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June

Newsletter

SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

9:00 am Worship Service

10:20 am Adult Bible Study

(meets in Confirmation room)

No Kids Summer Sunday School

Sunday School Teacher & High School Graduate

Recognition / June 4

***No Senior Potluck Luncheons or Men's Group Breakfasts
during the summer. They will resume in September.***

FROM THE PASTOR

THE PARABLE OF THE RICE FIELD

The Apostle Paul wrote, *"Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully"* (2 Corinthians 9:6). We will reap what we sow. If we sow kindness, we will reap kindness. If we sow discord and selfishness, that is what we will reap.

There is a parable told in India about the selfish man who inherited a rice field. The first year the man irrigated the field, and it was fruitful. The water, in fact, flowed onto his neighbor's field, and this, too, produced a bountiful harvest.

But the next year, the selfish man reasoned: Why should I let this water flow through my field into his? Water is precious, and I must keep it. So, he built a dam. This prevented the water from flowing into his neighbor's field, but it proved disastrous to his own crop as well. Irrigation water nourished the field only if it flowed. When it did not move because of the dam, the water became stagnant and the field a swamp.

We own no rice fields. Still, the parable is clear. Think of what we have inherited from God; think of all He has given us. If we are selfish, refusing to share and keep it all for ourselves, our lives become stagnant, dismal swamps of mere existence. But if we give back to God by giving to others, both the giver and the receiver share in the fruits of God's love.

Pastor Todd

ELDERS CORNER – JUNE 2023

If you're like Pastor Todd, Julia Parker and me, there are a couple of bucket list foreign trips that are so intriguing that we just have to go. We have been talking about these trips for a couple of years, but now is the time to actually make them happen. These trips are (1) The Holy Land (Israel, and maybe a side trip to Egypt) and/or (2) the El Camino de Santiago in France and Spain. We have discussed these two trips before the Elders and they have agreed to allow us to drum up enthusiasm among the members of the congregation and explore the feasibility of a group of us actually going on one or both of these trips. You will probably not see these trips in our Church budget because the costs will have to be carried by the folks actually taking the trips.

The Holy Land – Israel

Would you like to go on a spiritual journey focusing on the life and times of Jesus, "walking where Jesus walked?" Imagine yourself in Galilee, and in Capernaum – referred as Jesus' "own town" (*Matthew 9:1*), where Jesus began his ministry (*Mark 1:21 John 6:59*), and recruited his first disciple (*John 21:15-17*). Stand on the Mt. of Beatitudes (*Matthew 5, Matthew 6, Matthew 7, Matthew 8*) and make believe you are listening to the Lord preach the Sermon on the Mount. Submerge yourself in the Jordan River, where Jesus was baptized by John the Baptist (*John 1:29-33*). Continue on to Jerusalem, and walk the Stations of the Cross on the Via Dolorosa, where you can take time to reflect the Lords sacrifice for us, and what an incredible moment it will be when you stand on the Mt. of Olives in Jerusalem, where Jesus ascended in to heaven (Acts 1 – you remember the second lesson on Sunday May 21). [Obviously, pulled from a typical ad.]

Trips to Israel typically run 7 days to 2 weeks and visit many of the sites mentioned in the Bible. The trips can be tailored to fit our specific needs, and hopefully we can be led by pastor or a guide that we know from our area. An example of a trip like this would be 10 days and cost about \$2000 to \$3000 per person.

El Camino de Santiago

This second trip is for the more adventurous or highly spiritually motivated traveler. It involves a lot of walking for up to a month, depending on how

dedicated you are. The trip follows El Camino de Santiago (or Road of St. James) for over 500 miles. The road or "Way" starts in France, crosses the Pyrenees, and then travels mainly west almost all the way to the Pacific Ocean. This Way actually follows a series of pilgrimages leading to the Cathedral of Santiago de Compostela where the relics of Saint James the Great were discovered in the 9th century. Along the way are a lot of chapels and religious places of interest. This route has become very popular by many people from all over the world. Many still follow its routes as a form of a spiritual path or retreat for their spiritual growth. It is also popular with hikers, cyclers, and organized tour groups (there's even one by REI Co-op). It was the setting for the movie "The Way" starring Emilio Estevez and Martin Sheen.

If 500 miles just sounds way too ambitious for you, you can decide to do only a portion of the trip like starting half way and still finishing at the Cathedral. Or you can pay a lot more money and be periodically driven over much of the walking distance. If you want to take the economy trip, you can backpack the whole 500 miles and save money on the hostiles or "motels" along the way. Accommodations vary from very crude to quite luxurious depending on how much you want to pay. You can walk the whole route, 31 days, for about \$38 per day, including hotel and food. Costs go up substantially when you're driven or you stay in swanky hotels.

