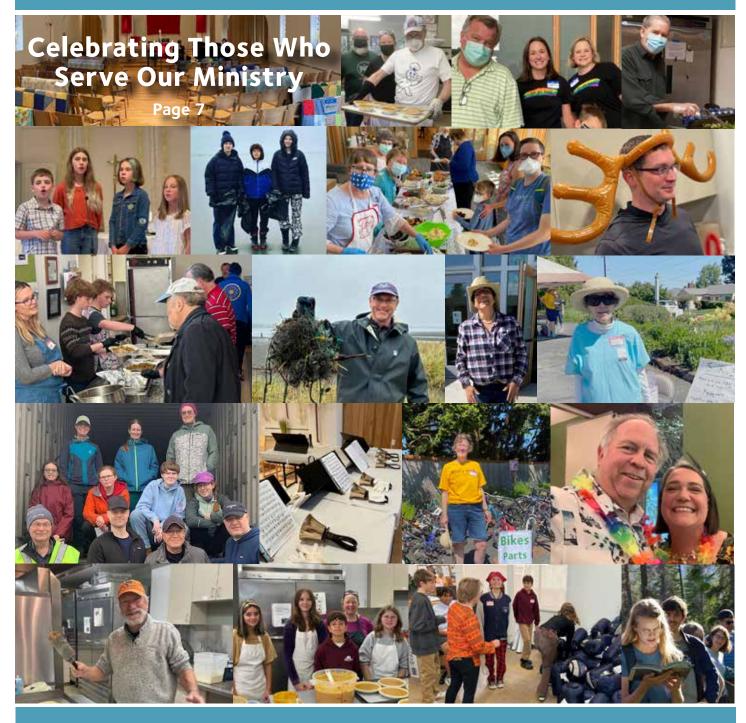
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TheVisitor



A Community in the Model of Christ

From the Pastor...

A good friend of mine has introduced me to an entirely new world. It's not a world that didn't exist; a world that was, at least for me, not fully observable to my limited gaze. When, in fact, it was right under my nose, to begin with, all along, and I had just never come to slow down and see it as clearly as she was noticing it.

The friend of whom I speak is also my colleague, Pastor Gretchen. As many of you might already know she has a healthy (debatable) obsession with sea anemones and various other sea creatures. Frankly, when I see her posts on Facebook and Instagram of these intricate, delicate life forms beneath the sea I am mesmerized. Her videos and pics increase the visibility of these environments with such vivid clarity that it renews and focuses my attention to other-worldly type existence in new ways.

From the thick-horned nudibranch to the sea lemon to the sea star to the dancing communities of jellyfish. Wow! Just, wow! Who knew these existed? And all along, when I've walked along the piers and shores of Puget Sound, I most often have neglected this most beautiful part of God's creation teaming about me.

This reminds me of what Jesus does for us in his resurrection, and through the road to Emmaus story of Luke. Jesus helps people in this world to recognize what otherwise appears to us as familiar and ordinary, but, upon further and closer examination, is an entire other-worldly perspective that lives and moves and breathes on its terms, and in parallel with our existing lives.

The thing with slowing down to see things anew is that most often it is an interruption to our normal gaze of things. This interruption isn't about the big picture, but rather the smaller and more nuanced, micropicture. In that smaller gaze, I am brought into a world of amazement and delicate balance of how much lifeforms inhabit and interact with their environments so different than mine.

Could it be that the Kin-dom of God, Jesus being raised from the dead, gives us a completely new way of seeing the world, and how it is that God is moving through it? Could it be that the resurrection and our growing recognition of its presence and movement in our lives produce a different quality of existence for ourselves?

Creation always mediated the divine as we know in the person of Jesus. Jesus helps us to look more closely around us and with greater willingness to see things that at first, we either can't or don't see; to be more open to the possibilities of life and ways of functioning life all around us than we normally are conditioned to see.

It is no wonder that Jesus was constantly encouraging his disciples with the words, "Let those with ears to hear, listen."

Sensing beyond our familiarity is both the invitation to join God in God's currents of daily Life, and to participate with a greater sense of awe and appreciation that it is truly God who is creating something new all around us.



Go in peace and see something new! Thanks be to God.

