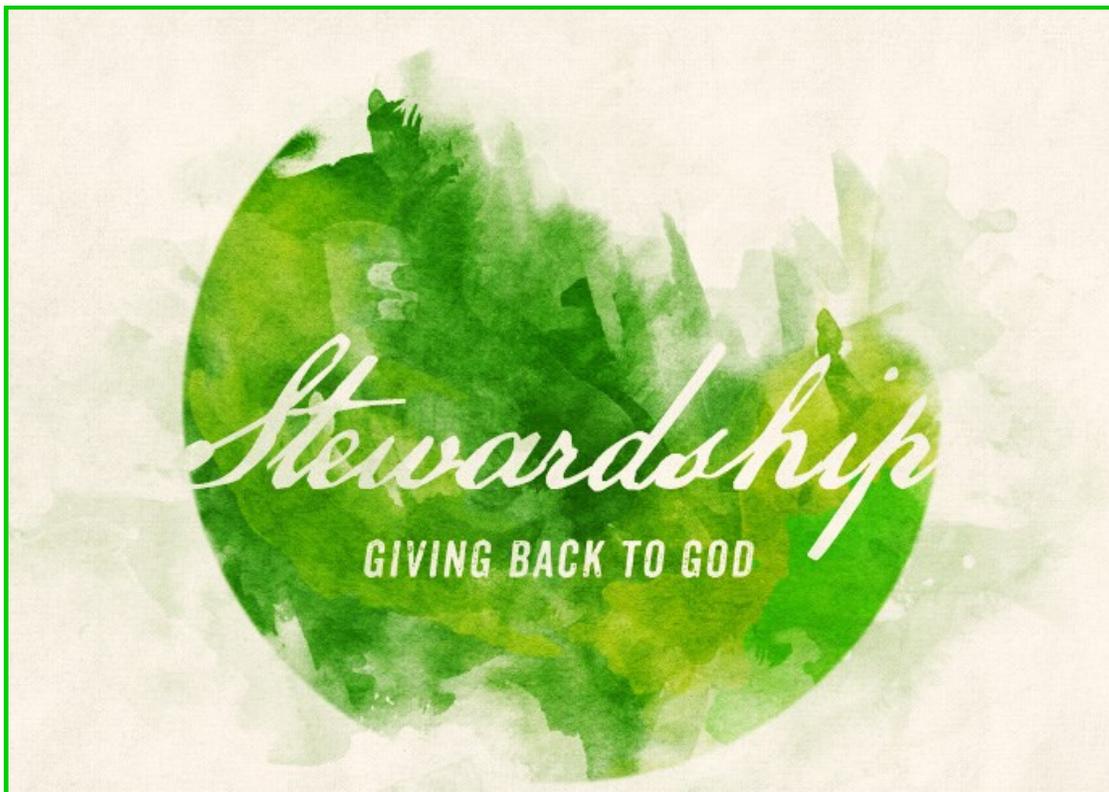
“At the end of every three years you shall bring out all the tithe of your produce in the same year and lay it up within your towns. And the Levite, because he has no portion or inheritance with you, and the sojourner, the fatherless, and the widow, who are within your towns, shall come and eat and be filled, that the Lord your God may bless you in all the work of your hands that you do.” (Deuteronomy 14:22–29)

This principle of tithing is carried over into the New Testament, though not explicitly by calling it a tithe. St. Paul teaches the Church at Corinth this: We are to give to the church regularly (1 Cor. 16:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (1 Cor. 16:1–2; Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23). And all of this is because the “Lord has ordained that those who preach the Gospel should make their living by the Gospel” (1 Cor. 9:14), just as the Levites did.

This our New Testament standard. Since Christ became poor for us in order to make us rich in Him – blessing us with the riches of heaven – so we also have been so blessed to follow the example of our Lord and Savior and give of ourselves and the work of our hands to bless others with the same.

