

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 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: Grant Tapken
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. Sept. 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.



LITTLE LAMBS LEARNING CENTER 2023-2024 REGISTRATION.

Please visit our church website. 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 with specific questions.

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From Pastor's Desk
August/September 2023

“Thus says the Lord of hosts: These people say the time has not yet come to rebuild the house of the Lord.”³ Then the word of the Lord came by the hand of Haggai the prophet,⁴ “Is it a time for you yourselves to dwell in your paneled houses, while this house lies in ruins? ...^{5, 7} “Thus says the Lord of hosts: Consider your ways.⁸ Go up to the hills and bring wood and build the house, that I may take pleasure in it and that I may be glorified, says the Lord.”

– Haggai 1:2-8

I think it is the visible hand of the Lord who has guided our congregational Bible studies to be focused on the rebuilding of the Temple in our Sunday morning class, and the building of the Church after the Resurrection in our online Acts class, all the while Redeemer is considering a major building project for our future.

Redeemer has two options for addressing the boiler leak under the floor in the education wing: The Band-Aid Option where we can run pipes along the ceiling inside the classrooms and through the hall for about \$65,000, or the Rebuild Option where tear down the education wing and rebuild the foyer and 2 classrooms at a much greater cost.

In case you are wondering, we cannot just fix the broken pipe because it is somewhere under the floor encased in concrete. We cannot jackhammer the concrete to find the leak without compromising the foundation and walls. If we choose the Band-Aid option and re-pipe the boiler along the inside of the ceiling, there is no guarantee that another pipe won't break in the near future, or that the water main that runs through that part of the building might break and leave us without water completely. The entire foundation of that wing has cracked, you can see it in the floor between the classrooms. We've also discovered at least two sinkholes underneath and around that part of the building. The bathrooms in that wing are not handicap accessible or up to code. The materials used for plumbing, heating, and the very brick itself is at the

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tail end of its expected lifespan. All these issues and many more have led the Church Council to consider the cost of tearing the aged and decaying building, and fixing all the issues at once.

The Rebuild Option is going to be expensive. With the costs of everything going up, common sense says that now is not an ideal time to build. But will it ever be better? We don't know that either. Very soon the work of the building committee will be presented to the congregation for consideration along with that number for the projected cost. That number will be shocking. It will be high. We knew that even before we began. The cost will be frightening and we may wonder how we can ever meet it. But I think it was the same feeling that members of Redeemer had when they decided to leave the Dairy Hall and build the church here in 1956. The same feeling we had a few years later when we decided to add the education wing in 1962. The same feeling we had when we demolished the front of the church sanctuary and built the church offices in 1980. We've been through building projects before and I'm sure they were all daunting and filled with questions and doubt. But Redeemer came through and built the house of the Lord. The people who came before us, gave of themselves to make sure we had this Redeemer to use and enjoy. Now that same opportunity is set before us.

What we need to decide is what we want standing here 15-25 years from now. Congregations in our circuit are closing at a rapid rate. Concordia Hammond has closed, Peace Schererville has closed. More NWI congregations are on the cusp of closing with dwindling membership and buildings that require more maintenance than the people can handle. In the near future, Redeemer could be the LCMS option for those who don't want a large congregation with a school... but we need to physically be here. Not held together with Band-Aids and duct tape, but with a building that glorifies the Lord, and with people who are committed to leaving a solid and lasting heritage for the people of God who will come after us.

Do we absolutely need to build? No. Can a Band-Aid hold for another 10 years? Maybe. Can we meet the cost of a rebuilding project? I don't know. These are the things we need to wrestle with as a congregation. Please pray about these things and look over the information that will be presented in the near future, and be at the meetings. In all things ask yourself if your feelings about everything are about the present or the future? Are you looking inward, or outward? What do you hope Redeemer will be like 15-25 years from now and how can you make that a reality?

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

SUNDAY 8 AM SERVICE IS IN-PERSON & LIVE STREAMED. 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 under Sermons (upper right corner). All the Redeemer services and studies can be found at: **HTTPS://WWW.YOUTUBE.COM/C/REDEEMERLUTHERANCHURCHHIGHLAND/VIDEOS**

Pastor Kleinschmidt's Online Study on Acts posts new lessons on Wednesdays. Also, the complete Ecclesiastes, Psalms and Proverbs Studies are available online.