Pastor David







This Month at Our Redeemer's

June 1, Thursday 7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

IN THIS NEWSLETTER June 3, Saturday 9 AM - Liturgical Arts Team | Sanctuary

4 PM - Confirmation and Celebration Dinner | Fellowship Hall

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June 4, Sunday 9 AM - Informal Worship

4 WORSHIP & MUSIC

PENTECOST

9 AM - Reception of New Members

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9 AM - Kid's Birthday Party for the Church

6 COMMUNITY

11 AM - Traditional Worship

11 AM - Confirmation Affirmation of Faith

LIVING GENEROUSLY 4 PM - Madonna's Book Group | Location TBD

FAITH FORMATION June 6, Tuesday 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

11 SOCIAL JUSTICE

June 7, Wednesday

6:30 PM - Kid's Choir
7 PM - Choir Rehearsal

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OUR VISION: In the model of Christ and for the life of the world, we are an inclusive, devoted, caring, and spiritual community that accepts challenges, takes risks, and grows.



June 8, Thursday 7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

June 11, Sunday 9 AM - Informal Worship
MUSIC SUNDAY 10 AM - Ice Cream Social-Faith Formation | Fellowship Hall

10 AM - Proposed Budget Review w/Finance Team

| Slate Room

11 AM - Traditional Worship

June 12, Monday 7 PM - Faith Formation Meeting

June 13, Tuesday 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

6:30 PM - Executive Team Meeting

June 15, Thursday 7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

June 18, Sunday 9 AM - Informal Worship

9 AM - Graduate Blessing*
11 AM - Traditional Worship

2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran

June 20, Tuesday 12:30 PM - Staff Meeting

7 PM - Church Council Meeting

June 22, Thursday 7 PM - Ensemble Rehearsal

June 24, Saturday 2 PM - Harold Alley Memorial | Our Redeemer's

June 25, Sunday 10 AM - Summer Worship

PRIDE SUNDAY 11 AM - Congregational Meeting | In-Person, Sanctuary

*Our 2023 Graduates!

On Sunday, June 18th at the 9:00 am service, we will be blessing both of our high school graduates, John Gibson and Leif Loklingholm. It is a gift and privilege to walk in faith with young people like these, and we will keep them close and in prayer as they move forward with their lives of adventure and blessing!







Pentecost/Confirmation Sunday June 4, 9 AM & 11 AM Services

We are celebrating Pentecost on Sunday June 4th. Pentecost is the day we recognize God's creation of the Church. It is our tradition to wear red that day, and be reminded of the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. This Pentecost, we are blessed to have two celebrations of faith - the reception of new members, and the affirmation of faith for our confirmation students.

At the 9:00 am service, we will be celebrating those who are making a commitment to our congregation and joining this part of the body of Christ! Scott Chrisman, Andrew Shimer & Rachel Stenberg, Ardene Adams & Cathy Fransson, Judy Malmgren, Paul & Jolanta Grigbsy, Sam & Emily Hendricks, Susan Ulrich-Angell, Mary Melvey, Anne McGrew, Barb Moen, and Sarah Bloom. We rejoice that you have found a church family among us!

At the 11:00 am service, we are honoring six confirmation students as they affirm their baptisms: Sam Trussell, Kyra Ege, Liam Duqaw, Lucy Watkins, Hazel Prentice, and Lake Neill. Congratulations to them and their families! May the journey in faith continue to be rich in blessings!

Gratitude abounds, even as we pray, "Come Holy Spirit!"



At 9:00 am on June 11th we celebrate those who are making a commitment to our congregation. See their bios at right.

Our New Members

Sam & Emily Hendricks The Hendricks' both grew up in church and wanted to be part of a church community focused on love, service, and inclusion. They enjoy that Our Redeemers is open and inclusive and so welcoming to kids and families. Their free time is taken up with kids' activities: reading, baking, Nintendo Switch games, and kiddie pool fun. The Hendricks' kids are Bette (8), Nora (4) and Harry (1.5).

Susan Ulrich-Angell Susan, Emily Hendrick's mother, came from Grace Episcopal Church on Bainbridge Island. She wanted a church where Bette, Nora, and Harry would be happy and learn about Jesus. Susan lives in a cottage behind the Hendricks' home and helps care for her grandchildren. She enjoys the informal service, the music, and relaxing atmosphere.

