

Our Redeemer's Voice

September 2026



NO STOPPING ...



Rev. Jeremy Loesch

“It” never seems to stop. I will let you determine what the “it” refers to. After my recent trip to Kansas City, the “it” referred to all sorts of things, good and bad:

—the plane never stopped...until it reached the gate, so that was good.

—my parent's life with dementia isn't stopping. That's neither good nor bad; just reality. All I want is the status quo for them. But what I want doesn't matter. They will continue to decline but they are cared for, in a safe place, can afford their care, and they are okay. My emotions with this certainly aren't stopping.

—our two oldest boys are in college (Univ of Missouri- Kansas City and Univ of Central Missouri respectively). They aren't stopping, and neither are the other four- two in high school, one in middle school, one in elementary school. Three of them have driver's licenses now and I have five drivers and five vehicles on my insurance policy. One more driver and I qualify for fleet coverage! I remember buckling them all into car seats and now three of them drive themselves to work and school and to hang out with their friends. The bill and my prayers are not stopping.

—though the ministry of one congregation came to an end, the promises of God's care and provision and presence are something that He will not stop.

What continues to move for you? What I just shared above may be similar to your own list of what isn't stopping in your life. It's not that we don't know where the time goes; it's that we can do nothing to freeze it, or slow it down. Just in regards to children- the days are so long but the years fly by.

September in the world and the Church give evidence to perpetual movement. Wasn't it just the last day of school? I was supposed to enjoy the summer. How can it be the first day of school already?

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The slow days of summer in congregations are finished, certainly in our own. The group of volunteers who gather on Tuesdays to make sleeping bags took the summer off and are preparing for another 'year' of helping the homeless by making sleeping bags. (You are certainly free to join the group Tuesdays at 10). I was already planning to have a Wednesday evening Bible study. Thanks be to God that some new worshipers in our congregation would like to learn about the Lutheran faith. So the Wednesday evening class will be what we just finished in May- Lutheranism 101. You are certainly welcome to come to the class on Wednesdays from 630 to 730. If you do come to the class I believe you will likely know some of the material already. And I believe you will learn some new things. This, our learning the Christian faith, is also something that never stops.

This time of the year does have the feel of something new to it. The cool of the morning is a sign that a new weather season is figuratively knocking on the door.



Look harder.
 Come close and see
 the good hiding in plain sight,
 wonder shining through the cracks,
 joy tucked into ordinary days,
 hope blooming through the steps back.
 See the scars
 and all the way love has learned
 to sing through them.
 Come close and see.
 The world is full of small mercies
 and quiet wonders,
 inviting us to live for so much more.
 Don't miss the beauty
 because you got used to looking
 for what was broken.
 Look harder.

—*Look Harder by Tanner Olson*

(From Page 1) In churches that pay attention to the liturgical calendar, we are halfway through the Pentecost season which means that Advent is knocking on the door. It will be Halloween and Thanksgiving before we know it. It will be The Last Sunday after Pentecost before we know it. And once again, the Advent wreath and the tree and the greenery will add more meaning and beauty to our already beautiful space.

Nothing ever really stops. Sunrise, sunset as the song goes. Is there anything to do in the face of all this movement? Keep your eyes open. As you move, pay attention to the beauty that is put in front of you. Notice the butterfly flitting about the wildflowers as you impatiently wait at the stoplight. Notice the wooly caterpillar and try to think if that means a colder or milder winter. Notice the way the Lord continues to provide daily bread for you and your family, for strangers, even for people you may not necessarily like. Notice how the Lord listens to your prayers and provides answers for you in ways you were not expecting.

To the left is a poem from a book I've been enjoying this summer. The book is called :*"Getting Through What You Are Going Through"* and the author is Tanner Olson. This poem is called *"Look Harder"*.
 — *Blessings, Pastor*



PENTECOST CONTINUES—SEPTEMBER

From September 2021 ORLC Archives By Arlen Besel, Worship Chair

The Gospel for this period begins with Jesus being asked to drive out a demon by a Phoenician woman who trusted Him. He was impressed with her faith in Him and healed the girl. Jesus work to drive out demons continued. Jesus

teaches His disciples but they wanted to be favored and were reminded that their job was to serve, not be served.

This period closes with the teaching about the acceptance of differing efforts that are in His Name. The remark was; "Whoever is not against us is for us."

The Old Testament scripture includes the words of prophesy regarding the miracles of Jesus. Isaiah 50 outlines Israel's sins and the coming *Servant* who will be rejected and beaten. In Jeremiah we learn of a plot against him like that against Jesus.

Much of the OT is about Israel fleeing through the wilderness and their many complaints. God had to provide manna, quail, and water for them under Moses leadership.

