

# Redeemer Lutheran Church

I rejoiced with those who said to me,  
“Let us go to the house of the Lord.” Psalm 122:1

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## I Need More... SATISFACTION

**“A man can do nothing better than to eat and drink and find satisfaction in his work”** (Ecclesiastes 2:24).

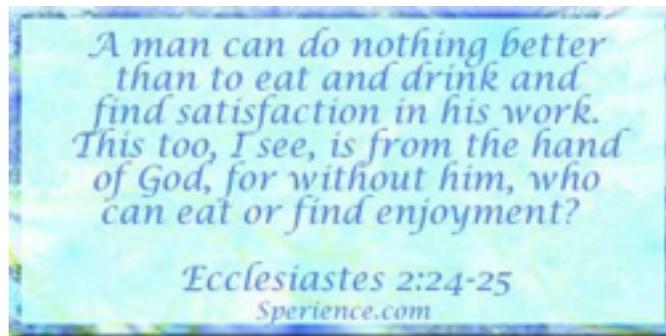
That is what the writer of the book of Ecclesiastes said, and he said it three different times in his book. It sounds simple enough: Somehow find the ability to lean back in your hammock on your day off and say, “What a satisfying life this all is!”

But maybe your expectations for satisfaction in this life are too high. Maybe they are unrealistic. Maybe they are even wrong and pivot around your own self and ego.

The Bible says about God, “*You open your hand and satisfy the desires of every living thing*” (Psalm 145:16). Many believers bow their heads and speak this verse before they eat their food. In prayer at their dinner tables they acknowledge that God is the source of their satisfaction. They recognize it too when they

pray this part of the Lord’s Prayer: “*Give us today our daily bread.*”

The apostle Paul told a young pastor, “*If we have food and clothing, we will be content with that*” (1 Timothy 6:8). Perhaps those who demand more satisfaction from life are not thinking of the simple but sublime satisfaction that is the desire of many hearts. They forget that in their work—whatever it may be—they can glorify God with faithfulness and cheerfulness.



Thankfulness that they have the ability to feed themselves and their family. Those are the aspirations of a loving God for our satisfaction.

Satisfaction in our lives does not come because of what we do but because of what God does. He takes care of us...body and soul. He feeds us. He sent Jesus to rescue us from His great dissatisfaction over our sin. He promises to be with us and bless the work of our hands. He says that what we do for Him will not be in vain.

Be satisfied—truly satisfied—with that!

## Thank You!

We would like to thank everyone who helped out with our one-day Vacation Bible School this summer. We had 8 children and 10 adults in attendance.

## Cookout

On Friday, August 9, everyone is invited to a cookout at the parsonage. Pastor Weber will grill burgers and brats. We will begin eating at 6 PM. There will be a campfire and S'mores after supper. You do not need to bring anything, but you could bring a side dish/dessert or your own lawn chairs. There is a RSVP list at church only so that we will have enough supplies on hand.

## Congregational Picnic

On Sunday, August 18, there will be a congregational picnic following our worship service. There will be no Bible Study that morning. After worship, we will go to Hemlock Park in downtown Big Rapids for a pot luck lunch. Burgers, hot dogs, cups and plates will be provided. There will be a sign-up sheet at church for the other dishes to be brought.

## Upcoming Events in August

- August 9 - Cookout at parsonage
- August 11 - Church Council at 8:30 AM
- August 18 - Church Picnic at noon

## Lord's Blessings to You

We join these members of Redeemer in thanking God as they celebrate their birthday or wedding anniversary.

- 2 – Ken & Barb Bankwitz
- 16 – Ken & Irene Kasbohm
- 22 – Kelly Cushway
- 28 – Marge Schonberg
- 30 – Isaac Claffey

May the Lord's blessings continue to flow in your lives and homes as you live for Him. May His presence, love, and goodness be with you in another year of life and marriage.

## Attendance & Offerings

Service	Att	Offerings	BS	Wed.	SS
6/30	40	\$1967.00	17	13	
7/7	36	\$952.00	11	13	4
7/14	44	\$2216.00	22	15	
7/21	40	\$1606.00	17	16	2

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"This week's sermon is about how we all need to simplify our lives. Unfortunately, I lost the whole thing when my computer crashed."

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Come Worship With Us  
Sunday Mornings at 10:00 AM



“Your word is a  
lamp to my feet and  
a light for my path.”

Psalm 119:105

### Growing in the Word: Monthly Bible Reading Plan August 2019

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| <b>August 1</b> - Amos 6          | <b>August 20</b> - Psalms 23, 24             |
| <b>August 2</b> - Amos 7:1-8:3    | <b>August 21</b> - Psalm 25                  |
| <b>August 3</b> - Amos 8:4-9:15   | <b>August 22</b> - Psalm 26                  |
| <b>August 4</b> - Hosea 1, 2      | <b>August 23</b> - Psalm 27                  |
| <b>August 5</b> - Hosea 3         | <b>August 24</b> - Psalms 28, 29             |
| <b>August 6</b> - Hosea 4:1-5:14  | <b>August 25</b> - 1 Thessalonians 1         |
| <b>August 7</b> - Hosea 5:15-8:14 | <b>August 26</b> - 1 Thessalonians 2         |
| <b>August 8</b> - Hosea 9, 10     | <b>August 27</b> - 1 Thessalonians 3         |
| <b>August 9</b> - Hosea 11, 12    | <b>August 28</b> - 1 Thessalonians 4         |
| <b>August 10</b> - Hosea 13, 14   | <b>August 29</b> - 1 Thessalonians 5         |
| <b>August 11</b> - Psalms 13, 14  | <b>August 30</b> - 2 Thessalonians 1         |
| <b>August 12</b> - Psalms 15, 16  | <b>August 31</b> - 2 Thessalonians<br>2:1-12 |
| <b>August 13</b> - Psalm 17       |  |
| <b>August 14</b> - Psalm 18:1-30  |  |
| <b>August 15</b> - Psalm 18:31-50 |  |
| <b>August 16</b> - Psalm 19       |  |
| <b>August 17</b> - Psalms 20, 21  |  |
| <b>August 18</b> - Psalm 22:1-21  |  |
| <b>August 19</b> - Psalm 22:22-31 |  |