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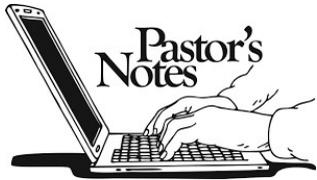


Lutheran Church Missouri Synod



IN TOUCH WITH REDEEMER

A newsletter by and for the family of Redeemer Lutheran Church
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Do you believe that Jesus will return to the earth? That is a big question that has many implications from the answer. You might be wondering why I bring this up at a time like this? Even in the Bible (the book of Job) people have wondered if their actions have anything to do with what happens to them in their daily lives. If

someone commits a crime or does something bad, does that mean God punishes me until I somehow atone for what I did? What am I asking in a nutshell...is God punishing the United States for stances not deemed positive towards Christian values?

In the last year, we have seen headlines concerning a world-wide pandemic, rioting, open violence, murder, nations destabilizing, droughts etc. The Bible does mention these things when it talks about the end of the world, but it also says that these things will be happening until the end of time. The tough issues that we are wrestling with right now are nothing new, and the potential imminent arrive of God to the earth might be a sense of comfort to us rather than to try and struggle with our problems.

I cannot tell you that our drought we are experiencing right now will be over soon. I have heard reports that this winter will be heavy with moisture. The Bible does mention that God does withhold rain from the earth. I cannot tell you whether God is doing the same thing right now that God did in the time of the Prophets of the Old Testament. I take greater comfort in knowing that God is merciful and does what He wants. If He wants to lower our economy so that we remember that we are dependent on Him, that's His prerogative.

What we will see from Genesis to Revelation is a God who is consistent with His love. We can argue details, but at the end of the day, He is still God. First Timothy chapter two tells us that what God wants is that all men would be saved. God has pursued every person who has ever been born. He will continue to do so until He returns to the earth with His angels. The proclamation of the Gospel (that we are saved by what Jesus has done for us on the cross) is an important message from the Bible. Do we believe that Jesus is coming back soon? By the time you read this article, Jesus is that much closer to when He will return. Time is short, our lives in heaven will be eternal. What the church does with the time until Jesus returns is an eternity issue.

Pastor Matt

*"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering,
for he who promised is faithful." Hebrews 10:23*

SERVING GROUPS

We have monthly serving groups and if you're not on the list and would like to be, contact the church office.

AUGUST

Deb Bremseth – 320-231-2089
Lori Schroeder – 320-290-7035

Matt & Teresa Behm
Art & Elaine Bolland
Deb Bremseth
Cassie Drenkow
Kathy Eisenlohr
Scott & Rachel Grewe
Trudy Hemingway
Russ & Rachel Jeppesen
Jim & Cari Kardell
Eileen Klinghagen
David & Tamara Knapper
Jason & Jennifer Landin
Michelle Marotzke
Wayne & Laurie Nelson
Bill & Sandra Peters
Chris & Jeanne Reznecheck
Michael & Kay Sandau
Lori Schroeder
Loren & Judy Schultz
Tim & Denise Smith
Curt & Deb Swart

SEPTEMBER

Dee Erpelding – 320-235-0788
Ronda Hunt – 320-235-1621

Rob & Jan Baker
Myron & Myra Behm
Katherine Bolstad
Scott Bolstad
David & Susan Chase
Ron & Dee Erpelding
Travis & Christine Foster
Jim & Marcia Gilman
Paulette Hentz
Ronda Hunt
Ron & Colleen Kassel
Joy Landin
Glen Lotthammer
Larry & Helga Miller
Matt & Jodie Nelson
Anita Petersen
Linda Rhoades
Steve & Melanie Schultz
Jaimee Scoblic
Dan & Susan Spieker
Todd & Kim Swartz
LaVonne Van Zee
Marilyn Worke

NOTE: Please remember to contact your co-chair and ask them how you can be of assistance or just to let them know you are available.

FAMILY REUNIONS

For whoever does the will of God, he is my brother and sister and mother. Mark 3:35

How was your July? Mine was good I spent a week at a family reunion. Not my family, but I spent a week in Nashville with a college friend at her family reunion. When you're not related to anyone one and the only people you know is your friend's immediate family you can become very confused as to who is related to who, by the middle of the week myself and another friend of the family had become known as the unrelated. I say "unrelated" in the most loving way because even though we were not related by blood we were still welcomed into the family with open arms and treated as any other member.

In Mark 3 we see Jesus have a similar attitude in regards to family. Jesus has been teaching and a great crowd of followers has started to follow Him. At some point His mother and brothers appear amongst the crowd of people but cannot get close to him because of the number of people. When someone finally tells Jesus that His mother and brothers are amongst the crowd His reply is, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." Jesus' reply may seem like a rejection of His immediate family, but it was meant to emphasize importance of His larger spiritual family.

