




# The Redeemer Reporter

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*From the Vicar's Desk*  
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**“The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord”  
– Job 1:21b**

In all things, the Lord our God watches over us and protects us. This is a simple and easy truth to understand when times are good and the harvest is plentiful. How willingly and easily do we give thanks to the Lord when He gives us good things! Martin Luther reminds us in the Small Catechism that all we have is a gift from God. Luther writes, “He also gives me clothing and shoes, food and drink, house and home, wife and children, land, animals, *and all I have.*” While our income comes from our employer and possessions from the store, it is God Himself who works through these people to provide for us. God’s hand is active in every aspect of our lives to care for us as our divine father. None of us owns anything in our own right since all we have is a gift of God. Nor do we give anything to our neighbor apart from God who provides for our neighbor through us.

For this reason, Luther also instructs us, “For all this it is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey Him.” What else could we do? The Lord has given! Blessed be the name of the Lord! We thank and praise God with our prayers and hymns that He has provided for us all the days of our life. We serve and obey Him by hearing His Word, by learning it, and by taking it to heart. In these ways we acknowledge the great gifts the Lord gives in so many various ways to support us in this body and life.

On the other hand, it is much more difficult to thank and praise, serve and obey God when it seems that He is not providing for all that we need, and when, rather than giving, the Lord is taking away. Yet, even as God takes away it must be for our good, since God Himself is good. As Paul tells the Romans, “We know that for those who love God all things work together for good” (Ro 8:28). Even if we do not understand what God’s intentions are when He takes away, we are promised that God is working towards a good end.

The greatest example of this can be seen in the life of the disciples. Many times, Jesus warned the disciples that He would be taken away from them and put to death. In the Gospel of John, Jesus told them, “You have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you,” (Jn 16:22). While they did not understand it at the time, the disciples had to endure the sorrow of Jesus being taken away so that they could rejoice in the salvation that Jesus won for us on the cross. The sorrow gives way to even greater joy, greater than we could have ever imagined.

For this reason, we can also say, “the Lord has taken away! Blessed be the name of the Lord!” Even as we have sorrow for what has been taken away, we can trust in the Lord that He continues to care for us, to hear our prayers, and that He will work all things for our salvation. Our Lord has promised us that on the last day He will save us from all sin and evil and that all sorrow will end and unending joy will be with us forever. Until that day comes, may we praise the Lord all our days saying, “The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord!”



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.
- ★ **Specialist 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. Kellen is currently finishing up a 10-month deployment in Iraq.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **PC Alexander Henry**, nephew of Carol Gower, is in the Army National Guard. He is currently stationed in Jordan.



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 2022! They include:**

#### **From High School:**

**Haley Anderson**, daughter of Michelle Anderson, is graduating from Highland High School. She plans to attend IUN and major in elementary education.

**Benjamin Hecimovich**, son of David & Elizabeth Hecimovich, graduates June 3<sup>rd</sup> from Illiana Christian High School and has been accepted at Indiana University Northwest. He plans to major in accounting.

**Carly Kuva**, daughter of Bob & Jane Kuva, is graduating from Highland High School. She plans to attend Purdue University, West Lafayette and major in Environmental and Ecological Engineering.

#### **College Graduates:**

**Brian Phillips** will be graduating Rush University at the end of August with a Doctor of Nursing Practice (DNP) degree. Upon passing the board exam, Brian will become board certified as a Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner. Before beginning work at a mental health outpatient clinic in Munster, Brian plans to take a month-long vacation in Germany. Ultimately, Brian's goal is to treat patients via telehealth videoconferencing.

**Rachel Russell**, daughter of Dennis and Mary Russell, is graduating with honors from IU in Bloomington this May 2022 from the School of Public Health. She will be starting graduate school in May 2022 at IUPUI in Indianapolis pursuing a doctor of Occupational Therapy degree.

**Sarah Wanicki**, granddaughter of Donna Wanicki, graduated from Indiana University, Bloomington, with a Bachelor's Degree in The Media School of Arts & Sciences.

***God's blessings to all of the Class of 2022 graduates as they continue their educations or begin their new careers.***

**THE SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS BOTH IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED ON YOUTUBE EACH WEEK, WITH THE EXCEPTION OF JUNE 5, 2022 WHEN THE 10:45 AM SERVICE WILL BE LIVE-STREAMED AND WILL INCLUDE THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION.**

Live Streamed services are 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 to the Live-Stream and Service Bulletins are also available on the Redeemer website at [www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org) under Sermons (upper right corner). All the Redeemer services and studies can be found at:

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

**The Online Study on Proverbs began April 27<sup>th</sup> and posts new lessons on Wednesdays.**

The Online Psalm Study has completed.

