



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

June 2023



## THE GOOD WORD

*A newsletter for family and friends of  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

### FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER

We recently had John 14:6 as part of our Gospel reading for the Fifth Sunday of Easter. Jesus says, "I am the way, the truth and the life...." I started reflecting on what "the life" means. How is it different from a lifestyle?

A "lifestyle" is a carefully assembled set of personal choices. It is a blend of our preferences in things like, music, cars, clothing, books, recreation, food and other aspects of the way we consume ideas and things. Something either does, or doesn't fit into our "lifestyle" which is put together with the eye of an interior decorator for total effect. Lifestyle magazines and shows like "The Lifestyles of the Rich and Famous" allow us to monitor the choices we have made, to compare them to those who are more tasteful, affluent and influential, and to signal to others that we belong in their set. We tend to seek out those whose lifestyles are similar to our own, herding together in what has been labeled "lifestyle enclaves."

What this means, of course, is that a lifestyle is different from a life! A lifestyle can be adjusted with the twist of a television, the purchase of a new car or a shift in reading patterns. A life, on the other hand, is all of us. A life tends to be messier than a mere lifestyle, harder to change, and it often involves untidy facts, like a problem with alcohol, a parent in a nursing home, estranged family members or a child with a learning disorder. Renting the video of Saturday Night Fever is a lifestyle. Staying up all Saturday night with a child with a fever is a life.

Our lifestyles can lose luster, but with sufficient cash flow, they can be improved; our lives, on the other hand, are more desperate and in need of being saved. It is worthy to note then, that when Jesus gathered His disciples around a table for the last meal before His death, He pointed down the road he would soon be traveling and said "I am the way and the truth and the life." He did not say "I am the way and the truth and the lifestyle."



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The difference is significant! Jesus came to save all of us, to lead every part of us that makes us human down the road to redemption, all the untidy, unraveled ends, and broken places that compose a life. Jesus offers us "abundant life" (John 10:10), not as pinch of religion tossed in as a leisure activity, but a life where every facet of it, the suffering as well as the joy, is the arena for God's saving grace. Our faith is not just some sort of spiritual patch among other lifestyle features but an all encompassing and all demanding reality.

There are "lifestyle Christians" out there. There was a book written about them called "Casual Christian." And there is a song called "I don't want to be a casual Christian." Those are the ones who play at being in relationship with Jesus. They know the creeds and the rules but their hearts are far from Jesus. They are quick to point out others faults but are blind to their own. This is a dangerous place to be. They want Jesus as their Savior but have no place in their lives to make Him their Lord.

I've got a newsflash for you. You can't have one without the other. Unless Jesus is the Lord of your life, He cannot be your Savior. In the seventh chapter of Matthew Jesus tells us: <sup>21</sup> "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. <sup>22</sup> Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' <sup>23</sup> Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'"

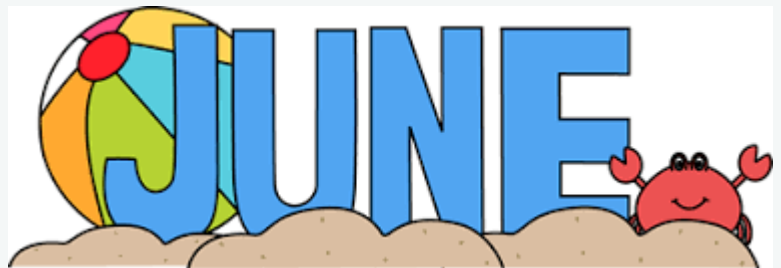
A life lived for Christ is not always about the choices our flesh want us to make. When Jesus is the Lord of our life, He takes us places and gives us experiences that we would not choose for ourselves, such a life is not a get away vacation but a vocation that will inevitable take down paths we never imagined. A life lived in that kind of richness of faith is a life that will bring peace and satisfaction.

Jesus is the way and the truth and the life. He is not the way and the truth and the lifestyle. Which one are you living?

**Pastor Dave**

### Understanding

Not more of light I ask, O God, but eyes to see what is;  
Not sweeter songs, but ears to hear the present  
melodies;  
Not more of strength, but how to use the power I  
possess;  
Not more of love, but skill to turn a frown to a caress;  
Not more of joy, but how to feel its kindly presence  
near;  
To give to others all I have of courage and of cheer.  
No other gifts dear God, I ask  
But only sense to see  
How best these precious gifts to use,  
you have bestowed on me.



If you're lighting candles, when you want to extinguish the flame, please just blow it out. Do not pull the wick back into the tube. Thank you.

## Ways you can SERVE

Shhhh! Can you find them? Looking for helpers!

