



Redeemer
L u t h e r a n C h u r c h

AUGUST 2025
Newsletter



Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study | 9:30am

Worship | 7pm

Sunday Schedule

Worship Service | 9am

Adult Bible Study | 10:30a

No Kids Sunday Class until fall

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Friday 7:30 am - 12:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12-1 daily

From the Pastor

It has been a long, hot and dry summer here in the Tri-Cities! August is often the month when families begin to shift gears. Vacations start to wind down, the summer projects on our to-do lists (hopefully) near completion, and thoughts turn toward a new school year. In just three weeks, classrooms will be full again, and in about a month, we'll be joyfully kicking off our Sunday School program for the year.

This time of transition is a wonderful reminder of God's constant faithfulness. As the prophet Jeremiah reminds us, "The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23). Whether we are enjoying the slower rhythms of summer or stepping back into busy schedules, God's grace in Christ Jesus goes before us and sustains us.

What a comfort to know that the Lord's mercies are "new every morning"! Even when our days feel repetitive or overwhelming, God's love is never on pause. Each sunrise is a fresh reminder that He is with us, forgiving our sins, renewing our strength, and guiding our steps. This means that as parents prepare children for school, teachers plan their lessons, and all of us face the unknowns of the coming season, we do so with a God who provides for our needs day by day.

As we prepare for the weeks ahead, let us keep our children, teachers, and families in prayer. School brings both opportunities and challenges, and we pray that each student would be surrounded by God's protection and guided by His Word. We also encourage you to consider how you might be part of nurturing the next generation in faith through Sunday School or other ministry opportunities at Redeemer.

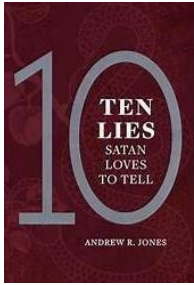
This August also gives us an opportunity to pause and thank the Lord for the many blessings He has given us this summer. He has gathered us each week around His Word, provided time to rest and be renewed, and allowed us to grow as a community of faith. As we move toward fall, we do so with grateful hearts, confident that He who began a good work in us will bring it to completion.

We look forward to seeing you in worship each week as we gather around God's Word and Sacraments. And we're excited to welcome everyone back for Sunday School as we teach our children about Jesus and His never-ending love.

Grace and Peace,

Pastor Todd

SUMMER SERMON SERIES CONTINUES – TEN LIES SATAN LOVES TO TELL



Aug. 3 – Lie #7 - "God Does Not love You"

Aug. 10 – Lie #8 - "You Can and Must Save Yourself"

Aug. 17 – Lie #9 - "You Are Alone"

Aug. 24 – Lie #10 - "You Are Too Dirty/Broken/Flawed/Sinful to Be Forgiven"

ELDER'S CORNER

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ!

Last month (July) our country celebrated 249 years of independence. The Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4, 1776. Most of us remember these historic words of wisdom: "We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness." Our nation was founded by very religious people, many of whom immigrated here to avoid religious persecution. We are free to worship our God. Twenty-nine of the 56 men who signed the Declaration of Independence held either a seminary or a bible school degree. In contrast, in 2015, there were seven U.S. congressman who were pastors, and most others considered themselves Christian. Currently 87% consider themselves Christian while 62% of the country's population considers themselves Christian.

We thank God for our founding fathers who emphasized the importance of religious freedom. Although our freedom seems a little stressed at times, we can still openly worship Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior without fear of oppression while many in this world must worship and share God's word in hiding.

Be encouraged, the good Lord is always with us. Have a blessed summer!

Yours in Christ,
Elder Will Landrum



STEWARDSHIP CORNER – GO AND BEAR FRUIT

Fruit trees are one of the many wonders of God's creation. To see the beauty of the tree and its fruit, to enjoy its taste, and to realize that it all came from a tiny seed is beyond our comprehension. An apple seed is planted in the ground, and, with water and sun as nourishment, miraculously a seedling surfaces that develops into a fruit tree. After a period of time, the apple tree fulfills its mission by bearing apples.

We, as Christians, are like that apple tree. We, too, have been fed and nourished by God so we can bear fruit. *"You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide..."* (John 15:16). Jesus tells us *"I am the Vine; you are the branches. Whoever abides in Me and I in him, he it is that bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing"* (John 15:5). The life and power of any plant is found in its vine. The vine uses the branches to produce its fruit. The branch is simply a growth of the vine, produced by it and appointed to bear fruit. The branch exists only because the vine makes it possible.

