

SEPTEMBER 2024



# The Visitor

**FALL KICKOFF**  
**September 22**  
Two Services 9 & 11am  
Faith Formation Classes Start  
"The Journey" Begins



*Gathering  
Our Gifts*

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**A Community in the Model of Christ**

### Gathering Our Gifts

It is little wonder why there are festivals in the Spring and Fall, still carried on to this day by many in the Jewish tradition and faith. Many of these festivals are celebrated when there is a flurry of activity—gathering and presenting the first fruits of every harvest—established times when there is much thanksgiving and feasting. But we also shouldn't forget that these feast times are also set alongside times for fasting and humility, when those thanksgivings recognize the order of things in the world, and the fact that such abundance and feasting cannot be taken for granted. Purim, Yom Kippur, and Sukkot, along with Rosh Hashanah and other high holy days begin with gathering; people are to gather the harvests, leaving portions of the fields and orchards for gleaners and animals to have their sustenance.

**It is gathering the people themselves—collectively reinforcing identity and the order of the world, and recalling the acts of God and the story of God's providence where the depth of these celebrations lead.**

It isn't just about harvest, though these Fall celebrations do command a respect for that gathering of sorts. More important is the activities that reveal the order of God's world—an order in which all have their needs met, and all produce and work is ultimately to be shared for the life of the world.

We, Christians, too, inherit the spirit of these celebrations and gatherings. Most markedly, our festivals coincide with the ones that Jesus, the apostles, and other Jews celebrated. We ought not forget that Passover is itself the backdrop if not the setting for which God's promise of life is poured out on all peoples for the sake of Christ Jesus. And, just as in the festival of Sukkot (booths), people are to take on humility in recalling the shelter God gave to the people in their wanderings, that Passover, too, recalls the grace of God towards the Hebrew slaves in Egypt. So the celebrations serve to gather the people into one and transform their disparate lives into unity of work and consciousness.

**To celebrate these festivals is to be gathered into one, just as the creation is, and is meant to be one in purpose and life.**

As we enter the Fall, we are called again to be gathered into one. We are given the call to collect our gifts and gather what we have to offer in thanks to God for the purposeful and ordered life of the Body of Christ. For our part, our gatherings are soil for the seeds of faith to take root. We come together not just in observation of the feasts and fasts that mark our liturgy, but so that what we are called to do in our shared life can assure that our community receives what it needs.

**Stewardship season offers us time to contemplate how we are more than just supporters of an organization, instead we are living witnesses to the gifts that we receive, and to share those gifts is to thank God.**

As we take steps to redevelop Faith Formation, the critical need for teachers, helpers, planners, and others to tend the fields means opportunity for us to gather our varied gifts for the life of faith in our community. Sharing our faith opens the way for us to involve ourselves in the life of the church, for the growth and rootedness of us and those who come after. Fall also allows us to kick off those activities and celebrations that root and transform us as a peculiar people.

**We kick off a season that is marked by traditions that celebrate the beginning of the school year, the completion of confirmation, new relationships and newfound identity for members of our community, new leadership, and ways which we can humbly and fervently discern God's ways for us, for such a time as this.**

This Fall promises to offer familiarity as well as fresh perspective. And in all these things, each of us is involved not disparately, but together, as we are gathered again to actively celebrate and joyfully give the gifts of God such as we are and in recognition of our place within the order of life.



Gather us in, O Lord, so we also may be an offering that sees our needs and your will fulfilled in us. Amen.

*-Pastor Thomas*

# What's Happening in September

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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.



**Sept. 1, Sunday**  
BACKPACK BLESSING

**10 AM - Summer Worship**

Sept. 2, Monday

Labor Day - Office Closed

Sept. 3, Tuesday

2:30 PM - Staff Meeting

Sept. 4, Wednesday

5 PM - B.A.T. Meeting

**Sept. 8, Sunday**  
GOD'S WORK, OUR HANDS

**10 AM - Summer Worship**  
**11 AM - Involvement & Ministry Fair**

Sept. 9, Monday

5 PM - Church Ladies Beer Night | Old Stove Gardens Brewery, 1550 NW 49th, Ballard

Sept. 10, Tuesday

2:30 PM - Staff Meeting  
7 PM - Church Council Meeting

**Sept. 15, Sunday**

**10 AM - Summer Worship | Our Redeemer's**  
11:30 AM - Annual Church BBQ Picnic | Blue Ridge Park, 2498 Blue Ridge Drive  
2 PM - Ballard Sunday Dinner | Ballard First Lutheran