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. **We don't want to lose touch!**

† WHERE CAN YOU SERVE? †

New members are always needed to help on ALL committees! Fellowship ♦ Christian Education ♦ Youth/Post High School ♦ Trustees ♦ Evangelism ♦ Stewardship/Planning ♦ plus Altar Guild

If you would like to join a committee, just come to a meeting, or speak with Pastor Eric or Stacy in the church office to get in touch with the chairperson.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS! COMMITTEE MEETING DATES:

- Youth Committee: August 3 & September 7 at 5:30 p.m.
- Elders – August 7 & (Thursday) September 7 at 7:00 p.m.
- Trustees: No August Meeting. Meet Sept. 10 at 12pm
- Planning & Stewardship – August 14 & September 11 at 6:30 p.m.
- Church Council – August 14 & September 11 at 7:30 p.m.
- Christian Education – Aug. 22 at 4pm & Sept. 26 at 5pm.

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 (**Aug. 19th & Sept. 16th**). Visit www.facebook.com/swaddlingclothesdyer for the most up-to-date info. Volunteers needed! **Work Days are 1st & 2nd Thursdays** from 10-11:30 a.m.



NEEDS: diapers (esp. size 5 & 6), wipes (flip-top refills), baby wash, diaper cream, and clothing (newborn to 3T, esp. 2T & 3T clothes). You may drop off items at Redeemer in the foyer.

THANK YOU to all the generous donors & volunteers!

ASCENSION LUTHERAN CHRISTIAN SCHOOL (ALCS) in Gary 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. 49th Ave., Gary, IN 46408. You can also help support Ascension by attending:

★ **A Dining Out Fundraiser at Culver's** in Schererville (980 W US 30) on Saturday, August 19th, from 3m-8pm, hosted by Grace (Dyer) LWML. Mention "LWML" when ordering. Culver's is donating 20% of sales. ★

WOUNDED HEALERS GRIEF SUPPORT GROUPS. Wounded Healers will begin their Summer 2023 program for grief support on **Wednesdays, September 6 – November 15 at 7PM** at St. James Church in Highland (corner of Kennedy Ave. & 45th 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. The *Healing Through the Holidays* Program will be held on Wednesday, November 15, 2023, 7:00-8:30pm

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. To fill out a Google contact form for a school in Indiana, go to <https://in.lcms.org/campus-ministry/> or for schools outside of Indiana, go to <https://www.lcms.org/campus-ministry/lcms-u-campus-link> to fill out a contact form.

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

If we decide to build again, we will be taking out a massive loan. That will require changes and sacrifices on our part as a congregation, and it will require the generosity and giving from all of us for years yet to come. There are no short-term commitments here. We have to be in it for the long haul and chipping away at our debt week after week after week. It will seem like an insurmountable task. But if you go down to the church basement, somewhere you'll find a box with some burned up pieces of paper. It's from the 10-45 service on February 13, 1977 when Redeemer burned the mortgage because we were finally debt free. What I'm sure seemed insurmountable at the time, was finally accomplished, and there was so much joy on the part of those who contributed that they took the time to save some silly pieces of paper for posterity. Maybe they were leaving us some encouragement.

Whatever we do, let us all dedicate ourselves to working towards a Redeemer that is beautiful and functional for the next generations where God may be glorified and proclaimed. Northwest Indiana needs Redeemer. Let us make sure she is here.

SUMMER LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS CLASS CONTINUES!

Wednesdays at 6:30 PM until August 30th

It's not too late to join!

Speak with Pastor Kleinschmidt for more information.

Concordia: A Reader's Edition book is used for the class.

Vicar Grant Tapken will be installed at the 8:00 AM Service on Sunday, August 6, 2023.

SHOWER THE NEW VICAR - AUGUST 6, 2023

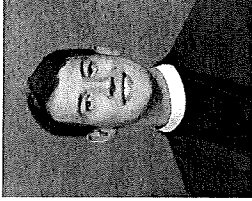
WITH PANTRY STAPLES or grocery store gift cards.