Barb Moen Barb was looking for a church that aligned with her values, was in the neighborhood, was welcoming, had good music, and was an active participant in the community. Barb immediately got involved as a greeter because she found the greeters to be so friendly that she wanted to contribute, too. Barb spends her days gardening, raising chicks, studying genealogy, scrapbooking, quilting, and reading.

Anne McGrew Anne is a life-long Lutheran, has been a member of the Ballard community for more than 35 years and raised her two children here. She is recently retired and realized it was important to re-affirm her faith and have a church home. Anne connected with some wonderful people in The Journey class and is excited to contribute to serving the church community.



Music Sunday!

June 11. 9 AM & 11 AM Services

We are excited for this year's Music Sunday as we'll celebrate the church calendar year through song! In identical services at 9:00 am and 11:00 am, the Ensemble, both Choirs, and Guest Musicians will lead us on a musical and liturgical journey through Advent, Christmas, Epiphany, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost. A wide variety of music will highlight each church season. Imagine singing "O Come, All Ye Faithful" with organ and brass in June!

With a mixture of beloved congregational songs, hymns, and special music, Sunday, June 11th promises to be a festive morning. All are invited and welcome to be part of the music!

Summer Worship Schedule

Sundays
June 25 - September 3
One Service at 10 AM

Our summer schedule is lighter than the rest of the year, with one service at 10:00 am, followed by coffee and fellowship outside on the patio.

Special music will be shared from various members of our community as offering, and we will worship less formally "in the round." Nursery care is provided, but our Faith Formation classes will be on hold until September 10th.

Meeting Jesus: Who do you say that I am?

Starting June 25th, we are delving into our preconceived notions about Jesus Christ and uncovering fresh perspectives and profound significance about the Messiah in our 10 am Sunday worship gatherings. The accounts in the gospels vividly portray the tension surrounding the conflicting

expectations others held compared to who he truly remains relevant even in our scriptures, Jesus prompts us our customs, the individuals essence of being both gracious regarding Jesus' identity was – a dynamic that present time. Just as in the to continuously consider we engage with, and the and yet boldly prophetic.

Celebrating June Birthdays!

- 1 Ken Lubkowski
- 3 Glory Frodesen
- 3 Harper Hammett
- 9 Nelson Miller
- 9 Mary Pederson
- 9 Christine Skow
- 10 Denny Palmason
- 12 Levi Jancola

- 13 Jana Davis
- 13 Erik Giesa
- 13 Arava Sevler
- 14 Deanna Carter
- 20 Chuck McKenzie
- 20 Nancy Parks
- 21 Richard Holt
- 23 Matt Grover

- 24 Andrew Brissette
- 26 Olaf Brissette
- 27 Mary Peters
- 28 Gabriel Jones
- 28 Terrence Rindler
- 29 Marli Iverson
- 30 Craig Gibson

If you or someone else needs to be added to the birthday list please let us know by calling the church: 206.783.7900.

June 4th: Kid's Birthday Party for the Church!

Sunday, June 4, 10 AM | Fellowship Hall

Mr. Dana is hosting a birthday party for the church and all the Faith Formation students on June 4th, and everyone is invited!





L-R: Kari Guddal, Linda Carbone, Chris Kalinski, Noel Wannebo, Julie Vannoy, and Sandy Box

Join Our Redeemer's for Faith and Family Day at T-Mobile Park on Saturday afternoon, August 26!

- Tickets are \$26 for 100-level seats
- Attendees get a Mariners-themed Faith and Family **T-shirt**
- A panel of M's players and staff will talk about their faith postgame!

Secure seats by using THIS LINK

(https://rb.gy/9w9zu) and paying for tickets, or send in a check to Our Redeemer's. Questions? Contact Nancy OldenKamp, nancy@oldenkamp.org.

Emmaus Visitor Workshop Recap

Sharing quality time with our home-bound members is one of the most important ministries of our congregation. On May 6th, Our Redeemer's hosted a training for Emmaus Visitors, and on Sunday the 14th six visitors were commissioned. Julie Vannoy, Kari Guddal, Linda Carbone, Chris Kalinski, Sandy Box, and Noel Wannebo have each been paired with a home-bound member of our congregation to visit with monthly, and share holy communion together. This ministry of our congregation is vital, lifegiving, and biblically given. We are deeply grateful for each of these folks, and their commitment to our homebound members who may be quite isolated. Blessings on your work and ministry among us!



