

The Ringer

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July 2019 Newsletter



From the
Pastor

"The grass withers, the flower fades; but the Word of the Lord lasts forever."
Isaiah 40:8

This was the verse I used as I stood before the assembly for ninety seconds to give a vision for our synod assembly as a nominee for bishop. We are a synod that has a wonderful diversity and multiple problems...but even more amazing gifts. These gifts are founded in the Word of God, Jesus Christ. All too often we focus on the "grass and flower" and forget the Word though. This comes to budget discussions, pastoral shortages, lethargy in congregations, busy-ness of our people, inner and outer dynamics, and the age-old problem of "This is not how we used to do it!"-that seem overwhelming in many contexts. These "problems" can be all consuming, but I think as congregations (and perhaps synods and denominations) we lose sight of what has given us the vision in the past...it was not about being the largest Lutheran denomination, the fastest growing synod, the hippest congregation, but a desire to declare the Love of God in Christ Jesus, the Word made flesh!

In the past individual Christians then sought ways of doing that and at times gathered with fellow Christians to form a meeting place for the church to be in worship, always understanding though that the church was not just on Sunday, but was alive, well and kicking every day of the week as we lived out our vocations be it a farmer in a sod hut fighting off grasshoppers or rushing to the neighbor to help them protect their farm from a wild fire, a banker who saw and trusted a person beyond their worth on "paper", a nurse who dealt with her or his neighbor when they perhaps were at their worst, teachers who understood their students beyond the standardized test, a child who reached out to a newcomer to say "you can play with me at recess!"

My point is: today I think we are at times too tied up in the institution that really is the grass and flower and forget the root that is eternal. God **will** make the Word known! The question is how will be God's instruments? The answer changes from generation to generation. I pray and trust that Bishop Elect Susan Candeia will work hard to bring that message to our synod.

At the end of my 90 seconds I pondered what it would be like if truly the whole church knew Central States Synod not just for being in the middle of the country (fly over country with good bar-b-que), but truly a synod that held God's Word as central to our very being. I truly believe with that our sense of self and the focus on grass and flowers would shift and we would understand when God in Christ is central good things will be before us come what may with withering and fading.

In Christ
Pastor David

Council Highlights

Redeemer Lutheran Church Council — June 12, 2019

Council Highlights

Pastor thanked the Council and the congregation for a wonderful Anniversary Celebration. He enjoyed it very much and he also stated the rose bushes have been planted.

A very beautiful service was planned for Pentecost and Confirmation Sunday. Congratulations to Easton Pickering on his Confirmation. The Arts and Environment committee did a wonderful job making the sanctuary look very festive.

The Endowment committee reported that the request for the \$2500 for the Camp Tomah Shinga youth counselor has been granted.

Creation Care Team will be showing a documentary to the congregation titled, "From Paris to Pittsburg", on climate changes in September.

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 beginning at 6pm.



Budget Information

Treasurers Report

Total income: \$154,621.74 Budgeted income: \$295,100.00

Total expenses: \$115,625.42 Budgeted expenses: \$297,470.00

Mortgage balance: \$406,270.08



Assembly Report

ELCA Central States Synod Meeting, June 6, 7 & 8, 2019

Barbara and I want to sincerely thank you for nominating us to attend the ELCA Central States Synod Meeting. It was a wonderful experience to see our Synod at work and learn about all the wonderful programs that they are doing for people here in the U.S. and abroad. The focus of the meeting was Congregation Vitality, a theme they are exploring throughout the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Vital congregations are communities of Jesus that nurture life-changing relationships with God, one another, and the world. The key note speaker to address this issue was the Rev. Dr. Rich Melheim who specializes in lifelong faith development. He states that Vital Congregations start with vital individual Christians in each congregation,

A main item on the agenda was to elect a new Bishop, Vice Chairman, Secretary, Treasurer and other synod business. The Rev. Susan Candeia, Bishop's Associate and Director for Evangelical Mission of the Central States Synod was elected to be our new Bishop for the next six years after five ballots replacing our current Bishop Roger Gustafson who elected to retire. I am pleased to share that our Pastor David was nominated as a candidate and received enough votes through three ballots of the five ballot process.

The following resolutions were brought before the Assembly for discussion and passage:

SA 19.01 – Lutherans Restoring Creation

SA 19.02 – Lutherans Senior Services

SA 19.03 – Designation of Bethany Lutheran Home Association Sunday

SA 19.04 – A Season of Global Awareness

SA 19.05 – Memorial for Increased Accountability in Cases of Sexual Misconduct

SA 19.06 -- Retirements

SA 19.07 – Faithful Departed

The Assembly closed with a wonderful and uplifting worship service praising God for all that He has done for our congregations, ministers, and lay people.

