

# JUNE-JULY 2023 NEWSLETTER



## Redeemer Lutheran Church

(A Congregation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod)

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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: Addison Pope  
Admin. Asst.: Stacy Broviak

### REGULAR CHURCH OFFICE HOURS:

Monday – Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.; Fridays, Closed.

**Church Office will be CLOSED: Mon. May 29 & Tues. July 4, 2023**

**MEMBERSHIP AND HOLY COMMUNION AT REDEEMER:** If you, a family member, or a friend would like to know more about being Lutheran or becoming a member at Redeemer and receiving Holy Communion, please talk to Pastor Kleinschmidt. Adult Instruction classes can be planned around your schedule. In the Lutheran tradition, all members are instructed before receiving the Sacrament of the Altar, and a total of six classes at Redeemer give an overview of the Christian faith and Lutheran teaching.

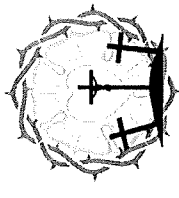
**PLEASE NOTE: THE CHURCH SECRETARY WILL BE OUT OF THE OFFICE MAY 15-29**, returning to the office on *Tuesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>*.

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.

**Pastor Eric Kleinschmidt will be on vacation June 19 –30, 2023.**

Vicar Addison Pope will lead worship the weekend of June 24-25 without Holy Communion and will be in the office for those in need of prayers or visits.

# The Redeemer Reporter



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From the Vicar's Desk  
June/July 2023

*“Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable. On Your wondrous works, I will meditate, and I will declare Your greatness” (Ps. 145:3, 5b, 6b).*

We have now come to the wonderful days of late Spring and early Summer, where the glory of God’s Creation is on full display. The brown and, at times, dreary landscape of Winter has been refreshed with green: leaves adorn the trees, and yards are carpeted with thick blankets of grass waiting for the lawnmower. In summer green even re-appears in church, as green vestments and paraments are taken out of storage for the Time of the Church, the longest liturgical season. With the coming of warmer weather, many people choose to spend more of their time outdoors. Backyard cookouts, camping trips, and other outdoor activities fill our calendars as we take advantage of pleasant weather. These activities give us opportunities to marvel at the beauty of God’s Creation and enjoy what our Lord has given us.

As wonderful and beautiful as Creation is, there are still more wondrous works that God has done. God not only cares for the physical Creation; He cares for His people as well. From the beginning God has shown a special concern for the people whom He has created. Indeed, God’s works are recorded throughout the Holy Scriptures. He promised a Messiah that would bring peace and salvation to His people; He gathered the nation of Israel to Himself, appointing priests that would intercede on their behalf; He appointed David as king, a leader and shepherd of Israel. God’s mightiest work came in the person of Jesus Christ, who fulfilled all of God’s promises made in the Old Testament and was the true Messiah that came to defeat death. God Himself took on our human flesh and became man, to bring us back to Him and give us eternal life.

These are the great and wondrous works that the Psalmist praises, the works that show God’s care for us, His beloved children. By His works, we know that God cares for us. We know that He will listen to our prayers and that He will give an answer, even if it isn’t the answer we want. Throughout the changes and chances of life, the griefs and sorrows that are

hard to bear, we can look to Christ as our rock and redeemer, our only sure hope. He will always stay faithful to His promises. As we celebrate the coming of warmer weather, let us never forget all that God has done for us.

As my vicarage comes closer to the end, I want to thank everyone at Redeemer for their patience, kindness, and respect. It has been a pleasure to serve you as the 33<sup>rd</sup> Vicar, and I have learned much. At the seminary they tell us that there is so much that they can't teach us, that we have to learn these things in practice. My experience here has taught me that this is most certainly true, and that there is still much to learn. I look forward to more opportunities to learn how to proclaim the wondrous works of our Lord, and I thank you for the indispensable part you have played, and continue to play in these last couple of months, in my pastoral formation.

