

Vision Quest

AUGUST 2019

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August Monthly Readings

August 4

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
Eccl. 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-26,
Col. 3:1-11, Luke 12:13-21**

August 18

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
Jer. 23:16-29, Heb. 11:17-31 (32-40);
12:1-3, Luke 12:49-53 (54-56)**

August 11

**Ninth Sunday after Pentecost
Gen. 15:1-6, Heb. 11:1-16,
Luke 12:22-34 (35-40)**

August 25

**Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost
Is. 66:18-23, Heb. 12:4-24 (25-29),
Luke 13: 22-30**

August Bible Studies

9:15am Sundays

**Mission of the Quarter - International Justice Mission
ijm.org**

Adult Bible Studies

Pastor Tom - Eternal Life

Pastor Kurtis - Titus

Toddler SML! - 2-3 yr olds

Sunday Morning Live! - PreK-4th grade

Tweenagers Bible Class - 5-8th grade

LYF Bible Class - 9-12th grade

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The International Justice Mission

For the next three months our bible study collections will go to the International Justice Mission. The IJM is essentially a team of lawyers who go to court or before law makers, mostly abroad, on behalf of those who are being exploited through slavery, human trafficking, and other transgressions of their rights. This includes males and females, but women are more frequently the targets of abuse, especially in the third world.

Our God is a God of justice, and God's people are called to stand up for the oppressed. Do this exercise. If you have a Bible with a concordance in the back, look up the word "justice". My Concordia Study Bible, which doesn't even have an exhaustive concordance, lists justice 135 times. People tend to believe that God doesn't see. If they have the power, they take advantage of those weaker than them. While God will complete justice on Judgment Day, the people of God are to be just and pursue justice until that day.

If you are interested in learning more about the work of the International Justice Mission, please check out their website at www.ijm.org.

On September 22, we will celebrate a **Freedom Sunday**. Freedom Sunday is a day to recognize God's call for justice, to acknowledge how God has freed us, and to make people aware of what is going on in the world, sometimes right under their noses. For instance, we falsely believe that slavery ended in the U.S. in the 1860s. Today, despite the law; women, immigrants and teens are taken and forced into either sexual slavery or forced labor. IJM works to expose such rackets.

Freedom Sunday can also be a day for the most important type of freedom there is. We want to bring in the public and not only make them aware of injustices in the world, but also to make them aware that slavery to sin may be their problem and Jesus is the answer. Please make people aware of Freedom Sunday and invite people to attend.

WoW FALL BIBLE STUDY

Please join us as we study I Peter this fall. Classes will be held in Room 208 on Tuesday mornings beginning on **September 10th**. Optional Coffee Fellowship will be held from 9-9:30am and Bible study will follow from 9:30-11am.

We are an intergenerational women's bible study led by Amy Yunker, Tonya Shelton and Karen Cinelli. Please indicate that you would like to participate by signing up in the Gathering area or by emailing Karen at kscinelli@gmail.com by **August 12th** so that a study guide can be ordered for you. Free childcare is available. We will be studying the bible and from the Life Change workbook by NavPress. The study of I Peter is for 13 weeks.

I Peter 3:15...But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect.

Pastor Michael Paul and Family LCMS Ministry Event

Please join us on Sunday, **August 11th** from 4:00 p.m. - 6:00 p.m. as Pastor Michael Paul and his family update us on their ministry in Taiwan. If you are a supporter of their ministry or would like more information about becoming a part of their ministry, please join us. Pastor Paul is a theological educator in Taiwan. He is called by the China Evangelical Lutheran Church and China Lutheran Seminary to teach, write, and help plant and pastor Lutheran churches. The event will include light refreshments and will be held at the home of:

John and Karen Cinelli
5405 Winthrop Ct
Evansville, IN 47715

Please sign-up in the Gathering Area or RSVP to kscinelli@gmail.com.

UE College Ministry

On **Monday, August 19 from 9am-11am**, approximately 45 UE freshmen will be in our Fellowship Hall doing a service event. They will be prepping items that we will use for the Isaiah 1:17 bags for kids in Vanderburgh County foster care. We hope that this service event, regardless of the activity, is something that we at LCOR can continue to offer UE students during their welcome week. It immediately connects us to the students and the university.