NEW MEMBERS continued from page 4

Ardene Adams & Cathy Fransson Ardene and Cathy were attracted to Our Redeemer's because of the inclusivity of worship and welcoming members of the congregation and staff. Being members anchors them in a community they're comfortable in and can contribute to. They have a relaxing, full life at Ida Culver Broadview.

Judith Malmgren Judith has lived in this neighborhood all her life and in fact, her Aunt Clara went to church at Our Redeemers years ago. She looks forward to Sundays for the music and time for reflection. Judith has already jumped right into ushering in the 11:00 am service. She is a mostly retired epidemiologist, is an active gardener and spend time on their boat.

Sarah Bloom Sarah, along with her husband Christoff and son, Nikola, started attending during the Pandemic. She's been looking for a faith community and it became clear that Our Redeemers is what she'd been searching for. Sarah enjoys the music, fellowship, and a time to sit and reflect. During the week, she oversees a museum and spends time with Nikola, who's two and a half.

Paul & Jolanta Grigsby The Grigsby's say it was the rich history, friendliness and sense of community that drew them to Our Redeemers. They were recently involved in the EarthCare retreat, auction, and Thanksgiving dinner. They're an active family with interests including basketball, tennis, rowing, surfing, swimming, and gymnastics. Plus they love to travel! Children: Nikolas age 11 and Viktoria age 6.

Mary Melvey Mary says it was the banner and sign information in front of the church that first caught her attention. She likes the laid-back environment and feels a sense of inclusiveness and non-judgmental grace. Mary is retired and enjoys gardening, walking, visiting with family and friends and crafts – especially sewing and knitting.

Rachel Stenberg & Andrew Shimer Andrew and Rachel noted that compared to previous church experiences, at Our Redeemer's they were immediately recognized, welcomed, and folks came up to speak to them right away. They also find the fact that Our Redeemer's makes an effort to include everyone – at the communion table and everywhere else. Outside of work, Andrew is a Speech and Debate Coach and is already working with church youth and hosting events, and is working on our Call Committee. Rachel is about to graduate law school and is studying for the bar exam this summer. Andrew and Rachel got married just this last year.



Your Heart For Ministry Makes All The Difference by Mandy Neill

I thank my God every time I remember you, constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you, because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now. – Philippians 1:3-5

As people of God and followers of Jesus, we know that God has no hands on the Earth but ours, and no eyes but ours, and no mouths but ours. The work of God on the Earth is ours to do. Thanks be to God for this overwhelming list of beautiful souls that have answered God's call to be of use in this community in tangible and real ways! This is how we show up in the world – as love embodied with every stitch, meal, song, meeting, plan, repair, lesson, committee and laugh! From advocating for justice to remembering our heritage to building for the future, we thank God for you and your willingness to serve. Blessings to you, and thank you for being a blessing to God!



Amy Borgmeyer Amy Hammett **Andrew Shimer Anita Lewis** Ava Haroldson **Barb Dougherty** Barb Moen Barbara Smith Ben Kalina **Betsy McGregor Bob Carlson Brenna Campbell** Candace Todd **Robbins** Carl Christensen Carolyn Davis Cathy Frannson Chris Kalinski **Christine Skow Cindy Anderson** Cindy Ege **Connie Sandstrom Corey Cox** Dana Wright Dave Eicke David McBride Dena Weller (and daughter) **Denny Palmason** Diana Myers

Dinah Coble Donna Lansberry Ed Kloth Eliza Prentice **Emilie Purvine Eric Johnson Eric Olson** Eric Runnina **Erica Prentice Erin Miller** Fred Flickinger **Guy Michaelson** Harold Dickinson-Laurence **Hazel Prentice** Holly Gundacker Iris Minus Jana Brady Janet Woodfield Jerri Harden Joanna Elizondo **Jodi Somm** John Borgmeyer John Somm Johnna Michaelson Jolanta Grigsby Jordan Holt Judith Malmgren **Judy Chambers** Judy Wright

