

September Newsletter



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Pastor's Page



When it comes to the month of September, what do you think of besides Labor Day, and the transition from Summer to Fall? There are many more things which, according to the Almanac, we are encouraged to celebrate or focus on this September, such as Patriot Day on the 11th in remembrance of those who died in the 9/11 attacks of 2001. The 11th is also Grandparents Day and National Hug Your Hound Day. The 13th is Kids Take Over the Kitchen Day. The 17th is Constitution Day, which celebrates the adoption of the U.S. Constitution on September 17, 1787. The 19th is International Talk Like a Pirate Day. The 21st is recognized as the annual International Day of Peace. The 22nd marks the start of fall. The 24th is National Punctuation Day.



In addition to the above, let me remind you of some of the feasts, festivals and other observances which the Church Year calendar encourages us to focus on during this month of September. Instead of distracting us from God's Word, these observances seek to keep us focused on God's Word for our eternal good and the eternal good of others.

Since you're receiving this Newsletter on Sunday the 4th of September, we will skip over Joshua's day on the 1st, Hannah's day on the 2nd, and Gregory the Great's day on the 3rd, and begin with:

September 4: Moses - Moses was born in Egypt several generations after Joseph brought his father, Jacob, and his brothers there to escape a famine in the land of Canaan. After the Pharaoh in Joseph's day died, later Pharaoh's enslaved the descendants of Jacob and eventually ordered that all their newborn male children be put to death. When Moses was born, his mother put him in a basket and set him afloat on the Nile River. He was found by Pharaoh's daughter and raised as her son (Exodus 2:1-10). At age forty, Moses killed an Egyptian taskmaster and fled to the land of Midian, where he worked

as a shepherd for forty years. At the age of 80, when we would probably have retired, the Lord called Moses to return to Egypt and tell Pharaoh, “Let My people go, that they may hold a feast to Me in the wilderness” (Exodus 5:1). Eventually Pharaoh gave in, and after the Israelites celebrated the first Passover, Moses led them out of captivity in Egypt. At the Red Sea the Egyptian army was drowned, and the Israelites passed to safety on dry land (Exodus 12-15). At Mount Sinai, they were given the Law and erected the tabernacle (Exodus 19-40). But because of disobedience, they had to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Moses himself, at age 120, was not allowed to enter the Promised Land of Canaan, though God allowed him to view it before taking him to the promised land of heaven (Deuteronomy 34). In the NT, Moses is referred to as lawgiver and prophet. The first five books of the Bible are attributed to him.

September 5: Zechariah and Elizabeth - As a result of their God given and sustained faith in God, we're told that Zechariah and Elizabeth were “righteous before God, walking blamelessly in the commandments and statutes of the Lord” (Luke 1:6). Zechariah, a priest in the Jerusalem temple, was greeted by the angel Gabriel, who announced that Zechariah and Elizabeth would become parents of a son and that they were to give him the name John. Initially, Zechariah did not believe Gabriel's announcement because of their old age. For his disbelief, Zechariah became unable to speak. After their son was born, Elizabeth named their son John. Zechariah confirmed his wife's choice, and his ability to speak was restored. In response, he sang the Benedictus, a magnificent summary of God's promises in the OT and a prediction of John's work as forerunner to Jesus (Luke 1:68-79). Zechariah and Elizabeth are remembered as examples of faithfulness.

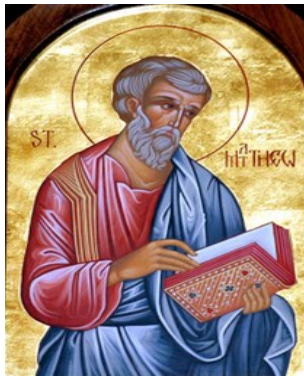
September 14th: Holy Cross Day - One of the oldest annual celebrations of the Church, Holy Cross Day, traditionally commemorated Helena, mother of Roman Emperor Constantine for supposedly finding Jesus' cross. While the true cross is lost to history, and we cannot return to Calvary to find our salvation, Christ does bring the New Testament in His Blood to us. *We preach Christ crucified . . . the power of God and the wisdom of God*, though foolishness to the unbelieving world (1 Cor. 1:23–24). *It pleases God through the folly of what we preach* [namely Christ crucified on the cross and risen from the dead] *to save those who believe* (v.21). We find the fruit and benefit of this Holy Cross poured out in Holy Baptism, spoken in the preaching of Holy Absolution, and delivered in the Body and Blood given and shed there for us. Thus are we strengthened to take up our crosses, sanctified by His (Luke 9:22-23).



