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Since this is my final Greeting Letter as your Vicar, I'd like to take the opportunity to thank all the members of Redeemer for allowing me to be a part of your lives for the last year. So much has happened, and so many challenges have come up, yet you have shown me tremendous grace and love throughout it all. As I head into my final year at Seminary, and prepare for life in the ministry beyond, the saints of Redeemer will always have a special place in my heart. May God richly bless you all, and may He bless your time with my successor. ~ Vicar Jacob Stoltzman

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the mountains tremble at its swelling. –

Psalm 46:1-2

What an incredible few months it's been! Not too long ago, COVID-19 was just Wuhan's problem. Now, it's become a months-long pandemic that has affected nearly every aspect of our lives. We've had to make many changes, both in our home lives and in our church. And even now that we're able to come together again, there's a dreaded sense that things will never quite be the same again.

What will the next few months bring? A resurgence of the virus? Maybe. More civil strife? I can't say. If the last few months have taught us anything, it is that we don't know what the future holds. The things that seemed permanent and unchangeable in our lives are actually anything but. They too can be taken away from us.

Psalm 46 speaks to that reality. The earth and the mountains are common symbols in the Psalms of the enduring things of the world. The earth and the mountains, to all appearances, neither move nor change. The image of these durable fixtures collapsing into the sea is one of utter chaos and upheaval of everything we know and count on.

But the Psalm reminds us of where we find refuge in such times. It isn't in the things of this world. It isn't in the creaturely comforts we've come to enjoy. It isn't in having the freedom to go anywhere and do anything. It isn't in political freedoms or in economic stability. All these can be taken away from us at a moment's notice.

God's promises can't be taken away. What Christ said on the cross remains true: "It is finished!" Salvation is purchased for us! Our sins are forgiven! Jesus has prepared a place for us in His Father's kingdom—an inheritance which cannot be snatched away. The last few months haven't changed that. God's love and grace has not wavered. Though it seems the earth has given way, and though it seems the mountains have fallen into the sea, God's promise of grace, mercy, and life everlasting remains true.

The next few months are sure to bring more challenges. We'll all have to adjust to the new normal. We'll have to figure out new skills to continue bringing God's Word to the world. We'll have to deal with inflamed temperaments and compounded stress. It won't be easy. But God remains our refuge and strength, our help in times of trouble. That will be true for the next few months, the next few after that, the next few after those, and even forevermore.



Please remember in your prayers members of our Redeemer family and extended family who are currently serving in the U.S. Military.

- ★ Staff Sergeant Krysta Bell, granddaughter of Dorothy Hutson, is in the Marines and is currently working within the court system of the Marines as a Regional Trial Chief for the Complex Trial Team. She also trains other Marines on the new policies. She is stationed at Camp Lejeune in Jacksonville, North Carolina.
- ★ Petty Officer Second Class Rebekah (Bladow) Harris, granddaughter of Al & Kathy Bladow, is in the Navy. She is currently stationed at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington. Rebekah is a Logistics Specialist.
- ★ Petty Officer First Class Kevin Harris, grandson of Al & Kathy Bladow, is in the Navy. He is currently serving at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station in Washington. Kevin is an aviation structural mechanic.
- ★ Senior Master Sergeant Nicholas Rohling, son of Bill and Sue Rohling, is stationed at Pope Army Airfield near Fayetteville, North Carolina.
- ★ Jake Whitaker, son of Doug and Lena Whitaker is in the Army National Guard and will be returning to Ft. Benning, in Georgia, this summer to complete Advanced Infantry Training.



Please take a moment this weekend and always to remember those who serve now and those who have served before them to protect our freedoms as well as those of others. May God bless them, keep them safe and keep them strong in their faith. Also, may God be with their families to give them peace and strength.



Congratulations to the Class of 2020! They include:

From High School:

Blaine Anderson (Lainey), daughter of Michelle Anderson, graduated from HHS and plans to attend Purdue in West Lafayette this fall.