Vicar Addison Pope

**THE CONCORDIA SEMINARY**, Fort Wayne, Vicarage and Deaconess Internship Assignment Service was held Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup> when second-year students are assigned to serve as vicars and deaconess interns. Redeemer was blessed to be assigned **Grant Tapken** to serve as her 34<sup>th</sup> Vicar from August 2023 - July 2024. Grant's Home Town is Waverly, IA and his Home Church is Saint John Lutheran Church.

(Former Vicar) Christian Mundorf did not be receive a call this year due to continuing his studies at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. Christian will be in the Master of Sacred Theology (STM) Program and will receive his first call in April 2024.

**REDEEMER HANDBELL CHOIR NEEDS MORE RINGERS!!** Rhoda Davies and Gretchen Smith have brought back the Redeemer Handbell Choir. They have a dedicated group, but are looking for more ringers to join them. You do not have to be able to read music to ring. They will be happy to train you. **Practices are Thursdays at 6:00 PM.** Come serve the Lord with music!

**CHOIR** will practice on **May 22** at 6pm to sing at the May 28 (10:45 service) Rite of Confirmation. New members are always welcome!

**ATTENTION LADIES** our Ladies Tuesday Morning Bible Study will break for the summer this year. The last class for the summer will be May 23. Classes will resume Tuesday, September 12, 2023.

**CONFIRMATION BREAKFAST** will be held **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup> at 9AM** to honor this year's class. It is an opportunity for the congregation to welcome the new confirmands: Noah Goeringer and Ethan Knuth. **The Rite of Confirmation follows in the 10:45 service.**

**IN-PERSON BIBLE STUDY (ADULT & YOUTH) & SUNDAY SCHOOL** (for ages 3 years-7<sup>th</sup> grade) are available every Sunday at 9:15 AM even during the summer!

**SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED EACH WEEK. (MAY 28, 2023, will be live-streamed at 10:45 a.m. to include the Rite of Confirmation.)**

Live Streamed services are available for later viewing as well. Links to the Live-Stream and Service Bulletins are 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/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHUR CHHIGHLAND/VIDEOS**

**The Online Study on Ecclesiastes has resumed posting new lessons on Wednesdays.** The Online Proverb & Psalm Studies are completed & can be viewed on the Redeemer YouTube page.

**Please remember to call to alert the Pastor & Vicar if you are in the hospital and would like a visit. (219-838-4898).** Hospitals often do not alert the church office. Pastor & Vicar are willing to visit members in the hospital or at home, but they need to be alerted to the need by the individual or a family member/caretaker. They would also like to include you or your family member in the prayers, if you would like to be included. (Note: Prayers are live-streamed during service.)

**Please remember the church office when changing addresses, phone numbers or email addresses.** To inform the church office please: ♦ Leave a note on the secretary's desk; ♦ Call 838-4898 OR ♦ Email [info@redeemerhighland.org](mailto:info@redeemerhighland.org). **We don't want to lose touch!**

+ **WHERE CAN YOU SERVE?** New members are always needed to help on ALL committees! † *Evangelism* † *Fellowship* † *Trustees* † *Christian Education* † *Youth/Post High School* † *Stewardship/Planning*

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

Youth Committee: June 1 & July 6 at 5:30 p.m.

Elders – June 5 & (Thursday) July 6 at 7:00 p.m.

Planning & Stewardship – June 12 & July 10 at 6:30 p.m.

Church Council – June 12 & July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

Trustees: June 25 at 9:30 a.m. (July meeting TBD)

No Christian Education

**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*** to avoid duplicating efforts or in case something is receiving special care.

**ZANDSTRA VOUCHERS ARE AVAILABLE!** Stop by the Vicar's office to purchase one or more. Each voucher is \$17 and functions directly as cash when you go to pay at Zandstra's [Please note: Zandstra's will not give change back from vouchers for sales less than the amount of vouchers.] The youth receive \$3 from each voucher. Vouchers must be used by Saturday, June 17<sup>th</sup>. Please make checks payable to L.A.W.

**THE CONGREGATION IS INVITED:** On Sunday, June 25, the youth group will be hosting a Swaddling Clothes Baby Shower immediately after the 10:45 service in the multi-purpose room. Come out and enjoy lunch while supporting our Swaddling Clothes ministry. We will not be selling tickets or collecting a monetary offering, but we do ask that attendees bring a donation of diapers, wipes, diaper cream, or baby clothes to support young families in need.