Julianna Rigg- Hillard Julie Lowe Julie Vannov **Karen Carlson** Kari Guddal Karlie Savo Katharine Chrisman Katy Ellingsen **Kris Rogness** Kristin Miller Kyle McBride Kyra Ege Lake Neill Lars Sveum Hanson Liam Dugaw Linda Carbone Linda Christensen Lisa Thompson Lisa Watkins **Lorna Williams Lucy Watkins** Lynne McNeill Malaika Dugaw Marco Cerrato Margaret Berg Maria Kalina Marie Brissette Marie Nordquist-

Lessard

Marjorie Minus Mary Martha McIntyre **Mary Peters** Mary Peterson **Matt Grover** Meagan Minus-Miller Metriese Wayne Michael Hammett Mike Hlastala MJ McDermott Morgan Fowler Nancy Oldenkamp **Niels Running** Noel Wannebo Oskar Somm Pamela Altman Pamela Anderson **Paul Grigsby** Paul Kalina Paula Hlastala Phillipa Dugaw Rachel Stenberg Rachel Trussell Randy Smith Rebecca Dugopolski **Ross Coble Ryan Mertes**

Sally Parker-Henderson Sam Purvine Sam Trussell Sandy Box Sarah Bod **Scott Chrisman** Shelbe Kukowski **Sherry Rosing** Sonja Braasch **Stephanie Fowler** Stephanie Running Steve Cromwell Sue Schoolcraft Susan Fegler Tad Anderson Tamara Anderson Tim Dugaw Tim Hunter Tom Bernard Tricia Kloth Victoria Gibson Weller Mertes Wilson Ellingsen **Zeke Mertes**



Proposed 2023-2024 Budget Review Meeting June 11th

Do you have questions about Our Redeemer's draft budget for the upcoming year? **There will be a Budget Review meeting with the Finance Team on Sunday, June 11th between services to get the clarification you need.** You're invited to the Slate Meeting Room (back of sanctuary) with your questions!

Our Annual Meeting!

Sunday, June 25, 11 AM - Noon

The Annual Congregational Meeting... Think of it as the church "State of the Union" gathering, where we:

- Come together to thank God for this congregation, and all the good trouble we've gotten in together over the past year.
- Celebrate our volunteers in ministry and pray for those new folks who are yet to be among us.
- Have the honor to conduct the business of the church electing new Council Members, updating the Congregational Constitution, and passing the 2023–2024 Mission Budget.
- Sing and then be sent out into the world to do it all again!

All voting members are requested to be present and participate in this essential part of congregational life. If all goes well, the meeting will take approximately one hour.



Our Redeemer's Mission Budget

Thru 4-30-23

(83.33% thru the 2022-2023 fiscal year)

Income	2022-2023 Approved Budget	Year to Date Income as of 4.30.23	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	520,073	422,401	81.2%	(10,993)
Church Use	85,000	81,098	95.4%	10,265
*Special Giving	-	202,282	-	-
Fundraising (Auction)	26,000	30,467	117%	10,967
Interest	1,000	1,265	126.5%	
Total Regular Income (without Special Giving)	\$632,073	\$534,393	84.5%	7,665
**TOTAL INCOME	\$632,073	\$738,623	116.9%	211,895
Expenses	2022-2023 Approved Budget	Year to Date Expenses as of 4.30.23	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$642,688	\$447,406	69.6%	(88,167)

^{*}Special Giving denotes a one-time gift that was outside of regularly giving.

Regular giving is below budget by \$10,993. Expenses are also below budget and are mostly attributed to understaffing while we work through the transition process. Removing the special one-time gift, the church's expenses and income show a positive net profit of \$86,987. Expenses coming in at \$88,167 under budget contributed to this high net profit. For questions/concerns-please contact Parish Administrator, Karie Stearns, and Treasurer, Erin Miller, at administrator@ourredeemers.net. Thank you for your support!





Training for all teaching volunteers will be on August 27th (with food!). At the training, you will learn how lessons are taught, get successful management tools to use, and become acquainted with the safety protocols for working with children.