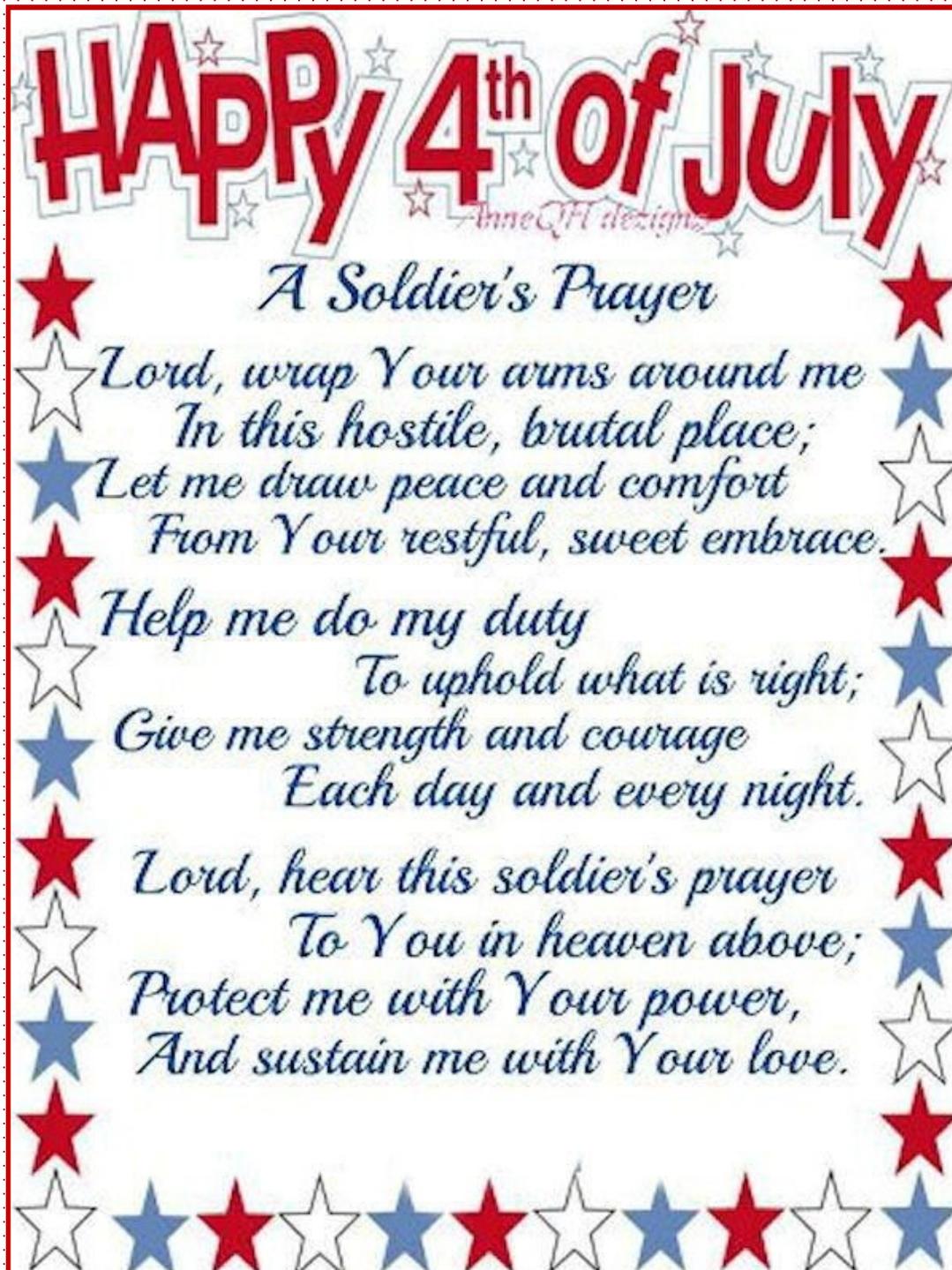
If we have been lax in this, let us – like our Lord, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross and scorned its shame – likewise begin to work toward this goal of regular giving of a generous proportion of the first fruits of God’s giving to us. And let us do so not begrudgingly, but for the joy set before us—with a spirit of eagerness, cheerfulness, and love—to share the blessings of God with those placed into our care.

**LCMS Stewardship Ministry
Newsletter Article – July 2022**



My hope and prayer is that everyone know and love our country for what she really is and what she stands for.

~John Wayne



Remember, O Lord, thy tender mercies and thy loving kindnesses;
for they have been ever of old. *Psalm 25:6*

Submitted
by



Marianne Giusti



Service Member Update



Annie Thorsen

United
States
Navy



Annie Thorsen as she graduates from Naval Nuclear Power Training Command “A” school.

Congratulations Annie!



Redeemer’s care packages were beautifully wrapped up and sent off to wish our service members a

Happy 4th of July!



Lutheran's For Life Quote: July 10

“How sweet it is to have gathered around Jesus and learn again, or maybe learn for the first time, how He loves you and me. And He promises nothing is ever going to break this circle, ‘...neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord’ (Romans 8:38b-39).”

Rev. Dr. Dale A. Meyer, guest speaker on The Lutheran Hour – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • lutheransforlife.org

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The Lutheran Witness (lcms.org/witness)

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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)

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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.