

# The Ringer

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Greetings in the middle of summer! I want to begin by thanking the council and committees that have been meeting and working so hard to figure out ways we can stay connected, but also stay safe. We continue to worship in person with up to ten households each week. We have daily devotions, worship, and now weekly coffee and Bible Study, and soon we will also have VBS virtually. As we look toward the fall we will also be doing our best to keep people connected and safe. I miss seeing you all “Live and in Person” but enjoy seeing greetings on Sunday as you tune in for worship. Please, continue to pray for our medical workers, our police and EMTs, and our teachers and many other essential workers in our city as they do their best to deal with this crisis.

In the beginning of the crisis I think many of us thought “this will be a sprint, and soon it will be back to normal”...but this disease with its infection rate has us especially in a marathon. But we must stay the course. We will be attempting to do communion the first Sunday of each month, so I invite you all who are at home to have elements at the ready. We are called in this time to new things, but thanks be to God that we have not just a God of the past and traditions...but a God that was and is and ever shall be. This means that God is already in the future for us. In Romans 8 we are reminded nothing, absolutely nothing, can separate us from the Love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. So we bear that deep in our hearts as we faithfully know who holds tomorrow.

***In Christ,***

***Pastor David.***

# Council News

## Council Highlights for July

### July 9, 2020 Meeting

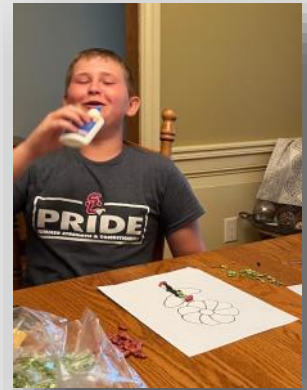
- ♦ The new camera for the sanctuary has been ordered and we are anxiously waiting to receive it. Part of the camera will be paid from the Eileen Nelson Memorial Fund and Endowment funds have also been approved to help offset the cost. We hope that everything is up and running by early August. There will be a big improvement in the audio and video quality for our virtual services.
- ♦ The Property board reported that the hardware firewall has now been installed in the church office computer system.
- ♦ The Education team announced that this year's VBS will be virtual. It is an online program named "Bolt". This will also be an amazing outreach opportunity, as our members can invite anyone to join in on the fun! Keep watching for more information from Education.
- ♦ The Council is looking for a new member to replace Kendra Albin, who has moved from Salina.
- ♦ The council is continuing to review in person worship services. We will continue to make decisions as appropriate. Thank you to everyone for your understanding and support.

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

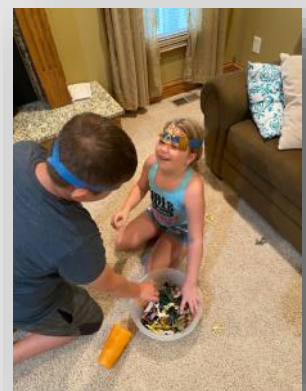
*Council Meetings are the 2nd Thursday of the month*



# Bolt with virtual VBS!



Ryne Callahan,  
Nolan and Maci  
Van Allen enjoying  
virtual  
Vacation Bible  
School with Bolt!





# Redeemer family news

Tom is continuing his studies in the Parish Ministry Associate (PMA) program of the Central States Synod. He completed a New Testament course in May and is just finishing up a class on Lutheran Worship.

He's been taking care of things at home while Mary works at the Prairieland Market, a local-foods grocery in downtown Salina, as volunteer co-manager.

Our oldest son Tim, in Wichita, had a mild case of Covid but is feeling fine now and out of quarantine. Thanks be to God.

We tune in to worship services online and enjoy the Zoom fellowship opportunities. With Tom's cancer, it's prudent for him to keep staying home, even though we miss seeing our Redeemer friends.

Blessings to you all!

TOM & MARY MERTZ

Greetings from the Neffs,

We are happy to report that things are going well! Sam has been home since March, and finished out his Junior year at Fort Hays State online. He is enjoying his accounting internship at KCoe-Isom in Salina where he has been doing lots of taxes. Now it's getting time for him to go back to Hays in August to begin his senior year. Ed has been busy at work at Salina Planing Mill where he is the Plant Manager. There never seems to be a shortage for him to do even during a pandemic. Kris on the other hand had a few weeks where she was working part time, but things have returned to our new normal now around the office. We are thankful to be able to stay healthy and home together. We miss our Redeemer Family, but know we are doing our part to flatten the curve. Sending our love to everyone until we can gather together again!