September 16th: Cyprian of Carthage, Pastor and Martyr - Cyprian was born around the beginning of the 3rd century in Carthage, North Africa, where he became a lawyer and a university lecturer. He did not become a Christian until he was about 46, and yet, within two years of his baptism, he was acclaimed bishop of the city of Carthage (around 248 AD). At the time, the Church was deeply troubled with schism. Cyprian had a profound knowledge of Scripture, and used that knowledge to contend for the unity of the Church. In his book *On the Lord's Prayer* he wrote, “We say ‘Hallowed be thy Name,’ not that we want God to be made holy by our prayers, but because we seek from the Lord that his Name may be made holy in us, . . . so that we who have been made holy in Baptism may persevere in what we have begun to be.” It is easy to see how Martin Luther, in the sixteen century, echoed Cyprian's thought in his explanation of this petition. “Hallowed be Thy name. What does this mean? God's name is certainly holy in itself, but we pray in this petition that it may be kept holy among us also. How is God's name kept holy? God's name is kept holy when the Word of God is taught in its truth and purity, and we, as children of God, also lead holy lives according to it. Help us to do this, dear Father in

heaven! But anyone who teaches or lives contrary to God's Word profanes the name of God among us. Protect us from this, heavenly Father!" During the persecution of Christians under Emperor Valerian, Cyprian at first went into hiding but later gave himself up to the authorities. He was beheaded for the faith in Carthage in AD 258.

September 21st: St. Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist - St. Matthew, also known as Levi, identifies himself as a former tax collector, one who was therefore considered unclean, a public sinner, and outcast from the Jews. Yet it was such a one as this whom the Lord Jesus called away from his occupation and wealth to become a disciple (Matthew 9:9-13). Not only did Matthew become a disciple of Jesus, he was also called and sent as one of the Lord's twelve apostles (Matthew 10:2-4). In time, he became the evangelist whose inspired record of the Gospel was granted first place in the ordering of the New Testament. Many feel that Matthew's Gospel portrays Christ especially as the new and greater Moses, who graciously fulfills the Law and the Prophets (Matthew 5:17) and establishes a new covenant of salvation in and with His own blood (Matthew 26:27-28). Matthew's Gospel is also well known and beloved for its record of the visit of the Magi (Matthew 2:1-12); for the Sermon on the Mount, which includes the Beatitudes and the Lord's Prayer (Matthew 5-7); and for the institution of Holy Baptism and the most explicit revelation of the Holy Trinity (Matthew 28:16-20). Eusebius (263-339) says that after the ascension Matthew preached for fifteen years in Judea and then went to foreign nations. Both Eastern and Western tradition hold that he was martyred, though how is vague. It seems the most accepted view is that he was martyred by a sword, or perhaps a spear, though the exact method is not revealed in the ancient martyrologies, perhaps while preaching in Ethiopia



September 22nd: Jonah - A singular prophet among the many in the Old Testament, Jonah the son of Amittai was born about an hour's walk from the town of Nazareth. The focus of his prophetic ministry was the call to preach at Nineveh, the capital of pagan Assyria (Jonah 1:2). His reluctance to respond and God's insistence that His call be heeded is the story of the book that bears Jonah's name. Although the swallowing and disgorging of Jonah by the great fish is the most remembered detail of his life, it is addressed in only three verses of the book (Jonah 1:17, 2:1, 10). Throughout the book, the important theme is how God deals compassionately with sinners. Jonah's three-day sojourn in the belly of the fish is mentioned by Jesus as a sign of His own death, burial, and resurrection (Matthew 12:39-41).

