

The Ringer

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July 2017 NEWSLETTER



From the
Pastor

Happy Summer!

I hope all of you are finding time to slow down, connect and be with friends and family. I write this as 10 groups of youth from 10 congregations across the synod enjoy Confirmation Camp. Adults and youth enjoying the outdoors, getting to know each other, and to hear about GRACE in our beautiful, rustic, great camp Tomah Shinga. It is a delight.

Earlier in June Jodie Biegert, Anna Prokish, Anita, Emily and I were at Synod Assembly connecting with youth and adults from our 170 congregations, worshipping, listening, praying, deliberating, learning, being together as people of Christ together along with our Bishop Roger and Presiding Bishop Eaton.

We also joined with Immanuel for the Salina Pride Gathering declaring to a group that is often marginalized that there are churches in Salina that open their arms to all, and earlier seeing Lutherans and others gather together to see "Luther, The Idea that Changed the World" it has been a event filled month. We so often dwell in our "other-ness" but I got the feeling that through grace, we find our "same-ness" in Christ.

I pray that as we work to build our community of and in Christ we see the vastness of God's grace that touches young, old, middle, other, in and out.

Amen,

In Christ



Council Highlights

Regular Council Meeting Thursday, June 15, 2017 6:00pm

1. Shellee Callahan will give a financial update to the congregation on Sunday, June 18. Generosity Committee is cautiously optimistic that budget looks good and no cutbacks are necessary at this time.
2. Luther movie was sold out and Redeemer hosted a discussion afterward.
3. Constitution reviews are completed and have been submitted to the Central States Synod review committee.
4. Shellee Callahan will contact a person she knows to inquire about IT services and costs.
5. Forte Bells Quartet will present a concert on September 30. Free will offering will pay for their continued costs; housing is needed; meals and advertising will come from Worship & Music budget.
6. Mary Mertz showed a PowerPoint presentation by the Restoring Creation members of the Central States Synod. Congregations submitted ways of green discipleship which included gardens, energy conservation, recycling, etc. Mary and Noni Strand are members.

Next meeting will be Thursday, July 13, 6:00 p.m.

Council Meeting Minutes are available to read on the Council Bulletin Board and in the office.

Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month



Budget Information

January – May 31, 2017 Budget:

Total Regular Offering Year to Date:	\$127,903.172	YTD Budget:	\$111,687.50
Total Income Year to Date:	\$135,043.61	YTD Budget:	\$115.854.17
Total Expenses Year to Date:	\$119,660.25		
Total Budget Year to Date:	\$121,995.83		



Synod Assembly Highlights



An offering of \$17,295.95 was received at the two worship services. It will be divided between the ELCA Campaign, the three campus ministry sites in the synod, and youth ministry in the synod.

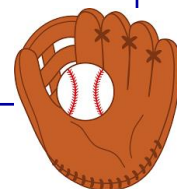
2017 Synod Assembly: Growing in Hope

More than 350 voting members and visitors gathered from congregations across Kansas and Missouri to attend the 2017 Central States Synod Assembly at the Adam's Mark Hotel, Kansas City, MO on June 8-10, 2017. The theme of this year's assembly was "Growing in Hope." We welcomed special guest Elizabeth Eaton, the presiding Bishop of the ELCA who encouraged all to study Luther's Small Catechism and hear the words of grace that free us in our vocations as disciples of Christ. Each congregation received a copy of Luther's Small Catechism in the time capsule they were given as part of the work of Team 500 to help congregations observe the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation.

In addition to inspiring worship, a Jazz service the opening night of the assembly, and a festival community service at Atonement Lutheran Church on Saturday at 1:00 p.m., assembly voting members and visitors engaged in conversation around discipleship asking the question of what needed to die in order to be a more faithful church. They also attended a number of workshops focused on discipleship and the Reformation.

