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**Sunday Worship Service Schedule**

9:15 AM: Adult Bible Study

10:30 AM: Worship Service

December Newsletter deadline is  
Wednesday, November 18, 2020

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**I've listed Worship Assistants, just in case ...**



# From the Vicar's Pen



“Repetition is the mother of all learning” they say. Who is they? Well, just about everybody. I don’t know if anyone really knows its origins, but it certainly didn’t originate with Zig Zigar! The Latin is: *repetitio est mater studiorum*. It has been around for a long time.

This saying, and its practice, has been a staple in the field of Education. Only through repetition does one truly learn something and remember it. As children we all had our ABC’s drilled into us...and as a result, we can read this Saltshaker! God be praised! I remember how I learned my Social Security number as a young man: I had to repeat it so many times, and write it on so many forms when I enlisted in the Air Force, that in a matter of a few days it was ingrained in my memory. You probably have similar experiences with different things you know by heart.

Repetition is important in our spiritual life as well. By repeatedly opening up our Bibles and reading a daily devotion we allow God’s word to shape our lives. By repeatedly attending church services we build a habit of hearing, praying, and singing God’s word that will become an anchor for our soul when trials, tribulations, or the end of life comes. The liturgy is the great repetition of the Church, a Sunday after Sunday education for the believer. The Church Year itself is a yearly repeat of the life of Christ.

Why do we do it? Why do we repeat the life of Christ each year, and why do we use the liturgy each Sunday? Because it teaches us to believe that “Jesus is the Christ, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.” We think we know that.

But the temptations, pressures, influences, and trials that the Devil, the world, and our sinful nature bring upon us each and every day clouds our thinking. We need to be reminded over and over. Think of it this way; how many times do you like to hear your spouse say those three important words, “I love you?” Was once, on your wedding day enough? Is it enough if it’s only once a year on your anniversary? How about twice a year if they also tell you on your birthday? NO! It needs to be repeated, again and again! Otherwise, we may begin to doubt. That’s what the liturgy does for us. It repeats those words from God, some of which are the same each week, and some of which change each week, so that we may hear over and over, weekly, what God’s love for us has accomplished.

**GOD NEVER TIRES  
OF OUR  
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REPETITION.**

God never tires of our repetition. You could say that he is the author of repetition. After all, he makes the sun rise and set each day and the seasons repeat each year. The Church Year and the liturgy can be seen as gifts to us to help keep our focus on the Lamb of God. Come, enjoy the gift.

See you in church...  
Vicar Rex Watt



### September 18, 2020 Council Briefs

Devotions: Ross read the devotions from the September Portals of Prayer

Vicar Rex opened the meeting with prayer.

**Treasurers Report:** Corinne reported Preschool has \$2,449.00 in the General fund and Redeemer expenses are in the black \$7,134.64 thru August, preschool money included.

#### Vicar's Report:

- ◆ **Visitations:** 3 visitations were made.
- ◆ **Bible study:** Sunday morning attendance usually 6-7.
- ◆ **Catechesis:** Jaxon Kuljis to begin this year and also planning for adult class.
- ◆ **SMP training:** "Lutheran Distinctions Course" winter term intensive on Seminary site to be done online. This saves travel costs.
- ◆ **Attendance:** 35-40 people at Sunday service.
- ◆ **Children's Worship:** Explained in Education report).

**Stewardship Report:** Yard work party Sat. Sept 19<sup>th</sup> to trim hedges and finish weeding in preparation for bark.

#### Property Report:

- ◆ Louie reported Soffit repair and painting bid came in at \$14,022.30. Environmental rebate amount was \$15,750.00. After much discussion, Rex made a motion to apply to apply rebate money for soffit repair and painting and apply leftover roofing money and environmental money (\$5000.00) to Endowment Fund roof loan for dividend earnings. Soffit & paint bids to be finalized September 22, 2020.
- ◆ Furnace room leak and preschool faucet to be repaired by plumber.

#### Education Report:

- ◆ Preschool start is October 1, 2020 with 11 children for M/W/F and 6 children for T/TH. Enthusiastic Pre-school assistant was found.
- ◆ Sunday School – Heidi will pass out or mail Sunday school lessons weekly for children to work on at home. The last Sunday of each month during the sermon, she will review all the lessons for the month with the children that are present.

#### Old Business:

- ◆ Corinne will move \$40,000.00 of General Fund money to the LCEF (Lutheran Church Extension Fund) savings account earning .375%.
- ◆ Redeemer was approved for the Social Security Tax Credit under the CARES Act. Credit will be forthcoming.
- ◆ Alex Strong cleaned and waxed the preschool floors.