**THE YOUTH** will go to Zig-E's Funland on Monday, June 26 to have fun and to the newest confirmands. Meet at church at 12 p.m. to carpool.

**EAST WING BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE:** PBS (Redeemer's chosen Design/Build Company) has re-envisioned the East Wing for Redeemer. Plans have been finalized and sent out for bids/quotes from sub-contractors. The Building Committee should have plans and cost estimates by late June/early July. At that time, the building committee will decide to revise and adjust bids or to move on to presenting to the congregation through displays, meetings and a vote at a Special Congregational Assembly. Watch for more information to come in July.

**SUMMER LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS CLASS BEGINS**

**Wednesday, July 12, 2023 at 6:30 PM.**

Always room for new members! It's never too late to start! Speak with Pastor Kleinschmidt for more information

*The Concordia book can be ordered through the church office for \$40.*

**AUGUST-SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be:**

**MONDAY, JULY 17<sup>TH</sup> at 2 PM.**

**VICAR ADDISON WILL BE AWAY TUESDAY, JULY 18 - FRIDAY,**

**JULY 21.** Vicar Addison will be chaperoning Redeemer's Youth at the Higher Things Conference "Beyond a Reasonable Doubt" at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, IL. Thanks to all of the members who have supported the youths' effort to attend this conference.

**PLEASE JOIN TOGETHER IN SAYING FAREWELL TO**

**VICAR ADDISON & WIFE MADELAINE,  
AND CHILDREN WILLIAM & PHILIP**

On Sunday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> in between services (9:00-10:15 a.m.) a coffee hour will be held in their honor.



**SAVE THE DATE: REDEEMER'S 2023 VBS PROGRAM!**

**JUNE 12-16, 2022 ☆ 9:00 – 11:30 AM**

Open to all children ages 4 years through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Please register online. Click on the VBS link at

[www.RedeemerHighland.org](http://www.RedeemerHighland.org) or register directly at <https://vbsmate.com/events/RedeemerLutheran2023/26957>

**Many volunteers are needed!** Sign-up sheets are posted on the foyer South bulletin board or speak with Director Sara Hill. You can contact Sara at 219-310-5471 or [sjkreis@gmail.com](mailto:sjkreis@gmail.com)

**SWADDLING CLOTHES CENTER** at Grace Lutheran Church, a ministry to help mothers and babies in need. Swaddling Clothes helps families monthly with diapers, wipes, & clothing on the third Saturday (**June 17<sup>th</sup> & July 15<sup>th</sup>**). Visit [www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer](http://www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer) for the most up-to-date info. Volunteers needed! **Work Days are 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Thursdays** from 10-11:30 a.m.



**NEEDS:** diapers, wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T, esp. 2T & 3T clothes). You may drop off items in the 24/7 donation bin - back parking lot of Grace Lutheran Church, Dyer or at Redeemer under the large bulletin board in foyer. **THANK YOU to all the generous donors & volunteers!**

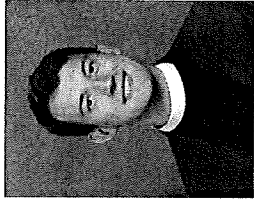


**LITTLE LAMBS LEARNING CENTER 2023-2024 REGISTRATION.**

Please visit our church website. [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 more information and registration forms. You can also email Cyndy Postitano directly at [redemerslittl lambs@gmail.com](mailto:redemerslittl lambs@gmail.com) with specific questions.

**WHERE WILL YOU GO THIS SUMMER?** Camp Lutherhaven offers summer programs for grades K-12 and Servant Events for grades 8-12. Register online at [www.lutherhaven.org](http://www.lutherhaven.org) or call 260.636.7101.

