



SAINT ELIZABETH—by Simone Martini, (1284-1344) This Italian artist was a major figure in the development of early Gothic style Italian Painting.

As God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Colossians 2: 12, 14

son of the local Landgrave. "Such politically arranged marriages were common in the 13th century. Frequently the betrothed children were educated by the same tutors and spent hours together learning the etiquette of the court. Actual romance in these situations was rare. However, Ludwig and Elizabeth developed strong bonds of affection and were married when she was 14." He continues that by that time Ludwig already had succeeded his father as ruler of Thuringia, so Elizabeth shared that rule as his wife.

Wismar tells how her six year reign is still remembered in Thuringia. "Not only did she have four children in those years, but she made it her priority to fill the castle and countryside with her charity. She built hospitals for the poor, fed the hungry from the Wartburg's kitchens, dressed orphans warm in the wintertime and even gave up her own royal bed to a leper when one of the hospices she had established became overcrowd (*continued next page*)

A Saint for September

Saint Elizabeth (1207-1234)

From: Saints and Angels Among us

By: Gregory J. Wismar

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Charity Begins At Home

According to Gregory J. Wismar, Saint Elizabeth is a shooting star in the sky of the saints, a medieval woman of great character and unwavering faith. He writes that her 24 years on earth knew both joy and tragedy. "Her life glowed brightly as she became a devoted wife and mother of four children. She was a "benevolent and popular queen, and a one person charity crusade in Thuringia, a mountain area located in the heartland of Germany." He continues that by the age of 20, Elizabeth would become a widow and four years later she was dead.

Wismar tells that both the Hungarians and Germans claim Elizabeth as their own special saint, "Hungary claims her because she was born a princess and spent the first four years of her life there. The Germans claim her because of her life as an outstanding Christian queen in their country.

At age four, her father, King Andrew, took her far from home to the Wartburg Castle near the city of Eisenach, a fortress made famous a few centuries later as a place of refuge for Martin Luther during the Reformation era. Wismar writes that the king had made a contract for her to marry Ludwig,

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ed. Elizabeth took to heart the words of Jesus, "Whatever you did for one of the least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40) Elizabeth loved the unlovable, just as Jesus loved us in our sinfulness and gave his life for us. "Demonstrating the charity St Paul commended to the Colossians, she bound her virtues together with love," Wismar wrote.

Not everyone in the royal family supported Elisabeth's generous sharing from the royal treasury. When Ludwig died of the plague while traveling with the Fifth Crusade to the Holy Land, Elizabeth's brother-in-law evicted her and the four children from the Wartburg.

She was 20 years old. Wismar continued that even in this sad situation, Elisabeth maintained her nobility and faith. After making living arrangements for each of the children, she entered a religious order. The rest of her life was spent caring for the sick at Marburg, Germany, making clothes for the needy and fishing in local streams when food for her patients ran low. Wismar tells how only four years after her death (brought on by her austere lifestyle), she was officially named a saint of the church and added to the church calendar. She died in 1221.

As we commemorate Saint Elizabeth this September, Wismar leaves us with a prayer, "*Gracious God and giver of all good gifts, help us find fulfillment in charity. Let your Holy spirit guide us as we invest our time and share our possessions so that the resources of our lives are well spent. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen*"

Pastoral Call Congregational Report Update ***Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, Newark, Delaware***

August 24, 2022 ******* SPECIAL CALL SERVICE 9/14 @ 7 p.m. *******

Dear Our Redeemer congregation members,

This report is to update you on our status regarding calling a new pastor to replace Pastor Rickert, who is retiring at the end of August. *New information is in italics.*

The Call Process to Date:

1. Per LCMS recommendations, our call committee consists of seven members, with a majority of them not currently on the church council, and representing a mix of members (different ages, long-term and more recent members, male and female, etc.). Committee members are Laurel Pearson (co-chair), Gary Weaver (co-chair), Emily DiBenedetto, Kathy O'Malley, Jessica Ford, Marybeth Cooley, and Kirk Tackitt. These individuals were solicited by the church council and graciously agreed to serve. Laurel (council financial secretary) previously has served on a call committee, and Gary (council recording secretary), with Arlen Besel, was responsible for gathering the information together to develop the congregational profile. *Congregational president Stephen DiBenedetto also attends call committee meetings as a non-voting observer, as does circuit visitor Pastor Michael Thress of Faith Lutheran in Bear.*

2. The first step was for the congregational council to complete an extensive congregational profile, describing Our Redeemer's membership, activities, practices, finances, etc. Council submitted this to the Southeastern District President's office in early February (well ahead of the required schedule).