You can view the entire study of 150 Psalms on the Redeemer YouTube page.

**IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY & SUNDAY SCHOOL** are available every Sunday at 9:15 AM.

**A CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** will be held **Sunday, June 5<sup>th</sup> at 9 AM** to honor this year's Confirmation class. It is a chance for the congregation to welcome Redeemer's five new confirmands: Tyler Bishop, Kyleigh Hanna, Phinneas Kreis, Kennedy Martin, and Kaitlin Smith. **The Rite of Confirmation follows at the 10:45 service.**



**REGISTER FOR REDEEMER'S 2022 VBS PROGRAM!**

**JUNE 6-10, 2022 + 9:00 - 11:30 AM**

**Open to children ages 4 yrs old - having completed 6<sup>th</sup> grade.**

Please pre-register online. Click on the VBS link at [www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org)

**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, & clothes on the 3rd Saturday of the month. For the most up-to-date information, visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer). **Shopping Days: June 18 & July 16, 2022.**



Volunteers are needed! Work Days are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays from 10-11:30 a.m.

If you have questions, please speak with Pastor Eric Kleinschmidt.

Visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer) for the most up-to-date info.

**NEEDS:** diapers (newborn to sz 6), wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, & clothing (newborn-3T). Drop off: 24/7 bin at Grace's back parking lot or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer.

**WOUNDED HEALERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS ARE BACK!** After a long absence due to the pandemic, Wounded Healers will begin offering their program for grief support on **June 8, 2022** at St. James Church in Highland (corner of Kennedy Ave. & 45<sup>th</sup> St.). The program will begin at **7:00pm**. To protect all who are present, we are asking that everyone wear a mask while in the building. If you have questions about our program, please contact us at 219-924-5577. Please leave a message and someone will return your call ASAP. *Full schedule & latest newsletter are posted on Redeemer's large center bulletin board in the foyer.*

**THE YOUNG ADULT GROUP** for those aged about 18-35 has changed its meeting schedule. The Group will meet on the **2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays at 3:30pm** at Redeemer. Come join us for devotions, fellowship, and the study of God's Word. Questions, please contact Vicar Christian Mundorf. *(No meeting July 9<sup>th</sup>)*

**ATTENTION LADIES OF REDEEMER** our Ladies Bible Study is studying of the book of Ephesians. Please join us at 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. on **Tuesdays** in the MPR to discuss the joy of studying God's Word. Bring your own Bible. For more information contact Janice Richey at 219-322-2147 or Dorothy Hutson at 219-595-0341. The Bible Study will not meet during VBS (June 7) and will not meet the entire month of July.

**DID YOU KNOW** PASTOR & VICAR POST DAILY DEVOTIONS ON THE REDEEMER FACEBOOK PAGE?  
YOU CAN READ THEM AT [www.facebook.com/redeemerhighlandlcms](http://www.facebook.com/redeemerhighlandlcms)

**ZANDSTRA VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE!** Zandstra's on Kennedy Ave in Highland is OPEN! Stop by the Vicar's office to purchase one or more. **Each voucher is \$17.** (Redeemer youth receive \$3 per voucher.) Please note: Zandstra's does not give cash back or allow partial balances to carry over on vouchers. ***Vouchers must be used by Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup>.*** Please make checks payable to L.A.W. ***Father's Day is Sunday, June 19<sup>th</sup>.***

**Read What Luther Risked His Life For:**

**Summer Confessions Class begins Wednesday, June 29, 2022 at 6:30 PM.**

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

**VICARAGE ASSIGNMENT AND CALL NIGHT** at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne were held April 26<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022.

Redeemer was once again blessed with a new vicar assigned to the congregation. **Addison Pope** from Perrysburg, Ohio will be Redeemer's 33<sup>rd</sup> vicar. Wife Madelaine and son William (age 2) will join him. (*Look for photo & bio later in newsletter.*) Vicar Addison will be installed on August 7, 2022.

*Redeemer is looking for a two bedroom apartment or house for the Pope family to rent that accommodates an 80 lb. dog. If you know of such a place, please contact the church office. Move in preferred around July 30<sup>th</sup>.*

God's blessings to former vicar **Charles Nemec** who has been called to serve as Pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Lubbock, Texas.

**OUTDOOR MAINTENANCE HELP NEEDED!** 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 receiving special care. All volunteer help is needed & appreciated!