Thursday, August 29 from 4pm-6pm I will be attending the volunteer and organizational fair on campus. We will be handing out our schedule of events, worship times and volunteer opportunities. We also have student gift bags with t-shirts, frisbees, pens, contact info and stress balls. These all have the LCOR website on them for easy contact if needed. We will also be taking information from those students interested in going on a Spring Break Mission trip March 7-14, 2020. Pastor Kurtis and I are hoping to take a group of college students to El Paso, TX and do mission work along the border.

Isaiah 1:17

As we continue to meet the needs of kids and families in the Vanderburgh County Foster Care system, I would like to share a message that I received in regards to the “Bags of Hope” that we house at LCOR. The message follows:

“I just wanted to send a quick thank you for what you are doing! We had a placement leave last week and immediately got a call for two more very young emergency placements that had nothing at all with them. It was late at night and we hadn’t taken an infant in yet so we were very unprepared! I was running through my head everything I needed to go grab at Walmart after they were dropped off to us. When they arrived they had their Isaiah bags with them with formula, a bottle, diapers, and everything to get us through the first night. I appreciate you so much and think you are doing a wonderful thing! Also the toddler loves her animal. Thank you so much!!”

Our hope is that we can stop giving out bags. However, the reality is we will continue to meet the needs of these families and children as long as there is a need. Thank you Redeemer for supporting this county wide effort!

Coming Soon:

We will be partnering with several missions and non-profit organizations to offer a variety of volunteer opportunities. Be on the look out for these starting soon!

SARAH PRENTICE, DIRECTOR OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Sunday Morning Live!

SML! is back for the school year! SML! is for Preschoolers through 4th graders and meets in Room 208. We start with Large Group time where we learn the main lesson for the day. Then we move into mixed-age groups for hands on activities that reinforce the lesson learned at Large Group. Join us at 9:15am for Live Learning! and Live Relationships with Jesus and each other! We will continue with our curriculum from the Spring, Heart of God.

- 8/4 Jesus Heals a Man's Deformed Hand on the Sabbath
- 8/11 Jesus Brings a Widow's Son Back to Life
- 8/18 The Parable of the Lost Treasure and Pearl
- 8/25 Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter

Toddler SML!

Our Sunday Morning Bible Class for 2-3 year olds will be returning on Sunday, August 4! We meet upstairs in Room 202. Parents are encouraged to attend with their child.

Vacation Bible School

VBS 2019 was AMAZING! 103 kids and 50 volunteers gathered each day to celebrate God's promise to save us through His Son, Jesus! We learned that God made us, He keeps His Word, Jesus came for us, He saves us and He is coming back for us! This was all done through music, skits, crafts, games, snacks, Bible Study and service. Speaking of service, the kids did so much to support the Isaiah 1:17 Project! They learned about the bags we supply to foster families, made cards and fleece blankets and prepared diaper kits. They also donated TONS of diapers, wipes, diaper cream, toothbrushes and toothpaste. Thank you to all my volunteers and families who sent their kids to VBS! Mark your calendars now for next year's VBS, June 22-26, 2020!

Backpack Blessing

Bring your school backpacks to any one of our worship services on Sunday, August 4 and Monday, August 5 to be blessed for the new school year! We would love to pray over our children and teachers as they prepare for the start of school. We will also be passing out Bibles to our 2nd graders like we do every year on this Sunday. We will have additional Bibles for anyone who wants them. Invite your friends and family to this special Sunday!

Back to School Fair

Along with our Backpack Blessing, we will host a Back to School Fair at Redeemer Newburgh on Sunday, August 4, 12:30-2:30pm. We will have lots of resources for parents and teachers to help kids have a healthy start to the new year! There will be lots of freebies and giveaways as well as experts in the field of health and education. This is intended to be an Outreach event so please get the word out and invite your friends and family! If you are interested in volunteering or donating to this event please contact Jennifer Burnette at shinebeforeall@gmail.com or 586-464-7558.