Yours in Christ,

Ted & Barbara Wire

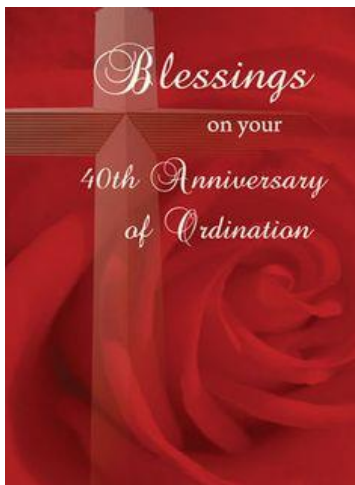
****Please see email for more information about the resolutions.***



Our Redeemer Family

We would like to thank everyone for their prayers and support during Tim's recovery from knee replacement surgery. Thanks to Pastor David for his visits at the hospital and home. Tim is back at work doing some light duty things in the warehouse. No pain but a little expected swelling (mostly in his ankle but that's another story!) - he feels like a new man!

Tim and Anna Prockish



A celebration for Pastor David's twenty-fifth ordination anniversary was held on Sunday, June 2 after worship service. The fellowship hall was packed with family, friends, former and current parishioners all in attendance to honor him.



WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR? is the theme of this year's VBS July 8 - 12. Each night will start with a simple meal at 5:30. Class sessions will run for 6:00 - 7:30. Kids age 3 yrs. through completing 5th grade are invited to come. If you would like to help, we are still looking for people to be group leaders - no lesson prep required just be with the groups and help them get from one session to another. Questions ask Mary Mertz or Debbie Beckman.



Registering your children for VBS may be done either online: <https://forms.gle/4rTgPVbch25jux1RG6> or by calling the office. Feel free to copy and paste the online link and send to anyone interested! Let Britney English know if you have any questions or see any issues with the form.

FYI



Wish List

NEEDS OF THE MONTH – July 2019

The needs of the Salina Rescue Mission for *July 2019* include:

- ☐ Toothpaste & Deodorant
- ☐ Dry Non-Sweetened Cereal
- ☐ Peanut Butter & Jelly
- ☐ Canned Veggies & Fruit

A tremendous THANK YOU to the community for already helping us with many items of great need!

For more information, go on-line to
www.salinarescuemission.com

This helps to feed and care for the hungry and homeless, it also stretches our general fund dollars. Donations can be dropped off any time at the Salina Rescue Mission at 1716 Summers Road.

Join us at Daimaru Steakhouse located at the 3045 South Ninth on Tuesday, July 9, 6:30 p.m. for Ladies Night Out. RSVP appreciated but not necessary to Rosemary Anderson 785-492-1859 or Arlene Keil 620-292-1031. Bring a friend!



Drew Alstatt
 Salina Central High School
 Son of
 Craig & Sheila Alstatt



Madison Garrison
 Southeast Saline High School
 Daughter of
 John & Ann Garrison

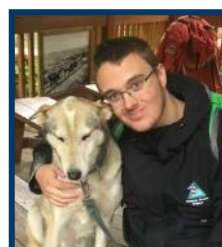


Samual Neff
 Fort Hays State University
 Son of Ed & Kris Neff



Zach Swanson
 Salina South High School
 Grandson of
 Tom & Sandi Drown

Charlie Weiss
 Salina Central High School
 Grandson of Wally Koers
 Son of Todd Koers



Matthew Weiss
 Salina Central High School
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Reminders

PAGETURNERS

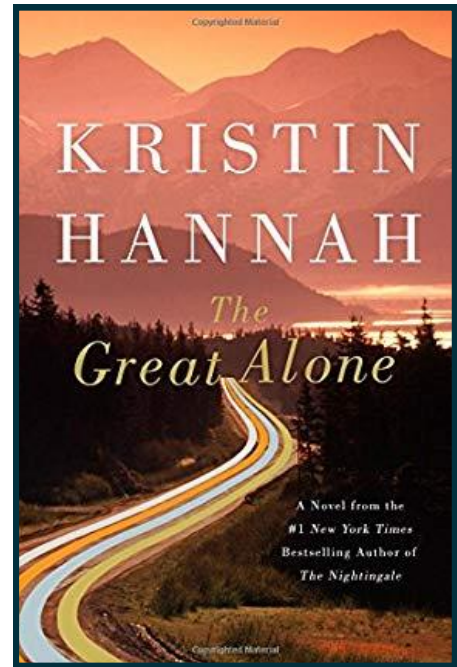
July 16

The Great Alone

Hosts—Larry & Pam Strahan

Book Club Meets on
the 4th Tuesday of
the month.