## MEET REDEEMER'S 34<sup>TH</sup> VICAR



Hello Redeemer,

My name is Grant Tapken, and I will serve as Redeemer's 34th vicar for 2023-24. I am from the small town of Waverly, Iowa, and a member of St. John's Lutheran Church, also of Waverly. I received my bachelor's degrees in religion and classics at the University of Iowa. I do not remember when I did

not consider becoming a Lutheran pastor. It has always been something that sparked my interest ever since I was little. So, upon graduation, I began my work at Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne. In my coursework at the seminary, I have enjoyed many of my classes, especially in preaching and the New Testament. I hope to continue my education by pursuing more degrees after my fourth year.

I am close with my family, including my younger sister, Emily, who is also in grad school. Most of my family is back in Iowa, but I also have ties to Pennsylvania, Wisconsin, and the Fort Wayne area. Besides reading and talking theology, my other interests include hiking, road trips, classical music, learning languages, and meeting new people by hearing their life stories. I also have cerebral palsy, a disability that has affected my life since birth. Yet, I have overcome many obstacles and challenges, resulting in a typical, independent, and active life. I am very open to discussing this and have not let it get in the way of any of my goals or aspirations.

I am greatly looking forward to my upcoming year at Redeemer and getting to know each of you. I plan to use the year ahead to learn and shape my future ministry for Christ's service. I am excited to see you all soon, and until then, God's peace and blessings.

In Christ, Grant Tapken

**Vicar Grant Tapken will be installed at the 10:45 Service on Sunday, August 6, 2023.**

**SHOWER THE NEW VICAR - AUGUST 6, 2023**

WITH PANTRY STAPLES or grocery store gift cards.

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

**SAVE THE DATE for the Church Picnic on Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>.**

The picnic will welcome the newly installed Vicar Grant Tapken, as well as all the new members since last year's picnic. Tickets will be on sale in the church foyer weekends July 15-30 & in the church office during the week. ***Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.*** New members since Aug. 2022 will be sent an invitation, please RSVP by July 30<sup>th</sup>! Ticket cost, location & more details to come!

**WOUNDED HEALERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS.** Wounded Healers will begin their Summer 2023 program for grief support on **Wednesdays, June 7** through **August 16 at 7:00pm** at St. James Church in Highland (corner of Kennedy Ave. & 45<sup>th</sup> St.). Family and friends are encouraged to attend the fourth session of each series. An invited speaker addresses all groups for the last session of each series. If you have questions about our program, please contact us at 219-924-5577. Please leave a message and someone will return your call.


**ASCENSION IS IMPORTANT!** Ascension Lutheran Christian School (ALCS) in Gary is a source for the Holy Spirit to work within Gary scholars and families. ALCS needs your support to pay for students who do not qualify for tuition support through the Indiana Choice Scholarship. Gifts are gratefully received at: Ascension Lutheran Christian School, 1150 W. 49<sup>th</sup> Ave., Gary, IN 46408. ALCS is a mission of the LCMS-Indiana District.

### **CHURCH INTERPRETER TRAINING ACADEMY (CITA) AT**

**CTFSW:** August 3 – 6, 2023 at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. **Program cost:** Tuition is \$300, plus the \$50 non-refundable deposit to register. This includes all classes and meals. Students are responsible for their own lodging. Dorm rooms on CTSFW campus are available for \$30 a night. Students will receive instruction in: Linguistics; Deaf Culture; Interpreting Scripture/Hymn/Liturgy; Facial and body expression; Religious vocabulary; and More. Ask about CEU's. Sponsored by: Ephphatha Lutheran Mission Society for the Deaf. For questions, please contact Rev. Tom Dunseth at: [twdunseth@gmail.com](mailto:twdunseth@gmail.com) or 616-634-1100. For Registration go to: [bit.ly/23CITA](http://bit.ly/23CITA)

**THE CAMPUS MINISTRIES OF THE INDIANA DISTRICT** requests information about students who will be attending a college or university for the 2023-24 academic year. Any information provided to them will then be forwarded to the appropriate LCMS-U campus ministry. College can be tough for students to maintain their faith away from home. For more info about the process and to fill out a Google contact form, go to <http://in.lcms.org/resources/outreach/campus-ministry>.