Fruit characterizes the life of the Christian steward. When we stay connected to Jesus, we are told that we *"will bear much fruit."* Christ has given us the task of ministering to the needs of others and spreading the Gospel. As we stay connected to Him through His Word and Sacraments, we discover God's perfect will for us, and we are empowered to please Him by bearing fruit (Colossians 1:9-10). God has created us to bear fruit (Ephesians 2:10), but only through Christ is it possible for us to do so.

"If we live by the Spirit," Paul exhorted, *"let us also keep in step with the Spirit. Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another"* (Galatians 5:25-26). As children of God, we have this fruit because His Spirit lives in us, not as a result of our own efforts. We do cease to bear fruit when we give in to our sinful natures, becoming, in Paul's words, *"Conceited, provoking one another."* We are to *"Have nothing to do with the fruitless deeds of darkness"* (Ephesians 5:11a), but are to *"Walk as children of light (for the fruit of light is found in all that is good and right and true), and try to discern what is pleasing to the Lord"* (Ephesians 5:8b-10).

Go and bear fruit!

PACKING PARTY



Please consider attending the School Supplies Packing Party on August 7 at 5pm in the Fellowship Hall. Afterwards, the Fellowship team will provide Pizza and salad.

SUNDAY COFFEE FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to the volunteers that host our Coffee fellowship time after each Sunday service! If you are interested in providing treats, see the sign-up sheet near the kitchen for available dates.

Fellowship forged in faith is truly a beautiful and powerful thing. Consider what Ecclesiastes 4:9-10 says: "Two are better than one, because they have a good return for their labor: If either of them falls down, one can help the other up..." Gathering together following Sunday's services offers a wonderful time of Christian fellowship.



PARKING IN FRONT OF OFFICE

We kindly ask that you refrain from parking *along the grass* by the office as this has led to damaged sprinkler heads that have needed replacing. If there are no available parking slots in the front parking lot, feel free to park on the street or use the parking lot in the back of the church. Thank you for understanding.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

Fall is around the corner, and the board is making plans to kickoff Sunday school on September 7. All children are invited to attend.

The board is planning to send out cards inviting children to attend Sunday school. This invitation will include children who attended VBS. Please pray for the Spirit to touch the hearts of their families.

Obtained commitments for two teachers for our Sunday school classes. Looking for volunteers to step up to help serve as aids and substitute teachers. Please contact Terry Strege if you are willing to help.

YOUTH GROUP

Three youth (Parker Beach, Ava and Everette Yarbrough) attended Lutherhaven Pathfinders camp. Reports indicate that all had a good time.

We had a fun turnout for the pool party for our June get-together. It is fun to see the kids having a good time together!



TIMING IS EVERYTHING



Before a Redeemer Lutheran Church worship service begins may seem like a *convenient* time, but it is usually *not the best* time to express general concerns or grievances to other church members. Why? Because it may negatively impact worship.

We've all heard the motto, "Timing is Everything." Husbands and wives, children and parents, and employees and managers know there are *good* times and *less-than-good* times to address certain subjects.

Before an LCMS worship service, the pastor, elders, IT volunteers, ushers, readers, and musicians are busily preparing to *conduct* the worship service. Members of the congregation are quietly preparing their hearts and minds to *actively participate* in the worship service. And preparation helps all of us fully embrace the richness of the worship service and deepen our connection with God and fellow believers.

Preparation enables us

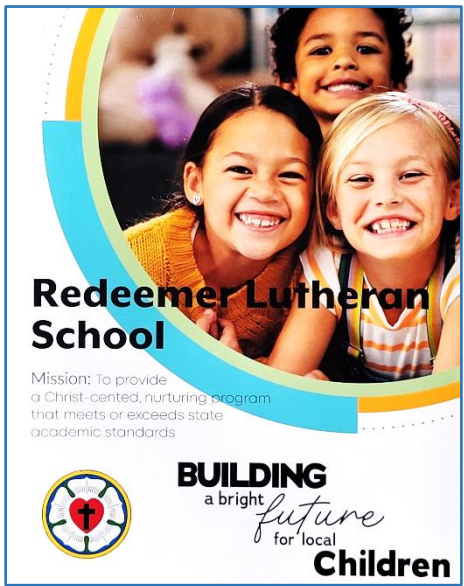
- To hear God's Word proclaimed through scripture readings and the sermon,
- To welcome scripture, prayer, and confession that bring us into God's presence and immerse us in God's gifts of forgiveness and grace,
- To engage with hymns that proclaim God's Word, nourish our faith, and reinforce the sermon's message,
- To recognize our need for God's forgiveness and grace, as we address our struggles via His Word, and
- To join in corporate and personal prayers, offering thanks and petitions to God.