I am planning a meeting sometime in June where those interested can meet to get more information. Other meetings will follow after we find out how many are interested and what we plan to do. Stay tuned for more information. If you are interested, please let me know or tell Pastor or an Elder.

Jon Lindberg, Redeemer Elders.



Dear Redeemer Family,
We would like to thank you for keeping us in your thoughts, hearts and prayers during this cancer journey. The reflection of our Savior's love in your cards and encouragement were such a blessing. *In Christ, Denise and Mark Rogers*

Carol Simpkins and Marg Littlejohn wish to express their sincere thanks to everyone for their prayers and cards and especially to Terry Strege and Pam Roundy for delivering flowers to them on behalf of Lydia Guild. They appreciate being remembered since they are unable to attend in-person worship due to health issues.



REGULAR VOTERS' MEETING to elect officers for the 2023-24 year will be held on Sunday, June 18 immediately following service. See back page for a list of open positions. Copies of the open positions and an overview of each position are also available in the Narthex.



LUTHER SENIOR CENTER will have a fall clothing giveaway in September for their residents. If you have gently used fall/winter clothing that you would like to donate, please bring to the office.

LUTHERHAVEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Sponsored by Redeemer & Bethlehem Lutheran Churches



June 26-30
Mornings

For Children Ages 3-11
REGISTER TODAY for 2023 VBS

<https://blcbls.org/events>



Lutherhaven programs lead children to a closer relationship with God.
Children sing, dance, craft, snack, play, and grow their faith in Jesus.

Faith Fun Fellowship

TO BE HELD AT BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH IN KENNEWICK

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2023 SYNOD CONVENTION NATIONAL OFFERING

"We preach Christ crucified" (1 COR. 1:23). We chose this simple statement as the theme for our upcoming LCMS convention in Milwaukee. As I have prepared for the convention, these words have resonated in my mind. These words describe our church. We, the LCMS, preach Christ crucified along with the apostles and the whole Christian church throughout the world.

Not only do we enjoy fellowship with every Christian of every time and place, but we also seek to reach all people with the Gospel, for not all have heard. One thing that diminishes our ability to share the Good News with all people is language. Since the tower of Babel in Genesis 11, people have spoken different languages. Yet as we learned in Acts 2, the message of the Gospel unites people into the one Body of Christ.

Therefore, we have designated our 2023–2026 LCMS National Offering, "We Preach Christ Crucified for All People," for the translation of solid biblical Lutheran resources into languages that lack such materials. Whatever you generously contribute to this offering will enable this vital work. We thank God for all those who have labored to translate the Scriptures. You will help provide instructional and doctrinal resources LCMS congregations can use to reach and instruct non-English speakers in His Word.

Pray for those who translate Lutheran resources, that their labor would produce faithful and beneficial materials for those who use them. Pray for those who receive their work. Pray for our international church partners. Pray for all those who do not know Jesus. Join me in daily prayers, for our Lord has graciously invited us to bring before Him all our concerns, all through Jesus Christ crucified and risen. We preach Christ crucified — for all people.

Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison
President, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

Collection Days: Sunday, July 2, 8, 16th - Make check payable to Redeemer, and in the memo line, write "national offering." There will be some envelopes in the narthex for those making cash donations.

NORD EST HAITI LUTHERAN MISSION (NEHLM) UPDATE – JUNE 2023

Greetings in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

When I recently called Rev. Daniel Paul, he was in Fort Liberte to attend a class for lawyers. The endeavor of being involved with law has served Rev. Paul well over the last couple of years as he has overseen the ministry. The instability that Haiti has had since it won independence in 1804 has often been increased with foreign intervention. Many times foreign agencies and governments intended well, but their processes inhibited Haiti from being a more stable country by struggling through their situation. Haiti's present political situation is fairly intense with an assassinated president in 2021 with no elections since then. Gangs are controlling many facets of society; many of these gangs have political connections. We pray for Rev. Paul and the other Haitians who are diligently working to do what they can for their country.

Cholera continues to be an issue in Nord Est Haiti. The sanitizing stations that were purchased several weeks ago are being used. They are now pursuing hooking up further plumbing for extended use. There is a sanitizing station at the girls' home, boys' home, and at the school. At Baja, a smaller unit is available for them to use. We are thankful to be involved with their pursuit of careful hygiene.