**NEED TO FIND WORSHIP OUT OF THE AREA?** Find a local LC-MS church by checking the church finder at [www.lcms.org](http://www.lcms.org). The locator gives valuable information and links to the church's website.

**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.

**And thanks to everyone** who gives their time & energy...Elders, Altar Guild members, SOS Organists, Acolytes, Teachers, Offering Counters, Congregational Officers, Committee Members, Trustees, and more!  
**Every "little" thing comes together to keep our church vibrant.**

**DIRECTORY CHANGES:**

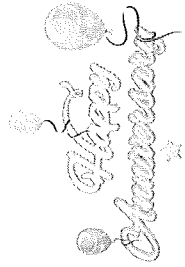
**New Members by Transfer:**

Kevin & Debbie Weiler, 2815 Franklin Street, Highland, IN 46322  
 Alyssa Kurzeja, 161 Plum Creek Drive, Schererville, IN 46375

**Funeral:** Beth Lavrinovich, April 13, 2023

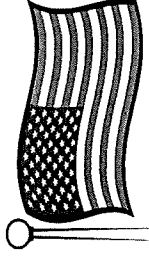
*Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary: JUNE*

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| Jason & Alida (Baldazo) O'Donnell | 6/2  |
| Bob & Renee Reimer                | 6/3  |
| Tom & Becky Adams                 | 6/6  |
| Bill & Kathy Namovice             | 6/6  |
| Jim & Abbie Girkant...            | 6/7  |
| George & Marla Sprainis           | 6/8  |
| Terry & Sheila Rose..             | 6/10 |
| Bob & Jane Kuva.....              | 6/16 |
| James & Gretchen Smith            | 6/22 |
| Roderick & Lisa Mosqueda          | 6/26 |
| Jim & Karen Crum                  | 6/27 |
| John III & Jill Kreis             | 6/27 |
| Steve & Jill Barney               | 6/28 |
| Elliott & Becky Smith             | 6/30 |



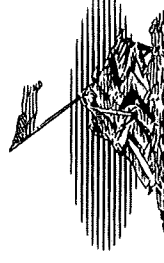
*Wedding Anniversary: JULY*

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| Karl & Rhoda Davies      | 7/2  |
| Brian & Jeanette Hanna   | 7/2  |
| Fred & Carol Schutte     | 7/3  |
| Brian & Lisa Doughman    | 7/4  |
| Ron & Vicky Crook        | 7/11 |
| Michael & Beth Webb      | 7/13 |
| Mike & Michelle Pope     | 7/15 |
| Jim & Cynthia Kelby      | 7/17 |
| Bryan & Sarah Rhoten     | 7/17 |
| Brett & Jessica Markusic | 7/19 |
| Don & Marilyn Kaegebein  | 7/20 |
| Art & Jill Kim           | 7/24 |
| Todd & Kathryn Corban    | 7/26 |
| Dan & Brenda Richardson  | 7/27 |



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

- ★ **Corporal Kellen Robert Bond**, son of Keith & Melanie Bond and nephew of Rev. Eric & Meghan Kleinschmidt, is serving the Army in the 11<sup>th</sup> Bravo Infantry at Fort Carson in Colorado. Recently completed 9 month deployment to Iraq and was nominated for soldier of his division.
- ★ **PFC Colton Darnell**, grandson of Jim & Karen Crum, is in the U.S. Army stationed at Fort Hood in Killeen, Texas. In January, he will be on a rotation for 9-12 months in South Korea.
- ★ **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.
- ★ **Senior Airman (E-4) Justin Orzech**, grandson of Don & Marilyn Kaegebein, is in the U.S. Air Force. His home base is Joint Base Lewis-McChord in Tacoma, Washington, assigned to squadron 62<sup>nd</sup> Airlift Wing. However, he has been reassigned to the 721<sup>st</sup> squadron at Ramstein Air Base in Germany. Justin works in Integrated Avionics responsible for maintaining and repairing control/guidance/communication systems on C-17 cargo planes.



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 2023! They include:

### From High School:

**John Fields**, son of Carl Fields, is graduating from the Creative Arts Secondary School (CASS) of St. Paul, Minnesota in June and will be attending the University of Minnesota to study Engineering.