So please focus on the worship service and save non-emergency matters for a *later time or another day*.

Sincerely,
Church Council

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leave Behind Brochure



The School Committee is working with a graphics artist to design a brochure to leave behind when visiting prospective donors. The brochure will include the school's mission and vision statements, Archibald and Company Architect site plan drawings, the "Who, What, Where, When, Why" of building a school, future expansion possibilities, a list of significant dates, and contact information.

The School Committee is also seeking legal guidance from Pacific Justice Institute – a non-profit that provides its services free of charge and specializes in the defense of religious freedom, parental rights, and other civil liberties.

Time often seems to move slowly for School Committee members who are anxious to build and open Redeemer Lutheran School. Yet they know they must be thorough,

because addressing complex details is critical to success.

But the School Committee has made good progress in the last 2½ years. The following will be reflected in the "Significant Dates" section of the committee's "Leave Behind" brochure.

- In January 2023 the committee was nothing more than a small group of people sharing their hopes and dreams for a school on Redeemer Lutheran Church property.
- By May 2023 the group was a Church Council-endorsed committee with mission and vision statements, considering whether to remodel or remove the Parsonage for a K-12 school.
- By July 2023, the committee had received D&D bids for removing the Parsonage.
- By October 2023 the committee had received a Parsonage hazardous materials survey.
- By February 2024 the committee had received an architect's Site Plan/Feasibility Study.
- By January 2025, the committee had received a Richland "Schools on Small Site" permit.
- By February 2025, the committee had received Richland Planning Commission approval to build a school on Redeemer Lutheran Church property.

According to the latest Washington State Board of Education statistics, there were 81,898 students enrolled in 552 approved private K-12 schools in Washington State in 2023-2024. A School Committee survey found there is a need for more Christian schools in the Tri-Cities, since existing Christian schools have wait lists, use prioritized acceptance criteria, or turn children away for lack of space. The School Committee continues to move forward with deliberate speed.

If we don't teach our children to follow Christ, the world will teach them not to.

DO YOU LIKE BASEBALL?

Pastor Todd and Jon Lindberg have 3 tickets available for every home Dust Devils game. They would love to share with anyone interested. Go online to view their schedule and pick a home game you would like to attend. Then let Pastor know and he will get the tickets to you.

In addition, the Dust Devils will be having a faith night on Aug. 15. See below for information regarding tickets to that game.



**WE'RE GOING TO A
DUST DEVILS GAME**

Faith Night –Redeemer Lutheran Church

August 15th vs Eugene Emeralds

Gates open at 6:05 pm / 1st Pitch at 7:05 pm

[CLICK HERE](#) FOR TICKETS

Enter Coupon Code: RLC

Scan the QR code above or click the link included to get access to discounted tickets to Faith Night with Redeemer Lutheran Church

Questions? Contact: psandlin@dustdevilsbaseball.com



WHERE DO MY MITES GO?

Ladies, we are taking a summer break. No Lydia Guild meeting in August. We are glad to see 8 ladies in the congregation have signed up to attend the fall retreat at Clover Island in September. If you haven't signed up to go please see Terry Strege for a registration form. Don't miss a chance to hear about the mission fields by someone who has received mite money.

COOK BOOK! Thank you everyone who attended the dessert auction. We had so much fun eating wonderfully delicious salads and stuffing ourselves with amazing desserts. So many came with recipes to go into the book. In September we want to have another potluck with main dishes highlighted and then soups brought during advent will round out the book. Please, if you haven't brought in the recipe from the pages of Grandma's favorite dishes please bring them. They don't need a picture but we would love to have them included.