Volunteer Lesson Leaders Needed for O-ROCK in the Next School Year

O-ROCK (Our Redeemers Outstanding Church Kids), our elementary-aged children's "church" is growing! We will be running two classes at 10:00 am on Sundays starting September 12th, one group for grades K-2 and one for grades 3-5. **We need lesson leaders!** You don't need to have a child in the classes; we welcome the wisdom of anyone who can give one hour a month to teach a class from 10:00–11:00 am on Sundays.

The lessons and materials are prepared in advance and emailed to you to preview. **Lessons are easy to teach, and kids find them engaging.** There will be a second adult in the room to assist.

Please consider sharing your time with our youngest members! If interested, please email Betsy McGregor at bemac7309@gmail.com.

Celebrate the start of summer and thank our kids and youth volunteers at an

Ice Cream Social!

Sunday, June 11th 10:00 – 11:00 am Fellowship Hall

We'll be recognizing our amazing volunteers who have helped our children and youth grow in faith by teaching Sprouts, O-Rock, and Confirmation classes.

There will be a Bible exchange for children ready to level up to a more advanced version.





"Stellar" VBS: Shining a Light on Jesus' Love!

Join us August 7-11 from 9 am-12 pm on a cosmic quest that rockets kids on an out-of-this-world adventure that's light years of faith-building fun. Each day at "Stellar VBS", one memorable Bible Point is reinforced throughout each station, and kids delve into field-tested rotations that reinforce relevant Bible Points and immerse kids in new adventures. Register your kids for Stellar VBS! Download the registration form or fill out the one below and return to Pastor Gretchen.



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ALLERGIES AND/OR MEDICAL NEEDS:					
Home Church:					
NAME OF A FRIEND YOUR CHILD MIGHT LIKE TO BE WITH:					

PHOTO RELEASE FORM:

I hereby, authorize Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church (ORLC), to publish the photographs taken of me and/or the above mentioned minor children and our names, for use in the ORLC printed publications, website or social media.

I give permission, to ORLC to copyright, use and publish the photographs of my child with or without names for any lawful purpose, including illustrations, advertising and web content. I release, all claims against ORLC with respect to ownership and publication including any claims of compensation.

I confirm that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor child(ren) and have the authority to authorize to use their photographs and names.

Parent Signature	Date



Social Justice



Our Synod will be ordering and selling Northwest Washington Synod PRIDE t-shirts! Cost is \$10 per shirt and all proceeds will go to the synod LGBTQIA+ Ministry Fund. If you'd like to receive a T-shirt, sign up by June 6th by emailing welcome@ourredeemers.net.

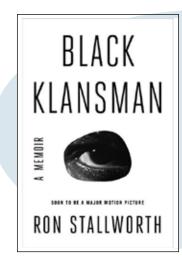
Pride Parade!

Sunday, June 25, 11 AM

Our Redeemer's is signed up to walk with at least 24 other Lutheran congregations from around our synod to show God's love and our support for all those among us who identify as LGBTQIA+. Come march with us for advocacy, reconciliation, and joy celebrating that ALL are created in God's image!







Madonna's Book Group

Sunday, June, 4 PM (location TBD)

The book to be discussed is BLACK KLANSMAN by Ron Stallworth. All are welcome to join in!

Madonna's Book Group meets to review books, support each other, and share personal journeys. Contact Lynne at buckomcneill@yahoo.com if you wish to join in.



Sign up (https://rb.gy/ea817) for June 18, July 16, or August 20. Reach out to Amy Borgmeyer (amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com) if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do!

Ballard Sunday Dinner Summer Needs

Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) takes place on the third Sunday of each month at Ballard First Lutheran Church. **This summer we want to make sure we have enough volunteers lined up to help out throughout June, July, and August.**

The roles are:

- **Early lead** is straight forward planning the meal and leading the volunteers through cooking and plating.
- **Late lead** focuses on making sure everyone is served and the kitchen and hall are cleaned up afterwards.
- All the roles have lots of availability we'll partner up with you until you're comfortable. Please sign up or inquire about how you can help out!



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return service requested

SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Service

in-person

11 AM Traditional Service

in-person & online

10 AM Summer Worship begins June 25th

Stream Online at 11 AM

Facebook: facebook.com/OurRedeemers Zoom: https://zoom.us/j/822691346

Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday 10 AM - 3PM