Sept. 17, Tuesday

2:30 PM - Staff Meeting

Sept. 18, Wednesday

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary  
7 PM - LiVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course | Zoom

**September 22, Sunday**  
KICKOFF SUNDAY

**9 AM - Informal Worship**  
10 AM - Faith Formation Kick-Off  
10 AM - Kids' Choir | O-Rock Classrooms  
10:30 AM - Our Redeemer's Choir Practice | Sanctuary  
**11 AM - Traditional Worship**  
4 PM - The Journey | Fellowship Hall

Sept. 24, Tuesday

2:30 PM - Staff Meeting

Sept. 25, Wednesday

7 PM - Our Redeemer's Choir Rehearsal | Sanctuary  
7 PM - LiVE Project: Faith in Public Life Course | Zoom

**Sept. 29, Sunday**

**9 AM - Informal Worship**  
10 AM - Youth Faith Formation | Downstairs  
10 AM - Kid's Choir | O-Rock Classrooms  
10 AM - Confirmation | Library  
10 AM - Adult Forum | Fellowship Hall  
10:30 AM - Our Redeemer's Choir Practice | Sanctuary  
**11 AM - Traditional Worship**  
4 PM - The Journey | Fellowship Hall

Sept. 30, Monday

9 AM - Monthly Grounds Crew | Our Redeemer's Gardens



# Living Generously

## A Season of Stewardship - A Gathering of Gifts

Let us gather the gifts we've received, sharing what we have, fulfilling our needs, and supporting the church's ministries, staff, and this sacred place. As we approach our stewardship season this fall, we ask our community to discern and consider what we can offer to enable, enhance, expand, and edify our life together. Gathering what we have to share with others is a sacred trust, in which we ask God to safeguard and use our gifts to build up this community and our neighborhood. Stewardship is a call not just to meet our budget and be careful in our use of resources, but to trust in the abundance we have in communion as the Body of Christ. It is a call to be creative, to take steps of faith in new directions that God is leading us. How we steward the vision God has given us is most evident in the ways we trust that our gathered gifts for the life of the church are the life to which we were called in the waters of baptism. **Please contact Parish Administrator Karie Stearns or Pastor Thomas to be involved in planning and coordinating the meaningful, hope-filled, and impactful season of stewardship ahead of us.**

### Our Redeemer's Mission Budget

Fiscal Year 2024-2025 (8.3% thru FY)

Income	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Income Thru 7.31.24	% of Budget Year to Date	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Envelope & Loose Offerings	515,075	25,739	5.1%	(16,686)
Church Use	84,375	5,940	7.0%	(1,091)
Fundraising (Auction)*	26,000	0	0.0%	(2,167)
Interest	500	10	2.1%	(31)
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>625,950</b>	<b>31,689</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>(20,473)</b>

Expenses	2024-2025 Approved Budget	Expenses Thru 7.31.24	% of Budget	Over (Under) Budget Year to Date
Social Justice/Outreach	52,827	2,573	4.9%	(1,829)
Pastoral Staff	122,033	9,734	8.0%	(436)
Worship & Music	67,609	5,478	8.1%	(157)
Fellowship & Caring	20,727	662	3.2%	(1,065)
Faith Formation	25,904	929	3.6%	(1,230)
Stewardship	8,418	397	4.7%	(305)
Communications	49,985	3,696	7.4%	(469)
Facilities	168,944	21,286	12.6%	7,207
Administration	166,169	8,802	5.3%	(5,045)
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$682,616</b>	<b>53,556</b>	<b>7.8%</b>	<b>(3,329)</b>
<b>NET INCOME (Loss)</b>	<b>(\$56,666)</b>	<b>(21,866)</b>		<b>(17,144)</b>

Regular giving (envelope and loose offerings) is below budget by \$16,686 and regular income is below budget by \$20,473. One month into the fiscal year we are operating at a net loss of \$21,866. This is in part due to planned facilities expenses that are incurring at the beginning of the year, along with income from the auction coming in later this year.

For questions/concerns, to set up giving, or to change your giving, please contact Administrator, Karie Stearns at [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net). Thank you for your support!