Grace Aurand, daughter of Brian & Jodi Aurand, graduated from Highland High School. She will be attending Valparaiso University in the fall where she will be a part of Christ College Honors College and a member of the cross country and track teams.

Jonas Rigney, son of Trisha Laich, graduated from Highland High School and will be going to Illinois Institute of Technology to study Architecture in the fall.

Jessica Toberman, daughter of Steve & Laura Toberman, graduated from Lake Central High School with honors. She will be attending to IUPUI in the fall with the intention of majoring in Nursing.

Jake Whitaker, son of Doug & Lena Whitaker graduated from Munster High School. Jake is a member of the National Guard and is enrolled at Lewis University this fall seeking an aviation degree.

College Graduates:

Hayley Kim, daughter of Art & Jill Schlueter-Kim, is graduating from Valparaiso University with a BA degree in English and a Humanities Minor (Christ College Scholar).

Erich Orzech, grandson of Don & Marilyn Kaegebein, graduated from Arizona State University on May 11, 2020 with a Master's of Science in Engineering degree. Starting 5-18-2020 he will be working for Northrop Grumman in Gilbert, Arizona where they manufacture satellites.

God's blessings to all of the Class of 2020 graduates as they continue their educations or begin their new careers.

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†REDEEMER IS BACK TO IN-PERSON SERVICES!†

Worship Services Regular Times:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.
Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.
.....10:45 a.m.

Sunday 9:15 a.m.

Adult/Family Bible Study in the Sanctuary
Youth Group meeting in the North Classroom
No Sunday School, until further notice

Regular Church Office Hours: Monday – Friday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Pastor and Vicar are OFF on Fridays

PASTOR KLEINSCHMIDT will be on vacation June 15-23, 2020.

*If you have a spiritual need while Pastor is on vacation, please contact Vicar Jacob Stoltzman or the church office.
Rev. Adam Carl Salinas will be Preacher & Celebrant at all services June 20 & 21, 2020.*

PLEASE FOR THE HEALTH OF YOUR CLERGY & YOUR FELLOW MEMBERS: IF YOU ARE SICK OR IF YOU HAVE BEEN IN RECENT CONTACT WITH SOMEONE WHO IS COVID-19 POSITIVE, REMAIN HOME.

ALSO, REMEMBER TO CONTINUE TO PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING!

THE WEARING OF MASKS IS UP TO INDIVIDUAL DISCRETION.

ALTHOUGH REDEEMER HAS HAND SANITIZER AND SOAP & WATER AVAILABLE, it would be a good idea to bring your individual hand sanitizers with you to have available whenever you feel it would be useful (such as before/after communion).

A few service notes, until further notice:

- All three services will be Divine Services, offering Holy Communion through July 5, 2020.
- Hymnals will not be in the pews. Please take one as you enter the sanctuary and return it to the "Used Hymnals" table after service. Take your bulletin home or recycle in the bin under the "Used Hymnals" table.
- Please choose seating next to household members and at least 6 feet away from non-related congregation members.
- Communion tables will include less people. Please allow space between members not from your household and spread out while communing together. *Please do not stand directly next to non-related members.*
- Busy bags will not be available. Please consider bringing your own busy bag of quiet activities for your children during service.
- Since there has been a recent problem with ants, **we ask that everyone please refrain from bringing any food or drink into the sanctuary.**
 - *If you do bring food, please vacuum your pew and the floor under your pew after service and make sure all wrappers are thrown away. A small hand vac is located in the church kitchen.*
- The offering plate will not be passed during service; it will be placed in the Narthex after service.
- Coffee hour will not be offered between Sunday services.

REDEEMER'S WORSHIP SERVICES are now being LIVE STREAMED at 8 a.m. on Sunday. The service will also be saved to YouTube for later viewing.

Links to services and Order of Service bulletins are being posted to the Redeemer Website at www.redeemerhighland.org or can be searched on YouTube directly by looking for Redeemer Lutheran Church Highland Indiana. Subscribe to Redeemer's YouTube channel for notifications. The church office will no longer be emailing links over the weekend.