September 29th: St. Michael and All Angels - The name of the archangel Michael means "Who is like God?" Michael is mentioned in the Book of Daniel as well as in Jude (v. 9) and Revelation (12:7). Daniel portrays Michael as the angelic helper of Israel who leads the battle against the forces of evil. In Revelation, Michael and his angels fight against and defeat Satan and the evil angels, driving them from heaven. Their victory is made possible by Christ's own victory over Satan in His death and resurrection, a victory announced by the voice in heaven: "Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they loved not their lives even unto death" (Revelation 12:10-11).

In the Western church, St. Michael and All Angels has been celebrated since the 12th century. At the time of the Reformation, the Lutherans revised the celebration of former holidays and saint days in order to give greater prominence to the work of Jesus. St. Michael and All Angels was retained in the Lutheran liturgical calendar because it was seen as a principal feast about Christ. In fact, Philip Melancthon, a colleague of Dr. Martin Luther, even wrote a hymn about St. Michael and All Angels (LSB 522, “Lord God, To Thee We Give All Praise”).

At first, this might strike us as strange. How is a feast named after an archangel about Jesus? But as with all commemorations within the Lutheran Church, the focus is not on the person but held in grateful thanksgiving to our Lord for using this person (or His holy angels) to give glory to His name and to bring about salvation for His people. The event celebrated on the Feast of St. Michael and All Angels is thus important both in regard to our salvation and to the comfort it brings the Christian conscience.



Jerome, Translator of the Holy Scripture - Jerome was born in a little village on the Adriatic Sea around AD 345. At a young age he went to study in Rome, where he was baptized. Jerome came from a moderately well-off Christian family. He was tutored at home until about the age of twelve, when he went to study in Rome. He was an outstanding student, and he acquired a considerable reputation. After extensive travels, he chose the life of a monk and spent five years in the Syrian Desert. There he learned Hebrew, the language of the Old Testament. After ordination at Antioch and visits to Rome and Constantinople, and attendance at the Second Ecumenical Council (381), Jerome settled in Bethlehem.

From the original Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek, Jerome used his ability with languages to translate the Bible into Latin, the common language of his time. There were other translations already, but their reliability was uneven, at best. Jerome's translation, called the Vulgate from the Latin word meaning “common,” was the authoritative version of the Bible in the Western Church for more than a thousand years. Considered one of the great scholars of the Early Church, Jerome died on September 30, 420. He was originally buried at Bethlehem, but his remains were eventually taken to Rome.

“My time is



in Your hand” (Psalm 31:15).



Hymn of the Month

Bread of Heaven, Living Manna

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CHRIST: OUR MANNA
FROM HEAVEN

This hymn is based mainly on the Bread of Life section from **John 6**. Jesus had fed the five thousand and walked on water. When the crowd of people found Him on the other side of the sea of Galilee, they said to Him (**verses 25-58**), “Rabbi, when did you come here?” Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you. For on him God the Father has set his seal.” Then they said to him, “What must we do, to be doing the works of God?” Jesus answered them, “This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.” So they said to him, “Then what sign do you do, that we may see and believe you? What work do you perform? Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, ‘He gave them bread from heaven to eat.’”

Jesus then said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but my Father gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is he who comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.” They said to him, “Sir, give us this bread always.” “I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.”

So the Jews grumbled about him, because he said, “I am the bread that came down from heaven.” They said, “Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How does he now say, ‘I have come down from heaven’?” Jesus answered them, “Do not grumble among yourselves. No one can come to me unless the Father who sent me draws him. And I will raise him up on the last day. It is written in the Prophets, ‘And they will all be taught by God.’ Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me—not that anyone has seen the Father except he who is from God; he has seen the Father. Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. Your fathers ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heav-

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, “How can this man give us his flesh to eat?” So Jesus said to them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For my flesh is true food, and my blood is true drink. Whoever feeds on my flesh and drinks my blood abides in me, and I in him. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like the bread the fathers ate, and died. Whoever feeds on this bread will live forever.”