The Epistle lessons begin with James reminding the church not to show favoritism in their ministry since all are equally in need of salvation. James goes on with the warning we must *'tame the tongue'* since many sins come from the spoken word. He goes on to tell us that true wisdom comes from God.

Finally James cautions the wealthy not to lord it over the others or servants. We are all under the hand of God in the same manner and so should love others.

The Psalms are words of worship; some beginning with "Praise the Lord". Others focus on worship and praise for the Lord. Psalm 104 ends this period with a description of God's creation and all living things. We are urged to reflect on this and rely on the Lord.

RIPPLES OF KINDNESS



Daily Devotion from Lutheran Hour Ministries 2021

2 Corinthians 9:6 - *The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.*

The owner of a large estate once gave his gardener some red roses to take home to his wife. The flowers, however, never made it to their intended recipient. On the bus that afternoon, the gardener sat next to a widow who spoke of her loneliness. Knowing his wife would understand,

he gave the roses to the lonely widow and brightened up her day.

But the widow didn't get home with them either. At the grocery store, she came upon a tearful young girl. The girl's mother was very ill. "Here," the widow said, handing the flowers to the girl. "Give them to your mother; tell her I'll be praying for her tonight."

Gratefully, the girl accepted them and took them to her mother. The roses cheered the bedridden woman, but even she didn't keep them. "They're too beautiful not to share," she told her pastor when he came to visit the next day. "I'd like the church to have them." So the pastor took them and placed them in the sanctuary where his congregation could see and enjoy them. After the service, the minister gave single roses to some of the church members as they left. The beauty of the flowers was extended once more before they wilted.

There's a beautiful poem entitled, "Flowers Leave Their Fragrance on the Hand of the Giver," and the words are true. Every good deed, every selfless kindness, every thoughtful action which comes from a heart full of faith—a heart touched by the abundance the Lord has freely given—has a way of blessing the giver and multiplying the gift. Like the ripple effect of a stone tossed into water, the circles that emanate can reach many unseen shores.

So it is with the greatest love of all. Jesus' redemptive work on the cross comes to us through God's Word. By the sanctifying power of the Holy Spirit, we are made clean and acceptable to God through faith in the salvation Christ has won for us. God's fragrance, the perfect sacrifice of His Son, is offered to everyone.

It is free and available to everyone. Share it the next chance you get. *Taken from the message, "Fragrance of the Hand of the Giver," by a worker for LHM-Uganda*



OUR REDEEMER NEWS& NOTES

BIBLE STUDY—Bring your coffee and join us each Sunday at 8:45 a.m.

MEN'S BREAKFAST — All men, those in your household, and friends are invited to join September 26th at 8 am. Let us talk, eat, and enjoy each other's company. Bring your own breakfast. We serve the coffee.

COUNCIL & CONGREGATIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE FOR 2026 — *Council meetings* are held the 3rd Wednesday of the month. (Sept. 16, Oct. 21, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16). *Congregational Meetings* will be held on *Sundays*; Sept. 27 and the Annual Meeting on Nov. 15.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY—The Little Free Library is a gift to those who continue to use it. We always appreciate the donation of children's, young adult, and appropriate adult books. Thanks to all who donate books. If you have a moment when leaving church, stop by and straighten up the books. Check to make sure there no unacceptable materials left. — *Julie*



COME RING THE HAND CHIMES WITH US — We are now scheduling rehearsals on Mondays from 1-2 p.m. at the church. Our first rehearsal is on September 7th. You can learn to play the hand chimes even if you can't read music! We have a small group of players, and we're eager to expand so we can play the introit and perform a song for Reformation Sunday. We are still figuring out a performance schedule. For more information, contact Kathy. If you can count, you can play!

BACK TO SCHOOL—For all the wonderful donations to our Back to School drive. —*Thank you, Ruth.*

LECTOR SCHEDULE: SEP 6/BOB SEP 13/STEPHEN D SEP 20/PAUL SEP 27/MIKE OCT 4/BOB

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OUR REDEEMER NEWS & NOTES *(Continued)*

THE ORCHARD



THE ORCHARD — The garden group had a great get together on Wednesday August 26th, sharing ideas and learning about succession planting from our almost master gardener Rick. He still has some volunteer hours to complete before receiving the official title. We also had one of our gardeners demonstrate and collect drone coverage of the garden event that we will be able to add to our YouTube channel and website at a later date. A big



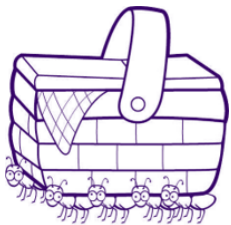
THANKS goes out to Rick, and Steve, to Julie and Paul for the delicious sliders and the other gardeners who brought yummy goodies to share. God's grace surrounds us in the garden every day.