3. At that point, it was up to the district president, in consultation with other district presidents, to match Our Redeemer with possible pastoral candidates from within the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. We were informed early on that there is a serious shortage of qualified pastors, and that the process of identifying candidates could take considerable time. Indeed, it has. We finally received a list of eleven possible candidates on July 11.

4. The next step in the process was for each of the candidates generated by the district president's office to be asked whether they are willing to be considered for our pending pastoral vacancy. That task normally is handled by another LCMS pastor. In our case, Pastor Michael Thress of Faith Lutheran in Bear did this.

5. *Pastor Thress's inquiries to the candidates on the preliminary list we received resulted in a short list of three candidates who were willing to be considered. The call committee then scheduled initial online video interviews with each of those three. The committee met with the first two on Tuesday August 23, and the third on August 25. Two are from Minnesota. One is from Florida. They range in age from 30 to 50. All currently are in pastoral positions.*

The Call Process to Come:

6. Following the preliminary video call interviews, the call committee will review the candidates, and make recommendations for which candidates to consider further and, ultimately, to submit for congregational consideration; this could be any or all of the candidates, depending on how the review process proceeds. At this point we do not know if and when any in-person visits by one or more candidates will take place. Some candidates might want to make a visit before a call is issued, others might not want to visit until after receiving a formal call.

Your Role as a Congregation Member

7. Pray for the work of the call committee, and the decision processes of both the committee and the pastoral candidates, that a good match would be made for continuing God's work and witness at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

8. Feel free to ask questions of, or offer advice to, the call committee, as it reviews pastoral candidates. You may review any of the submitted candidate profiles at the church office (however, for privacy reasons, the profiles may not be taken away from the church office or copied).

The call committee will keep the congregation posted as to any new developments as the call process continues. Meanwhile, the congregation council is working on identifying any necessary substitute pastors for between when Pastor Rickert leaves and a new pastor arrives.

Thank you for your prayerful support for the call process. **A SPECIAL CALL SERVICE IS SLATED FOR 9/14 AT 7 p.m.**

Laurel Pearson & Gary Weaver
Call committee co-chairs

SEPTEMBER—PENTECOST

As September begins, Luke reminds us of the cost of being a disciple. In a parable about building a tower the concept is revealed. He continues with the parable of the lost sheep and lost coin. The ultimate is the lost prodigal son who is restored. Additional parables include the shrewd manager and ending with the warning of the love of money. We cannot serve two masters and must desire to serve the Lord.

The Old Testament begins with God's request that we choose between eternal life or death in our lives. Ezekiel recalls God seeking His lost and scattered sheep. Although focused on Israel this also applies to all believers. Amos turns our attention on those who are complacent having faith in their good deeds, as a warning to us.

The Epistle lessons begin with Paul's warning of false teachers who lead people away from Christ. His teaching includes instructions on proper worship activities and practices He includes advice on the role of church leaders as well as their necessary morality and living. There is also a summary of the proper lives of the church leaders in his charge to Timothy, who was a young church leader at that time. As we move through September let us continue to focus on Jesus and the importance of our faith and devotion to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ

Arlen D. Besel—Worship

THROUGH THE WORSHIP WINDOW



CONTENTMENT

This Devotion was written by Dr. Kari Vo—Hebrews 13:5-8
Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for He has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." So

we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" Remember your leaders, those who spoke to you the word of God. Consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

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One of the great gifts of God is something most people don't think about—contentment. What exactly is that? It means the way you feel and act when you know that you have enough for your needs—enough food, enough money, enough love, enough power and honor. Now there's a trick to that. For most people, enough is never enough. I have spoken to people with half a million socked away in investment accounts, and what was preying on their minds? Not enough money. And these were good people! Others work like crazy to climb the corporate ladder, hoping to make their jobs secure, because we all know that jobs can vanish in a heartbeat nowadays. Still others seek the admiration and love of others—sometimes by overdoing, like folks in church who can never say "no" to any request, however outrageous

Of course, they never find contentment. They are looking in the wrong place.

Because the truth is, there is no top to the ladders they are trying to climb. There is always someone richer, someone more powerful, someone more beloved. You can throw away your life in that climb, trying to reach the point where you can finally sit down and rest. Or you can turn to the Lord and say, "Please help me

The Lord is the right one to be asking. He knows what we need and what will satisfy us, even when we don't. He has the power to give us what we need as well. When we lean on Him and confide our lives to His care, wonderful things happen. We may not get that job, no—but we discover that, with Him, our lives are good or better than if we had. We may not get the love and admiration of the people around us—or we may, which is a different problem. But we know for certain that we have Jesus' love, Jesus' concern—and that He values us as His own family, the ones He redeemed by giving His life on the cross.

