

# Church Chatter

## THE FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT

Dearly beloved,

I grew up in a deeply spiritual tradition, inspired by the lives of the desert mothers and fathers. You may wonder who were those people! Wonder no more! They were men and women who retreated in desert areas to live a life dedicated to mastering their strong emotions, and living by the fruit of the Holy Spirit. Their main goal was to dedicate their lives to God and God's kingdom. In order to do that they knew that they had to practice self-control over their "demons." Demons in the spiritual tradition are all those strong negative emotions that take over us with such a power that reason goes out of the window. Think of all the strong emotions that overpower us all too often, and move us to take actions, and say words that we later on regret. I am sure each and every one of us have been at some point in the stronghold of strong negative emotions that clouded our reason. The desert mothers and fathers call them "passions."

The teachings of Jesus help us learn how to deal with strong negative emotions by exercising self-control. Self-control is one the fruits of the Holy Spirit. It is mentioned last in the Apostle Paul's Letter to the community of Galatia. Self-control is mentioned last because it is the hardest to achieve. Self-control is also the gate that allows all the other fruits to come in and dwell in our minds and hearts.

Living by the fruit of the Spirit brings miracles into our lives and is the secret to personal and collective happiness, the secret to a good life for us and for those around us.

In the month of August, I am going to do a sermon series on the FRUIT OF THE SPIRIT.

*...the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. Galatians 5: 22-23*

Yours in Christ, pastor Liliana



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**SAVE THE DATE!**

**"God's Work. Our Hands." Sunday**  
**Sept. 11**  
**2022**

 **Evangelical Lutheran Church in America**  
 Confession, Service

## SAVE THE DATE!

September 11th is God's Work Our Hands Sunday!

It is also Patriot Day.

Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is hosting a barbeque lunch for Fort Morgan first responders.

Please contact a council member, Pastor Liliana, or Terresa if you have ideas on how to make this wonderful day a success or to find out how you can help!

Watch for more details in church bulletins and in the September newsletter.

**THANK YOU**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> Responders**  
**WE SUPPORT YOU**

*Excellence in*   
**LEADERSHIP**

 **Rocky Mountain Synod, ELCA**

**Courageous, resilient, and faithful leaders for the sake of the world**

It's official! Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer will be hosting an Excellence in Leadership workshop here in Fort Morgan. This is the only in-person training offered by the Office of the Bishop in the state of Colorado! Thank you Pastor Liliana for your commitment and determination in bringing this opportunity to us. **All are welcome!** The program is four semesters in length, starting in the fall of 2022 and continuing through the spring of 2024. Meetings will take place 2-3 times per semester (mix of in-person and zoom sessions.) For more information, questions, etc. please contact Pastor Liliana or the church office or sign up online on the [rinselca.org](http://rinselca.org) website and select cohort 3. Link is included on our church website ([lcorelca.org](http://lcorelca.org)) and in the email containing the newsletter. **Sign-Up Deadline: September 2nd**

Join us for a

# FRIDAY VESPERS SERVICE

**Vespers: (evening)** A contemplative evening service, quiet and reflective in nature.

*Come check out this new service offered here at Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer! New in August, this is a 45 minute service focused on our connection to our creator, inviting the Holy Spirit to take us and inspire us and give us strength for our week.*

*August 5th & 19th*

*Be still and know that I am God*

**6PM**



Discovery Bible Study will be offered on August Saturdays (6th, 20th, & 27th) starting at 10:00 a.m. If you have questions about the Bible, the history of the Bible, or are curious what this is all about, you are invited to join!



**PARISH NURSE MINISTRY**  
**August 7, 8:30 a.m.**



**August 14th**

Join us at 10:30 a.m. Sunday, August 14th to study the scriptures using a method called Lectio Divina (divine lesson.) All are welcome at this 30-minute Bible study.