Nord Est Haiti is getting rain now. The gardens were a little bit flooded after one storm but have recovered and are doing well. In Ouanaminthe there was some minor flooding that lasted only a couple hours. The ministry's facilities did not have issues.

God's peace,

Rev. Sam Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

June brings season for gift-giving. Here's an idea to help recipient and the Church

Is someone you know ready to graduate high school or college? Or will wedding bells soon be ringing for a friend or family member? For special occasions like these, a Visa gift card makes a thoughtful gift, affording the recipient flexibility to use it however they wish. **For Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) investors, the LCEF Visa gift card can be a great gift-giving option.** The gift cards are available in \$25, \$50 and \$100 values. An additional \$1.99 fee per gift card will be added to the order.

LCEF investors can learn more or place an order by visiting lcef.org/product/lcef-gift-card/ or calling Lutheran Church Extension Fund at 800-843-5233. If you have questions about these downloads or would like to request the information in a different format, please contact Renae McElwain at renae.mcelwain@lcef.org

Gift-Giving Is Easy with the LCEF Visa Gift Card

Want a short-term investment? Will this fill the need?



4.5%

6-MONTH FIXED-RATE TERM NOTE

Minimum \$500 to invest. New money only.

This limited-time offer is available for
Lutheran Church–Missouri Synod:

- ✓ INDIVIDUALS
- ✓ CONGREGATIONS
- ✓ ORGANIZATIONS

[CLICK HERE TO OPEN AN ACCOUNT!](#)

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STEWARDSHIP CORNER

When Jesus went willingly to the cross on Good Friday, the world witnessed the greatest possible gift of love. *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13). Because of God's tremendous love for us, we are empowered to love and serve others. Love makes us do some outrageous serving and giving. For example, in Luke 7:36-50, we read the story of the sinful woman who washed Jesus' feet with expensive perfume. The woman responded to Jesus' great love and forgiveness with love and gratitude for Him which she expressed by pouring expensive perfume from an alabaster jar on Jesus' feet. If CNN or Fox News had been around at the time of this event, they would have jumped at the opportunity to ask her what prompted her to wash Jesus' feet with such expensive perfume. Her answer would have been, "Love made me do it."

FOCUS ON THE FAMILY'S

The Truth Project®

An In-Depth Christian Worldview Experience

NEW STUDY

6-7:30p

Wednesday, June 7
12 Week Study

www.richlandredeemer.org
@richlandredeemer (fb)



Redeemer has new website. On Monday, June 5, you will notice our website's new look and feel. It's been several years since our last redesign. What's new on our website?

1. Under the tab "News & Media" you will find our monthly newsletters, bylaws, and an archive of our past worship services.
2. At the bottom of the homepage, you will see a Facebook feed. Whatever is posted on our Facebook page will show up at the bottom of our homepage. We will use this as one means of distributing urgent information to the congregation. You do not need a Facebook account to view these Facebook posts.
3. You can now share photos with the congregation if you have an Instagram account. The Instagram link is on the homepage in the upper right-hand corner.
4. You can now submit prayer requests directly from our website. In the upper right-hand corner, you will notice a circle prayer icon. Click on that to submit a request.

There are many more new features. Check them out (on/after June 5).

Peace,

Pastor Todd



Pedal to Resettle is a cycling event organized by World Relief Tri-Cities.

Our goal is to raise awareness and funds to support refugees who have made their way to the Tri-Cities area.

Scan the QR Code for details!



Follow World Relief Tri-Cities!



worldrelief.org/tricities/pedal-to-resettle/

Join us **SATURDAY, JUNE 17th** for a spectacular one day cycling challenge with different mileage options -- 25K, 50K, 75K and 100K! Shorter routes of 1 mile, 3 miles, and 5 miles will be available for younger children and for family-friendly rides.

The rides begin and end at World Relief Tri-Cities in Richland, WA.

Registration Information

- ★ INDIVIDUAL RIDER: \$40 (Adult), \$25 (Youth 8-17), \$10 (Child 7 or younger)
- ★ TEAM OF FOUR: \$140 | \$35 each (Riders can choose different routes)
- ★ Register by June 1st to ensure you will have your t-shirt before you ride!
- ★ Registration open until event day.
- ★ Corporate Sponsorships available!