**New Business:** It was decided that "Miracle Mulch" will be spread in front of the church and more economical "Bark Mulch" on the rest of the church grounds.

Rex closed with prayer



## October 9, 2020 Minutes

Devotions Ross read the devotions from the October Portals of Prayer

Vicar Rex opened the meeting with prayer.

**Treasurers Report:** Corinne reported after expenses through September \$2764.00 in the black, this does not include preschool.

### Vicar's Report:

- ◆ **Visitations:** 5 visitations were made and several phone calls.
- ◆ **Bible Study:** Sunday morning Bible study attendance 6-7.
- ◆ **Catechesis:** Rowan Hogle completed.
- ◆ **SMP Training:** My seminary evaluation held on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup> with Dr. Thompson.
- ◆ **Attendance:** 35 to 40 people on Sunday service.
- ◆ **Oct. 8,9:** Rex attended "Now All Workers Conference".

### Elders Report:

- ◆ Elders discussed Sunday service attendance registering and the importance of any attendee reporting COVID diagnosis.
- ◆ Elders reviewed and approved pamphlet "**Talking About Jesus in the Home**".
- ◆ Elders voted to have Thanksgiving Eve service November 25<sup>th</sup> and 3 Advent Services December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> plus a Christmas Eve Service on Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>.

### Education Report:

- ◆ Heidi reports preschool and new assistant, Sophia, are doing well.
- ◆ Sunday School stories will be given to children each Sunday and reviewed in Sunday School class during the sermon once a month.

### Old Business:

- ◆ Preschool work permit for under age is applied for. New minimum wage in January 2021 is \$13.68 for under age.
- ◆ Soffit and Facia work to begin in mid-October.
- ◆ Mulch will be laid in November after weeds die off.
- ◆ Unemployment tax will be required for the new preschool assistant.
- ◆ Corinne will compute the L & I unemployment rate for all employees. (to be considered).

### New Business:

- ◆ Council voted to change meetings to Thursday 6:30 pm.
- ◆ Council decided to establish Head Preschool teacher wage at minimum plus 30%.
- ◆ Budget committee bylaws – Patrick O'Connor, Corinne Thorsen & Barb Abbe.
- ◆ Compensation committee appointed: Ross Abbe, Louis Kuljis, Corinne Thorsen, Les Anderson.
- ◆ Department heads need to have their budget to Ross by October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- ◆ Council voted to replace obsolete Preschool laptop computer and (transfer information setup charge) at total \$2,309.43. This expense to be debited to the Lorene Bell Preschool fund.

Rex closed with prayer



# LIVING A STEWARDSHIP

It is all about your heart...

Everything we have is a gift from God that we are to use to help others.

*Life*

Our Father in heaven has claimed us as His own. By the shedding of His Son's blood, His death for our sins, and His resurrection for our justification, God the Father has received us back into His family. By water – combined with His Word, promise, and Name – the Holy Spirit has taken up residence in us. We belong to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. He is in us, and we are in Him. And, being in Him, all things are ours. In Him, we are richly and abundantly blessed.

Our true treasure is that we belong to the most Holy Trinity, and everything that is His – righteousness, peace, eternal life – also belongs also to us. Even our temporal treasures are gifts from His fatherly divine goodness and mercy.

We receive our treasures from Him, and thus, as good stewards of His varied grace, we manage them in such a way that they may be returned to Him. We bring them to Him, hallowed through prayers of thanksgiving and God's holy Word, as a sacrifice.

Thus, all our possessions, as gifts from God, are also sacrifices to Him. We eat to nourish our bodies. We share with our family, neighbors, fellow Christians, the poor, and even our enemies as holy things given by the holy God. His temporal gifts are blessings to and for us, and they bring blessings upon us even as they are pressed into His service for His kingdom.

Thus, we place all that we have into God's hands, and He never fails to remember us. He pours out the fullness of His promises upon us. We give thanks for all that He has done, is doing, and will continue to do. We give thanks by not taking for ourselves, but, giving to all even as our heavenly Father has given to us.

As we prepare for the celebrations of Thanksgiving, may we all give thanks continually for all that we are and all that we have because of God's providential care. And may we be all the more diligent in bringing everything that we have received from God to Him, so that He may bless it and employ it for the good of all – even for us. For to the one who has, more will be given, and he will have an abundance.