And with the Holy Spirit's help, we come to a place where we realize that this is what we wanted, what we really needed, all along. God is capable of providing miraculously for our needs. I have seen Him do it, and you probably have, too. But He is also capable of providing us with hope, trust, and happiness even in stressful times—even when we don't get what the rest of the world is striving for. If we have God, we have enough. If we have Jesus, we have everything. And we can finally rest.

Arlen D. Bessel—Worship

NEWS & NOTES



SUNDAY SCHOOL BEGINS SEPTEMBER 18—Please consider donating time to teach Sunday School this fall. You can choose to teach for a set period of time, once a month, or whatever the Spirit moves you to serve. Please contact Robin if you can help.

BRENNAN BACK TO SCHOOL DRIVE

This special neighborhood school works with children who are on the autism spectrum. Ages run from ages 2 and 21 years. It is part of Christiana School District and located around the corner from Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. One of our O.R.C.H.A.R.D. gardeners teaches at the Brennan School. Another gardener has a grandchild who attends the school.

Because many of the children have difficulty speaking and communicating they use crucial "cause and effect" and "sensory" toys in the learning process. There is a registry of requested items on Amazon for "Brennen Back to School" fundraiser.

<https://www.amazon.com/registries/custom/search?name=Robin%20Billy&ref=gr-landing>

HERE IS HOW YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE:

1. Copy and paste the Amazon link above (Or go to Amazon Page, Choose Registry, Custom, Type Robin Billy, Click on Brennen Back to School) to order a toy to bring to church. Robin will deliver to school when drive is finished.
2. Make a cash donation or check made out to Our Redeemer earmarked "Brennen School" and a toy will be purchased in your name. Recommended items run from \$8.00 to \$30.00. *This drive continues through September.*



ORPHAN GRAIN TRAIN FUNDRAISING OPPORTUNITY—OGT is preparing for its annual October fundraising even. Ruth will again be selling shopping passes for \$5.00. Tickets can also be purchased in the office from 9—2, Monday through Thursday. This gives you a discount for the Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale on October 19. The discount is 25% on most purchases, including items already on sale. OGT keeps the \$5. With the cost of shipping increasing, it is expected to be a successful sale. The coupon can be used at any Boscov's location. Contact Ruth for more information.



O.R.C.H.A.R.D GARDEN— There are many volunteer opportunities in the garden. Contact Robin to ask what you can do to make a difference and promote the 2022 Garden. Robin has made several trip to the food bank for a total of 504 pounds of produce donated to date.

The Garden Steering Committee met in August to talk about revisiting rules and plot registration for 2023 season. In addition to food bank, donations to other locations were considered for next year.

An end of season "pizza" gathering and pumpkin painting event for the garden participants is earmarked for the middle of October. The end of season garden cleanup is scheduled for November 5th with back up date of November 12.

OCTOBER IS LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE MONTH. "For Us and With Us," is the theme for LWML Sunday 2022 (the first Sunday in October) and is based on Paul's letter to the Romans. Paul tells us that each of us has faced challenges and circum-

stances greater than our own strength (Romans 8:31–39). But, in Christ, who is for us and with us, we are already more than conquerors through Him who loved us. This celebratory LWML Sunday will encourage all hearers of the victory, which is already ours through Baptism, so we might live each day confidently trusting in Christ. The power of God is evident in the dimes, quarters, and dollars you put in your Mite Box. Mite boxes will be available in October. Please take a mite box home with you, so that you too can help others find their own strength.



SAVE THE DATE

SEPTEMBER 5—Office Closed Holiday

SEPTEMBER 12—CHECA Meeting

SEPTEMBER 14—**SPECIAL PASTORAL CALL SERVICE 7 P.M.**

SEPTEMBER 20—**CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING** The September meeting will be held on Tuesday the 20th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Please note the change.

SEPTEMBER 30—Brennen Back to School Drive ends.

OCTOBER—**MUTUAL MINISTRY** meets at the church, 10 a.m. (Date to be announced.)

OCTOBER 15 —**LUTHERAN WOMAN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE** Chairperson Kathy O'Malley announced that LWML will resume in person meetings from 9-11 a.m. at the church. All women of Our Redeemer are invited to attend. Snacks will be provided.

OCTOBER 19—Boscov's Friends Helping Friends sale on October 19. The discount is 25% on most purchases, including items already on sale. Orphan Grain Train keeps the \$5.

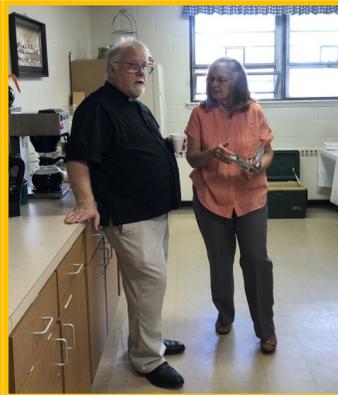
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BIRTHDAYS—SEPTEMBER 6TH JESSIE HARTWIG



THANK YOU!