To view the Financial Snapshot spreadsheet for Our Redeemer's thru July 2024, visit this [LINK](https://rebrand.ly/jxosku3) (<https://rebrand.ly/jxosku3>) or use the QR Code below. If you have questions or concerns about Our Redeemer's financial status, contact Karie Stearns, [administrator@ourredeemers.net](mailto:administrator@ourredeemers.net).





# Worship and Music



## Choirs Return with New Practice Schedule

Our Redeemer's Choir: Wednesdays 7-8:30 PM, Sanctuary

Kids' Choir: Sundays 10-10:10 AM, O-Rock Classroom Downstairs

September is when we get to welcome our Choirs back to sing! And we're trying something new for our **Kids' Choir** this year. **The beginning 5-10 minutes of O-Rock will start with music for all of the classes together!** We'll work on one song at a time, and every couple of months, the O-Rock kids who choose to will sing to begin both the 9:00 and 11:00 am services.

We are experimenting with this new approach because some families find an evening rehearsal challenging, and because we want as many kids as possible to have the opportunity to add music to their Sunday mornings! **This O-Rock music opening will take the place of an added Kids' Choir rehearsal** - at least for this coming year - and we look forward to hearing more kids singing together! Marie Nordquist-Lessard and Karen Lee will continue to co-direct, and are happy to welcome kids to O-Rock on Kick Off Sunday, September 22, at 10:00 am.

**Our Redeemer's Choir:** We can't wait to bring back the Our Redeemer's Choir! This is an opportunity where you can you laugh, make friends, be encouraged, and experience the joy of creating harmonies that lift your spirits and fill your soul. YOU are invited to be part of something special. In the words of the Psalms, "O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise...!"

- Karen Lee, Our Redeemer's Traditional Worship and Music Director

**Our Redeemer's Adult Choir begins rehearsals again on Wednesday, September 18 from 7:00 – 8:30 pm.** If you like to sing or want to give it a try, you are warmly welcome to join in! And in addition to Wednesday evening rehearsals, the Adult Choir also meets at 10:30 am on Sunday mornings to sing during the 11:00 am service.

## Celebrating September Birthdays!

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|---------------------------|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lucas Miller            | 15 Linda Ellingboe | 21 Phillipa Dugaw    |
| 1 Lucas Minus             | 15 Judy Wright     | 21 Steve Ege         |
| 3 Harold Allaire Laurence | 17 Joe Lessard     | 21 Eric Olson        |
| 4 Marilyn Schulze         | 17 Chris Lowe      | 24 Lisa Glover       |
| 5 Indio Abdullah          | 18 Anne McGrew     | 28 Richie Neill      |
| 5 Lisa Thompson           | 20 Eric Brady      | 29 Holly Mangold     |
| 8 Lucy Watkins            | 20 Tim Hunter      | 30 Gianfranco Foddai |
| 12 Genny Arrendondo       | 21 Britni Chabot   | 30 *Anna Freyberg    |
| 13 Linda Hintz            | 21 Isaac Dovich    | 30 Jon Hanson        |

\* Birthday blessings to Anna Freyberg who is celebrating a 90+ birthday this month.

*We give thanks for the life of Victoria (Vicky) Hobbs - July 30, 2024 (b. December 01, 1943).*



# Faith Formation



## The Journey Starts in September

Sundays, September 22 – October 20, 4-6 PM

The Journey is a class and a conversation, a chance to ask questions and learn more about what being Lutheran means. Normally held in the Spring, welcoming a new minister and other transitions prompted us to postpone offering The Journey course. Classes will now be held this Fall, on Sunday evenings. Participants meet in large and small group settings on five Sunday evenings, and then are invited to become official members of Our Redeemer's on All Saints' Sunday (November 3rd), as the participants feel called by the Holy Spirit.

Whether or not a person decides to become a member of Our Redeemer's Lutheran Church at the end of The Journey, it's a wonderful way to become more fully aware and engaged in the life of this congregation. If you are a member or have been attending Our Redeemer's a long time and you have never gone through The Journey, you are invited and encouraged to participate. You will love it!

Each week we focus on a different area of ministry, theology, and growth as people of faith. From the basics of how Lutherans interpret scripture and why we worship the way we do, to an introspective look at our individual faith stories, this experience presents an opportunity to explore our community from the ground up. We also invite members currently representing different areas of ministry of the congregation to share what they do and excites them about their lay ministry.