From LCMS Stewardship—November



# November



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<b>01 All Saint's Day / Daylight Savings Ends</b>  9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship	<b>02</b>	<b>03 Election Day</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>06 Office Closed</b>	<b>07</b>
<b>08</b>  9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship & Communion	<b>09</b>	<b>10</b>  6:30 pm: Elders	<b>11 Veteran's Day</b> Bulletin Deadline  No Preschool	<b>12</b>  6:30 pm: Council	<b>13 Office Closed</b>	<b>14</b>
<b>15</b>  9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Bulletin Deadline Saltshaker Deadline	<b>19</b>	<b>20 Office Closed</b>	<b>21</b>
<b>22</b>  9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship & Communion	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> Bulletin Deadline  7 pm: Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service	<b>26</b>  HAPPY THANKSGIVING No Preschool Office Closed	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b>  9:15 am: Adult Bible Study 10:30 am: Worship Children's Sunday School during Sermon	<b>30</b>					



**ASSISTING US IN WORSHIP – NOVEMBER**

**Altar Care**

Lynnata Marttila

**November Birthdays**

11/02 Karl Noste  
 11/07 Kari Marttila  
 11/11 Annie Thorsen  
 11/12 Jason Gansler  
 11/16 Micah Potvin  
 11/18 Dave McKay  
 11/21 Draven Cobb  
 11/25 Randy Bowen  
 11/25 Connor Noste

**December Birthdays**

12/01 Niko Marttila  
 12/13 Lynnata Marttila  
 12/13 Don Mossman  
 12/13 Jesse Potvin  
 12/27 Marsha Edin  
 12/27 Rex Watt  
 12/31 Ian Litke

**November & December Anniversaries**

12/01 Larry & Sharon Schell  
 12/13 Paul & Marianne Giusti  
 12/27 Pastor Don & Val Mossman  
 12/31 Steve & Micah Potvin

*As the angels sing heavenly praises for our God above,  
 As the dawn touches the Earth with its soft rays,  
 As another chapter of your life starts anew,  
 I wish that God will grant you your heart's greatest desire  
 And your presence endows peace to others  
 as refreshing as the morning dew.  
 Have a blessed and wonderful birthday or anniversary!*

**Note:** If your birthday or wedding anniversary is not listed on this page or if it is incorrect, please contact the church office so we can make the correction.

**Shut-ins:** Virginia Blackmore, Ken Hindman



**Elder Care List**

A—Gra:	Les Anderson	360.739.9517
H—Lu:	Ross Abbe	360.908.2545 (c) 360.734.9088
M—Sch:	Kari Marttila	360.318.5298
Sm—Wri:	Patrick O'Connor	515.707.3928

**PLEASE NOTE:** Returning to a Worship Assistant / Volunteer Schedule is unknown at this time due to the COVID 19 regulations. However, we are planning so that we are ready when these restrictions have been lifted. If you are not ready to serve, or would like your name to be removed, please let the office know a.s.a.p. **FORWARD WITH GOD!** Tara

**10:30 am Worship Service**

**November 01**

*Usher:* Patrick Heaviside  
*Reader:* Joe Dupuis  
*Counters:* Barb A. / Kari M.  
*Coffee Hostess:* Cheryl K. / Jamie D.  
*Sound:*  
*Elder on Duty:* Ross Abbe

**November 08**

*Usher:* Louie Kuljis  
*Reader:* Rex Watt  
*Counters:* Ron W. / Kelsey H.  
*Coffee Hostess:* Heidi K. / Micah P.  
*Sound:*  
*Elder on Duty:* Les Anderson

**November 15**

*Usher:* Roger Granger  
*Reader:* Sally Pinski  
*Counters:* Barb A. / Micah P.  
*Coffee Hostess:* Sue U. / Val M.  
*Sound:*  
*Elder on Duty:* Ross Abbe

**November 22**

*Usher:* Patrick Heaviside  
*Reader:* Rex Watt  
*Counters:* Cheryl K. / Annie T.  
*Coffee Hostess:* Joy A. / Linda R.  
*Sound:*  
*Elder on Duty:* Les Anderson

**November 29**

*Usher:* Louie Kuljis  
*Reader:* Corinne Thorsen  
*Counters:* Linda R. / Peggy H.  
*Coffee Hostess:* Dee W. / Susanne M.  
*Sound:*  
*Elder on Duty:* Ross Abbe

# The Bulletin Board

**PLEASE NOTE: THE EVENTS BELOW MAY ALL CHANGE AS NEW DEVELOPMENTS ARE ANNOUNCED REGARDING THE CORONAVIRUS (COVID-19) UPDATES...**

➡ **TITHE ENVELOPES** — Thank you for your continued tithe offerings. Just a reminder to write out **Redeemer Lutheran Church** on your check. Thank you.  
You may continue to drop off your tithe envelopes to the secure Prayer Box.

**SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE STUDY MEETS AT 9:15 am:** "Insight into Today's Bible Readings". We will be examining and discussing the scriptural readings for the day's service.

**WOMEN'S MONDAY MORNING FALL BIBLE STUDY** on Ephesians is on hold until further notice. Val M.

**THURSDAY LADIES LYNDEN BIBLE STUDY** is on hold. We will revisit after Christmas. Lynnata M.

**ALTAR GUILD HELP NEEDED:** We could use a few more ladies (or gentlemen) from the church who would like to volunteer for this ministry. For more information contact Lynnata M.

**2020 ALTAR FLOWERS SIGN-UP SHEET** is posted on the bulletin board by the office. This is an opportunity for you to have flowers placed on the altar in honor of a birthday, anniversary, memory, etc. If you would like to place flowers on the altar for a special occasion, please place your name and phone number on the line corresponding with the date on the altar flower sign-up sheet. If you would like Lynnata to purchase flowers for you, please contact her - 360-318-5298.

**TUNE INTO THE LUTHERAN HOUR:** Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Lutheran Hour Speaker, gives a sermon each Sunday. The program also features hymns and reflections on the texts.

Online: [www.kfuo.org](http://www.kfuo.org)

Radio: 550AM KARI 11:30 am

**Don't forget to check your church mailbox.**

You can also call the office and we'd be happy to meet you at the door to pass along your church mail during the week.



**at 2:00 AM on Sunday,  
November 1, 2020**



## SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

Will be held on Sunday, **November 8th** following the morning worship service. The focus of this meeting is to elect the Lay Delegate who will represent RL Congregation at the 2021 NW District Convention in June 2021.

Wed. Nov. 25, 7 pm  
Thanksgiving Eve Worship



*Advent &  
Christmas*



Wednesday Midweek Advent Worship Services, 7 pm  
December 2, 9, and 16th

Christmas Eve Worship Service  
Thursday, December 24th, 7 pm

There will not be any Soup Suppers or fellowship snacks on these evenings.

# Interfaith Coalition Winter Warmth Drive



**THANK YOU** for “sharing the warmth” with your donations for Interfaith Coalition’s annual Winter Warmth Drive.

11 bundles of warm clothing was collected!

October 13, 2020  
Russ & Linda Jones  
36232 200<sup>th</sup> Ave SE  
Auburn, WA 98092

Dear Members of Zion,

On behalf of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Bellingham, WA I want to thank you for your gift of Lutheran Service Book Hymnals to our congregation. Your gift fills our shortage of hymnals perfectly! While we are saddened by the events that facilitated this contribution, we praise God for you, our brothers and sisters in the Faith who have for the past 81 years been a blessing to the Auburn community. As you each continue on in your faith-walk, *“may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in [you] that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.”* (Heb 13:20-21)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

Vicar Rex E. Watt  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
Bellingham, WA



During October, 71 pounds of food was once again taken to the Ferndale Food Bank.

Thank you so much and Gods blessings on you!

*Thank you!*  
*You make a difference.*

When the frost is on the  
pumpkin!!!

James Whitcomb Riley

When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock,  
And you hear the kyouck and gobble of the struttin' turkey-cock,  
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the cluckin' of the hens,  
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tiptoes on the fence;  
O, it's then's the times a feller is a-feelin' at his best,  
With the risin' sun to greet him from a night of peaceful rest,  
As he leaves the house, bareheaded, and goes out to feed the stock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

They's something kindo' harty-like about the atmusfere  
When the heat of summer's over and the coolin' fall is here—  
Of course we miss the flowers, and the blossums on the trees,  
And the mumble of the hummin'-birds and buzzin' of the bees;  
But the air's so appetizin'; and the landscape through the haze  
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airly autumn days  
Is a pictur' that no painter has the colorin' to mock—  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock.