HATS OFF TO KATHY O'Malley and Robin Billy for loaning their gardening skills to make the church grounds look fresh and fabulous. Earlier in August, Robin weeded and mulched the beds on the front side of the church and Kathy recently used a bit of sweat equity to trim the bushes on the side facing the parking lot. Looking good! Thank you both.



THANK YOU Lina for organizing and putting together a beautiful farewell luncheon for Pastor Ricket and Kitty. You work hard behind the scenes to help make Our Redeemer special.

THANK YOU Mary Beth, AK, Helga and Robin for the photos.

THANK YOU Pastor Rickert and Kitty for blessing Our Redeemer with your service.

THANK YOU to the call committee for working to bring a new pastor to Our Redeemer.

LUTHERANS OUT & ABOUT

LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY—University of Delaware

Our LCM members and recent alumni were busy throughout the summer, including working at a Lutheran camp; volunteering at a horse camp that provides experiences for children with cancer; traveling to Spain, Italy, and Greece; working at Philmont Scout Camp; taking courses; working with *UDairy* here in Newark; spending time with family and friends; and growing in faith and service! Thank you for your continued prayers and support for these gifted and inspiring young adults.



During this fall, we welcome your ongoing prayers for LCM: Please pray that the LCM group may continue to be a welcoming, accepting, Christ-centered, and encouraging place to gather and to grow in faith; that the Holy Spirit will draw new students to our group, both for Tuesday worship and conversation and for mid-week Bible study and for wisdom in identifying new members for our Directing Committee (governing board), that we may expand and strengthen our team. Thank you!

We'll be working to keep our website (lcmde.org) updated with available Tuesdays for bringing a home-cooked meal to share with students, and information about upcoming workdays and events. We hope for more in-person gatherings with our wider LCM community before too long!

In Christ, Mindy Holland, Minister of Word and Service
Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD —302-368-3078; chaplain@lcm

CHURCH CHUCKLES



The church was badly in need of a coat of paint. The pastor decided he would do the job himself. But all he had was one lonely bucket of paint. So he gathered several large buckets and some water. He then thinned the paint enough to cover the entire church. Feeling very accomplished, he spent all day painting. That night it rained—very hard—and washed all the paint off. The pastor was obviously quite discouraged and asked God, "Why...why God, did you let it rain and wash off all my hard work?"

To which God thundered his reply, "Repaint! Repaint! And thin no more!"

<https://www.swapmeetdave.com/Humor/Religious.htm>



SEPTEMBER 2022



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
SERVING Guest Pastor Organist Julie Hockersmith David Rash	USHERS Arlen Besel Dennis Boon Jim Rose	LECTORS 9/4 Julie Hockersmith 9/11 Sarah Tackitt 9/18 Bob Cooley 9/25 Arlen Besel	STREAMING 8/7 Laurel Pearson 8/14 Robin Billy 8/21 8/24	Winkle 10 a.m.		
4 Worship—Communion Divine 3, 10 am 	5 Office Closed	6 Announcement Deadline	7	8	9	10
11 Worship, 10 am	12 CHECA 7:00 p.m.	13 Announcement Deadline	14 Special Call Service 7 p.m.	15	16	17
18 Worship—Communion 10 am SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES 	19	20 Announcement Deadline Newsletter Deadline Church Council/Zoom 7:00 p.m.	21	22	23	24
25 Worship, 10 am	26	27 Announcement Deadline	28	29	30	

SEPTEMBER BIBLE READINGS

- 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
Job 31-33
- 2 Psalm 86
Job 34-36
- 3 Psalm 87
Job 37-39
- 4 Psalm 88
Job 40-42
- 5 Psalm 89
Proverbs 1-3
- 6 Psalm 90
Proverbs 4-7
- 7 Psalm 91
Proverbs 8-10
- 8 Psalm 92
Proverbs 11-13
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- 12 Psalm 96
Proverbs 23-25
- 13 Psalm 97
Proverbs 26-28
- 14 Psalm 98
Proverbs 29-31
- 15 Psalm 99
Ecclesiastes 1-3



Through the Bible in a year

- 16 Psalm 100
Ecclesiastes 4-6
- 17 Psalm 101
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- 18 Psalm 102
Ecclesiastes 10-12
- 19 Psalm 103
Song of Solomon 1-4
- 20 Psalm 104
Song of Solomon 5-8
- 21 Psalm 105
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- 22 Psalm 106
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- 27 Psalm 111
Jeremiah 19-22
- 28 Psalm 112
Jeremiah 23-25
- 29 Psalm 113
Jeremiah 26-28
- 30 1 Chronicles 29:10-13
Jeremiah 29-31