NYG PRESENTATION

We will have the opportunity to share about our NYG experience with the congregation on Sunday, September 15 during Bible class. Please get me any pictures or video you took to be included in the slide show. Also prepare a short statement about what you learned at the NYG or favorite NYG moment. Wear one of your NYG shirts and bring your backpack.

SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASSES

Classes start August 4

Middle School Bible Class (5-8 grades)
This class meets in Room 200 and is taught by Damon Brown. The focus will be on studying the New Testament.

High School Bible Class (9-12 grades)
Meets in the Youth Room and is led by Sarah Prentice. We will be working through Living As a Disciple of Jesus.



VBS 2019

Thank you to everyone who helped with VBS 2019! VBS couldn't have happened without you!

YOUTH NIGHTS

Welcome to the NEW YOUTH NIGHTS! 5-12 grades will meet the **2nd and 4th Sunday** of each month, **6-7:30pm** for Fellowship and Bible Study. The first 45 minutes is for big group activities like volleyball or water games. The second 45 minutes will be Bible Study in the following groups:

- 5-6 grades led by Sarah Prentice about Making Smart Choices
- 7-8 grades led by Chris Innes about Prayer
- 9-12 grades led by Pastor Tom about our Present God

August-October Youth Nights will be at Redeemer Newburgh
November-March we will meet at Redeemer Evansville

Invite your friends! Make new friends as we come together as the
Family of God in Fellowship and His Word!

TREASURER'S REPORT

	<u>ACTUAL</u>	<u>BUDGET</u>
June Income	\$ 86,446	\$ 65,450
June Expenses	\$ 79,374	\$ 82,792
Income - Expenses	\$ 7,073	\$ (17,342)
YTD Income	\$ 472,323	\$ 466,375
YTD Expenses	\$ 516,043	\$ 525,047
YTD Income - Expenses	\$ (43,720)	\$ (58,672)
Memorial Trust Fund	\$ 670,754	
LCEF Contingency Fund	\$ 205,558	

EMR Update

The flat roof repairs/replacement is complete. Repair of the water damage found during this process will begin in August. Replacement of the chiller is planned for early fall. Please continue to pray and contribute as you can to this worthwhile and needed fund (Emergency Maintenance and Repairs.)

Membership Changes

Membership information not available online

{LCOR Attendance

*estimate

Date	8:00am	10:30am	11:30am Newburgh	Adult BS	SML!
6/30/19	118	126	43	41	8
7/1/19	6:30pm	26			
7/7/19	136	106	30	50*	17
7/8/19	6:30pm	21			
7/14/19	123	117	20	49	6
7/15/19	6:30pm	11			
7/21/19	117	119	32	35	9
7/22/19	6:30pm	24			

Remember Our Shut-Ins

Membership information not available online

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SENIORS LUNCH

A new season of Senior Lunches starts on Monday, **August 26**, 11am-1pm! Meat and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish and/or dessert to share. Please let Sarah know if you have any programming ideas.

MEN'S BREAKFAST BIBLE STUDY

The Men's Breakfast Bible Study will meet at The Friendship Diner (834 Tutor Ln) just off Burkhardt behind Sonic @ 7am on Saturday, **August 3**. Pastor Kurtis will be taking a closer look at the readings for the following Sunday, the Eighth Sunday after Pentecost: Eccl. 1:2, 12-24, 2:18-26, Col. 3:1-11 and Luke 12:13-21. Hope to see you there!

YOUNG ADULT GROUP EVENT

Join us **August 17**, 5-8pm at the Kruse home for a cookout and pool party! The meat will be provided by our hosts, but please bring your favorite side dish or dessert to share. For directions please text Owen Kruse at 270-847-1160.

ELS UPDATE

Mackenzie Wells has accepted the call to serve as our 4th grade teacher for the upcoming school year!

GENESIS SEMINAR

Mark your calendars! The Genesis Seminar is scheduled for the first four Tuesdays in October. Stay tuned for specific titles.

SUNDAY NIGHT HANGOUT CONTINUES THIS FALL!

We will continue the Sunday Night Hangout with Adult Volleyball and more at Redeemer Newburgh into the fall. Beginning Sunday August 4th, we will meet on the 1st and 3rd Sundays (weather permitting) at 4:30. See you there for a great time of fellowship!