The husky, rusty russel of the tossels of the corn,  
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as golden as the morn;  
The stubble in the furies—kindo' lonesome-like, but still  
A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns they growed to fill;  
The strawstack in the medder, and the reaper in the shed;  
The hosses in theyr stalls below—the clover over-head!—  
O, it sets my hart a-clickin' like the tickin' of a clock,  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

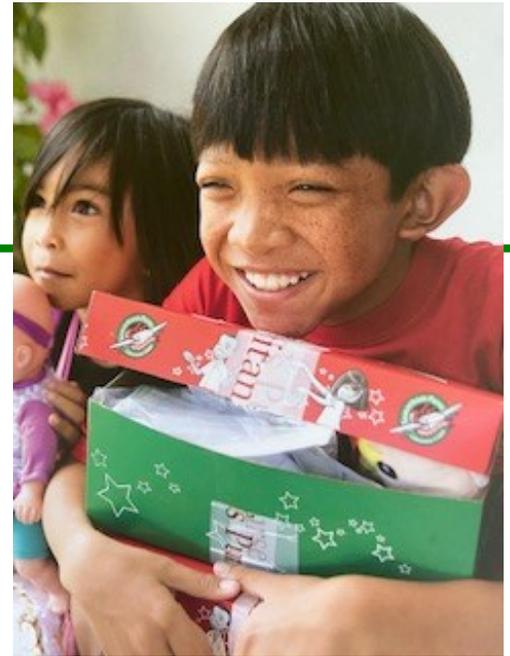
Then your apples all is gethered, and the ones a feller keeps  
Is poured around the celler-floor in red and yeller heaps;  
And your cider-makin' 's over, and your wimmern-folks is through  
With their mince and apple-butter, and theyr souse and sausage, too! ...  
I don't know how to tell it—but ef sich a thing could be  
As the Angels wantin' boardin', and they'd call around on me—  
I'd want to 'commodate 'em—all the whole-indurin' flock—  
When the frost is on the punkin and the fodder's in the shock!

*For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts. "For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it. Isaiah 55:8-11*

Submitted  
by 



## Operation Christmas Child



Once again you are offered the opportunity to participate in Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Gifts for Children of impoverished nations. You may pick up a box from the table in the Fellowship Hall, fill it, and deliver it back to church by **Sunday, November 15**.

Instructions for contents and the \$9.00 for handling and shipping are included at the table. Make it a project with children or grandchildren if you wish.

Val Mossman will deliver the boxes to the drop off site. Thank you for your gifts.

# Thanksgiving Ingathering for the Ferndale Food Bank

Thanksgiving Ingathering for the Ferndale Food Bank has now begun. Should you wish to participate we have been asked to **donate cans of cranberry sauce**. Suzanne realizes that attendance at participating churches this year is smaller so has given us no special number needed, just to give as we are able. You may use the tub already assigned to the Bank and should you wish to **donate a turkey** instead, \$10-15.00 per turkey is good. Checks can be made to **Ferndale Food Bank** and I would gladly receive them



and/or cash. Any low income family in our area may receive food once a week, and usually leave with about 60 pounds of wholesome food, meat and produce included. This congregation has always been generous during the year and I thank you.

**The deadline for offerings is Sunday November 15.**

May God bless you richly for your willingness to share, Val M.



## Giving Thanks

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name. Psalm 100:4  
 The puzzle is based on Psalm 100



C T Y A E E G G E F W S O Z D  
 W Q K V B O F H A N E N V G S  
 Y Q O X Q Y P O G T D A G C F  
 W L K Z R S N W R O E U R J U  
 V O S O N G S Q V E T S R T W  
 O U R F E I X E U U V H N E H  
 Y O T S D J C H O K F E N B S  
 A T E T H J R H O J O Y R H W  
 Y R G F N I S O E B J Y H Z E  
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 G L A D N E S S F S H L N A T  
 X A T W C L I P A S T U R E E  
 Q U U H Q A G F C H N Y L R R  
 D A P I R H M V I Q S H E E P  
 X N N P G O H H Z T H A N K S

WORSHIP	EARTH	JOY	LOVE	ENTER
ENDURES	FOREVER	SHEEP	THANKS	SHOUT
SONGS	PASTURE	GLADNESS	GATES	PRaise

# Redeemer Lutheran Preschool



Redeemer Lutheran Preschool  
858 W. Smith Road  
Bellingham, WA 98226



Dear Redeemer,

Well, we are a month into preschool and it is going great! It is so nice to be back in school with these kiddos! We were able to go on our first field trip to the pumpkin patch/apple farm, which was super fun! These groups of children have been doing really well playing together, working hard, getting along and having fun, which is really wonderful to see! God continues to bless me with great students each year!

We have started Bible stories, chapel, and learning letters, numbers, shapes and colors! It's so amazing to see their faces and excitement learning about God's word. It truly melts my heart!