PLEASE JOIN US FOR

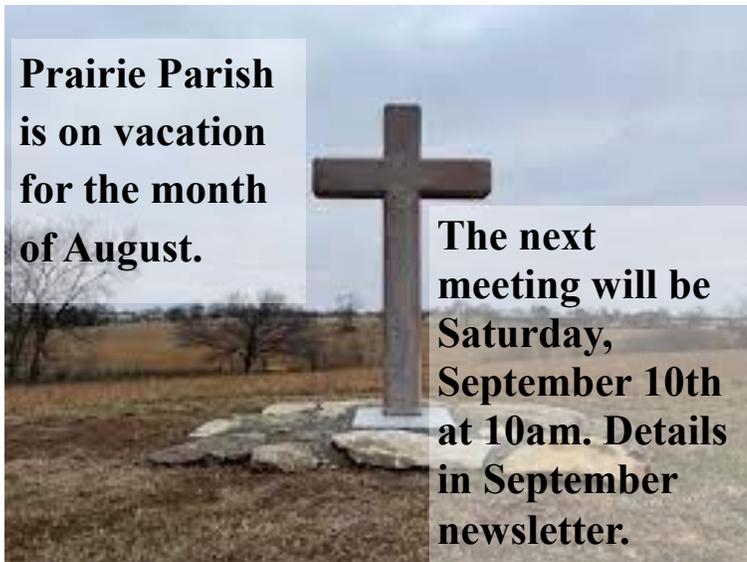
**LAWN GAMES**

AND

**BOARD GAMES**

**Lutheran Church of  
Our Redeemer**

**Sunday,**  
**August 28th**  
**10:30am**



**Prairie Parish  
is on vacation  
for the month  
of August.**

**The next  
meeting will be  
Saturday,  
September 10th  
at 10am. Details  
in September  
newsletter.**

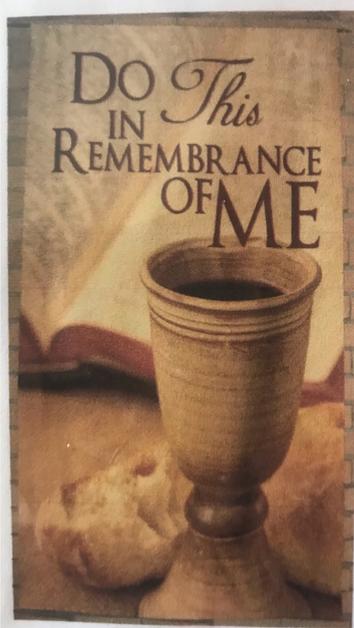


What fabulous hospitality! We are grateful.  
Can't wait to come back on Friday.

The MLPS Youth Group



Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer is inviting our beloved and faithful members to sign up to clean our church. For the next three months, we are doing a trial of asking for volunteers to maintain the cleanliness of our church. The sign up sheet is on the clipboard on the outside of Teresa's office door. Sign up for a week or two, check out the list of duties behind the sign-up sheet, or reach out to a council member with questions. Thank you in advance for your prayerful consideration in taking on this responsibility for the benefit of our church.



### Missing Banner

This a picture of the missing banner. Several months ago, this banner was taken down from beside the hymn board. (I thought that it had just been placed in the banner closet when another banner was placed in that spot.) The communion banner was not returned to the banner/Altar Guild closet. I have searched the banner closet, the rooms and closets in the church, and up in the attic.

This banner was one of many banners purchased with memorial donations given for our mother, Regina Borchardt, after her death in 2003. It is extremely sad to know that this banner is missing from the church.

If you have any knowledge about the location of this banner, please contact me at 970-768-5455 or the church office at 970-867-8432. If you borrowed the banner, we are asking that you return the banner.

Thank you,

Margie Dorn and Marilyn Centa

Dear Redeemer Members,

Thank you so much for the use of your facility for Ray Radar's funeral.

We so appreciated your gracious generosity.

May the Lord bless you and keep you always.