If you missed a previous service, you may access past services on the Redeemer website also.

Also, Daily Devotions can be found on the Redeemer Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/redeemerhighlandlcms

†LADIES TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY HAS RESUMED! If interested, please contact Dorothy Hutson.

HELP NEEDED! GARDEN CARE & MAINTENANCE: If anyone would like to help out during spontaneous work times, please give your contact information to the Church Office (phone number or email address) and the Garden Committee Chair will contact you to advise when volunteers will be working. **All volunteers are welcome.** Weeding on your own schedule is always appreciated too! ***If you plan to do more extensive garden maintenance (such as trimming bushes or edging the lawn, etc.), please coordinate with the church office first to avoid duplicating efforts or in case something is being treated or receiving special care.*** All volunteer help is needed and appreciated!

SPRING IS COMING AND ZANDSTRA'S GREENHOUSE HAS OPENED FOR THE SEASON. The Redeemer Youth are once again selling Zandstra vouchers for \$15 each. The youth make \$3 per voucher. The vouchers work like cash except Zandstra's will not use a partial voucher or give you change back, so you need to use the full amount at once on a purchase. The vouchers are for sale and able to be used **until June 27, 2020.** Please make **checks payable to L.A.W.** ***Remember that Father's Day is Sunday, June 21st.***

OPEN MONDAY-SATURDAY 8AM-6PM or ONLINE SHOPPING WITH CURBSIDE PICKUP

ZANDSTRA'S GREENHOUSE ♦ <https://www.zandstrasgreenhouse.com/>

10202 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322 ♦ Phone: (219) 924-1095

SWADDLING CLOTHES: Shopping Days are usually the third Saturday each month. Due to Covid-19, volunteer work days and shopping days have had to be canceled. Looking ahead it is hoped that some form of Shopping Day will be able to take place in July. For that to happen, **DONATIONS ARE NEEDED!** **Biggest needs are: Diapers sizes 5 & 6 and packages of wipes [WITH A FLIP TOP work best].** Please check their Facebook page for the most current updates, especially during this quickly changing time, at <https://www.facebook.com/SwaddlingClothesDyer/>



Read What Luther Risked His Life For:

Summer Confessions Class begins Wednesday, June 24th at 6:30 PM.

Talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt for more info.

The book – Concordia - can be ordered through the church office for \$35.

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 3RD in celebration of the national holiday of Independence Day (Thursday, July 2nd Pastor Eric and Vicar Jacob will be off).

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be MONDAY, JULY 20th AT 10AM!

PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER IN SAYING FAREWELL TO VICAR JACOB STOLTZMAN

On Sunday, July 26th at in between services.

Redeemer congregation and friends are invited to a sendoff Coffee Hour for Vicar Jacob!

Vicar-Elect Charles Nemec
will be installed at the 10:45 Service on Sunday, August 2, 2020.

SHOWER THE NEW VICAR

WITH PANTRY STAPLES *or grocery store gift cards.*

PANTRY SHOWER ITEMS WILL BE GIVEN AS A WELCOME TO REDEEMER!



Registration for the 2020-2021 school year:

To save a spot please contact Cyndy Bishop to be put on the class list. Registration information will be sent to you via email. More information will be available about start dates once the state of Indiana decides how to proceed with opening the schools for Fall semester.

For more detailed information please contact Cyndy Bishop at (219) 838-4898, or e-mail at redemerslittlelambs@gmail.com

BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...