\$2000 mite challenge:

Lydia guild meeting May/June	\$283.00
July	\$117.00
Dessert Auction	\$712.00
Special donation	\$500.00
Total	\$1612.00

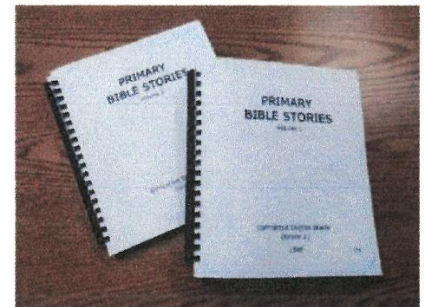
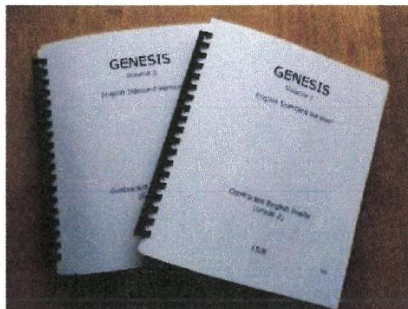
Thank you for your generosity.



Lutheran Braille Workers

Seeing Christ Through Dots of Love

\$ 5,000



The LBW project “Seeing Christ Through Dots of Love” offers LWML Washington-Alaska District women the opportunity to nurture their faith in Christ through sharing the Word of God with people in Africa who are blind, wishing to live in the Light of Jesus.

The grant amount of \$5,000 to Lutheran Braille Workers will help fund the production and distribution of Braille volumes of Bibles and other Christian materials in multiple languages for Africa at the two LBW Ministry Production Centers (MPC) located in Everett and Federal Way, Washington, and explore adding a new MPC, if interest exists.



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NEHLM UPDATE

Greetings,

I trust your summer is going well. For La Maison des Agneaux de Dieu Orphelinat (MADO-The House of the Lambs of God Orphanage), children are being cared for, gardens are being worked in, and the Word of the Lord is continually being shared. It is encouraging to witness these Christians being steadfast while navigating the issues of a failed and practically non-existent national government.

I have attached pictures of a photo of "Manmie's Eau" (French for Mommie's Water). The name was chosen by the children of MADO. This "business" is on the wall of the boys' orphanage across from the school. You can see some school students at the window. There is another picture of the water purifier that is used to get this quality water. Rev. Paul reports, "This is the best water in the area. We got it to have good water for the boys' and girls' homes as well as the school. We are able to sell some to the community to help pay for the equipment." This facility is set up to produce individual bags and has faucets for big water bottles. This venture provides good water for the people of the ministry and jobs for the older children as some of the water sold.

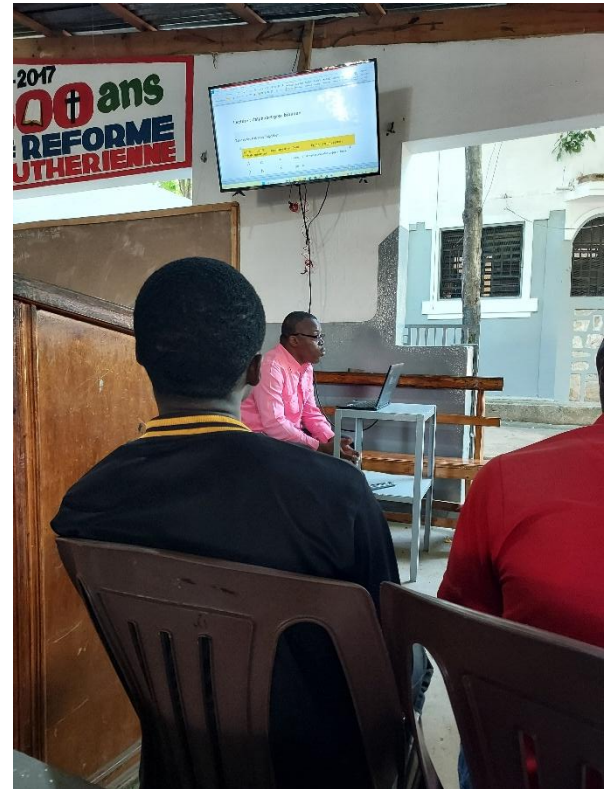
The other photo is Rev. Paul teaching an online Greek class for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Haiti, ELCH (full altar and pulpit fellowship with the LCMS). He had five students come to his site in Ouanaminthe, Haiti, as this class was shared at several other locations. Rev. Paul said, "I gave them a test last Saturday on Greek. They did not like it. There is so much to do in learning Greek." I agreed and reminded him of our time in Summer Greek at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana, in 1998. He finished with, "The seminary has about 200 men training to be pastors. There are other Haitian pastors teaching and some LCMS pastors. We are glad to have men working on this."