We are all a part of a family in some way shape or form, but more importantly we are also a part of the greater family of God. As Children of God, our brothers and sisters in Christ are those who believe and put into practice the things that Jesus has taught us in scripture. We together as the family of God support one another through good and bad times.

Just as a regular family may go in different direction over the course of time and need time for reconnection we also as God's family need to take time to reconnect with one another.

We at Redeemer want to encourage you to take the time on September 12th and come and reconnect with your church family. Come "Together Again" and spend time with fellow Redeemer brothers and sisters in Christ as we worship, fellowship, and grow together in God's word.

God's Blessings!

Cassie Drenkow, Director of Christian Education

†† AUGUST 2021 ††		
JOIN US IN THE PARKING LOT ON SUNDAYS IN AUGUST AND TUNE INTO FM STATION 101.9 FOR THE WORSHIP SERVICES.		
	ELDERS	ACOLYTES
Aug 1 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Dave Runke, Jeff Pitt Paul Meyer, Steve Lueders	Isaac Marcus Chelsea Lopez
Aug 8 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Steve Lueders	Wyatt Dahline Evan Petersen
Aug 15 8:00 AM Communion 10:30 AM	Jeff Pitt, Matt Akerson Brandon Kopacek, Paul Meyer	Andrew Sandau Tangh Conklin
Aug 22 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Runke Wayne Dahlke	Jillayna Schroeder Ayla Moyer
Aug 29 8:00 AM 10:30 AM	Dave Danzeisen Steve Lueders	Emily Johnson Abigail Behl
USHERS		LIBRARY
8:00 AM Lee & Beth Corti		Bonnie Rhoda
10:30 AM Leon Schultz, Carol Jackson, Bridget Neumann		

NEW 2021 ELDER RESPONSIBILITES FOR MEMBERS

<u>Your Elder</u>	<u>Phone#</u>	<u>Household Names</u>
Dave Danzeisen	894-2396	Akerson – Bush
Brandon Kopacek	905-0734	Canion – Gast
Steve Lueders	894-5750	Gerdes – Holst
Paul Meyer	651-295-6670	Holtberg – Krueger
Jeff Pitt	894-3132	Kruse – Monson
Wayne Dahlke	262-9847	Mord – Rieger
Dave Runke	894-1474	Rodelius – Sorenson
Matt Akerson	894-4997	Spaulding – Zetah



Redeemer Family Reunion Sunday September 12, 2021

8:00 am Worship

9:15 Family Education Hour

Sunday school 3yrs-5th Grade

6-8th Grade Bible Study

High School-Adult Small Groups

10:30 Outdoor Worship - Backlot

11:30 Burger Grill Out & Activities

Inflatables & Games for Kids

PLANS ARE UNDERWAY for a new Redeemer photo directory. Universal Church Directories will be coming October 5th-9th to take photos.

SCRIP ORDERS are due Monday, August 9th. Forms can be found in the wooden rack in the narthex or in the church office.

SUPPORT OUR TROOPS!! August collections will be "Hygiene Products". Eye Drops, Lip Balm, Saline Nasal Spray, Disposable Razors, Foot Powder, Multi-Vitamins, Vitamin C, Toothbrushes, Toothpaste, & Sunglasses. Please place donated items in box located in the narthex.

PRAYER REQUESTS forms can be found in the narthex. Please complete your request and drop in either offering box as you enter or exit the sanctuary. You can also contact us by phone, email, text, or online.

SHOES/BOOTS Don't throw those old boots or shoes away! Bring them to church, along with your other outgrown dress shoes and tennies, and place them in the shoe box located in the narthex. They will then be taken to Lutheran Island to both benefit the camp, as well as people in other countries around the world.

LWML MITES may be brought to the church office any time.

SUNDAY MORNING SERVICES AVAILABLE THIS SUMMER

8 & 10:30 AM – Indoor worship

9:30 AM - Outdoor worship service with contemporary style live music. Participants can bring their own lawn chairs from home. We will meet in the grass area west of the playground on the north end of the building.





BURGER NIGHTS!

**Join us on Fridays
6:00 – 7:30 pm**



SUN	ATTEND	COMM	PRIVATE
July 4	135	115	
July 11	148		
July 18	162	141	
July 25	107		
TOTALS	552	256	23

REDEEMER POTLUCK'S

Let's get together on the third Sunday of each month with a potluck meal in the Fellowship Hall. August 15th at 11:30 am. Bring a dish to pass!

NEWSLETTERS Those of you who previously received the newsletter in your church mailbox (pre COVID) will receive it that way again beginning with the September issue. Those of you who continue to have it mailed, please consider this option or by having it emailed. With postage rates constantly on the rise, we can save on postage and paper. Please contact Lori in the church office.