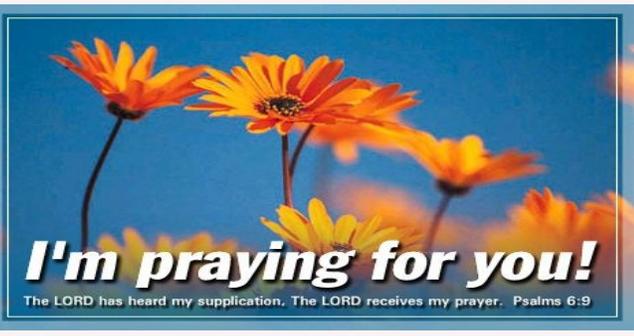
The family of Ray Radar

## *Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer*

### *June Financials*

#### GENERAL FUND

BALANCE June 1, 2022	<b>\$ 1,286.81</b>
June Receipts	\$ 5,922.15
June Disbursements	(\$ 8,285.58)
<b>BALANCE June 30, 2022</b>	<b>(\$ 1,076.62)</b>



Please pray for the following who have been submitted to our prayer list:

Norman & Sue Kenitzer

Myra Juan Pablo

The family of Robyn Meng

The family of Hank Propp  
(Elaine Propp & Eilene Fritzler)

Dale Loose

Randy & Tammy Kauffman

Luke Makings

Nichole Centa

Zach Griffith

Harley & Janice Ernst



*In Loving Memory*

*We hold close in the prayer the families of those members who have recently entered into life eternal:*

**Hank Propp**

**Ann Hansen**

**Nita Steinke**

**Lloyd Crews**



# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

## August Birthdays

Olivia Parker	1st
Gina Sheets	1st
Scot Brown	2nd
Linda Welker	2nd
Edward Kembel	3rd
Duane Bristol	4th
James Parker	7th
Kathy Weber	8th
Brad Parker	10th
Terresa Lauck	11th
Kay Seiler	14th
Mark Hoffman	16th
Carri Brown	18th
Ryder Labonte	24th
Rhylee Lambert	27th



## August Anniversaries

Ed & Patty Kembel	5th
Richard & Anita Ruppel	17th
Dick & Melissa Ruppel	26th



**Daily  
Bible  
Readings**

*Monday, August 1*  
Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 2:1-17  
Colossians 3:18—4:1

*Monday, August 8*  
Psalm 89:1-18  
2 Chronicles 33:1-17  
Hebrews 11:1-7

*Tuesday, August 2*  
Psalm 127 & Psalm 60  
Ecclesiastes 3:16—4:8  
Colossians 4:2-6

*Tuesday, August 9*  
Psalm 89:1-18  
2 Chronicles 34:22-33  
Hebrews 11:17-28

*Wednesday, August 3*  
Psalm 127  
Ecclesiastes 12:1-8, 13-14  
Luke 12:22-31

*Wednesday, August 10*  
Psalm 89:1-18  
Jeremiah 33:14-26  
Luke 12:41-48

*Thursday, August 4*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Job 21:1-16  
Romans 9:1-9

*Thursday, August 11*  
Psalm 82  
Joshua 7:1, 10-26  
Hebrews 10:26-31

*Friday, August 5*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Ecclesiastes 6:1-6  
Acts 7:1-8

*Friday, August 12*  
Psalm 82  
1 Samuel 5:1-12  
Hebrews 10:32-39

*Saturday, August 6*  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Genesis 11:27-32  
Matthew 6:19-24

*Saturday, August 13*  
Psalm 82  
1 Samuel 6:1-16  
Matthew 24:15-27

*Sunday, August 7*  
Genesis 15:1-6  
Psalm 33:12-22  
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16  
Luke 12:32-40

*Sunday, August 14*  
Jeremiah 23:23-29  
Psalm 82  
Hebrews 11:29—12:2  
Luke 12:49-56



*Monday, August 15*  
Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 23:30-40  
1 John 4:1-6

*Thursday, August 25*  
Psalm 112  
Proverbs 15:13-17  
1 Peter 3:8-12

*Tuesday, August 16*  
Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:15-29  
Acts 7:44-53

*Friday, August 26*  
Psalm 112  
Proverbs 18:6-12  
1 Peter 4:7-11

*Wednesday, August 17*  
Psalm 32  
Jeremiah 25:30-38  
Luke 19:45-48

*Saturday, August 27*  
Psalm 112  
Proverbs 21:1-4, 24-26  
Matthew 20:20-28

*Thursday, August 18*  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Numbers 15:32-41  
Hebrews 12:3-17