**Madeline Hedtke** granddaughter of Ron and Kathy Ebert is graduating from Brookfield Central HS in Wisconsin. She will be studying Recreational Therapy at University of Wisconsin in LaCrosse.

**Eve Kaegebein**, granddaughter of Don & Marilyn Kaegebein, is graduating from Middleton High School in Middleton, Wisconsin. Eve will be attending the University of Minnesota in St. Paul, MN to major in Astrophysics.

**Emma Ruzycki**, daughter of Laura & Robert Ruzycki (granddaughter of Judy McBroom ), is graduating from Lake Central High School and will be playing soccer for Grand Valley State in Michigan while pursuing a degree in Radiation Therapy.

**Sara Ruzycki**, daughter of Robert & Laura Ruzycki (granddaughter of Judy McBroom ), is graduating from Lake Central High School and will be pursuing a degree in Sports Management at IUPUI.

**Rose Spencer**, granddaughter of Charrie Flitar, is graduating from Munster High School and will be attending Purdue Northwest to study Psychology.

**Noah Szymanski** grandson of Ron and Kathy Ebert is graduating from Chesterton HS. Noah will be attending Vincennes University and studying Electrical Engineering.

**Jenna Toberman**, daughter of Steve & Laura Toberman (granddaughter of Fred & Carol Schutte), will be graduating from Lake Central School with honors. Jenna will be attending IUPUI in the fall majoring in Neuroscience.

### From College:

**Griffin Broviak**, son of A.J. & Stacy Broviak (grandson of Dee Ryskamp), graduated from Purdue University, W. Lafayette, with a B.S. in Forestry & Natural Resources, dual major of Wildlife and Aquatic Sciences and minor in Statistics. He also graduated from the John Martinson Honors College at Purdue. Griffin will work in Utah this summer for the U.S. Forestry Service.

**Kaylee Darnell**, granddaughter of Jim & Karen Crum, graduated from Indiana University, South Bend, with a Bachelor's Degree in Communications and Public Relations. Kaylee will be furthering her education with a Master's Degree in Communications at IUN.

**Callie Hedtke**, granddaughter of Ron & Kathy Ebert, is graduating from DePaul University with a degree in Graphic Design and a minor in Marketing and User Experience. Callie is currently interviewing.

### With Advanced Degrees:

**Dale Dewar** graduated in January 2023 from American Graduate University (AGU) with a Master of Contract Management (MCM).

**Christina Nemek**, wife of former vicar (#31) Rev. Charles Nemek, graduated with a Master of Arts Degree in Deaconess and Theological Studies from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne.

**Eric W. Taylor, Jr.**, son of Crystal Brown, is graduating from Georgetown Law University with a Juris Doctor (J.D.) degree and has taken a position as an Associate Lawyer at Winston & Strawn - Los Angeles, California

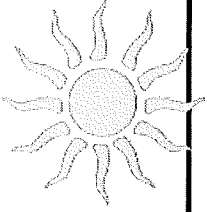
**God's blessings to all of the Class of 2023 graduates as they continue their educations or begin their new careers.**

## **BIG REDEEMER THANKS TO...**

- Trisha Laich and Ben Hecimovich for Live streaming the services.
- Deanna Ryskamp for collating the newsletter.
- Carol Drysch for sending out birthday postcards.
- Donna Wanicki for sending out the Cradle Roll.
- Dennis & Mary Russell for changing the church sign.
- Kathy Gaskey for all her restocking & care of the Children's Busy Bags.
- Lisa Doughman, Jill Kreis & family for providing Sunday Coffee Hour.
- Ron Brooks, Dave Hecimovich, the Kucginski family, Don & Desiree Ladewig, Roy Nagel, Dan & Brittany Nieman, Fred Schutte, and Joe Stewarts for mowing the church lawns this season. Special thanks to Judy McBroom for taking care of the scheduling and to Wyatt & Jason Kucginski for maintaining the lawn equipment.