- Deanna Ryskamp for helping prepare the May newsletter
- Donna Wanicki for sending out Cradle Roll.
- Linda & Gary Owens for sending out Redeemer birthday postcards.
- Mary & Dennis Russell for changing the church sign.
- Mike Pope for maintaining the Redeemer website.
- The Mowing Crew for volunteering to maintain the church lawns: Susan Cashman, Jason Kucginski, Desiree Ladewig, Greg McBroom, Roy Nagel, Dan Nieman, Fred Schutte, Bradley Spellings, Joe Stewarts.
- Renee Reimer, Sue Rohling and Gail Gholson for many hours of weeding!
- Our faithful financial helpers: the weekly counters Richard Schepler, Rich Kowal, and Ken Smith; the Financial Secretary Barb Boughamer; and the Redeemer Treasurer Laura Toberman.

➤ *And thanks to everyone who give their time and energy to fill the church's needs...every "little" thing helps to keep our church vibrant!*

THANK YOU from the Redeemer Youth:

- to Mrs. (Sue) Rohling for continuing to take in the aluminum can recycling for the youth and to set-up & run the Zandstra vouch program.
- ***Also thanks to everyone who has purchased Zandstra vouchers!***
- to Mrs. (Beth) Wanicki for making arrangements for the Youth Dining Out Fundraisers.
- ***Also thanks to everyone who participates in the dining fundraisers!***

Please remember the Redeemer church office when changing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses. Many people are switching to cell phones and dropping their landlines. Please let the church office know your new number(s) and let us know whether they can be published in the directory, given to members when needed, or strictly for church office contact only.

Also, as your children grow up and move away from home, please let the church know their new address & phone number. They can then receive newsletters & communications to their own home.

To inform the church office please:

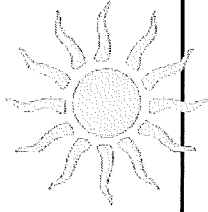
- ◆ Email info@redeemerhighland.org; ◆ Leave a note on the secretary's desk; ◆ Call 838-4898;
- OR** ◆ Send an address change postcard to 9009 Kennedy Ave, Highland, IN 46322.

Thanks! We don't want to lose touch.

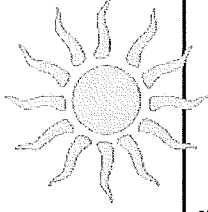
IT IS NOT TOO LATE TO RESPOND! Online go to

<https://2020census.gov/en.html> OR complete the questionnaire by phone by calling [844-330-2020](tel:844-330-2020) (for English).

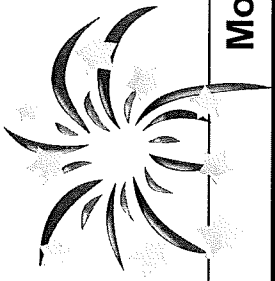




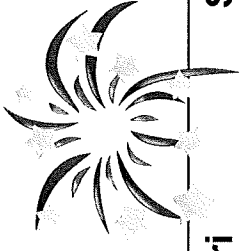
June 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>12 p.m. Trustees Mtg.</p>	<p>7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting</p>	<p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Via Zoom)</p>			<p>5 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>1 p.m. Leatherscrafters</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Planning/Stewardship</p> <p>7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Via Zoom)</p>			<p>12 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Youth Comm. Mtg.</p>	<p>9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p> <p>6:30 p.m. Confirmation (Via Zoom)</p>			<p>19 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</p>	<p>6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion</p> <p>NO Bible Study/Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i></p> <p>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	PASTOR ERIC KLEINSCHMIDT ON VACATION					
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July 2020



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<p>12 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting</p>	<p>13 6:30 p.m. Planning/Stewardship 7:30 p.m. Church Council</p>	<p>14 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>15 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p>	<p>18 9:00 a.m.—5 p.m. MPR Rented 9 a.m.—Noon Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day (at Grace) 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion</p>
<p>19 8:00 a.m. Matins 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>20 10 a.m. August/September Newsletter Deadline</p>	<p>21 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>22 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p>	<p>25 8:30—11:30 a.m. Lutheran Layment's League Zone Mtg. (NC) 6:30 p.m. Vespers</p>
<p>26 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Vicar Jacob Farewell Coffee Hour 9:30 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —<i>No Sunday School</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study</p>	<p>29 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i></p>	