If you would like to become a voting member of Our Redeemer's, a written request to council is required by our constitution. To vote, a person must be confirmed. The Journey is not required for membership, but it presents opportunities for expressing the Christian faith and Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) within the Lutheran church for adults.

For further details, please contact Pastor Thomas [pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net) or Mandy Neill [welcome@ourredeemers.net](mailto:welcome@ourredeemers.net).



## New Offerings from LiVE Project

LiVE (rhymes with "give") is an acronym for *Living into Vocational Engagement*. **LiVE is a ministry of our synod that offers education opportunities for lay people, with the goal of forming Christian leaders able to make sense of God's world and our place in it.**

LiVE's first event of the year:

### Faith in Public Life Course

Wednesdays, Sept 18-Oct 30, 7 PM | Zoom

Through a variety of voices, disciplines, and topics we explore what it means for God to call us in the Gospel to a public witness as people of faith today. Each week we'll hear from guest faculty from a variety of backgrounds, including Reggie Williams, author of Bonhoeffer's Black Jesus, Theologian Grace Ji-Sun Kim, our own Stacy Kitahata, executive director of Holden Village, and more. Register at [www.lutheransnw.org/events/faith-in-public-life/2024-09-18](http://www.lutheransnw.org/events/faith-in-public-life/2024-09-18).



## FAITH IN PUBLIC LIFE



You can find the 2024 LiVE Course Catalog by [CLICKING HERE](https://rebrand.ly/7g4n6o3) (<https://rebrand.ly/7g4n6o3>).

You can also learn more about the LiVE Project at <https://www.lutheransnw.org/ministries/the-live-project>.

**CLASSES ARE FREE TO OUR REDEEMER'S CONGREGANTS. USE PROMO CODE "LIVEBUNDLE2024" WHEN REGISTERING.**



# Faith Formation

## O-Rock Teaching Volunteers Needed

(Our Redeemer's Outstanding Church Kids)

Can you volunteer one hour a month to help our youngest members learn about God's love? O-Rock needs adults who will give one hour on Sundays from 10:00 - 11:00 am to teach our O-Rock class to kids ages 6 - 10. Training (90 minutes) and all teaching materials provided! If you are interested, contact Betsy McGregor at [bemac7309@gmail.com](mailto:bemac7309@gmail.com).



### High Schoolers: Do You Need Volunteer Hours?

Do you need volunteer hours for school? Our Sunday School program needs classroom assistants who can work with volunteer teachers from 10:00-11:00 am on Sundays. You would help to get things ready for the teacher, organize snacks and project materials, and assist the kids with their projects. Betsy McGregor will make sure you have specific dates for planning. Volunteering will require a 90-minute training on safe practices around children before starting.

## Blessing of Backpacks - September 1

Sunday, September 1, 10 AM

As the new school year begins, let us gather our minds and hearts, hopes and prayers for students and educators. On Sunday, September 1st, during the 10:00 am service, we will have our annual blessing of the backpacks! **Bring your office bag, backpack, lesson plan bag, or other bags to church as we gather and bless them and you for the upcoming academic year.**



## Confirmation Starts September 22nd

As we approach the home stretch for our 2023-2024 confirmands, we are looking forward to several upcoming events and sessions to wrap up and reconnect in preparation for the Confirmation Family Dinner and Affirmation of Baptism (confirmation) on Reformation Sunday. The Dinner, on October 26, will be hosted in conjunction with families to celebrate and share stories of faith and growth, as well as any faith statements and projects related to them. We will also continue our tradition of decorating red stoles or scarves that confirmands will wear on Reformation Sunday! The following day, Sunday, October 27th, is Reformation Sunday, when the congregation will join confirmands and their families to receive the newly confirmed and celebrate the heritage and life of the Lutheran church. Don't forget to wear red!



**Confirmation Schedule:** We have decided to try a different schedule for confirmation this year. Together, the current team and Pastor Thomas have determined that it may be helpful to begin confirmation discussions for incoming confirmands on September 22nd, Kick-Off Sunday this year and wrap up before Pentecost next year, allowing the summer for Confirmation camp, youth discernment, and time to explore confirmands' expressions of faith, favorite faith verses, and commitments to a ministry of the church. Affirmation of Baptism would then take place on Reformation Sunday in the fall. We hope this schedule will help families and confirmands by easing the pressure at the end of the school year.