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

THE CHURCH PICNIC WILL TAKE PLACE ON SUNDAY, AUG. 6TH.

The picnic will welcome the newly installed Vicar Grant Tapken, as well as all the new members since last year's picnic. Tickets are on sale in the church foyer weekends July 15-30 & in the church office during the week. **Tickets must be purchased by Sunday, July 30th.** New members since Aug. 2022 have been sent an invitation with tickets, please RSVP by July 30th! Ticket cost is \$5 per person (children 12 & under are FREE). Tickets are available in the church foyer. The Picnic will be held at Redeemer from **12:30-2:00 p.m.** Chicken, Hot Dogs, and Chips will be provided. Sign-up sheets for bringing sides & desserts and for helping with set-up or clean-up are also on the table.

MEET REDEEMER'S 34TH 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.

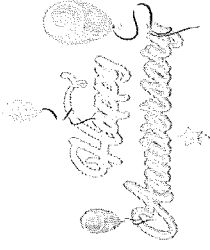
In Christ, Grant Tapken

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.

ATTENTION DARTBALL PLAYERS – PAST AND FUTURE The Redeemer Dartball Team will hold a practice night to warm up those throwing arms on **Tuesday, Sept. 5th at 7 PM** in the MPR. All confirmed males are welcome. The team is willing to teach new players how to play Dartball (a cross between darts & baseball). Questions, contact Team Captain Ken Smith at 219-688-9030. *Half of the games are played at Redeemer and half are played at other Lutheran Churches in Lake County.* Schedules will be handed out at practice. The first game of the season (Sept. 12) will be held at Redeemer at 7:30PM.

Celebrating a Wedding Anniversary: AUGUST

Josh & Katie Lynn 8/1
Steve & Kelli Mack 8/6
Brian & Serena Schmitt 8/12
Ken & Patricia Bakker. 8/12
Matt & Andrea Warner 8/13
Roger & Shirley Rodda 8/15
Eric & Emily Conner ... 8/19
Roger & Bev Rodeck .. 8/21
Curtis & Karen Geissler 8/22
Keith & Melanie Bond. 8/24
Scott & Angie Noojin 8/25
George & Donna Klaubo 8/26
Joseph & Kathy Dvorscak 8/28
Doug & Lena Whitaker 8/28
Paul & Colleen Lulinski 8/30



Wedding Anniversary: JULY

Quintin & Alyssa Pioch 9/1
Bruno & Donna Maturity 9/5
Mike & Sue Douthett 9/6
Jason & Sara Hill 9/8
Mark & Kelsey Arndt 9/9
Gilbert & Barb Baldazo 9/10
Robert & Laura Ruzycski 9/10
Tom & Donna Skorupa 9/10
David & Erin Kaegebein 9/14
Jack & Linda Friedrickson 9/17
Brian & Courtney McLindon 9/18
John & Kristi Rogers 9/18
Milke & Carol Drysch 9/19
Al & Kathy Bladow 9/23
Jerry & Arlene Albertson 9/24
Keith & Pat Aurand 9/24
Tyler & Katie Buffington 9/24
Edward & Cathy Boncela 9/24
Thomas & Linda Miller 9/24
Jason & Angela Fowler 9/26

**OCTOBER-NOVEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE will be:
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11TH at 2 PM.**

CONFIRMATION CALL-OUT:

A **MANDATORY** Confirmation Orientation Meeting for parents and students with Pastor Kleinschmidt will be held **Tuesday, September 26th at 6:00 PM**. Confirmation Classes for the 2023-24 school year will begin on Tuesday, October 3rd, 4:00 - 5:30 PM. Confirmation students are expected to serve as acolytes during church services.

Children entering 5th, 6th, or 7th grade and parents must attend this meeting if they wish to participate in the upcoming Confirmation Classes.

The Confirmation Class Fee is \$20/student.

(7th graders – Save the Date) Rite of Confirmation: May 19, 2024.

HANDBELL CHOIR: Due to the many early fall school activities, the handbell choir will not be practicing in August or September. It is hoped to begin rehearsals in October. We could use more ringers, either as regulars or substitutes. If you have never played handbells before, come and learn! Please think about it. New and previous ringers, please sign your name and (preferably cell) phone number on the sheet posted on the board in the church hallway. If you have any questions, please contact Gretchen Smith or Rhoda Davies.