COOLING PROTOCOLS — The fans in the church are placed strategically for the comfort of everyone. If you find that the fan is blowing directly on you and is too much, please move to another pew. Do not turn the fan off. To continue to ensure the comfort of all, please keep the partition between the church and the overflow room closed before and after church. To help keep energy costs down, please shut all doors to rooms not being used to increase cooling efficiency during the summer months. Thank you. —*Bob*

"I tell you the truth, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of mine, you did for me,"
Matthew 26:40.

BUILD A BAG — Build-A-Bag Project - Our mission project recycles used and donated bedding materials into sleeping bags for the homeless in Newark. On September 15 at 10 a.m. we will start our fall work sessions. The finished bags will be donated to Newark Empowerment Center and Hope on Deck again this year. Everyone is invited to help. On the job training is provided. Please join Lina, Ruth, Elizabeth, Paul, and I at the church on Tuesdays at 10 a.m. I hope to see you there. Let me know if you have questions.—*Marybeth*

NEWSLETTER & ANNOUNCEMENTS—News to be included in Sunday's bulletin is due Tuesday morning each week; newsletter deadline is the 20th of the month. You can view the newsletter on our website. Printed copies are sent to our homebound each month. If you would like a printed copy, let the secretary know.



FALL POTLUCK PICNIC — The fall potluck picnic will be held at the church, Sunday, September 20th following the service. Congregational life will supply the beverages, place settings, and condiments. Bring your favorite picnic potluck dish. Bring family and friends. Enjoy great company as we move into fall. If weather permits, bring folding chairs to sit outside. There will be a signup sheet on the Narthex bulletin board. Contact Lina if you have any questions.

OGT NEWS & HELPING OTHERS



NEW LOCATION STILL BEING SOUGHT — OGT continues to seek a new warehouse. There has been ups and downs and some possibilities. For now the search continues. Keep those prayers coming. —*Ruth*

MARK YOUR CALENDARS — It's getting to be that time again. Before you know it our FRIENDS HELPING FRIENDS fundraiser sponsored by Boscov's Department stores will be here. For a \$5 donation to Orphan Grain Train Mid-Atlantic Branch, you receive a shopping pass for 25% off of most items at any Boscov's on Wednesday, October 21, 2026. Purchases can also be made online on that day. You can get a ticket from Sharron in the office as well as from Ruth.

IN TIMES OF NEED: ASKING FOR HEALING



IN THE WORD

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy. Because he inclined his ear to me, therefore I will call on him as long as I live (Psalm 116:1-2)

OF THE WORD

"Lord, have mercy!" is a common refrain spoken in worship. They are also words many people say in their daily prayers and they become especially meaningful when dealing with an illness. We ask God for His kindness and goodness, things we don't deserve.

But our loving God is in the habit of giving His people the good things they don't deserve. There is nothing wrong in asking for God's blessings. In fact, God expects it from us.

The Father lovingly sent Jesus to take the punishment our sins deserve so that we could instead receive the good gifts of forgiveness and salvation. Our faith has taken hold of the wonderful gifts He provides. As His faithful children we can ask Him to be merciful to us during times of sickness. He is listening. He wants us to come to Him. And He wants only the best for us, His children.

WALKING WITH MY LORD

Heavenly Father, I know You are listening to my prayer for Jesus' sake. In Your mercy, please grant me the healing I need. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

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SEPTEMBER SPOTLIGHT

ORLC SPOTLIGHT- Periodically, *Our Redeemer's Voice* will spotlight someone from our congregation, who may be celebrating a special event or has gone out of their way to make a difference here at our church or in the community. We have so many in our congregation who have let their light shine at

Our Redeemer and beyond. We appreciate every one, every day! If you have a special landmark event or know of someone you would like to put in the Our Redeemer spotlight, please let the secretary know.

Congratulations to the family of Margaret J recent arrival of a healthy new granddaughter.



Congratulations to Alexander and Katina on the Baptism of their twins in August.

HAPPY 50th Anniversary to Helga and AK. These two celebrated this land mark day on August 7th with dinner at Schaffer's Canal House with family ad friends.



CONDOLENCES

Long time member Sarah Ellen Vierung, age 98, passed away on August 18. Sarah dedicated her life to caring for her family as a homemaker. She was a member of the TOPS Club and lifetime member of the Delaware Saengerbund. Sarah loved to travel and especially enjoyed visiting Germany. She was found in her kitchen cooking delicious meals for her family. Sarah was preceded by her husband, Laurence W.

Vierung, Jr.; sister, Betty Potter; and brothers, James and Sonny Leager. She is survived by her son, Kevin Eugene Vierung; stepsons, Laurence Vierung III and David Vierung; 7 grandchildren; and 8 great-grandchildren. Services were held privately. Donations may be made in Sarah's memory to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church, 10 Johnson Road, Newark, DE 19713.