The choir is always looking for members and I'm always looking for weekly readers. But did you know we have silent helpers as well? We need those who can add to their shopping lists supplies for the church like the following: napkins, paper towels, paper plates, cups, utensils, tissue, room freshener, dish soap etc. to help us keep within our budget.

There are also those who wash and bring back dish towels, potholders and aprons, clean the stove and scrub the kitchen.

They remember to bring in samples for the main women's restroom to make it a little friendly. You see, God reminds us to help all people. There are many here at Our Redeemer who can be a "silent" helper. Please join in.

Julie Nunemaker



A very special thank you to LWML for the Mother's Day special of roses and chocolate & looking forward to the Father's Day special as well on Sunday, June 18th.

Hi everyone,

I recently saw a good friend in Oregon. My friend has MS and is fighting to keep mobile. We planned a hike to the silver waterfall. It was so steep, not paved, and really a climb but so, so beautiful. My friend took breaks and used walking sticks but got to see the waterfalls. It was so powerful standing so close to the waterfall and feeling the mist spray your face. I got to experience that with my good friend Jennifer. She didn't give up. She went at her own pace. May everyone who works hard find their waterfall.

Day of the Child had a really good turn-out. And I would like to thank everyone who came out either to help or participate.

We had volunteers and the Youth helped. Brooklyn Clark face painted so well. The Herman kids ran games. Hot dogs and nachos from Ruby and David Conant. Thank you to all who came you guys were so appreciated. My friend Ruth and Mrs. Laura sang praise music. A jumpie for all! Fun was had by all. Especially the sweethearts (Winta and Olivia) who won the bike!! Then Movie Night had a small and mighty group. Kung Fu Panda was fun!! Thank you for the pizza, Jessica Tuiletufuga!! Finally, we will be having a meeting to plan Vacation Bible School on June 11th after 2nd Service. The theme is "God is Love!" Come by and bring a snack to share! I will have a list of possible donations in next month's Good Word. Thank you for all of the support and love for all of our projects. Please send any questions, comments and concerns to my email: Jade-clark @att.net.

Vacation Bible School is August 7<sup>th</sup> - 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:30pm - 7:30pm.

Jade Clark



Kathy Curl - Saturday the 10th  
Robert Haeseker - Tuesday the 13th  
Pauline Hankel - Tuesday the 13th  
Pastor Dave - Friday the 16th  
Hannah Kukuk - Monday the 19th  
Rebecca Wagener - Wednesday the 21st  
John Bley - Tuesday the 27th



THE CROWDS ASKED JOHN, "WHAT THEN SHALL WE DO?" AND HE ANSWERED THEM, "WHOEVER HAS TWO TUNICS IS TO SHARE WITH HIM WHO HAS NONE, AND WHOEVER HAS FOOD IS TO DO LIKEWISE."

*Luke 3:10-11*

For all of those who'd like to correspond with Esther Damron her address is:

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young  
at heart

**Join us Wednesday, June 24th, 2023 for a  
potluck at 11:30am & program at 12:00pm in  
the Fellowship Hall.**

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YAH Coordinator,  
Dick Fisher



Pastor Mike & Erma Mitschke - 19th - 74 years  
Steve & Patti Mohr - 19th - 52 years  
Bill & Sharron Palecek - 24th - 62 years  
Phil & Jane Linquist - 27th - 31 years

**Dedicated to all parents who've lost a child.**

**To All Parents**

I'll lend you for a little time a child of mine, He said,  
For you to love while she lives and mourn for when she's  
dead.

It may be six or seven years, or twenty-two or three,  
But will you, till I call her back, take care of her for me?

She'll bring her charms to gladden you, and shall her stay  
be brief,

You'll have her lovely memories as solace for your grief,  
I cannot promise she will stay, since all from Earth return,  
But there are lessons, taught down there, I want this  
child to learn.

I've looked the wide world over in my search for teachers  
true,

And from the throngs that crowd life's lanes, I have  
selected you.

Now will you give her all your love nor think the labor  
vain,

Nor hate me when I come to call to take her back again?

I fancied that I heard them say, Dear Lord, Thy will be  
done!

For all the joy Thy child shall bring, the risk of grief we'll  
run.

We'll shelter her with tenderness, we'll love her while we  
may,

And for the happiness we've known forever grateful stay;

But shall the angels call for her much sooner than we've  
planned,

We'll brave the bitter grief that comes and try to  
understand.

*Edgar Guest*

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## **MISSION / VISION STATEMENT**

Everyone is important in God's eyes.  
United by God's Word, we worship the  
Lord Jesus Christ, nurture, encourage,  
teach and share – One Word, One  
Body, One Saving Love.

## **Our Pastoral Staff:**

Pastor Dave Weber

Pastor H.W. "Mike" Mitschke – Pastor Emeritus

Parish Ministry Assistant - Jeri Youtsey