The assembly conducted the business of the synod by:

- Approving a budget for 2018 of \$1,753,806 (50% is shared with churchwide)
- Electing the following people to the synod council:
 - David Strommen
 - Jeanie Schuler
 - Susan Boxberger
 - Grace Vannoy
 - Kristen Koch
- Adopting the following Resolutions:
 - Remembering our Companion Synods - A Season of Global Awareness
 - Designating November 5, 2017 as Bethany Lutheran Home Sunday
 - Designating September 16-17, 2017 as Lutheran Senior Services Weekend
 - Lifting up the importance of Christian vocation
 - Supporting Environmental Stewardship
 - Encouraging congregations to pray for and be advocates for refugees and immigrants



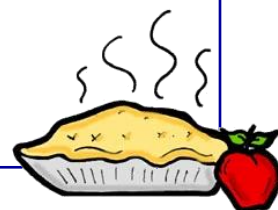
Redeemer Family



New Members



On Sunday, Jun 25, Redeemer welcomed new members in to our family. Bill and De Roth, Carl and Becky Pyle, John Hotaling, Amy Green and her children Kheaven, Austin and Nayelle. We welcome them and look forward to getting to know them better.



God's Work Our Hands



Lutheran World Relief
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT. LASTING PROMISE.

It's that time of year to think about Lutheran World Relief. The women are again doing baby kits to send. As you go to garage sales or clean out your little ones out grown clothes please keep us in mind below is what is needed to make a baby kit.

Project Promise Baby Care Kits are distributed as part of emergency relief efforts but they are also given to encourage expectant women to seek prenatal care. Help welcome the littlest ones into a caring international community and swaddle them with love!

Kits will be assembled in Sept and shipped out in Oct. Thanks for your help.

Baby Care Kits

INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING IN EACH BABY CARE KIT

TWO lightweight cotton t-shirts (no Onesies ®)

TWO long- or short-sleeved gowns or sleepers (without feet)

TWO receiving blankets, medium-weight cotton or flannel, or crocheted or knitted with lightweight yarn, between 36" and 52" square

FOUR cloth diapers, flat fold preferred

ONE jacket, sweater or sweatshirt with a hood, or include a baby cap

TWO pairs of socks

ONE hand towel, dark color recommended TWO or three bath-size bars of gentle soap equaling 8 to 9 oz., any brand, in original wrapping; no mini or hotel size bars

TWO diaper pins or large safety pins

- Clothing may be **gently used and in good condition**. This is especially important as used clothing is increasingly difficult to get through customs in many countries. Even one item that looks worn or stained to local officials can jeopardize the status of a whole shipment. All other items should be new and in good condition.
- Please do not donate items with any religious symbols, messages or your group's name.
- Please do not donate any items decorated with a U.S. flag, patriotic or military symbols, or references to the armed forces, including camouflage.



Outreach

The ELCA social statement says

The church seeks to shape attitudes and values that affirm people in whatever circumstances they find themselves. Its pastoral care, compassionate outreach and life-sustaining assistance are crucial in supporting those who bear children, as well as those who choose not to do so. Through these and other means the people of God seek to be truly supportive of life.



The outreach committee is trying to accomplish this by supporting my involvement with the Pregnancy Service Center.

My role as life coach is to give young families the tools to become a better person, partner and parent. The goal is to lead them to the knowledge that they can have an amazing, powerful life when they let Christ in.

They come in resistant, bitter, shamed and embarrassed. Within the very first half hour of meeting. I explain that I have also felt this desperation and hopelessness. I lay down the negative and positive choices I have made in MY life. Once they see my (Kendra's) sinful past wrought with bad choice after bad choice, they open up and trust that I will not be judging their choices.

I show them that circumstances will always bring a good outcome when they let God work out their story as he intends.

I have tried to impact over 80 clients' lives at PSC, and many have become my friends after 6 years. Of course there are those who stick out and make an impact on ME. The most recent that comes to mind happened last summer. The couple had lost their oldest 4 children to the State and had just had their 5th. They had both done some time incarcerated and were struggling to get back on housing, keep jobs and see their kids when allowed. I knew within 3 mins that God had sent me a huge challenge. They were both bickering, name calling, blaming and totally volatile towards each other about the outcome of their marriage and life so far.

I knew I had to drop the intended curriculum and focused on overcoming the bitterness inside. God did a miracle in their transformation. Their lives are much better now. In fact, the husband of the pair gave a testimonial in the newest PSC video. He talked about their maturity and that "Kendra taught us that life gets in the way. It is messy. Just hold on breathe and it will pass."

This was the LAST couple I ever thought would make such a statement.

A pledge was given to me with the condition that Redeemer members match it. When that happens, I am going to bug them to extend it further... I have their phone number, email, and address. They can't hide.



Your donations will go towards the incentives that support all the classes and life coaching at the Pregnancy Service Center. Clients receive diapers, shopping trips and coupons to spend in the baby boutique at the center.