LUTHERANS AROUND US



WALKTOBERFEST—The Lutheran Community Services (LCS) Fall 5K event is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026, at Concordia Lutheran Church in Wilmington, 3003 Silverside Rd, Wilmington, DE 19810. Rain or Shine!

EVENT SCHEDULE— **9:00 AM:** Registration opens; **10:00 AM:** 5K Walk/Run starts; **11:30 AM – 3:00 PM:** Post-race Oktoberfest celebration. The day includes free food, drinks, live-music, games and activities, raffles, with a friendly,

non-competitive walk for adults and kids.

COST/DONATION—Registration or a baseline fundraising goal (typically \$20) earns a commemorative race T-shirt. Admission to the block party afterward is free. Canned goods are donations encouraged.

All proceeds and collected food items go directly to support Lutheran Community Services food pantries and nutrition programs across Delaware. The funds raised and food collected from this event go directly to our food pantries.



FALL BLESSINGS FROM LUTHERAN CAMPUS MINISTRY—After an amazing experience last year, with a grand total of 26 student visitors to LCM, I'm excited to see what God's Holy Spirit has planned for this fall! Warm thanks to all who took part in our LCM Thank You Party at the chapel in June, as well as those who've been keeping LCM students in your prayers in recent months. It was a good summer, though it flew by. For individual returning students, summer 2026 included: a backpacking trip to Mt. Rainier; a research project on shape-note singing; regional travels; time with family and friends; summer jobs; and growing in faith amid service, worship, and community. It's a joy to hear about students' summer experiences and adventures.

Please save the date of Saturday afternoon, October 17. St. Philip's Lutheran Church in Wilmington will be hosting LCM's fall fundraiser. We look forward to sharing tasty food, hearing presentations by gifted students, bidding in a live auction, and enjoying fellowship with our wider LCM community. If you'd like to donate a gift basket or creative item for the raffle or silent auction, or if you'd like to help with set-up or clean-up for this key event, please contact us at office@lcmde.org. Ideally, baskets will be prepared and brought to LCM by Thursday, October 8. Thank you very much!

We invite your prayers that, for new and returning students alike, LCM will continue to provide a safe, encouraging, and nurturing Christian community as they journey through their years at UD. May LCM be a place where students find welcome and fun, respectful conversations even in the face of diverse opinions, and a meaningful, supportive context for growing in faith, service, and leadership. Thank you!

If you'd like to visit LCM on a Tuesday evening at 5:30 PM, we'd love to see you. We enjoy talking with visitors and are very grateful to those who bring homemade dinners. Please watch our website

(www.lcmde.org) for updates and opportunities, or contact us directly, if you'd like to sign up with a friend (or two!) to bring a meal. We're grateful for your continued support for LCM. Your prayers and contributions make a significant difference in the lives of these gifted, faith-filled young adults.

We wish you God's abundant blessings, good health, courage, hope,

Mindy Holland, Minister of Word & Service Chaplain, Lutheran Campus Ministry at UD. 302-368-3078; chaplain@lcmde.org





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
SERVING Pastor Jeremy Loesch ORGANIST Julie	LECTORS 9/6 Bob 9/13 Stephen 9/20 Paul 9/27 Mike 10/4 Bob	1 Announcement Deadline	2	3	4	5
6 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Communion DS 4 10 a.m. Julie 	7 OFFICE CLOSED	8 Announcement Deadline	9	10	11	12
13 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. Worship DS 4 10 a.m. Fellowship Sunday Digital	14	15 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	16 Council 7 p.m. Zoom	17	18	19
20 Communion DS 4 10 a.m. Julie 	21	22 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	23	24	25	26 .Men's Breakfast 8 a.m.
27 Bible Study 8:45 a.m. DS 4 10 a.m. Worship Julie Newsletter Deadline	28	29 Announcement Deadline Build A Bag	30	OCTOBER 1	2	3
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SEPTEMBER BIBLE READINGS

- 1 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
- 9 Psalm 93
Proverbs 14-16
- 10 Psalm 94
Proverbs 17-19
- 11 Psalm 95
Proverbs 20-22
- 12 Psalm 96
Proverbs 23-25
- 13 Psalm 97
Proverbs 26-28
- 14 Psalm 98
Proverbs 29-31
- 15 Psalm 99
Ecclesiastes 1-3



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- 16 Psalm 100
Ecclesiastes 4-6
- 17 Psalm 101
Ecclesiastes 7-9
- 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
Jeremiah 1-3
- 22 Psalm 106
Jeremiah 4-6
- 23 Psalm 107
Jeremiah 7-9
- 24 Psalm 108
Jeremiah 10-12
- 25 Psalm 109
Jeremiah 13-15
- 26 Psalm 110
Jeremiah 16-18
- 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