*Sunday, August 28*  
Proverbs 25:6-7  
Psalm 112  
Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16  
Luke 14:1, 7-14

*Friday, August 19*  
Psalm 103:1-8  
2 Chronicles 8:12-15  
Acts 17:1-9

*Monday, August 29*  
Psalm 119:65-72  
2 Chronicles 12:1-12  
Hebrews 13:7-21

*Saturday, August 20*  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Nehemiah 13:15-22  
Luke 6:1-5

*Tuesday, August 30*  
Psalm 119:65-72  
Isaiah 2:12-17  
Titus 1:1-9

*Sunday, August 21*  
Isaiah 58:9b-14  
Psalm 103:1-8  
Hebrews 12:18-29  
Luke 13:10-17

*Wednesday, August 31*  
Psalm 119:65-72  
Isaiah 57:14-21  
Luke 14:15-24

*Monday, August 22*  
Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:1-17  
Hebrews 3:7—4:11

*Tuesday, August 23*  
Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:18-32  
Revelation 3:7-13

*Wednesday, August 24*  
Psalm 109:21-31  
Ezekiel 20:33-44  
Luke 6:6-11



## We thank those who offer their gifts in leading worship this month

August 2022	7	14	21	28
<b>Lector</b>	Andy Gerken	Karen Temple	Karen Liston	Wanda Rosten
<b>Acolyte</b>	Stefanie Liston		Stefanie Liston	
<b>Usher/ Greeter</b>	Rick Mai	Carol Foos		Shelly Bristol
<b>Altar Guild</b>	No Communion	Karen Temple	No Communion	Wanda Rosten
<b>Council Steward</b>	Kay Carter			
<b>Media Center</b>	Bruce Buehner			
<b>Teller</b>	Carri Brown	Carol Foos	Carri Brown	Shelly Bristol
<b>Fellowship Host</b>	Karen Liston	Emma & Dave Jorgensen	Margie Dorn	Shelly Bristol
<b>Organist</b>	Diane Nicklas	Diane Nicklas	Kristal Sneed	Kristal Sneed
<b>Communion Assistant</b>	No Communion	Eric Walek	No Communion	

### LCOR Congregation Council Members & Officers

*The Congregation Council is the core leadership body of the congregation. They are charged with overseeing and directing the life and mission of our church. We encourage you to talk with them! Please pray for their ministry as they provide leadership to LCOR.*

Karen Temple, President 380-9260  
 Bob Dorn, Vice—President 768-5456  
 Karen Liston, Secretary 842-4819  
 Carri Brown 483-6140  
 Kay Carter (505) 573-9043  
 Andy Gerken 768-5015  
 Rick Mai 542-9672  
 Terresa Lauck, Treasurer 768-3143



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## LCOR Church Council Meeting Minutes July 21, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 6:10 by Pastor.

Council members present were: Pastor Liliana, Rick, Andy, Bob, Kay, Carri, Terresa, and Karen L. Also, present was Margie Dorn for a letter and presentation about a custodian idea.

**Council Statement** – Pastor asked each member to choose and share which element of the Statement is the most difficult for us and why. Bob then read scripture from Romans 8 to prepare us to be in a good mind-set for the meeting.

### **Approval of Agenda**

Rick moved to approve the agenda. Andy seconded; all approved.

### **Approval of Secretary Report**

Corrections to the type up of the June meeting were made:

It was recorded that Bob both moved and seconded the Secretary Report; the correction is that Bob moved and Rick seconded.

Andy moved to approve the changes to the Secretary Report. Rick seconded; all approved.

### **Approval of Treasurer Report**

Terresa made a correction for the Shoemaker funeral in that it was paid for by the Mendez family and all is in good standing. Bob questioned what “MIF” is under Special Giving Expenses (Not Budgeted) of the MIF CD Interest. Terresa explained that the “MIF” stood for Mission Investment Fund.

Karen L. moved to approve the Treasurer Report. Andy seconded; all approved.