# May 2023 (Updated)

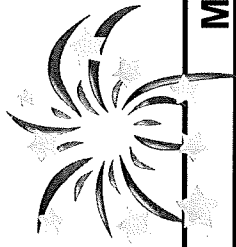
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|    |  | 1<br>7:00 p.m.<br>Elders Meeting  | 2<br>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Confirmation Class   | 3<br>7:00 p.m.<br>LifeLight  | 4<br>10:00-11:30 a.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Work Day (Grace)<br>11:00 a.m. LL Chapel<br>1:00 p.m.<br>Mary & Martha's Circle<br>Luncheon<br>5:30 p.m.<br>Youth Committee Mtg.<br>6:00 p.m. Handbells | 5<br><i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b>  | 6<br><br><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion  |
| 7  | 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion<br>11am—9pm Youth Dining Out<br>Fundraiser at Pizzeria Uno  | 8<br><br><b>June/July<br/>Newsletter Deadline</b><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Stewardship/Planning<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Church Council | 9<br>9:00 a.m.<br>Pastors' Circuit Conf.<br>(Trinity, Lowell)<br>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>4:00-5:30 p.m.<br>Confirmation Class | 10<br>7:00 p.m.<br>LifeLight   | 11<br>10:00-11:30 a.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Work Day (Grace)<br>11:00 a.m.<br>Little Lambs Chapel<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Handbell Practice  | 12<br><i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b> | 13<br><br><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion   |
| 14 | <i>Mother's Day</i><br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion  | 15<br><br><br>***   | 16<br>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>NO Confirmation<br>Class  | 17<br>NO LifeLight   | 18<br>11:00 a.m.<br>Little Lambs Chapel<br>NO Handbell Practice<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Hammond Circuit Joint<br>Ascension Day Service<br>at St. Paul's, Munster<br>***                                       | 19<br><i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b> | 20<br><br><br>9 a.m.—12 p.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Shopping Day at Grace<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion |
| 21 | 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Breakfast/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion<br>12pm Congregational Assembly   | 22<br><br>6:00 p.m.<br>Choir Practice<br><br>***  | 23<br>9:30 – 11:00 a.m.<br>Ladies Bible Study<br>6:00 p.m.<br>Confirmand Review<br><b>CHURCH SECRETARY ON<br/>VACATION</b>                       | 24<br>11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.<br>LL Class Picnic<br>6:30 p.m.<br>LL Year End Prog. | 25<br><br><br><b>CHURCH SECRETARY ON<br/>VACATION</b>   | 26<br><i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b> | 27<br><br><br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion   |
| 28 | <i>Pentecost</i><br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:00 a.m. Confirmation Breakfast<br>9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion w/<br>Rite of Confirmation<br>12:30 p.m. MPR Reserved | 29<br><i>Memorial Day</i><br><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b>  | 30<br>No Ladies Bible<br>Study<br>4:00 p.m.<br>Christian Ed. Mtg.  | 31   | <b>CHURCH SECRETARY ON<br/>VACATION</b>   |  |   |