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 Wanicke for sending out the Cradle Roll.
- Dennis & Mary Russell for changing the church sign.
- Susan VanTil for all her restocking & care of the Children's Busy Bags.
- Lisa Doughman, Jill Kreis & family for the 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 Wyatt & Jason Kucginski for repairing and maintaining the lawn equipment.
- Jason Kucginski and A.J. Broviak for taken care of the large tree limb that fell in the church parking lot.

**Thank
You**

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.

LIFELIGHT BIBLE STUDY will be meeting **Wednesdays at 7PM** in the Multipurpose Room beginning on **Wednesday, September 6th**. Vicar Grant Tapken will lead the class. Watch bulletin for the topic.

★ **LADIES OF REDEEMER**★ Mark your calendars. The Mary & Martha Circle returns in September. The first meeting of the fall will be on **Thursday, September 7th at 1:00 PM** in the MPR. Come and get some goodies from the LWML National Convention! Bring your ideas for activities and projects for the coming year!

A DOOR OFFERING WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, SEPT. 9TH & SUNDAY, SEPT. 10TH AFTER ALL THREE SERVICES TO SUPPORT OUR LOCAL BROADCAST OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR. WJOB – RADIO 1230 AM is the NW Indiana regional broadcaster of "The Lutheran Hour" on **Sundays at 10 AM every week**. Programming is paid for by the Calumet Lutheran Mission Association.

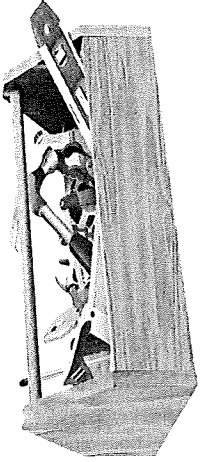
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION WEEKEND will be held **during all three services on September 9 & 10**. Lay Sunday School teachers, Confirmation teachers and Youth leaders are recognized and installed. Also during all services this weekend, Redeemer has a tradition of presenting Bibles to all 3rd graders. If your child is entering the 3rd grade, please notify the church office (info@redeemerhighland.org or 838-4898) as soon as possible, so we can have a Bible personalized for him or her to receive that weekend.

Fall Sunday School will begin in person on Sunday, Sept. 10th at 9:15 a.m. in the North Classroom.

SAVE THE DATE – Sunday, September 17th: Redeemer's Adopted Missionary through Lutheran Bible Translators, Amy Formella, will be coming to Redeemer to speak about her work in Sierra Leone on **Sunday, September 17th at 9:15 a.m.** Adult Bible Study, Youth Group, and Sunday School will join together for this special presentation to hear Missionary Amy speak. A light breakfast will be provided by the Board of Elders. *A door offering will be received after all three services.* Please plan to join and hear updates on her work.

CHOIR will practice on **Monday, September 18th at 6pm** in the upstairs choir loft. New members are always welcome and are NEEDED! Co-Directors are Meghan Kleinschmidt & Colette Martin

LADIES TUESDAY BIBLE CLASS will resume on **Tuesday, September 19. PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE! We will continue our study of BLESS THESE LIPS by Sheila Fritz. If you have any questions please contact Janice Richey**



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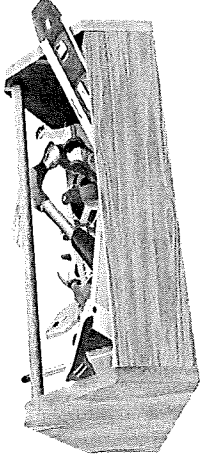
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24 8:00 a.m. Holy Communion 9:15 a.m. Adult Bible Study/ Youth Group/Sunday School 10:45 a.m. Holy Communion	25	26 9:30 – 11:00 a.m. Ladies Bible Study 5:00 p.m. Christian Ed. Mtg. 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Call-out 7:30 p.m. Dartball (Hobart)	27 7:00 p.m. LifeLight	28 11:00 a.m. Little Lambs Chapel	29 Pastor's/Vicar's Day Off CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED	30 6:30 p.m. Holy Communion