Devotion from The Lutheran Study Bible: Unlike the perishable manna God gave to Israel through Moses, Jesus comes down from heaven as the true bread to give life to all who believe in Him. Contrary to popular notions, no one “chooses” to believe in Christ; the initiative belongs entirely to God through His Word. Those united by faith to Christ will be raised up on the Last Day to enjoy eternal communion with the Father. • O God, draw me ever closer to You through Your Word and Sacraments. Amen.”

Women’s Bible Study:

Inspired by the Holy Spirit – A women’s Bible Study by author Christina Hegenrader through CPH, that focuses on four cornerstones of healthy Spiritual Habits – Word, Prayer, Praise, and Reflection.

Reviews of this study describe it as “refreshing, relatable, and relevant” You will learn how reading Gods Holy Word can be a well of hydration for the soul, a simple invitation to remember who we are as Beloved, Baptized Children of God. It illuminates the everyday barriers that keep us from recognizing the Holy Spirit’s transforming Work in our lives.

Begins September 6th, Tuesday mornings 10:15 – 11:30 Meeting at the home of Jenean Hovel - 540 Cypress Wood Lane Delta CO

Board of Evangelism



Family & Friends Night please join us for Pizza & Games on September 30th at 6pm.

Please try and RSVP with John Moseman. At 970-312-7543.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

Our school year is well underway with a total of 30 students. For our field trip later this month, we will visit Triple M Orchards in Olathe to learn more about growing fruit trees and operating an orchard.

The 10 students in Mr. Althaus' class are studying Luther's Small Catechism as part of their religion curriculum and are currently learning how God's Word was given to us and why we know it is true ("inerrant"). Through various outdoor activities we are exploring God's world, particularly insects and plants. Math has included word problems, math facts, and review of multiplication and division. We will be studying World History this year, beginning with creation and the cradle of civilization.

The second and third graders in Mrs. Weber's class did not show much summer slide, which is impressive. We have completed our review from last year and are moving on to new materials. Our *One in Christ* Bible curriculum includes daily devotions and offers students time to reflect and think about how the Bible stories relate to them. Bible memory verses this year will correlate with our Bible stories. We also began the year learning about health and manners and will practice these skills throughout the school year.

Kindergartens and first graders in Mrs. Mummert's class have had fun getting to know each other and we are very active in our learning. During Bible time, we have focused on the days of creation and how people are made in God's image. Students enjoyed putting together our "creation booklets" and learning how wonderful and diverse God's creation is. Topics of academic studies have included the concept of 10, recognizing numbers, order, and pattern, how to read a calendar, word play (rhyming and sound substitution), vowels and consonants, the food groups, and learning about good habits to keep us healthy.

We are blessed to have all our volunteers. Thanks to Tracy Dickinson for her creative art projects and to Karen Richardson and Pam Nickel for helping with various tasks. Morgan Sofka will be teaching Physical Education class for the younger grades and Kattie Ayer is volunteering one day a week as administrative assistant. We are grateful to the volunteers who prepare and serve our hot lunches every Wednesday and to all who have donated fresh fruits, vegetables and other food items.

Thank you, members of Redeemer congregation, for our school and for sharing your talents and supporting RLS through your donations of money, equipment, supplies, labor and prayers! God is accomplishing amazing things at RLS!

RAISE THE RAMS' ROOF CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

The Parish School Board is planning to host two group gatherings for members near the end of September to share updates on the building program and to request pledges to fund the proposed physical expansion of our school. More information will be forthcoming. We hope to see you there!

August/September 2022 What's Happening at Tiny Treasures Preschool

Pentecost? Trinity? Non-festival? These are all names for the Sundays that come after Pentecost and before the festival half of the Church year that starts with Advent in late November. Regardless of their names, the Sundays of the Summer are time for the Holy Spirit to grow us all in the Word of the Lord. Here at Tiny Treasures a new school year will have started on August 29th and the Bible story that we cover first is that Jesus is the true God with His calming of the storm. Next, we will jump into Genesis with Creation, the Flood and end September introducing Abraham from Genesis 12.