(there are a few exceptions)



Joint Worship Services
will start May 26 and run
through September 1 at
9:30am.

Thank you to all who included me in Senior Recognition Sunday and gave me cards and well-wishes.

Zach Swanson

Thank You!

The reports that my house is for sale is greatly exaggerated, to misquote Mark Twain. Actually it is my neighbor's house that is for sale, so this means I'm not going anywhere. Just wanted to lay the rumors to rest.

Thanks,
Wally Koers



Lectionary for Sundays in July

Sunday, July 7—Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

[Isaiah 66:10-14](#)

[Psalm 66](#)

[Galatians 6:\[1-6\] 7-16](#)

[Luke 10:1-11, 16-20](#)

¹After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. ²He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. ³Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. ⁴Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. ⁵Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' ⁶And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. ⁷Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. ⁸Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; ⁹cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.' ¹⁰But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, ¹¹'Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near.' "



¹⁶"Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me."

¹⁷The seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!" ¹⁸He said to them, "I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. ¹⁹See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you. ²⁰Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven."

Sunday, July 14—Fifth Sunday of Pentecost

[Deuteronomy 30:9-14](#)

[Psalm 25:1-10](#)

[Colossians 1:1-14](#)

[Luke 10:25-27](#)

²⁵Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?" ²⁶He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"



²⁷He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself." ²⁸And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

²⁹But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?" ³⁰Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³²So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.' ³⁶Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?" ³⁷He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

Sunday, July 21—Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 18 1-10a](#)

[Psalm 15](#)

[Colossians 1-15-28](#)

[Luke 10:38-42](#)

³⁸Now as [Jesus and his disciples] went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. ³⁹She had a sister



named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. ⁴⁰But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." ⁴¹But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; ⁴²there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Lectionary & Partners in Ministry

Sunday, July 28—Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

[Genesis 18:20-32](#)

[Psalm 138](#)

[Colossians 2:6-15 \[16-10\]](#)

[Luke 11:1-13](#)

¹[Jesus] was praying in a certain place, and after he had finished, one of his disciples said to him, "Lord, teach us to pray, as John taught his disciples."²He said to them, "When you pray, say:

Father, hallowed be your name.

Your kingdom come.

³Give us each day our daily bread.

⁴And forgive us our sins,
for we ourselves forgive everyone indebted to us.

And do not bring us to the time of trial."

⁵And he said to them, "Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, 'Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him.' ⁷And he answers from within, 'Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything.' ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

⁹So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will the heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask him!"



ALTAR GUILD: Carol Keeler & Anna Prockish

PARTNERS IN MINISTRY 9:30 SERVICE

Greeter	Jon Hotaling & Ray Beckman	Loren & Phyllis Harris	Jim & Vivian Cook	Rod & Cecelia Anderson
Usher	Wayne & Carol Keeler	Kendra Albin & Betty Baxter	Joe Plumer & Chad Curl	Larry & Pam Strahan
Lector	Kris Neff	Joe Heinrich	Phil Sedo	Alan English
Communion	Gary Mettlen, Dan Metcalfe & Debbie Beckman	Arlene Keil, Tom & Mary Mertz	Gary Jordan, Rod & Rosemary Anderson	Mike Ramage, Anna Prockish & Wayne Keeler
Sound	Britney English	Perry Jurgensen	Kris Neff	Mary Mertz
Fellowship	Carol & Wayne Keeler	Kris & Grant Johanson	Ray & Debbie Beckman	Arlene Keil & Rosemary Anderson

Take Note!

Redeemer Creation Care Team

Redeemer's Creation Care Team was established on March 7, 2019. Church Council signed a "Covenant to Care for Creation" with Lutherans Restoring Creation, a grass-roots movement in the ELCA promoting care for creation by "cultivating a community of dedicated stewards of earth and neighbor who proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all."

The goal of our Creation Care Team is to provide opportunities for us as a congregation and individuals to think and act more intentionally with care for Earth and all creatures. This involves education, worship, buildings and grounds, discipleship in work and life, and advocacy. In recent Ringers, we have shared information about recycling opportunities and Farmers Markets in Salina. We'll be announcing more events and activities in the coming months.

