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From the Vicar's Desk
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"I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come? My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth. He will not let your foot be moved; He who keeps you will not slumber. Behold, He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper; the Lord is your shade on your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night. The Lord will keep you from all evil; He will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time forth and forevermore." Psalm 121

This vicarage year has been full of ups and downs for me. The worst down for me during my vicarage was when Christianna and I lost Charlie. When he died, there were times I got angry with God. There were times where I wondered if He was just sleeping and didn't care about us. Sometimes I thought was He really with us as we mourned and still mourn Charlie's death? Did He ignore us? The answers are no He did not ignore us, and yes, He was with us and He cared for us, and He still is with us and He still does care about us. God does not sleep. He is always at work to care for His children.

I am sure there have been times in your life where you wondered if God was sleeping and ignored you. Maybe you have gotten angry with Him about something, complaining to Him to do something about the situation you were in. Maybe you lost all hope, thinking that there is no way to get through this. We are reminded though from Psalm 121 that the Lord keeps us, and He will not slumber. God is not lazy, and He does not leave you alone to get through the trials and tribulations of this life.

God looks out for you. He is with you as He promised. He cares for you by reminding you of the promises we have in His Son Jesus Christ. He guides you through this life by the light of Christ. We are His and because we are His, we are kept from all evil. We are free from the clutches of sin, death, and the devil. Though they work against us, God is there. Take heart, for Jesus has conquered these three great enemies. He shed His blood so that you can become children of the heavenly Father. He rose from the dead, so that in the next life the cares of the world will not overwhelm you. They may overwhelm you now, but the gift of eternal life is greater. You can find rest in Jesus who brings you peace in the midst of all of the terrible things.

May God's peace be over you this summer and always. May His light continue to shine forth in the darkest moments of your lives. May you find joy in Christ in the midst of your mourning. As you journey through this life, always keep in mind the eternal life that your Lord has promised you, that one day you will be rejoicing forever in the presence of the Lamb who has redeemed you by His wonderful sacrifice.



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.
- ★ **Private 2nd Class Kellen Robert Bond**, son of Keith & Melanie Bond and nephew of Rev. Eric & Meghan Kleinschmidt, is serving the Army in the 1st Brigade 4th Infantry Stryker Division at Fort Carson in Colorado.
- ★ **Second Class Petty Officer 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.
- ★ **Chief Petty Officer 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.



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 2021! They include:

From High School:

Leah Bishop, daughter of Cyndy Positano, will be graduating from Highland High School and will be attending North Central College in Naperville to study Athletic Training. Leah is also receiving her Cosmetology Certificate.

Anna Fields, daughter of Carl Fields, will be graduating from Creative Arts Secondary School and will be attending St. Catherine University in St. Paul, MN, major undecided.

Anna Ruzyski, daughter of Robert & Laura Ruzyski and granddaughter of Greg & Judy McBroom, is graduating from Lake Central High School and will be attending Indiana State University in the fall pursuing a degree in Criminology/Criminology Justice.

Faith Salinas, granddaughter of Janet Salinas, will be graduating from Western High School in Russiaville, IN. Faith will attend Purdue University in the fall, majoring in Engineering.

College Graduates:

Amanda Bishop, daughter of Cyndy Positano, graduated in May from University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a B.S. degree in Forensic Anthropology and a minor in Geographic Information Systems. She plans to work for a year before attending graduate school.

Courtney Nagel, daughter of Ray and Sherry Nagel, graduated from Indiana University Northwest with a Bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice. She is currently employed with the Porter County Sheriff's Department and looks forward to a future in law enforcement.

Nicole Russell, daughter of Dennis and Mary Russell, graduated Cum Laude in May from Ball State University in Muncie IN with a degree in elementary education. She hopes to get a job as a kindergarten teacher.

God's blessings to all of the Class of 2021 graduates as they continue their educations or begin their new careers.

WORSHIP SERVICES, SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSONS AND PSALM STUDY

THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE EVERY WEEKEND,

which is then available for later viewing as well. The Live Stream link and Order of Service attachment is emailed every week as part of the Redeemer Reminders. Links are also available on the Redeemer website at www.RedeemerHighland.org. All the Redeemer services and studies can be found at:

[HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHURCHHIGHLAND/VIDEOS](https://www.youtube.com/c/RedeemerLutheranChurchHighland/videos)

REDEEMER'S SUNDAY SCHOOL: A video based online Sunday School curriculum is available on Redeemer's YouTube page, which goes "live" at 6 a.m. on Sunday mornings. Short videos for families to watch on their own schedule following The Growing in Faith Bible Storybook (*provided by Redeemer*). Age appropriate questions are posed to promote family discussions. Each weekend's new lesson link is emailed with the Redeemer Reminders.

SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY with Pastor Kleinschmidt continues to welcome the whole family in the Sanctuary at 9:15 a.m. between services.

Letter of the LAW

(Lutherans at Work – Redeemer's Youth Group)

Panera Bread Dining Out – April 25th: The youth raised \$56.48. Thank you to those who participated.

Coming Soon! Mod Pizza Dining Out Fundraiser – Sunday, June 27th (10:30 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.). See the flyer on the back cover of this newsletter. Location: Mod Pizza, 10441B Indianapolis Blvd., Highland (Highland Grove Shopping Center).

Bible Study: Youth Bible study continues in the Gospel of Matthew Sundays at 9:15am in the North Classroom. *No Class on Sunday, June 6th, due to Vicar Charles being on vacation.*

Zandstra Vouchers: Zandstra's Greenhouse Vouchers are \$15 each and help support the Redeemer Youth Group. Please make checks payable to L.A.W. ***Vouchers are valid until June 21, 2021.*** See Vicar Charles or Stacy (in the office) to purchase your vouchers. Please Note: *Zandstra's does not give change or partial redemption for purchase amounts less than vouchers.*

THE TUESDAY MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY meets on **Tuesdays from 9:30-11 a.m.** The Ladies will be beginning a new study in June by Elizabeth George, "Relying on the Power of the Spirit: Acts". Questions, please contact Dorothy Hutson.

REDEEMER has been gifted several beautiful stoles and albs from Concordia Lutheran Church, Hammond, Indiana. Redeemer is grateful to the former members of Concordia for this gracious gift.

VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT AND CALL NIGHT at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne were held April 26th and 27th, 2021.

Redeemer was once again blessed with a new vicar assigned to the congregation. **Christian Mundorf** from Saline, Michigan will be Redeemer's 32nd vicar. Christian was recently married (January 2021) to Abby who will join him. (*Look for photo & bio later in newsletter.*)

God's blessings to former vicar **Jacob Stoltzman** who has been called to serve as Pastor at Emmanuel Evangelical Lutheran Church in Aurora, Illinois (about an hour away from his hometown of Gurnee, IL).

LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS! A new Fellowship Committee is forming to begin planning events again for Redeemer, beginning with a Church Picnic/New Member Recognition in late summer/early fall. Please help keep Redeemer an active congregation by volunteering your time. Churches rely on volunteers to make them work. To volunteer, contact the church office. **Church Council meets monthly at 7:30 p.m. every third Monday. Redeemer members are always welcome to attend.** Other committees that need volunteers to join: Christian Education, Trustees, Youth, and Evangelism. ***Where can you serve?***

GARDEN CARE & MAINTENANCE: Weeding on your own schedule is always appreciated! **If you plan to do more extensive garden maintenance,** please coordinate with the church office first to avoid duplicating efforts or in case something is being treated/receiving special care. All volunteer help is appreciated!

GRACE LWML YARD SALE at Grace Lutheran Church, 8303 Sheffield Ave., Dyer on Sat., June 5th, 9 am-3pm (*Rain date: 6/12*). 10% of seller profits benefit Missionaries Rev. Delwyn Campbell & Rev. Michael Pauls.

TRUSTEES will meet on **Sundays, June 6th & July 11th (a week later due to Independence Day) at 12PM** in the MPR. Many projects are in the works and planned for this year. Trustees are always looking for more help☺ Come to a meeting or speak with Stacy or A.J. Broviak about project needs.

BOILER LEAK: Among many other projects, the Trustee Committee is working on a permanent fix for the leaking underground boiler pipes in the east end of the church building which were discovered in April. The boiler is currently turned off. The east Education Wing was built in 1961 and composes of concrete block/brick construction with a flat roof. All of the plumbing was run underground and then inside the concrete block. This is our third underground leak since 2016. A local HVAC company has found a way to re-plumb the lines for the boiler but it will involve many visibly exposed water lines throughout the building due to the concrete slab foundation and flat roof. In addition, Redeemer still has one more underground water pipe which feeds the other half of the building (our fellowship room kitchen, two restrooms, and Sacristy). This pipe is the same age as the other failed pipes (*underground copper pipes have a 50-70 yr. life expectancy.*). **A motion passed** at the Congregational Assembly meeting held on Sunday, May 23rd to allow the Trustee Committee to explore the possibility of adding a pitched roof on the east end of the building, replacing the flat roof allowing space to move plumbing and HVAC to a second floor. *More detailed information is available in the Spring Congregational Assembly packet which can be found in the church foyer (table behind the green seating area).*

SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER at Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer, is a ministry of our Hammond Circuit Congregation Churches, to help mothers & babies in need. Swaddling Clothes helps families with diapers, wipes, and clothing on the third Saturday of the month. Curbside Pickup on **June 19th** and either Curbside Pickup or a Shopping Day (TBD) on **July 17th**. Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer for the most up-to-date information. **Donations needed! Diapers (esp. SIZE 5 & 6); wipes (refills w/ flip tops); and clothing (esp. girls 3T).** **Volunteers are needed!** See Pastor Eric for more info about volunteering. **THANK YOU to all of you that have generously given your time and donations to this ministry.**

THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON FRIDAY, JULY 2ND in celebration of the national holiday of Independence Day. Pastor Kleinschmidt and Vicar Nemec will be taking Thursday, July 1st off, as Friday is their usual weekly day off.

Read What Luther Risked His Life For:

Summer Confessions Class begins Wednesday, July 7th at 6:30 PM.

Join us as we begin from the beginning.

Always room for new members! It's never too late to start! ALWAYS SNACKS AFTERWARDS! Talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt for more info. *The book – **Concordia** - can be ordered through the church office for \$35.*

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be
MONDAY, JULY 19th AT 10AM!**

THE VICAR WILL BE AWAY TUESDAY, JULY 20 - FRIDAY, JULY 23, 2021. Vicar Charles, Christianna, and Redeemer member Michelle Kucginski will be chaperoning Redeemer's Youth at the Higher Things Conference "Forgiven" at Calvin College in Grand Rapids, MI. Thanks to all of the members who have supported the youths' effort to attend another Higher Things Conference.

Here is a sample day: Wednesday

7:00 am Breakfast
8:00 am Leaders' Meeting
8:00 am Choir Rehearsal
9:00 am Matins
9:45 am Announcements
10:15 am Plenary Session 2
11:00 am Lunch
1:00 pm Vespers
1:45 pm Breakaway Session B

2:30 pm Free Time/Thank You Reception
4:00 pm Breakaway Session C
5:00 pm Dinner
7:00 pm Evening Prayer
7:30 pm Indiv. Confession & Absolution
8:00 pm Breakaway Session D
9:00 pm Free Time/Entertainment
11:00 pm Compline
12:00 am Lights Out

**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER IN SAYING FAREWELL TO
VICAR CHARLES NEMEC & WIFE CHRISTIANNA**

On Sunday, July 29th at in between services a coffee hour will be held in their honor.

MEET REDEEMER'S 32ND VICAR
Christian Mundorf and wife Abby



Christian Mundorf was raised in Saline, Michigan, by his parents George and Eleanor Mundorf. In Saline his parents took him to Christ Our King Lutheran Church where he was catechized and confirmed by Pastor Thomas Schroeder in 2011. Christian graduated from Saline High School in 2015 where he met his future wife, Abby Dester. After high school Christian went to Valparaiso University to study chemistry and the humanities and was a member of Christ College – The Honors College. While at Valpo, he also sang in the chapel choir, Kantori, and played in the handbell choir.

Each summer Christian spends around a month in Naknek, Alaska, with his family commercial fishing for sockeye salmon. In 2019 they caught about 95,000 pounds of salmon. Also in 2019, he began his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary and has particularly enjoyed studying the biblical languages, Greek and Hebrew, and church history.

In January 2021 Christian was married to Abby in their hometown at Christ Our King. Abby studied psychology and Spanish at Indiana University Southeast and is currently working towards her PhD in cognitive psychology at Michigan State University. Both Christian and Abby are excited come to Highland and meet the people of Redeemer Lutheran Church, and Christian cannot wait to be installed as vicar later this summer.

Vicar Christian Mundorf will be installed at the 10:45 Service on Sunday, August 1, 2021.

SHOWER THE NEW VICAR - AUGUST 1, 2021

WITH PANTRY STAPLES *or* grocery store gift cards.

Pantry shower items will be given as a welcome to Redeemer!