Please contact Stephanie Fowler, Michael Hammet, or Pastor Thomas if you have further questions or would like to be involved with confirmation, fostering relationships, or discussing and building foundational experiences that engage confirmands in our Lutheran faith for such a time as this.



# Community

## 2024-25 Our Redeemer's Council Members

### Council Executive Team



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### Council Members



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**Diana Myers**



**Aaron Duke**

Our Redeemer's Council is pleased to report that new officers have been elected for the 2024/2025 fiscal year. Elections were held at the regular Council meeting on August 20, 2024.

#### **Council officers for the next year are:**

- President - David McBride
- Vice President - Stephanie Fowler
- Secretary - Betsy McGregor
- Co-treasurers - Emilie Purvine, Carolyn Davis

*Our Redeemer's Council meets on the third Tuesday of each month.*



## Monthly Grounds Crew Work Parties

**Monday, September 30, 9 AM | Our Redeemer's Gardens**

Come build new church friendships as we tend our church landscaping! We meet the last Monday of every month to prune, weed, or deadhead our landscape. Our ethos is to create a natural landscape while respecting the existing landscape design.

Newbie gardeners, experienced pruners and just plain curious folks are all invited. Join us September 30, 9:00 am - noon in the front of the church, come for an hour or stay the entire time. Tools are provided but you are welcome to bring your own. Questions? Contact Grounds Crew leads: Carol Hurlburt - [chtd015@gmail.com](mailto:chtd015@gmail.com) or Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com).





# Community

## Come to Our Annual Church BBQ Picnic

Everyone is invited to our annual BBQ Picnic on September 15th, 11:30am. People of all ages are welcome. There will be special activities planned for kids and teens.

The event will be a potluck picnic at Blue Ridge Park, which overlooks Puget Sound. The park is an easy one-mile drive straight north of the church, located at 2498 Blue Ridge Drive (on the corner of NW Blue Ridge Drive and NW Neptune Place).

**Come to relax, enjoy good food (we have great potlucks!), and spend time with your friends from church.**

This is also a chance for you to help plan our faith formation programs. We'll be discussing Sunday education for kids, teens, and adults, as well as ideas for retreats and more. We'd love to hear your thoughts—your input will help us kick off the year as we plan for what's ahead.

We hope you can bring a potluck dish to share. **Sign up** to let us know what food/dish you are planning to bring. **RSVP that you will be attending by emailing [welcome@ourredeemers.net](mailto:welcome@ourredeemers.net).**



Everyone is invited to our annual BBQ picnic, where we'll share ideas for faith formation. We welcome people of all ages and have special activities planned for kids and teens!

Blue Ridge Park is located at 2498 Blue Ridge Drive. Parking is limited so consider carpooling. Come to relax, enjoy good food, and spend time with your friends from church!



## Church Ladies Beer Night

Monday, September 9, 5 PM | Old Stove Gardens Brewery

A growing number of Our Redeemer's women are discovering the fun we're having meeting once a month to socialize, support one another, make new friends, and deepen our connections to each other and to Our Redeemer's. If you identify as female we'd love for you to join us. Generally we meet on the first Monday of each month, but for September only we will meet on the second Monday, September 9, because of the Labor Day holiday. Join us on September 9 at 5:00 pm at Old Stove Gardens Brewery, 1550 NW 49th St, near the Ballard Bridge. They offer a variety of delicious foods and beverages, both alcoholic and non-alcoholic. There is free parking nearby. (Learn more about the venue at [www.oldstove.com/gardens](http://www.oldstove.com/gardens).)

If you have questions or need a ride, feel free to contact Kari Guddal at [kari.guddal@outlook.com](mailto:kari.guddal@outlook.com). We look forward to seeing you there!



# Social Justice



Are you able to volunteer for 2 hour shifts during the event? It takes many hands to interact with over 100 participating households. We'll have a link in mid-September to sign up.

## Neighborhood Recycling Roundup - October 19

Saturday, October 19, 10 AM - 2 PM | Our Redeemer's Parking Lot

Start saving electronics and Styrofoam to recycle as we care for the earth. Acceptable electronic items include: laptops, desktops+monitors; mobile phones+tablets; servers; cables, software; routers+modems; telecom systems; game consoles, iPods and MP3s; printers and ink toners. The Living Green Technology staff will determine if an item not listed is acceptable or not. If it has a cord, it's a likely acceptable item, except for large appliances and televisions.