There is a jug in the gathering space for your tax deductible donation. Check can be made payable to Redeemer which will be added into the total amount. Drop it in the jug or put it in one of the envelopes in the pew and mark Pregnancy Center or Kendra on it.

Kendra Albin



Vacation Bible School



"Experiments in Faith" is the theme of our VBS this year. The Bible is full of stories of people who have shown incredible faith in God. Kids will learn about these examples of faith as well as learn some cool science experiments to help them remember each story. The memory verse for the week is

"Faith is being sure of what we hope for. It is being sure of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:1

VBS will be held July 24-28. A simple meal will be served at 5:30 with class time from 6:00 - 7:30. The evening will include bible story time, songs, games and experiments. VBS is open to all children - members of Redeemer, Godly Play kids, Friends of Redeemer and Grandchildren or great-grandchildren ages 3 (must be potty trained) until having completed 5th grade.

To register fill out the form below or call or email the church.

If you are interested in helping in any way contact Debbie Beckman. We are looking for people to help with the meals (as many nights as you would like to help) and/or be group leaders.

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED**

Registration Form for

Experiments in Faith

Childs name and age/grade

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Childs name and age/grade

Parents name and phone # _____

Parents name and phone # _____

Allergies and medical conditions that we need to be aware of _____

If someone else is picking up your child(ren) list their names : _____

Summer Time



SUMMER SERVICE TIME
sunday worship time June 11-Sept 3

9:30

**LAWN-MOWING
TEAM**



JULY		
	<u>Mow</u>	<u>Edge</u>
7-8	Ted	
14-15	Alan	Alan
21-22	Gary	
28-29	Larry	Mike



Carolyn Manz planted an Easter Lilly from last year and received a wonderful surprise this year. Not one but three plants that are blooming.

a work in progress
**INVITES YOU TO JOIN US FOR A WEEKLY
Community Yoga Class**

**+ STARTING +
JUNE 24TH, 2017**

SATURDAY Mornings AT 9am

The stage at Oakdale park

\$5 SUGGESTED DONATION

(SUGGESTED, NOT REQUIRED)

A WORK IN PROGRESS is a new local non-profit offering yoga, movement and art classes to the Salina community. We are currently working towards opening a studio here in town to host more and more classes so we ask, if you are able, please make a donation when you attend class. If you aren't able to donate, you are still more than welcome to join us any time.

FYI



The Redeemer evangelism committee is planning a Friends and Neighbors Sunday on August 20.

Please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

Our friendship and common love of Jesus Christ brings us to Redeemer! The evangelism committee likes you, and we will like your friends and neighbors! Please be thinking of someone you would like to introduce, share and enjoy Redeemer with on August 20.

Ann and Britney are planning special music for that Sunday, and we will follow worship with a famous Lutheran Pot Luck dinner!

POSITION OPEN:

For a number of years Harold Klæge has served as the volunteer IT person for Redeemer. Harold and Becky have moved to Lincoln, Ne, so that position is now open. We need a qualified/knowledgeable individual to take over these duties and would like the search to begin within the Redeemer membership. If you or someone you know might be interested, we have a list of the equipment and programs used by Redeemer. That list is available in the Redeemer office. If you have questions about the position, please call Lana Jordan 643-5253.



PAGETURNERS

July No Book!

August 15 "Angle of Repose" by Wallace Stegner

Host: Larry Strahan
Leader: Pam Strahan
166 E Lake Drive
785-820-0953

**These books are available
in the church office.**



Pageturners meets
the 3rd Tuesday of
the Month at 4:00.

Take Note



- 1 Andrea Pickering
- 1 Kimberly Potter
- 3 Dan Gill
- 6 Doug Rudick
- 8 Jennifer Beckman
- 9 Luke Augustine
- 11 Joanna Chamberlin
- 11 Brittni Steinle
- 12 Susan Ramage
- 16 Jordan Itschner
- 17 Tim Prockish
- 18 Rylee Koers
- 18 Harper Nuss
- 21 Derrick Dusin
- 21 Dustin Dusin
- 21 Nicole Gulseth
- 22 Ryne Callahan
- 23 Mason Augustine
- 23 Barbara Oltmann
- 23 Deniece Roth
- 25 Nick Shaffer



- 4 Steve & Kendra Albin
- 7 Jon
- 8 Dennis & Carol kuhlman
- 11 Dan & Ann metcalfe
- 17 Rod & CeCelia Anderson
- 17 Brian & Karen Chapman
- 31 Tom & Mary Mertz

Thank you!