\*\*\* At this time Pastor suggested we allow time for Margie to make her presentation to the council so as to not need to sit through the rest of the meeting. This is an excerpt from Margie’s letter, summarizing the whole. A complete copy of the letter is available to read from any person present at the July council meeting.

*“ I am presenting a proposal that is similar to the cleaning of the church in the 1960s when the church began. At that time, members and families volunteered for a week/weekend to clean the church to have it ready for the church services during the week and on Sundays. Some members and families signed up and grouped together.*

*My proposal is for members of groups of members/families to sign up to do a basic cleaning of the building either weekly or twice a month depending on the activities at the church. Just as we clean our own homes, cleaning our church home is important. Several churches I have visited use this procedure instead of employing custodians.”*

Discussion followed and we decided to try this for three months to see how it goes. We will then re-evaluate the situation in October. We will see how many families and if there is a variety of families participating, or if it is the same people cleaning all of the time. Pastor thanked Margie for thinking of this and showing her care and concern for the church.

### **Committee Reports**

Terresa presented the results of the audit report of the committees.

Karen L. moved to approve the reports. Rick seconded; all approved.

### **Buildings and Grounds**

Bob and Eric W. have been working on fixing a leak in the sprinkling system. Rick, Eric, and Bob have been volunteering for mowing the church lawn this summer.

### **WELCA**

The WELCA Board has decided there will not be a rummage sale this year. Len Steinke donated some of Nita’s coats and clothing to have WELCA sell them and add the funds to the WELCA fund.

## **Old Business**

Committee Membership – Kay reported that she would like to do the contacting in person and not over the phone.

New Member Welcome Sunday – August 7 is the possible date that has been chosen.

Custodian Position – This was discussed earlier in the meeting after the presentation by Margie Dorn.

Silent Saints Recognition/Past Council Members/August & Future –

The certificates for the Council Members of last year will be mailed to them if they are not able to attend a church service.

The council decided the third Sunday of each month will be the designated service for Silent Saint recognition.

The council also nominated members from LCOR to be considered for the August Silent Saint Recognition.

Church Membership Letter Sent – Any feedback yet?

Twenty-six letters were signed by Pastor and sent out. The council members volunteered to contact the people who received letters to check on them and to follow up with the questions and concerns in the letter, while also inviting them back to LCOR. Calls need to be made by the first Saturday of August.

Calling Tree -

The Calling Tree needs to include personal contact.

60th Anniversary Planning-

We need to begin strategic planning. Included in the planning is the need to include ways to help make LCOR more visible in the community.

TVs for Sanctuary –

There needs to be more research to be done, specifically to determine the best manner for overall viewing. Discussion was done between the options of either one large screen or two smaller screens to be used in the sanctuary for best viewing.

## **New Business**

Custodian Idea – Letter from Margie

See presentation summary in the minutes before Committee Reports in this month's minutes.

Open Door Grant funds –

Retreat Supplies and Meal – Make formal motion

As reported in the June 16 Council Minutes, email communication between the council members was shared with the suggestion of using funding from the Open Door Grant to pay for the food and supplies for the Congregational Retreat. Due to the lack of email responses to move forward, Pastor paid for supplies and Teresa paid for the food from their personal funds. Following conversation in the July 21 meeting, all council members agreed that Pastor and Teresa needed to be reimbursed for their expenses from the retreat. Karen L. moved to use funds from the Open Door Grant to reimburse Pastor and Teresa. Carri seconded; all approved.

God's Work Our Hands—

September 11 is the synod date for God's Work Our Hands. It is also Patriot's Day. Council discussed holding an appreciation BBQ for the first responders in the community as our activity for this year's God's Work Our Hands. Council members are to check with local groups to see if there are already plans for anything in the community, or if the date will be fine for us to begin planning for our activity. We need to notify Teresa by the end of July with our findings about the date.

Youth Group—

This will be discussed in next month's meeting.