Kris, Ed & Samuel



Matthew Weiss  
Southeast of Saline High  
School



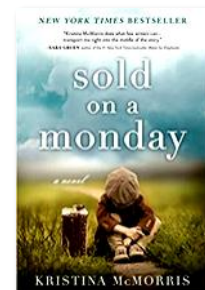
**Women's Life Group** has been postponed indefinitely due to COVID-19.

Stay tuned!  
Anna Prockish



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

August 18  
*Sold on a Monday*  
by Kristina McMorris  
Host & Leader: Lonnie Wahlgren



# God's Work. Our Hands.

**"God's work. Our hands." Sunday is Sunday, September 13, 2020.** This day is an opportunity to celebrate who we are as the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America – one church, freed in Christ to serve and love our neighbor. Once again, Immanuel, Redeemer, and St. John's Lutheran Churches in Salina will join together to celebrate this day with some modifications due to COVID-19.

Our service work will be for the ministry of Ashby House again this year. Because we may not be able to safely gather in a large group on September 13, we are hosting an **"Ashby Housewarming"** party to help support them with supplies for daily needs. A registry of needs is listed below. Every member of our congregations is encouraged to give at the level that they can afford, whether it be a prayer, a roll of paper towels, or a cash gift. As Jeff Shaw of Ashby House said, "You would not believe how excited we get when we receive dish soap! Having it available on our shelves for everyday use is essential for us." Items and cash gifts will be collected at each church and pooled together for a common delivery on September 13.

A second service opportunity involves **acts of service as individuals or small groups**. COVID-19 has magnified the needs of people around us – for food, child care, health care, and basic needs. During the week of September 6-13, you and your family or circle of caring are invited to share a picture of how you share God's love in the spirit of God's Work. Our Hands. Maybe you can deliver groceries to an elderly neighbor, or help make sack lunches for school children, or donate blood. The opportunities are endless! Our hands are needed to help others. Please send your pictures to Noni Strand ([nonistrand@gmail.com](mailto:nonistrand@gmail.com))

These pictures will be shared on our October newsletters to inspire one another to further service in the name of Christ. Service activities offer an opportunity for us to explore one of our most basic convictions as Lutherans: that all of life in Jesus Christ – every act of service, in every daily calling, in every corner of life – flows freely from a living, daring confidence in God's grace.

For more information or questions about GWOH, contact Mindy Tillberg at Immanuel ([mt2820b@gmail.com](mailto:mt2820b@gmail.com)), Noni Strand at Redeemer ([nonistrand@gmail.com](mailto:nonistrand@gmail.com)), or Pastor Ed Foster at St. John's ([pastor-ed@carrollsworld.com](mailto:pastor-ed@carrollsworld.com)).

## Ashby Housewarming

The following items are needed by Ashby House for their ministry with women and children in need. Please give as you are able and share your love and service by delivering your items to your congregation (Immanuel, Redeemer, or St. John's) by Friday, September 11, 2020. Delivery will be made to Ashby House on Sunday, September 13, for God's Work. Our Hands. Sunday.

Prayers  
Cash donations—checks can be made payable to Ashley House  
Toilet paper  
Paper towels  
Dish cloths  
Laundry detergent  
Dish soap  
Coffee (regular & decaf)  
Diapers  
Diaper rash ointment  
Baby lotion  
Baby shampoo  
Baby wipes  
Band-aids  
Antibiotic ointment  
Women's underwear & bras (new)  
Children's underwear (new)

Women's socks (new)  
Children's socks (new)  
Latex gloves  
Multi-surface cleaner (409, etc.)  
Lysol spray  
Office supplies (scotch tape, dry erase markers, copy paper, etc.)  
Gift cards (gas/food)  
Children's school supplies (construction paper, markers, crayons, white glue, scissors, backpacks, etc.)



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

# What grows in your garden?



Redeemer's  
Creation Care Team  
wants to know!