We plan to have a class Thanksgiving feast this month and continue learning! We will also be starting to learn songs for our Christmas program already!

Thank you again for all the love, support, prayers, and giving of supplies to the preschool! Thank you for keeping the growing and learning with Jesus alive in this preschool!

I hope you all have a blessed Thanksgiving and get to enjoy time with family and friends! May God shower his blessings upon you and your families!

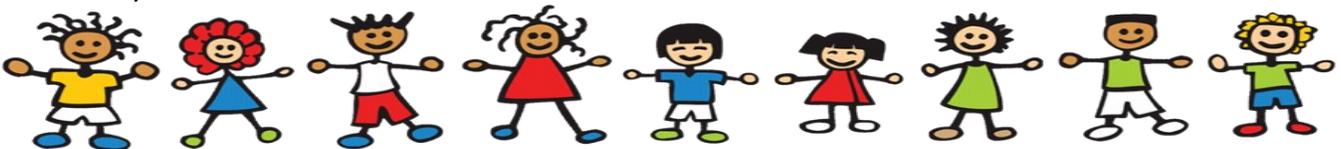
With love,  
Heidi



Elmer's glue sticks (18)  
Clorox wipes (LOTS)  
Dixie Cups 5 oz (2 boxes)  
Paper plates 6" (2 packs)

Hobby Lobby Gift Cards  
Michaels Gift Cards  
Dollar Tree Gift Cards  
Gallon Ziplock bags  
Storage Ziplock bags  
Snack size Ziplock bags

Preschool registration forms are posted on our website. If you prefer, you may call the office and they will e-mail or mail you one.





**Chapel**

**First day of Preschool**



**Pumpkin**



**Patch**



## Lutherans For Life Quote: November 22

“This Thanksgiving, let’s remember exactly what God has bought for us with the blood of His Son—not just anything, but everything that matters: Pardon from sin and release from guilt. Peace with God and a home in heaven. We come empty-handed to this banquet of blessings. No marshmallow-topped side dish of good works can earn us a place at this buffet. We have nothing to offer God in exchange, yet ‘[t]he LORD has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy” (Psalm 126:3).”

*Sarah Habban, Time of Grace – A Life Quote from Lutherans For Life • [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)*

## Stay connected to the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

**IF YOU WANT HELP UNDERSTANDING the world from a Lutheran perspective:**

*The Lutheran Witness* ([lcms.org/witness](http://lcms.org/witness))

**IF YOU LIKE HEARING directly from the president and other members of the president’s office:** Witness, Mercy, Life Together blog ([wmltblog.org](http://wmltblog.org))

**IF YOU WANT TO CONNECT with other LCMS Lutherans:** LCMS Facebook ([facebook.com/thelcms](https://facebook.com/thelcms)), Twitter ([lthelcms](https://twitter.com/lthelcms)), Instagram ([thelcms](https://thelcms)) and Periscope

**IF YOU WANT TO HEAR from LCMS leadership:** Leader blog ([blogs.lcms.org](https://blogs.lcms.org), category/leader-blog)

**IF YOU’RE SEARCHING for stories of the Church in action:**

*Lutherans Engage the World* ([lcms.org/lutheransengage](http://lcms.org/lutheransengage))

**IF YOU’RE LOOKING FOR NEWS:** *Reporter* ([blogs.lcms.org/reporter](https://blogs.lcms.org/reporter))

**IF YOU CAN’T GET ENOUGH of all things mission:**

*Journal of Lutheran Mission* ([lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission](http://lcms.org/journaloflutheranmission))

**IF YOU WANT IT ALL:** LCMS News and Publications ([blogs.lcms.org](https://blogs.lcms.org))



## Free Cards



### SHARE GOD’S WORD BY USING FREE GIDEON CARDS

How would you like to extend the missionary outreach of our church to some 200 countries around the world? You are encouraged to use Gideon cards to send the Word and Change a Life!

Every time you send a Gideon card, your donation for Bibles will send God’s Word to someone who desperately needs it—perhaps in your own neighborhood or somewhere else around the world.

Gideon cards can be given in the memory of someone special (sympathy cards) or for any special occasion, and that’s a life-changing difference!

Check out the display of free Gideon cards in our church. Where are they? They are on the wooden shelf at the back wall in the fellowship room. Help yourself. Then, let these cards acknowledge your gift in memory or in honor of someone, and provide Bibles, helping fulfill the Great Commission. Thank you for sharing God’s Word around the world.