# JUNE 2023

| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed       | Thu  | Fri   | Sat  |
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| <p>4</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br/>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br/>Youth Group/Sunday School<br/>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>  | <p>5</p> <p>7:00 p.m.<br/>Elders Meeting</p>   | <p>6</p> <p>Church Office Hours:<br/>Monday—Thursday<br/>10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m.</p> | <p>7</p>  | <p>8</p> <p>10:00-11:30 a.m.<br/>Swaddling Clothes<br/>Work Day (Grace)<br/>5:30 p.m.<br/>Youth Comm. Mtg.<br/>6:00 p.m.<br/>Handbell Practice</p> | <p>2</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off<br/>CHURCH<br/>OFFICE CLOSED</p>   | <p>3</p> <p>6:30 p.m.<br/>Holy Communion</p>   |
| <p>11</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br/>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br/>Youth Breakfast/Sunday School<br/>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion<br/>TBD Vacation Bible School Set-up</p>                          | <p>12</p> <p>6:30 p.m.<br/>Stewardship/Planning<br/>Meeting<br/>7:30 p.m.<br/>Church Council</p> | <p>13</p> <p>9:00 a.m.<br/>Pastors' Circuit Conf.<br/>(St. Paul's, Munster)</p>   | <p>14</p> | <p>15</p>  | <p>9</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off<br/>CHURCH<br/>OFFICE CLOSED</p>   | <p>10</p> <p>6:30 p.m.<br/>Holy Communion</p>  |
| <p>18</p> <p>Father's Day<br/>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br/>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br/>Youth Group/Sunday School<br/>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion</p>  | <p>19</p>  | <p>20</p>   | <p>21</p> | <p>22</p>  | <p>16</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off<br/>CHURCH<br/>OFFICE CLOSED<br/>11:30 a.m.<br/>VBS Closing Program</p> | <p>17</p> <p>Last Day to use<br/>Zandstra Vouchers<br/>9 a.m.—12 p.m.<br/>Swaddling Clothes<br/>Shopping Day at Grace<br/>6:30 p.m.<br/>Holy Communion</p> |
| <p>25</p> <p>8:00 a.m. Matins<br/>9:15 a.m. Youth/Sunday School<br/>NO Adult Bible Study<br/>9:30 a.m. Trustees Meeting<br/>10:45 a.m. Matins<br/>12pm Youth-Swaddling Clothes<br/>Baby Shower Lunch</p> | <p>26</p> <p>12:00 p.m.<br/>(meet at Church)<br/>Youth Trip to Zig-E's<br/>Funland</p>           | <p>27</p>   | <p>28</p> | <p>29</p>  | <p>23</p> <p>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off<br/>CHURCH<br/>OFFICE CLOSED</p>  | <p>24</p> <p>6:30 p.m.<br/>Vespers</p>   |
| <p><b>PASTOR ERIC KLEINSCHMIDT ON VACATION</b></p>   |  |   |           |  |   |  |
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# JULY 2023

| Sun  | Mon   | Tue   | Wed                                  | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
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| 2<br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion  | 3<br>6:30 p.m.<br><i>Highland Twilight<br/>Parade</i>                             | 4 <i>Independence Day</i><br><b>CHURCH OFFICE<br/>CLOSED</b>  | 5                                    | 6<br>10:00-11:30 a.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Work Day (Grace)<br>5:30 p.m.<br>Youth Comm. Mtg.<br>7:00 p.m.<br><b>Elders Meeting</b> | 7 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br>CHURCH<br>OFFICE CLOSED  | 7<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion  |
| 9<br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Breakfast/Sunday<br>School  | 10<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Stewardship/Planning<br>Meeting<br>7:30 p.m.<br>Church Council | 11  | 12<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Confessions Class | 13<br>10:00-11:30 a.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Work Day (Grace)   | 14 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br>CHURCH<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 15<br>9 a.m.—12 p.m.<br>Swaddling Clothes<br>Shopping Day at Grace<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion |
| 16<br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion   | 17<br><b>Aug-Sept Newsletter<br/>Deadline</b>                                     | 18  | 19<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Confessions Class | 20<br><b>VICAR/YOUTH AT HIGHER THINGS<br/>AT SOUTHERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY,<br/>CARBONDALE, IL</b>                                     | 21 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br>CHURCH<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 22<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion   |
| 23<br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br><b>9:00-10:15 a.m. Pope Family<br/>Farewell Coffee</b><br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion | 24  | 25  | 26<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Confessions Class | 27  | 28 <i>Pastor's/Vicar's<br/>Day Off</i><br>CHURCH<br>OFFICE CLOSED | 29<br>6:30 p.m.<br>Holy Communion   |
| 30<br>8:00 a.m. Holy Communion<br>9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/<br>Youth Group/Sunday School<br>10:45 a.m. Holy Communion   | 31  | <b>SAVE THE DATE:</b><br>SUNDAY, AUGUST 6, 2023<br><br><b>VICAR GRANT TAPKEN INSTALLATION AT 10:45 SERVICE</b><br><b>CHURCH PICNIC—VICAR &amp; NEW MEMBER WELCOME</b><br><b>AT NOON</b> |                                      |   |   |   |