MESSIAH RUMMAGE SALE

Messiah Lutheran Church, located at 7700 Middle Mt. Vernon Rd, is having a Rummage Sale **August 9-10**, 7am-2pm. Sausage burgers, chips and soft drinks will be available to purchase as well as a variety of baked goods. Come check out our "rummage" of men, women and children's clothing, household items, furniture and seasonal decorations.

ELS MUM SALE

ELS is selling 8 1/2" potted mums. The cost is \$9/ea or \$8/ea when you order 6 or more. The due date for all orders is **August 23**, and mum pick-up day is September 12, 1-4pm at the school gym. You may order online at: www.evansvillelutheranschool.com, or look for the order forms at the Sign Up desk in the Gathering Area.

Dear Friends,

When I was growing up, school didn't begin until after Labor Day. We always had a full summer to play until the street lights came on. Our house was on a big corner lot and became a haven for bunches of kids as my dad had a dump truck load of sand placed between the street and our garage every spring. We grew a big garden and mom canned jars of veggies and strawberry jam – YUM! Summer also meant swimming out to the dock in the nearby lake and getting brown by basking on the wet towels strewn upon the hot sand. During the winter our backyard held a “permanent fox and goose circle” to run around and try to tag another and several dressed snowmen stood sentinel. But all of this happened **after** we had done our chores and eaten lunch. Neighbor kids would line up along the street waiting to play. Best of all, this was “free fun”- a necessity on a pastor's salary. I hope you have wonderful memories of growing up. Not all of you do and I'm sorry. Whatever kind of childhood we had made us into what we are today, and what direction we want for our family. I hope you've learned from your parents what you'd like for yours - or what not. Our family prayed and I pray yours does too. We prayed before we all blew on our sib's scrape as mom put that orange, stinging medicine on. (really, it helped -both!) Prayer connects us to our loving Savior as nothing else can. It's not to be a one-way street or “a list of our wants” – it's communication back and forth. We need to take time to listen to what He wants for us too. He speaks to us through our thoughts and through His Word. **“Train up a child in the way *they should go* and when they are old they will not turn from it.”** Pr. 22:6 (re: NIV: **“Proverbs was written to give prudence to the simple, knowledge and discretion to the young, and to make the wise even wiser. ... instructing how to avoid the pitfalls of folly and lead to personal well-being, happy family relationships, fruitful labors and good-standing ...based solidly on the fear of the Lord.”** What's not to like?) *You are a Father. You know how difficult children can be, and how kind, thoughtful and loving too. Thank You for watching over us, teaching, guiding and encouraging as a good father does. By your Spirit enable us to be godly parents, “grands” or friends, by following Your Ways. Amen.*

Because sin came into the world there are troubles and struggles; some of our own doing, but not all. All of us will experience heartbreak and hardship – but not always. God has also blessed the world and her people with love and joy, health and healing, courage and stamina, peace, beauty – and forgiveness! All are necessary for a full and satisfying life. Look for these things everyday. Do what you can to bring about these gifts for yourself or others. It might begin with forgiving yourself or another – and that may well require some prayer on your part. Hard? Sometimes. But it becomes easier as you yield to His Spirit and use His strength and insight instead of relying on yourself. It may take several times as Satan continues to sneak around and whisper, **“Did God *really* say or mean even “that”? You should trust yourself – the world's way - not Him.”** Don't believe the liar! **“...the devil ...He was a murderer from the beginning, not holding to the truth for **there is no truth in him. ..for he is a liar and the father of lies.**”** John 8:44 (Please take a few minutes and read I John 1:5-10)

PRAYER LETTER by Rita Soeken

Thank You for hearing our prayers for forgiveness, healing, wisdom, direction etc. etc. You have asked us to come to You for all we struggle with. May we wait and follow according to Your timing and Your answer ... so make it clear ... ;>)

We do lift those who are ill and in need. We pray Your guidance be sought by all charged with protecting us, whether they be police, fire, military, medical, health and welfare facilities, parents, teachers, pastors etc. and that each of us would live and drive carefully. May we be wise in what we watch or read, who we choose to follow or emulate and how we care for ourselves through diet and exercise. Bless Your family as we worship with active, thoughtful participation as we encourage our family to do the same. In Your blessed and holy Name we pray. Amen.