#### Organist –

Discussion was held as to LCOR to begin paying Diane Nicklas for her time and talent of playing the organ for Sunday church services. The going rate in other churches in our community is \$50 per week. With the passing of this motion, both of our Sunday musical accompanists will be compensated for their time. This is currently not planned for in the budget, however all members of the council agree this is the correct action as we very much appreciate both of our accompanists.

Carri made a motion to begin paying Diane as of August 1. Kay seconded; all approved.

#### Building Use –

A request was made for the use of the Fellowship Hall on July 31 for a baby shower luncheon from 11:30-4:30. Carri made a motion for this building use. Andy seconded; all approved.

Andy brought up the discussion about raising the price of use of LCOR. This discussion stemmed from the information about the amount of time that church individuals are spending on set up and clean up for events.

We discussed the following fees:

Use of sanctuary/service hall - \$100

Use of fellowship hall - \$100

Cleaning fee - \$50

Andy made a motion to increase the building use fees. Rick seconded; all approved.

#### Excellence in Leadership –

Pastor Liliana shared that Pastor Sarah would like to include other churches from other communities in the program. The thought is that there will be more and better sharing of ideas if there is a diversity of congregations in situations similar to ours participating together. The program is planned to last three semesters beginning in the fall of 2022. The cost is \$250 per person per semester. The cost will be divided into three parts: 1/3 covered by congregation, 1/3 by the participating individuals, and 1/3 a synod scholarship. The participants will meet in person four times, with homework in between the meetings. The registration will be in August. Those interested need to register individually. Pastor Liliana said there will be more information coming.

#### Strategic Planning –

Bob brought up the idea that our church needs to become visible in the community. This raised the question of, “How do we become more visible?” Council members are to brainstorm and share ideas for our church at the August 18 Council meeting. The idea of looking at the websites of other churches was shared as a way to form/gather ideas for LCOR. Input, ideas, and thoughts from the LCOR congregation are always welcome by Pastor and the Council.

#### **Pastor Items**

*Prairie Parish Recap-* The event was well attended and there was plenty of good food and fellowship. All who attended enjoyed the presentation by Deacon Ro about her trip to Israel.

*Bible Study Recap—*The Brainy Bible Study of Saturday mornings and the Soul Filling Bible Study on Sunday mornings after church are going well. Pastor is wanting to start another to study deeply the scripture of the service. All are welcome to join one or all of the Bible Studies.

#### **Other Business**

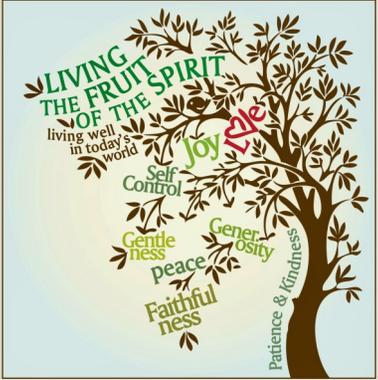
*Buildings and Grounds Update—*The idea of removing bushes from the north and south sides of the building was shared with the congregation in the church bulletin as well as the last newsletter. So far there has only been one response to the suggestion and that is in favor of removing the bushes. Council discussed the possibility of the removal of the bushes for the next work session and then there being some organization to plan for their replacement in the spring.

We adjourned the meeting at 8:30 with the Lord’s Prayer.

Respectfully submitted, Karen Liston, Council Secretary

# Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

# August 2022

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	9:00am WELCA Council <sup>1</sup>  11am Lloyd Crews Memorial Ft Logan Cemetery	2	3	 4	5  6:00pm Vespers Service	6  10:00am Discovery Bible Study
7  9th Sunday of Pentecost 8:30am Parish Nurse 9:00am Worship	8	9	9:30am WELCA Bible Study, Barbara Mai 10	11	12	13
~ ~ ~ ~ ~ Pastor Liliana on Vacation ~ ~ ~ ~ ~						
14  10th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:30am Lectio Divina	15	16		17	18  5-8pm Council Retreat	19  6:00pm Vespers Service
21  11th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship	22  	23		24	25	26
28  12th Sunday of Pentecost 9:00am Worship 10:30am Lawn & Board Games	29	30	31			