

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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A Gift to Enjoy

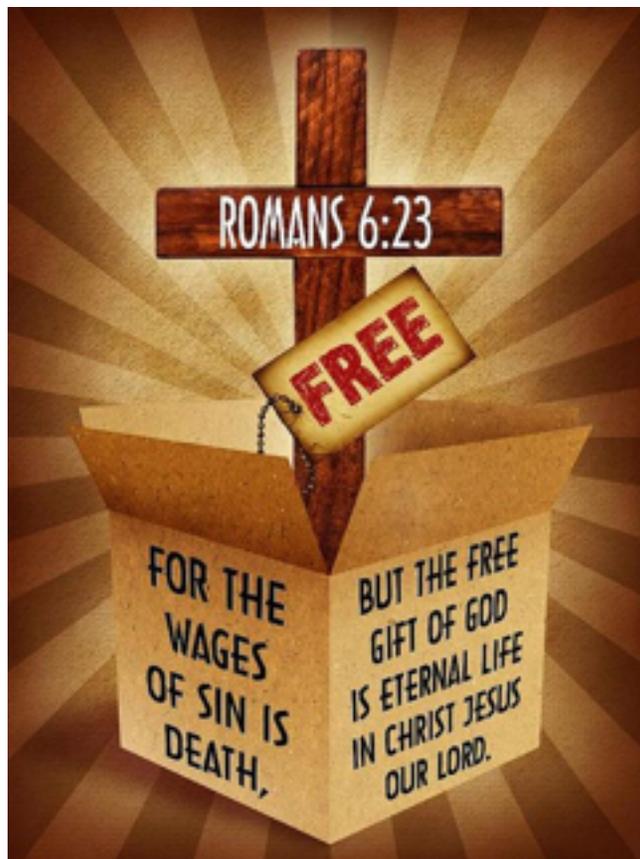
Romans 6:23

“The wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

My first paycheck. \$100! A ONE with two zeroes behind it! It didn't matter that I spent a week pulling weeds with thistles in a 45-acre field. It didn't matter that I sweltered under a hot July sun. It didn't matter that I earned minimum wage. It had my name on it. I earned it.

There is another paycheck that I'm not so excited about. It comes in the form of guilt pricking my conscience far deeper than a thistle could ever penetrate my skin. Sometimes I see it when my temper flares hotter than the summer sun. I feel it when I know I should be more considerate, more caring, more loving toward others around me. So I work harder to do what's right and try harder to do better than before, but still, it never seems to be enough. And it isn't enough, because the Bible tells me the

wages of my sin is death—and it's your paycheck, too.



But, thank the Lord, the Bible also tells us that God is not going to give us what we have earned with our sins. Instead, He gives us something we have not earned—eternal life. It's a gift that has been bought and paid for by the blood of Jesus and earned by His death on the cross.

That takes all the pressure off, doesn't it? Instead of the failures of our past, we can look to Jesus' perfect life of love. Instead of the pressures of tomorrow, we can look to the promise of eternal life that is already won for

us by Jesus' dying and rising from the dead. As a result, life is not a burden, but a gift to enjoy always.

Congregational Meeting

On Sunday, July 19, a congregational meeting will follow our worship service. Reports will be given on the work at Redeemer.

Church Council Minutes

Meeting was called to order at 8:35 AM with a reading from Lam. 3:22-23, followed by prayer.

Members Present: Russ Kienitz, Larry Golke, Ken Kasbohm, Rob Lintemuth, Larry Doerr, Alvah Lintemuth, Pastor Weber

Pastor's Report:

1. Worship services were live streamed on Facebook each week, with DVDs sent to those I knew did not have internet connection. Service folders and sermons were sent to everyone for whom I had an email address. Printed copies of service folder and sermon were mailed along with the DVD of Sunday's service. Bible Study was conducted on Zoom on Wednesdays. Live streaming will continue, as will using Zoom on Wednesdays, for those who do not want to attend in person.
2. Other changes because of the pandemic
 - a. Easter advertising — did not do
 - b. May pastoral conference and Michigan District convention were not held (so no cost except for the Special Ministry contribution).
 - c. WELS VEBA is giving a payment holiday for the month of August.
 - d. WELS Pension is giving a payment holiday for last quarter of the year.
 - e. Fish fry was not held — may try to in the Fall in connection with Mission Festival
3. Crown of Life in Cadillac will close as a congregation with a service on June 28, 2020 — our offering of support will be suspended

4. The audit which was done after the last meeting found everything to be in order.
5. Each month the council will review about when to resume fellowship hour after church and Sunday Bible Study. It may not happen until after Labor Day.
6. Transfer of Ben Propst from St. John's of Sturgis, MI was received. R. Lintemuth made the motion, seconded by K. Kasbohm to approve it. Motion passed.
7. VBS will not be held this summer.
8. Angels of Action — peanut butter and jelly delivered to them as shut down began. — We will support them with their summer program by seeking donations once again.

Trustees Report

Fire extinguishers still need to be checked out. R. Lintemuth will continue looking into this.

Church Mutual water sensors installed, can add more cell phone numbers for notifications.

There will be no "spring" work bee. Maybe remove some old mulch this Fall so that new can be applied in the spring.

Installation of carpet — company will be contacted to see when it can be installed.

Parsonage walk through needs to be done. (window screen replaced which raccoon ripped trying to get in)

Larry rolled lawn, sprayed weeds, spread lime on lawn, serviced lawn mower, and installed outlet under front pew. Rick is trying to rid lawn of moles, bought a new battery for the weed trimmer.

Members came to clean the church before we began holding services again.

Treasurer's Report

- a) a printed report was presented and discussed
- b) a motion to approve the treasurer's report was made by A. Lintemuth and seconded by R. Lintemuth. The motion passed.

Lord's Blessings to You

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

- 4 – Jan Glazier
- 13 – Amy Brennick
- 13 – Brandon Lintemuth
- 13 – Mike Rampanelli
- 15 – Larry Golke
- 19 – Bill Pemberton
- 21 – Bill & Flo Pemberton
- 21 – Ron & Millie Sandelius

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

<u>Service</u>	<u>Att</u>	<u>Offerings</u>	<u>BS</u>	<u>Wed.</u>	<u>SS</u>
5/31	29	\$1715.00			
6/7	25	\$1815.00		9	
6/14	31	\$1675.00		12	
6/21	38	\$2884.00		12	

Vacation Bible School

There will be no Vacation Bible School this summer due to the coronavirus concerns.



“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 July 2020

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| July 1 - Acts 15:1-12 | July 20 - Acts 24:1-21 |
| July 2 - Acts 15:13-34 | July 21 - Acts 24:22-25:12 |
| July 3 - Acts 15:35-16:5 | July 22 - Acts 25:13-27 |
| July 4 - Acts 16:6-15 | July 23 - Acts 26:1-18 |
| July 5 - Acts 16:16-40 | July 24 - Acts 26:19-32 |
| July 6 - Acts 17:1-15 | July 25 - Acts 27:1-20 |
| July 7 - Acts 17:16-34 | July 26 - Acts 27:21-44 |
| July 8 - Acts 18:1-17 | July 27 - Acts 28:1-16 |
| July 9 - Acts 18:18-28 | July 28 - Acts 28:17-31 |
| July 10 - Acts 19:1-20 | July 29 - Amos 1, 2 |
| July 11 - Acts 19:21-41 | July 30 - Amos 3, 4 |
| July 12 - Acts 20:1-16 | July 31 - Amos 5, 6 |
| July 13 - Acts 20:17-38 | |
| July 14 - Acts 21:1-16 | |
| July 15 - Acts 21:17-36 | |
| July 16 - Acts 21:37-22:16 | |
| July 17 - Acts 22:17-29 | |
| July 18 - Acts 22:30-23:10 | |
| July 19 - Acts 23:11-35 | |