Have a most blessed day.

Love, Rita

ALMS GARDEN

THANK YOU! to all our volunteers. As of July 18 we have harvested an estimated 480 pounds of produce. Cold weather vegetables such as broccoli, cabbage and cauliflower have been harvested. Our first crop of green beans produced nearly 8 bushels of beans that were harvested over a 3-week period. We will soon plant a pole bean crop for late summer harvest. Sweet corn is growing in the garden for the first time.

Nothing like a vine ripened tomato! We have heirloom Black Cherokee and Pink, cherry red and sungold, yellow and zebra as well as the traditional red favorites Roma, Jet Star, Early Girl, Beefsteak. We are growing tomatillos for the first time this year.

Varieties of pepper include Jalapeno, Sweet Banana, Cubanelle and Mini-belles. And we have three varieties of cucumber that are now producing well along with zucchini and yellow squash.

U-Pick Garden is new this summer. Cherry tomatoes, Jalapeno and Sweet Banana peppers are available for neighbors to pick anytime during the week in the raised bed outside the garden fence.

Neighborhood Garden Share – Thursdays 6:30 – 7:30pm. This year we are accepting donations to support the garden from visitors as last year many were reluctant to take fresh produce knowing it was otherwise donated. We need financial support to continue the garden and this year are hopeful that more will be willing to support the garden and enjoy its produce.

Redeemer Christian Preschool and Pre-K

OPEN HOUSE

Thursday, August 1, 2019

4-7pm

Stop by and meet our teachers and tour our facilities!

August 22 & 23 - Preschool begins with Welcome Hours for both classes
8:30-9:30am

August 26 & 27 - First days of Preschool and Pre-K 8:30am-12pm

Openings available for 3-5 year olds in Preschool and Pre-K

MOTHERS OF PRESCHOOLERS

We are starting a MOPS group at Redeemer Evansville! We will meet the 1st and 3rd Thursdays, 9am-11am starting **September 19**. Childcare will be provided. MOPS International encourages and equips moms of young children to realize their potential as mothers, women and leaders, in relationship with Jesus, and in partnership with the local church. Check out our website at:

<https://www.mops.org/groups/redeemerchurch> or contact Jennifer Burnette (shinebeforeall@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining our new group.

Annual cost is \$31.95.

WORSHIP ANEW

DirecTV Sundays @ 11:30am on channel 377
 worshipanew.org

August 4, 2019 – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 100; Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:24-26; Luke 12:13-21

“What’s In Your Wallet?” - Sermon Text: Luke 12:13-21 - Rev. James Elsner

"What's in your wallet?" goes the TV commercial asking about how you manage your wealth. Jesus had something important to say about that. He cautions about a condition in human hearts – yes, even yours!

August 11, 2019 – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 33:12-22; Hebrews 11:1-16; Luke 12:22-40

“Anxious Hearts” - Sermon Text: Luke 12:34 - Rev. Shayne Jonker

“For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also.” If your stuff is what you treasure, your heart will be devoted to these things and become your gods. Thus, our Lord graciously directs us away from our idols to Himself. For He alone is reliable and can deliver us from anxiety and fear.

August 18, 2019 – Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 119:81-88; Luke 12:49-53

“A Special Baptism” - Sermon Text: Luke 12:49-53 - Rev. Paul Shoemaker

At Christmas, the angels proclaimed, "Peace on earth!" In our Gospel, Jesus proclaims, "Fire! Division!" What happened to Jesus that He would tell us He has not come to give peace but division?

August 25, 2019 – Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

Psalm 50:1-15; Hebrews 12:4-24; Luke 13:22-30

“Where Are You Standing?” - Sermon Text: Hebrews 12:4-24 - Rev. Bill Mueller

The reading in Hebrews 12 is always a challenging section of God's Word. Who enjoys struggles? Who even wants to hear that God allows various things in our life to "discipline" us? We thought God was loving! Take a closer look at where we are standing and rejoice in God's even greater love and mercy!

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