1. Lee Smith's K-State football player
2. Garden gnome in Lee Smith's garden
3. "Bull" guarding Wally's wildflower
4. Mary & Kenny Bridges' patio garden
5. Lee Smith's pink mandevilla
6. Mary Shaffer's volunteer sunflowers
7. Swallowtail butterfly in Mary Shaffer's garden
8. Kale & Swiss Chard from English garden
9. Mary Shaffer's butterfly garden





# Staying in touch & helping others



Each day (Monday through Friday) at 1:00 p.m. we invite you to briefly pause (just for five minutes) to pray together (no matter where we are in the synod.) You can do this on your own as an individual or join a staff member on [Facebook live](#).

## Nurturing Life-Changing Relationships with God and One Another

Saturday August 15, 2020,  
9:00 a.m. - Noon

### Target Audience:

Council members, Faith Formation Leaders

Note: As with all the Vitality workshops, it is best if several folk attend from the congregation with the support of the pastor and congregational president. At this workshop there will be opportunities to break out for discussion with others from your congregation, as well as opportunities to share ideas with others from around the synod.

### Facilitators:

Pastor Kendra Nolde and Pastor Tom Wehrman.

**Description:** Mother Teresa said, "We have forgotten that we belong to each other." This lapse in memory has caused deep fractures and allowed fear, hatred, and division to infect our lives together – yes, sometimes even in the church. Yet, named and claimed by the Holy Trinity, we know it's all about relationship! During this time of pandemic, we are once again recognizing the importance of community and connection. This Congregational Vitality Workshop will explore biblical models that can help us remember our belonging to one another and share some best practices for developing healthy, life-changing, Spirit-centered relationships. And what new ways of creating community have been made possible with increased digital presence in these days?

This event will take place via Zoom. There is no cost to participate, but we ask that you register to help us better facilitate the experience.

Register at <https://tithe.ly/event-registration/#/2130294>



## The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for August 2020 include:

Breakfast Cereal  
Antacids  
Canned Vegetables  
PPE Masks



This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Please help; donations can be dropped off anytime at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 summers Road in Salina, or call us at 785-823-2610.

For more information go on-line to  
[www.salinarescuemission.com](http://www.salinarescuemission.com)

# Lectionary for Sundays in August

## August 2 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 55:1-5](#)

[Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21](#)

[Romans 7:1-5](#)

[Matthew 14:13-21](#)

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus heard [about the beheading of John the Baptist], he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns. <sup>14</sup>When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick. <sup>15</sup>When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves." <sup>16</sup>Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat." <sup>17</sup>They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish." <sup>18</sup>And he said, "Bring them here to me." <sup>19</sup>Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds. <sup>20</sup>And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full. <sup>21</sup>And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.



## August 9 — 10th Sunday after Pentecost

[1 Kings 19:9-18](#)

[Psalm 85:8-13](#)

[Romans 10:5-15](#)

[Matthew 14:22-33](#)

<sup>22</sup>[Jesus] made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side [of the Sea of Galilee], while he dismissed the crowds. <sup>23</sup>And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, <sup>24</sup>but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. <sup>25</sup>And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. <sup>26</sup>But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. <sup>27</sup>But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid."



<sup>28</sup>Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." <sup>29</sup>He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. <sup>30</sup>But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" <sup>31</sup>Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to

him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" <sup>32</sup>When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. <sup>33</sup>And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

## August 16 — 11th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 56:1, 6-8](#)

[Psalm 67](#)

[Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32](#)

[Matthew 15: \[10-20\] 21-28](#)

<sup>10</sup>[Jesus] called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."]



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## August 23 — 12th Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 51:1-6](#)

[Psalm 138:8](#)

[Romans 12:1-8](#)

[Matthew 16:13-20](#)

<sup>13</sup>Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" <sup>14</sup>And they said,





# Lectionary continued & Worship News

"Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." <sup>15</sup>He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" <sup>16</sup>Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." <sup>17</sup>And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. <sup>18</sup>And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. <sup>19</sup>I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." <sup>20</sup>Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

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**ALTAR GUILD: Teresa Nelsen and Vivian Cook**

**PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 9:30 SERVICE**

	August 2	August 9	August 16	August 23	August 30
<b>Greeters</b>					
<b>Ushers</b>					
<b>Lector</b>					
<b>Communion</b>					
<b>Sound</b>					
<b>Fellowship</b>					

For now we will not assign Partners in Ministry for August, but play it by ear day to day. We will keep all informed via Redeemer's website at [www.redeemer-elca.org](http://www.redeemer-elca.org) or on Redeemer's Facebook page. News will be sent out via Realm as well. Those who do not have email will be contacted via postal mail.  
Thank you!