**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE**

**JUNE 27-JULY 8, 2022**, returning to the office on *Monday, July 11.*

As you are planning your June and July activities, please look ahead at your calendars for: bills to be paid, copies to be made, supplies ordered, calendar changes, reservations for the MPR, as well as bulletin & email blurbs for the June 25/26, July 2/3 and July 9/10 bulletins. Please give that information to the church secretary (Stacy Broviak) **no later than Monday, June 20.**

**VICAR CHRISTIAN MUNDORF** will be on vacation from July 1-15, 2022.

**THE CHURCH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, JULY 4<sup>TH</sup>** in celebration of the national holiday of Independence Day. Due to Church Secretary Stacy Broviak and Vicar Christian Mundorf on vacation with their families, **the church office will be closed the entire week of July 4-8, 2022.**

Please note that in the secretary's absence, Pastor Eric will be available for **Pastoral Care** (prayers, hospital visits, etc.), however no administrative care will be available.

**AUGUST/SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be  
MONDAY, JULY 18<sup>th</sup> AT 10AM!**

**VICAR WILL BE AWAY TUESDAY, JULY 26 - FRIDAY, JULY 29.** Vicar Christian will be chaperoning Redeemer's Youth at the Higher Things Conference "For You" at Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, IN. Thanks to all of the members who have supported the youths' effort to attend this conference.

**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER IN SAYING FAREWELL TO  
VICAR CHRISTIAN MUNDORF & WIFE ABBY**

On Sunday, July 24<sup>th</sup> in between services (9:00-9:45 a.m.) a coffee hour will be held in their honor.  
Vicar Christian will meet with his Youth Bible Study group at 9:45 a.m.

**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.



**ENROLLMENT FOR 2022-2023 SCHOOL YEAR IS OPEN TO ALL 3-5 YEAR OLDS.**

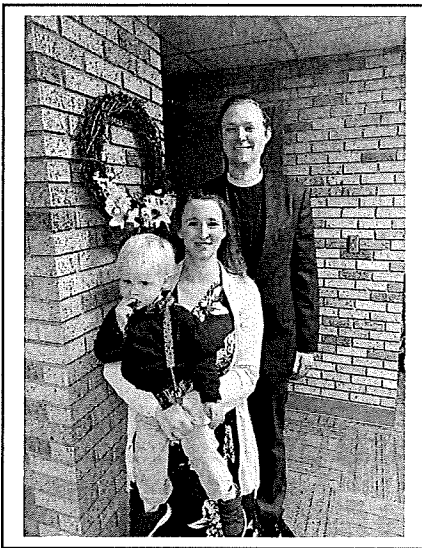
Visit [www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org) and click on the Little Lambs' box for more information about the program. Please fill out an Inquiry Form to receive registration forms. You can also email Cyndy Positano with specific questions directly at [redeemerslittlambs@gmail.com](mailto:redeemerslittlambs@gmail.com).

**SHOWER THE NEW VICAR & HIS FAMILY - AUGUST 7, 2022**

WITH PANTRY STAPLES *or grocery store gift cards.*

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

**MEET REDEEMER'S 33<sup>RD</sup> VICAR  
Addison Pope**



Addison Pope grew up in the suburbs and small towns around Toledo, Ohio. He was born in July of 1994 and baptized a few months later. Addison was baptized and catechized in a congregation of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) in Perrysburg, a suburb of Toledo. After graduating high school Addison attended the University of Findlay in Findlay, Ohio, where he earned a BA in history. While he was in college, he began taking Christianity seriously and started to study theology. Through much study and contemplation, the Holy Spirit led him to confessional Lutheranism and he began attending the local LCMS church: Concordia Lutheran in Findlay. While studying at Findlay, he also met his wife, Madelaine. They were both part of a reading group that read the works of J.R.R. Tolkien and C.S. Lewis aloud. Addison and Madelaine were married soon after they graduated in June of 2017. The Popes then moved to Bowling Green, Ohio so that Madelaine could pursue a master's degree in literature at Bowling Green State University. While living in Bowling Green, Addison worked as a security officer at a Chrysler factory in Perrysburg. This job gave him a lot of

time to think, and he began talking to his pastor about going to seminary. After Madelaine earned her Master's degree in 2019 the two moved to Winchester, Kentucky. Addison worked as a security officer for the University of Kentucky (UK) hospital system while Madelaine taught at UK. While in Kentucky, Addison and Madelaine welcomed William Lewis Pope into the world in June of 2020. That fall, the family moved to Fort Wayne so that Addison could attend seminary, and he has been studying hard ever since. Madelaine has a teaching job at Indiana Tech, which she will be continuing by teaching online writing classes next year while Addison is serving as a vicar. When he is not studying Addison enjoys hunting, fishing, gardening, and taking family nature walks with his American Bulldog, Ophelia. Madelaine enjoys reading Victorian fiction and hiking. William loves playing with toy trucks and singing out of Addison's hymnal.