Current members of the Creation Care Team are Chery Itschner, Mary Mertz, Mary Shaffer, Alan English (Council Liaison), Noni Strand, and Pastor Strommen. If you are interested in joining the Team, please email Noni at nonistrand@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE

"God's Work. Our Hands"
Sunday is **September 8**.
We'll gather at 9:30 am for a work day at Ashby House here in Salina. By serving our neighbors at Ashby House, we will proclaim God's promise of hope and healing for all. More details will be coming in August.



We are Family

Happy Anniversary

7/1 Kimberly Potter
 6/9 Ted & Barbara Wire
 6/10 Mike & Susan Ramage
 6/13 Alan & Britney English
 6/13 Joe & Janis Plumer

HAPPY
 Birthday

7/1 Kimberly Potter	7/11 Jim Boyd	7/21 Dustin Dusin
7/1 Andrea Pickering	7/12 Susan Ramage	7/22 Ryne Callahan
7/3 Dan Gill	7/15 Leo Bell	7/23 Mason Augustine
7/6 Doug Rudick	7/16 Kathy Heinrich	7/23 Dee Roth
7/7 Clare Clausen	7/16 Jordan Itschner	7/24 Kyle Tonniges
7/8 Jennifer Beckman	7/17 Tim Prockish	7/25 Nick Shaffer
7/9 Luke Augustine	7/18 Rylee Koers	7/28 Annalyse Chamberlin
7/11 Joanna Chamberlin	7/18 Harper Nuss	7/29 Sophie Bell
7/11 Brittni Steinle	7/21 Derrick Dusin	7/31 Chad Curl

FLOWER CHART

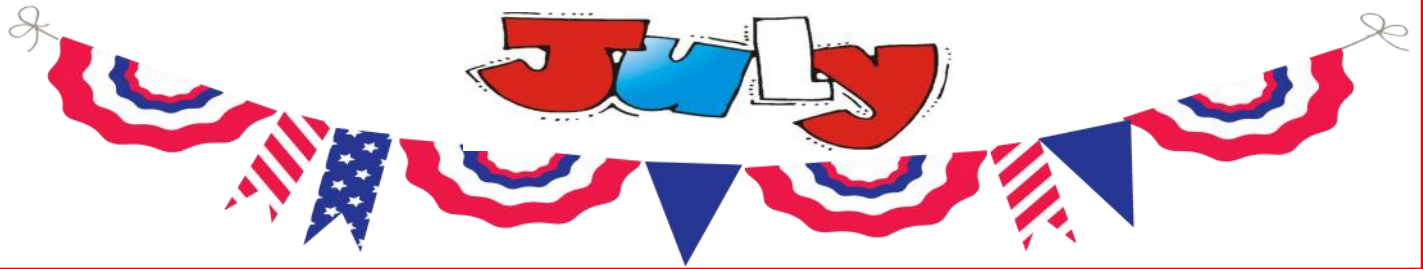


There are a lot of empty spaces on the flower chart for 2019.

If you are interested in providing flowers for our worship services on a specific date, please sign the chart. Make sure to use only a dry-erase marker.

Cost will be \$20.

Content of the Ringer depends on you, the members of this church, for articles, photos, important dates, etc. **The August Newsletter deadline is July 16th at 12:00 pm.** Information turned in after this date might not be included. The newsletter is available by email, mail or at the church.



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 545 Worship & Music Commit- tee	3 900 Bible Study	4	5	6 CCL Church staying over- night
7 930 Worship	8 VBS	9 VBS Ladies Night Out	10 VBS 900 Bible Study	11 VBS	12 VBS	13 CCL Church staying over- night
14 930 Worship	15 1200 Newsletter Deadline 600 Silver Nee- dles	16 400 PageTurners 600 Council Meeting	17 900 Bible Study	18 930 Silver Nee- dles Sew-In	19	20
21 930 Worship	22	23	24 900 Bible Study	25 830 Breakfast at Bayard's	26	27
~~~~~Becky on Vacation~~~~~						
28 930 Worship	29	30	31 900 Bible Study			



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### Weekly Church Events

#### Sunday Communion Worship

8:00 Communion worship

10:30 Communion worship

#### Wednesday morning

9:00 Bible Study

#### Wednesday Evening Activities

5:30—Dinner

6:00—Godly Play

6:15—Communion Worship

Followed by Education

7:15—Music practice

**Organist:** Ruth Mirtz

**Choir Director:** Ann Metcalfe

**Bell Director and  
Worship Accompanist:**

Britney English

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