# Redeemer Celebrations

8/5 Gary & Sue Mettlen  
 8/9 Randy & Jan Jackson  
 8/13 Gary & Lana Jordan  
 8/14 Pastor David & Anita Strommen  
 8/15 John & Ann Garrison  
 8/22 Tyler & Kayla Nuss  
 8/22 Mark & Kristi Weiss  
 8/23 Joe & Kathy Heinrich






## Birthdays

8/3 Talan Pickering  
 8/4 Gary Jordan  
 8/5 Jim Cook  
 8/8 CeCelia Anderson  
 8/9 Ray Beckman  
 8/12 Joe Plumer  
 8/14 Jody Biegert  
 8/16 Nathan Callahan

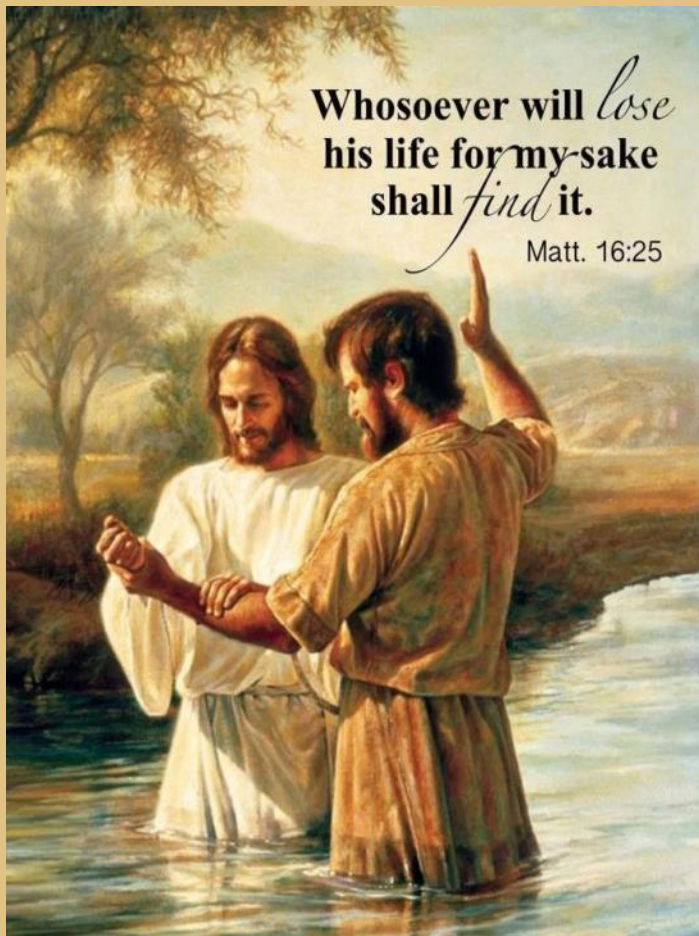
8/18 Brenda Tonniges  
 8/20 Brock Alstatt  
 8/22 Lacey Hasker  
 8/23 Virgil Augustine  
 8/26 John Nielsen  
 8/30 Carol Kuhlman  
 8/31 Tanner Thurman

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The September newsletter deadline is August 24th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		 <b>Election Day</b> 				1
2 930 Worship	3	4 515 Education 545 Worship & Music	5 900 Bible Study 615 Worship	6	7	8 1100 Rejoicing Spirits
9 930 Worship	10	11 630 GUYS	12 900 Bible Study 615 Worship	13 600 pm <b>Church Council Meeting</b>	14	15
16 930 Worship	17 6:00 Silver Needles	18 400 Page Turners	19 900 Bible Study 615 Worship	20 930 Silver Needles Sew-In	21	22
23 930 Worship	24 1200 Newsletter Deadline	25	26 900 Bible Study 615 Worship	27 830 Breakfast at IHOP	28	30
30 930 Worship	31	 <b>for worship services always available!</b>				





Whosoever will *lose*  
his life for my sake  
shall *find* it.  
Matt. 16:25

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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Worship

9:30 worship

#### Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

6:15—Worship

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

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

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