**Vicar Addison Pope will be installed at the 10:45 Service on Sunday, August 7, 2022.**

**SAVE THE DATE for the Church Picnic on Sunday, August 7, 2022.** The picnic will take place at Redeemer to welcome the newly installed Vicar Addison Pope, his wife Madelaine and their son William, as well as, all the new members since last year's picnic. Tickets for the picnic may be purchased in the church foyer on the weekends July 16-31 or through the church office during the week. **Tickets must be purchased in advanced by Sunday, July 31<sup>st</sup>**. No tickets will be sold at the door. If you want to attend but cannot or forget to purchase them by July 31<sup>st</sup>, call the church office to reserve your tickets. To properly plan, we need to know how many people to plan for! **New members since Aug. 2021 will be sent an invitation, please RSVP how many will attend by July 31<sup>st</sup>!** Thank you for your cooperation. *Watch future bulletins & emails for more info.*

**IF YOU ARE TRAVELING OUT OF TOWN OR MOVING,** you can find a local LC-MS church by checking the church finder at [http://locator.lcms.org/nchurches\\_frm/church.asp](http://locator.lcms.org/nchurches_frm/church.asp). The locator gives valuable information: Pastor's name, Service/Bible Study/Sunday School times, and links to the church's website.

# JUNE-JULY 2022 NEWSLETTER



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### Services:

Saturday:.....6:30 p.m.

Sunday:.....8:00 a.m.

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

### Sunday School, Youth Group & Adult Bible Study:

Sunday:.....9:15 a.m.

### Staff:

Pastor: Eric Allan Kleinschmidt

Vicar: Christian Mundorf

Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

### **CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:**

Monday – Thursday from 10am-2pm; Fridays CLOSED.

If you have information to be printed in the weekend bulletin, please have the information to the church secretary (Stacy) by Wednesday at 2:00 p.m.

### **BE ALERT – DON'T GET SCAMMED!**

It has been brought to the church office attention, that occasionally Redeemer members have received emails looking as if a fellow member has sent them a message as the example below:

#### ● **JAMES DOE**

Fw: Note from James Doe

If you ever receive emails looking like that, please delete without opening. We are not sure how they are generated, but they are not legitimate messages. They always have the "Note from" in the subject matter and it is the same name both places – Sender and who the note is from.

**On a similar note:** Pastors, including Pastor Kleinschmidt, have had their names used to solicit gift cards from members. Suffice to say, we won't email or text anyone asking you to donate gift cards or make wire transfers to us, especially not for ransom or bail money or because we had an accident. When in doubt, please call the church office.

**AN ONLINE GIVING LINK** can be found on the Redeemer website at  
[www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org).



Look for the  link on the lower right side of the homepage.

### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:**

#### **June:**

Elders – June 6

**No** Trustees Meeting

Planning & Stewardship – June 13

Church Council – June 13

Youth Committee – June 14

**No** Christian Ed. Meeting

#### **July:**

Elders – July 7 (*Thursday*)

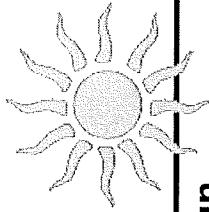
Trustees – July 10 (*a week later*)

Planning & Stewardship – July 11

Church Council – July 11

Youth Committee – July 19

**No** Christian Ed. Meeting



# June 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<div>Church Office Hours: Monday—Thursday 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</div>			1	2 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)	3 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	4  6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
5 <i>Pentecost</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:00 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion w/ Rite of Confirmation 1pm-4pm MPR Reserved 4:00 p.m. VBS Set-up	6 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting  <b>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—RAINFOREST EXPLORERS—9:00-11:30 AM</b>	7 NO Ladies Bible Study	8	9 10:00-11:30 a.m. Swaddling Clothes Work Day (Grace)	10 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  11:30 a.m. VBS Closing Program <i>Youth to Ziggy's Confirmand Welcome</i>	11 <i>Adopted Missions Door Offering</i> 3:30 p.m. Young Adult Group  6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
12 <i>Adopted Missions Door Offering</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	13 6:30 p.m. Stewardship/Planning Meeting 7:30 p.m. Church Council	14 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:30 p.m. Youth Committee  <b>Pastor Kleinschmidt on Vacation</b>	15	16	17 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	18  9 a.m.—12 p.m. Swaddling Clothes Shopping Day at Grace  6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
19 <i>Father's Day</i> 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	20	21 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	22	23	24 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off</i> CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED  <b>Pastor Kleinschmidt at IN District-LCMS Convention (Ft. Wayne)</b>	25  <i>Last Day to use Zandstra Vouchers</i> 3:30 p.m. Young Adult Group  6:30 p.m. Holy Communion
26 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	27	28 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study	29 6:30 p.m. Confessions Class	30		
<b>CHURCH SECRETARY ON VACATION</b>						