CONTACT

TriCitiesOffice@wr.org

RIDE FOR REFUGEES

Redeemer is Currently Seeking Individuals

To Fill the Following Positions

Voter Elected Positions

1. Vice President (2-year term, first as Vice President, second as President)
2. Treasurer (2-year term)
3. Two Elders (3-year term)
4. Head Trustee (2-year term)
5. Facilities Trustee (1-year term)
6. Board of Education and Youth Ministry Chairperson (2-year term)
7. Board of Congregational Care Chairperson (2-year term)
8. Board of Outreach and Community Service Chairperson (2-year term)
9. Offering Recording Secretary (1-year term)
10. Two Offering Counting Secretaries (1-year term)
11. Lay Delegate to the LCMS NW District Convention (1-year term)

Council-Appointed Positions

12. Standby Treasurer (1-year term)
13. Memorials Point of Contact (2-year term)
14. Communications Point of Contact (2-year term)
15. Fellowship Point of Contact (2-year term)
16. Stewardship Point of Contact (2-year term)
17. Three Financial Review Committee Members (1-year term)

An overview of Redeemer Open Position Duties is available in the Narthex. The names of individuals currently filling these positions are listed in the overview. Feel free to contact them for more information.

If you are interested in filling one of these positions, please contact:

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June Birthdays

- 1 Jon Lindberg, Luke Mauth
- 2 Freyja Compton
- 3 Lester Dougherty
- 8 Chris Beach, Lori Bisping, Lynn Bisping, Jamie young
- 9 Carl Garner, Jerrine Gjerdevig, Makena Snider
- 11 Hannah Bond
- 12 Bev Kroll
- 13 Kathie Zaloudek, Denise Ritzmann
- 14 Troy Grall
- 16 Steven Rogers
- 19 John Cagle, Curt Gjerdevig
- 21 Dale Groeber, Mackenzie Wanot
- 25 Beth Ruff
- 26 Rick Engelmann
- 28 Lynn Weldon
- 29 Pam Bobiles

Anniversaries

- 3 Paul & Angela Julson
- 6 Pastor Todd & Gina Schroeder
- 12 Dick & June Jaquish, Ryan & Natalie Whitten
- 14 Chuck & Hermine Fordham
- 19 Tom & Marge Valenti
- 23 Dee & Peggy McDorman
- 25 Randy & Kim Dykeman, Jerry & Lynn Weldon, Lonnie & Jen Turner

July Birthdays

- 4 Ken Wendland, Taylor Gant
- 5 Dick Jaquish, Ronda Frank
- 6 Ray Boecker
- 7 Marlene Paris-Ufkes
- 8 Kathy Fisher
- 9 John Schug
- 10 Karl Mundt
- 11 Paul Mellick
- 13 Ona Meyer
- 14 Shirley Bigelow, Valarie Milbrath, Bernie Simpkins, Anthony Frank,
Riley Yarbrough, Amelia Rebic
- 15 Angela Landrum, Stephanie Milbrath
- 17 Kylie Landrum
- 19 Jody Schug
- 20 Lonnie Turner
- 25 Roland Niemuth, Denise Rogers
- 26 Ginny Wendland
- 29 Ashleigh Beach
- 30 Kim Dykeman

Anniversaries

- 1 Ed & Beth Ruff
- 3 Thom & Judy Nash
- 7 Brian & Stephanie Milbrath, Howard & Jamie Young
- 10 Will & Angela Landrum
- 12 Vic & Heather Garza
- 15 Robert & Elsa Beppe
- 16 Axel & Mary Gruen
- 18 Rick & Ramona Engelmann
- 25 Riley & Kelsey Yarbrough
- 28 Jon & Natalie Guymon
- 29 Paul & Deb Werner, Bart & Mackenzie Wanot
- 31 Pastor Laurence & Ona Meyer

PRAYERS – Please let the office know of any changes to the prayer page by calling 943-4967 or emailing office@richlandredeemer.org. *Indicates friends/family.

HOMEBOUND:

Pearl Raabe
Ruth Shook
Reta Siefken
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stein
Eileen Stixruud

CANCER:

Deanna Snider
Harper Beare*
Barbara Connell*
Rev. James & Ann Gier*
Gary Hoff*
Terry Hoff*
Jerry Johnson*
Gary Petersen*
Kevin Raabe*
Sandi Sheeley*
Gunner Smith*
Beth Vaughn*

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Bob & Cheryl Evenson
Sally Grego
Elaine Kutrowski
Pearl Raabe
Ruth Shook
Reta Siefken
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stein
Eileen Stixruud
Bobbie Van Buren
Bev Wetzler
Betsy Clark*
Barbara Coufal*
Gregg Lee*
Jody Schug*
Cooper Siefken*
Phillip Turner*

MILITARY:

Sam Willhoite
Darion Woodall
Brandin Bunch*
Jacob Cagle*
Brandon Gano*
Byron Gano*
Matthew Gano*
Jonathan Gier*
James Hare*
Sean Williams*