Thank you to all that sent cards, messages, and included us in their thoughts and prayers during my Dad's passing. A special thanks to Pastor David who made the trip for the funeral. We found it very comforting to know that our church family was there for support.

*Thanks again,
Cheryl Itschner and family.*

We would like to Thank all of our Redeemer friends for the lovely reception for our move a few weeks ago. It meant a great deal to us. We are settling in now and enjoying being close to family. If any of you are in Lincoln let us know, we would love to see you.

*Thanks again for the lovely time.
Harold and Becky*

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc.

The August Newsletter deadline is July 19th at 12:00pm.

The newsletter is available by email, mail or by picking up at the church.

Lectionary and Gospels for July

Sun, July 2—4th Sunday after Pentecost

[Jeremiah 28:5-9](#)

[Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18](#)

[Romans 6:12-23](#)

[Matthew 10:40-42](#)

[Jesus said to the twelve:] ⁴⁰“Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. ⁴¹Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; ⁴²and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.”



Sun, July 9—5th Sunday after Pentecost

[Zechariah 9:9-12](#)

[Psalm 145:8-14](#)

[Romans 7:15-25a](#)

[Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30](#)

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another, ¹⁷‘We played the flute for you, and you did not dance;



we wailed, and you did not mourn.’

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Sun, July 16—6th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 55:10-13](#)

[Psalm 65:\[1-8\] 9-13](#)

[Romans 8:1-11](#)

[Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23](#)

¹That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And

he told them many things in parables, saying:

“Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!”



¹⁸Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”

Sun, July 23—7th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 44:6-8](#)

[Wisdom of Solomon 12:13, 16-19](#) (alternate)

[Psalm 86:11-17](#)

[Romans 8:12-25](#)

[Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43](#)

²⁴[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: “The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the



slaves of the householder came and said to him, ‘Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?’ ²⁸He answered, ‘An enemy has done this.’ The slaves said to him, ‘Then do you want us to go and gather them?’ ²⁹But he replied, ‘No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reaper.

Lectionary and Gospels for July

Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn."

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

Sun, July 30—8th Sunday after Pentecost

[1 Kings 3:5-12](#)

[Psalm 119:129-136](#)

[Romans 8:26-39](#)

[Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52](#)

³¹[Jesus] put before [the crowds] another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs

and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."

³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."



Partners in Ministry

Altar Guild: Tom Mertz and Teresa Nelson

	July 2	July 9	July 16	July 23	July 30
Greeter	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Jim & Viv Cook	Chad Curl & Christine Elsasser	Garry & Sue Mettlen	Ted & Barbara Wire
Usher	Carolyn & Larry Manz	Mary Shaffer John Neilson	Grant & Kris Johanson	Anna Prockish Mike Ramage	Lana Jordan Kendra Albin
Communion	Tom Mertz Carol Kuhlman	Britney English Rick Henderson	Kathy Lowman Alan English	Diane Conover Mary Mertz	Larry & Pam Strahan
Lector	Phil Sedo	Ann Metcalfe	Ray Beckman	Charlotte Herrman	Gary Jordan
Cantor	Ann Metcalfe	Kris Johanson	Jodi Baschand	Britney English	Britney English
Sound	Mary Mertz				
Coffee Host	Mary Shaffer	Koers/Grant & Kris Johanson	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Tom & Sandi Drown	Rick & Betty Henderson

July



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 9:30 Worship	3	4	5 9 Bible Study	6	7	8 1 Baby Shower
9 9:30 Worship 6:00 THIRST	10	11 6:30 GUYS @ Salina Rescue Mission	12 9 Bible Study	13 6 Council Meeting	14	15
16 9:30 Worship World Hunger Offering	17 1-10 Silver Needles	18 4 Pageturners	19 9 Bible Study	20	21	22
23 9:30 Worship	24	25	26 9 Bible Study	27 8:30 Breakfast at Bayards 9 Silver Nee-	28	29
30 9:30 Worship	31					



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Weekly Church Events

Sunday Communion Worship
9:30 Communion worship

Wednesday morning
9:00 Bible Study

No Wednesday Evening Activities during the summer.

Organist: Ruth Mirtz

Choir Director: Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and
Worship Accompanist:**
Britney English

2017 Council

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