God's peace,

Rev. Samuel Wiseman

NEHLM Pastoral Adviser

nehlm.org



August Birthdays

- 1 Elaine Kutrowski
- 3 Barbara Swears
- 7 Marsha Eirich
- 10 Linda Einspahr
- 13 Elmer Petersen, Charlotte Uhrich
- 14 Scotty Van Buren, Heidi Rebic
- 15 Bill Clarkson
- 16 Peggy McDorman, Axel Gruen
- 18 Laurette Beitz, Dan Rogers
- 19 Angie Pitman
- 20 Val Wegener
- 21 James Bond
- 24 Ed Ruff, Helen Bonham-Petersen
- 25 Ronda Wolfe, Weston Uhrich, Susan McCoy
- 26 Gail Kroll
- 27 Howard Young
- 28 Grant Beppe, Ken Dobbin, Natalie Whitten
- 30 Kendra Frank

Anniversaries

- 4 Scotty & Carly VanBuren, Bret & Kara Uhrich
- 5 Rich & Shirley Vance
- 6 Det & Val Wegener
- 7 Dan & Kim Riordan, Rick & Margaret Gartner
- 9 Joe & Heidi Rebic
- 12 Ken & Jacque Wendland
- 14 Taylor & Jordan Gant
- 21 Michael & Kaylee Sorensen (Kroll)
- 27 John & Terry Strega
- 28 Wayne & Sandy Guymon, Elmer & Helen Petersen
- 30 Brian & Wanda Krumland
- 31 Ken & Carla Thieme

September Birthdays

- 2 Kyle Mauth
- 3 Jay Van Buren, Donna Hoopingarner
- 4 Jan Spencer
- 5 Rick Stutheit, Carla Thieme
- 7 Andy Grego
- 8 Marge Valenti
- 10 Nate Gruz
- 13 Trisha Beitz, Rebecca Gant
- 15 Annashod Beitz, Paul Julson
- 17 Wanda Krumland
- 19 John Strege, Brian Krumland, Everett Yarbrough
- 22 Geri Redeker
- 23 Ann Robbins, Parker Beach
- 25 Marj Littlejohn
- 26 Michael Reuter
- 27 Susie Nunamaker
- 28 Robert Young II
- 29 Jen Turner

Anniversaries

- 1 Bob & Katje Compton
- 2 Rick & Shirley Stutheit, Troy & Marci Grall
- 11 Sash & Marsha Eirich
- 15 Roy & Ronda Wolfe
- 25 Mike & Liesl Batdorf
- 27 Malcolm & Bev Kroll
- 28 Dan & Gina Morgan

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.

HEALTH CONCERNS:

Chuck Fordham
Sally Grego
Miriam Hagedorn
Elaine Kutrowski
Marj Littlejohn
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixrud
Bobbie Van Buren
Bev Wetzler
Ann Young
Gregg Lee* (son of
Barbara Lee)
Jody Schug* (wife of
John Schug)
Phillip Turner*

HOMEBOUND:

Gloria Bentley
Marilyn DeRoche
Cheryl Evenson
Dale Groeber
Miriam Hagedorn
Elaine Kutrowski
Joy Ledgerwood
Marj Littlejohn
Ann Robbins
Bernie Simpkins
Eileen Stixrud
Ken Sump
Dorothy Thieme
Phil Turner
Lynn Weldon
Bev Wetzler

CANCER:

Bob Littlejohn
Denise Rogers
John Schug
Barbara Connell* (sister-in-
law of Sandy Guymon)
Phyllis Delvin (daughter of
Wally Ruff)
Rev. James & Ann Gier*
(son & daughter-in-law of
Marlene Paris-Ufkes)
Kevin Raabe* (son of Pearl
Raabe)
Sandi Sheeley* (sister of
Karin Nickola)
Deanna Snider*

MILITARY:

Brandin Bunch*
Jacob Cagle*
Brandon Gano*
Byron Gano*
Matthew Gano*
James Hare*
Sean Williams*