A Welcome Coffee Hour will be held in between services on Sunday, August 1st.



ENROLLMENT FOR 2021-2022 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN.

Students must be toilet trained.

To save a spot you MUST fill out online request form to receive registration forms and pay the registration fee at **RedeemerHighland.org**. For more detailed information please contact Cyndy Positano at (219) 838-4898 or redeemerslittlelambs@gmail.com.

IF YOU DO NOT RECEIVE WEEKLY REDEEMER REMINDER EMAILS, please give the church office your current email address with permission to add you to the Redeemer email list. If you gave it before, you may want to check your SPAM or BULK MAIL folders. The Redeemer church office will only send out weekly reminder emails or an occasional Redeemer News email for urgent needs/alerts or notification of member funerals. Included in the weekly reminders are also links to the Sunday School lesson, 8am Live Streamed service & the Order of Service. Email info@redeemerhighland.org to be added to the list.

Please remember Redeemer's church office when changing addresses, phone numbers or email.

Many people are switching to cell phones only, the office has many disconnected numbers in the directory.

Please tell us if your number can be published in the member directory. **We don't want to lose touch!**

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.



He said, "The one who showed him mercy." And Jesus said to him, "You go, and do likewise." Luke 10:37

Camp Lutherhaven offers a wide variety of summer programs for grades K-12 and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Register online today at www.lutherhaven.org, or call for more information at 260.636.7101.

JUNE-JULY 2021 NEWSLETTER



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Services:

Saturday: 6:30 p.m.

Sunday: 8:00 a.m.

..... 10:45 a.m.

Family Bible Study & Youth Group:

Sunday: 9:15 a.m.

Sunday School weekly video lessons on available online at 6 a.m. Sundays

Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Charles Nemec

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

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

Pastor & Vicar are OFF on Fridays.

The Church Office will be CLOSED: Friday, July 2, 2021

WJOB – RADIO 1230 AM is the NW Indiana regional broadcaster of “The Lutheran Hour” on **Sundays at 10 AM**. Programming is paid for by the Calumet Lutheran Mission Association.

WORSHIP ANEW Northwest Indiana Area: Sunday 8 AM on Chicago’s CW station WPWR Channel 50 (U-Verse channel 8 or 1008/Comcast ch. 8 or 184) or online www.worshipanew.org.

If you have moved or will be traveling out of town, the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod has a church locator tool to help you find a church to attend. Go to: <https://locator.lcms.org/church>

FIND REDEEMER’S ONLINE GIVING LINK at



www.RedeemerHighland.org Click the link on the lower right side of the homepage.



RAISE SOME DOUGH

JOIN MOD IN SUPPORTING

LAW (Lutherans at Work - Redeemer Youth)

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

FUNDRAISER DATE: Sunday, June 27, 2021 (10:30 am-10:00 pm)

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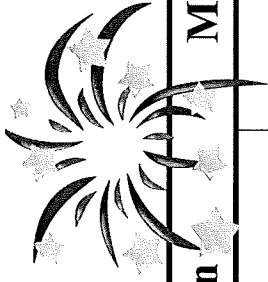


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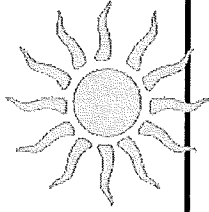
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July 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off	2 CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED (for Independence Day)	3 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
4 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	5 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting	6 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	7 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class	8	9 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off	10 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
11 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion 12 p.m. Trustees Meeting	12 6:30 p.m. Planning/Stewardship 7:30 p.m. Church Council	13 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	14 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class	15	16 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off	17 TBD Swaddling Clothes Day (at Grace) TBD Kaluf-Kelby Wedding 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
18 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	19 10 a.m. August/September Newsletter Deadline 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting	20 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	21 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class	22	23 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off	24 8:30—11:30 a.m. Lutheran Layment's League Zone Mtg. 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
25 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Vicar Charles Farewell Coffee Hour 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group —Online Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	26	27 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	28 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class	29	30 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off	31 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion

**Vicar/Youth at Higher Things
Calvin College—Grand Rapids, Michigan**



June 2021

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	2 No LifeLight	3	4 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>	5 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion ***
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20 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult/Family Bible Study and Youth Group — <i>Online Sunday School</i> 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	21 <i>Last Day to use Zandstra Vouchers</i> 7:00 p.m. Youth Committee Meeting	22 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	23 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	24	25 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i>	26 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
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