Consider going to the Best Practices for Ministry next February in Phoenix. Contact Pastor Matt if you are interested.



Deadline to register is September 26, 2021.

BPM 2022 | Feb. 17-19, 2022 | Phoenix, AZ

This is a FREE conference for those who love the local church, the unchurched and the LCMS. This conference is open to pastors, church workers and lay people! It includes a variety of sessions, such as: leadership, children and youth ministry, discipleship, and engaging your community. Contact Pastor Matt if you have questions.

PRESCHOOL

*We Are One, We Are One
We Are One in Jesus
We're on the Same Team!*

These are words from our 21-22 theme song by Jennie Williamson. It includes a cheer and a little rap - who doesn't love that at age 3, 4, & 5. But more importantly it reminds these kiddos that being on God's Team is the best place to be. And including everyone is part of God's plan.

The verses we will use this year remind us of two important points:

1. We are all one in Christ Jesus no matter our color, shape, size etc.
"There is neither Jew, nor Greek, Slave no free, male nor female for you are all one in Christ Jesus." Galatians 3:28
2. We need to be united and be in peace with one another.
"Make every effort to keep the Unity of Spirit through the bond of peace." Ephesians 4:3

Might be some tough concepts for this age but understanding God loves all of us no matter what is not hard for them to get. They tend to get that better than the adults do!!

As the summer school year winds down and the new school year revs up these are thoughts that will guide our planning as we work with these young children of God.

Rachel Jeppesen, Redeemer Preschool Director

Things to collect for us:

Colored Buttons

Beads

International Instant Coffee Containers (rectangle shaped)

School Supplies: Kids Scissors, Scholastic or Elmer's Glue Sticks, Crayola Markers, Dry Erase Markers (Expo Brand)

LET THERE BE MUSIC!!

Choir, Handbells, and Praise Band will be starting again this September!

PRAISE BAND will meet Tuesday nights at 7:00 pm in the balcony. If you enjoy singing or playing more contemporary Christian music, join us! Guitar, percussion, keyboard, and vocals are all needed. We are looking to form two teams to work in rotation as we lead the 10:30 worship on a weekly basis.

HANDBELLS will meet Wednesday nights at 5:30 pm in the balcony. (The exception is Advent and Lent. It is Tuesday nights at 5:30 during those seasons.) We always have room for ringers, and no experience is necessary. We have ringers who would love to help you get started! Our Wednesday night handbells are for people ages 7th grade and up. Occasionally there will be a junior handbell choir that meets for a few weeks during the year, then rings on a Sunday morning. Watch for more details on junior bells!

CHOIR meets Wednesday nights at 7:00 pm in the balcony. If you love to sing, but don't read music well, that's ok! We have leaders in every section who can help you get started. The choir does a variety of 2-4 part anthems, and sings one Sunday a month, (usually) as well as special services during Christmas and Holy Week.

There will also be opportunities for the children to sing throughout the year as well! Keep an eye out for more information!

As always, there are times for solos, duets, and special music. It can be instrumental or vocal, and if you need an accompanist, we can find one for you!

If you have any questions, or would like to join us, please e-mail Anna Barber at abarber@redeemerwillmar.org

I will have music waiting for you!

"O come, let us sing for joy to the LORD, let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation!" Psalm 95:1

YOUTH CORNER

8TH-12TH GRADERS, there is still time to sign up for the National Youth Gathering in Houston on July 9-13, 2022. Early Bird registration is open until September 15th for \$145 deposit. After September 15th price increases on deposit.

SMALL GROUP LEADER We are starting to make plans for our Fall Sunday School year. If you are interested in being a small group leader in either our preschool or elementary age Sunday morning programs, please contact Cassie Drenkow or Kim Canion about guiding a group this Fall.

GIRLS GROUP will meet on August 5 & 12th at 7:00 pm. Contact Cassie in the church office for locations.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SMALL GROUP LEADER TRAINING will be August 18th at 6:30 pm. Come and walk through what a morning of Sunday school will be like as a leader this year. Supper will be provided!

7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH GROUP is August 8th and 22nd this month from 6:30-8:00 pm. Join us on August 22nd for Pop-up Sunday as we welcome the incoming 7th graders for the year.

7TH-12TH GRADE YOUTH If you are looking for Service Hours for school or to get a jump start on service hours for the 2022 Gathering, we have some projects in the office for Education & Youth ministry. Please contact Cassie in the office for more details.

LIC ONLINE QUILT AUCTION

<https://www.proxibid.com/Amazing-Auctions-LLC/Lutheran-Island-Camp-Quilt-Auction/event-catalog/204571>

JULY 27 - AUGUST 5
SET UP A BUYERS ACCOUNT TO BID