Questions? Contact co-chairs Connie Sandstrom, [conniesandstrom05@gmail.com](mailto:conniesandstrom05@gmail.com) or Ben Kalina, [ben.r.kalina@gmail.com](mailto:ben.r.kalina@gmail.com).



Reach out to Amy Borgmeyer ([amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:amy.borgmeyer@gmail.com)) if you have any questions. Thank you for all that you do!

## Ballard Sunday Dinner - Updating our Email Group; Sign Ups Open Through 2024

Ballard Sunday Dinner (BSD) is one of our ministries in which we partner with other local churches to feed our hungry neighbors on the third Sunday of each month. We're updating our email contact list so:

- **If you've volunteered in the last year**, you should still be on our list! However, if you're interested but haven't heard from our SignUp Genius or Amy Borgmeyer, please reach out to Amy and confirm your interest and that she has the correct email address for you.
- **If it's been a while since you've volunteered**, please reach out to Amy if you would like to receive ongoing communications.

**As we get into the busy school year, we also want to make sure we have volunteers lined up to help. All the roles have lots of availability - we'll partner up with you until you're comfortable. Please consider signing up using this link: <https://rb.gy/ea817>.**



**Thanksgiving dinner planning help needed!**  
We are seeking a leadership team to start planning and organizing this important community outreach event starting in October! Contact Pastor Thomas if you can help out ([pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net](mailto:pastorthomas@ourredeemers.net)). Thank you!



# Social Justice

**God's work.  
Our hands.**

## **Our Redeemers Involvement and Ministry Fair and God's Work, Our Hands Sunday**

September 8th, 11am

Let us gather our gifts, passions and skills for the work God has given us in ministry. On Sunday, September 8th, together with fellow congregations of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, we will celebrate **God's Works, Our Hands Sunday!** During and after the 10:00 am service, we will have opportunities to be inspired, renew our participation with familiar ministries, pray, and discover new ways to serve our community and live out the gifts of the Spirit. God's Work, Our Hands Sunday is a day to celebrate God's works in our world through the church. to give thanks and learn how God is using our hands to share our faith and call in service.

**We'll follow the worship service with the Involvement and Ministry Fair - a showcase of the different projects, teams, and other ministries with which members of Our Redeemer's are involved, with which you, too, can get involved!**

The Involvement and Ministry Fair is a low-pressure chance to learn more about all that we do to keep our church vibrant by chatting with representatives from each ministry. Come take a look, listen and share stories about ministries and ways in which you are feeling moved to engage. Come and see all the ways we live out our faith in witness and work and sign up for what is calling to you out of our life together! Visit the tables any time after the 10:00 am service on September 8th. If you have a God's Work, Our Hands t-shirt or one from Our Redeemer's, this is a good day to show it off!




## **Shop Back-to-School Sales for Neighbors Around the World!**

We're continuing to collect school supplies to put together 100 school kits for Lutheran World Relief! A basket is available at church to drop off purchased school supplies. In mid-September we assemble them to share with children around the world! Thank you for what you can contribute. Here is a list of those items still needed.

**Many of these school kits go to children who are refugees or are internally displaced.**

According to the United Nations High Commissioner of Refugees, **among refugees around the world, HALF are under the age of 18.**

- Back-to-School Shopping List**
- 70-sheet notebooks of wide-or college-ruled paper, approximately 8x10½"; no loose leaf paper. (This is our TOP priority item, as four go into each kit, a total of 400 total.)
  - 30-centimeter shatterproof rulers
  - Pencil sharpeners (2 holes w/cover)
  - Pairs of blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well)
  - 2½" erasers
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**return service requested**

### SUNDAY WORSHIP

9 AM Informal Worship  
11 AM Traditional Worship



10 AM Summer Worship  
until 9/22, Kickoff Sunday

Stream Online (11 AM)

Facebook: [facebook.com/OurRedeemers](https://www.facebook.com/OurRedeemers)

Zoom: <https://zoom.us/j/822691346>

### Church office hours:

Monday-Thursday  
10 AM - 3PM

# FALL Kick Off

**9/1**



Blessing of the  
Backpacks

**9/8**

Involvement/  
Ministry Fair  
& God's Work,  
Our Hands

**9/15**



Annual Church  
BBQ Picnic

**9/22**

Kick Off  
Sunday!

Join us Sundays in September  
as we KICK OFF the year!



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