The assessments that the preschoolers start the year off with focus on language development, listening and understanding, and speaking and communicating. We will practice one, two and three step commands, listening to stories for 5 whole minutes and staying with a group activity for 10 minutes. We will also be practicing making requests, asking questions, and using conversational turn taking. These are all things that parents can do to help support language development in their 3 and 4 year olds.

The only dates to remember that are upcoming are that there is no school on Labor Day, Monday, September 5. Although the elementary school is closed on Monday, September 26 for parent teacher conferences, the preschool will be open that day. Fall break is the week of October 10-14 with both the preschool and elementary school closed.

Thrivent Financial

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Birthdays

Doreen Dwyer—September 1st
 Duane Jones—September 5th
 Dennis Oeltjenbruns—September 5th
 Marion Hofman—September 11th
 Lucy Orros—September 20th
 Dave Burgess—September 20th
 Kathy Wacker—September 23rd
 Gordon Wagner—September 23rd
 Tom Wingfield—September 23rd
 Jan Polzin—September 25th
 Shaun Howell—September 26th
 Karen Richardson—September 27th

Wedding Anniversaries

Gary & Pam Nickel—September 6th
 Aaron & Amber Miller—September 6th
 Norm & Gladys Sunderland—September 18th
 Scott Keene & Karen Jetley—September 19th

Baptismal Birthdays

Rachel Oberheu—September 6th
 Regina Howell—September 9th
 Kaitlyn Heinecke—September 14th
 Janell Oberheu—September 15th
 Jessa Oberheu—September 17th
 Marion Hofman—September 20th
 Everett Tunget—September 20th
 Bob Oeltjenbruns—September 26th



THE LORD'S MINISTRY

Redeemer Lutherans attendance figures and financial blessings that were given for the month of August to further maintain the Lord's ministry.

Date	Attendance	Communicants	Offerings Received Gen./Designated Funds	Needed Operating Budget
8 – 7 - 2022	92	81	\$4,455.00/\$427.90	\$4,455.06
8 - 14 - 2022	80	68	\$9,575.00/\$127.00	\$4,455.06
8- 21 -2022	123	89	\$2,955.00\$1, 231.00	\$4,455.06

Life Thoughts in the Church Year

September 4 – Pentecost XIII (Proper 18) – Conventional wisdom once equated slaves with property instead of people. The Gospel Paul proclaimed in Philemon, about God Incarnate as humankind's slave and becoming our brother, eventually ended the injustice. And will we not delight to declare it and demonstrate the same sanctity of every human life until abortion and assisted suicide also become obsolete?

September 11 – Pentecost XIV (Proper 19) – Our culture discriminates based on size, skills, and circumstances in order to make abortion and assisted suicide possible. But our Lord and God has a soft spot, a definite preference for the feeble (Ezekiel 34:16), the insignificant (Luke 15:8-10), and the failures (1 Timothy 1:15). If it gladdens Him to save such as us, won't it also enrapture us to advocate the sanctity of every life?

September 18 – Pentecost XV (Proper 20) – Financial concerns often serve as justifications for abortion and assisted suicide. The Word of the Lord elevates the value of a person far above that of any money or comfort (Luke 16:9; 1 Timothy 2:4). Does it even count as sacrifice if we must give up prosperity or property to gain and sustain a person in surprise pregnancy or terminal diagnosis? Aren't we always getting the better end of the exchange? The Gospel guarantees it!

September 25 – Pentecost XVI (Proper 21) – Do we ignore the ruin around us (Amos 6:6) because abortion seems "too political" and assisted suicide feels "too personal"? Only woes await those who do (Amos 6:1, 4). But our Heavenly Father obsesses over the victims (Psalm 146:9), and heaven finds inexhaustible joy embracing the vulnerable (Luke 16:22). In speaking and showing the sanctity of all humankind, we also can "take hold of that which is truly life" (1 Timothy 6:19)!

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