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VBS 2026

@Redeemer Newburgh

9am-Noon

June 15-18

BIBLE READINGS

JUNE SERMON SERIES “RESPECT THE DANGERS”

JUNE 7 - DISTORTING THE GOSPEL
1 JOHN 2:18-25, GAL 5:1-6, JOHN 10:25-30

JUNE 14- REFUSING TO FORGIVE
GEN 50:15-21, COL 3:12-15, MATT 18:21-35

JUNE 21 - NEGLECTING THE MEANS OF GRACE
EPH 6:10-18, 1 COR 10:16-17, LUKE 8:4-8,11-15

JUNE 28 - UNREPENTANT HEART
NUM 11:24:30, ACTS 2:1-21, JOHN 7:37-39

Online Studies:

Thursdays @Noon on Redeemer Evansville FB page join Pastor Tom for ‘Backyard Bible Study’

Weekly Adult Bible Study - Sunday mornings @9:15am Redeemer Evansville, In-person or on FB

Women’s Evening Bible Study

Tuesdays @5:30pm Oaklyn Library, Mtg Rm B

SUMMER BIBLE READING PROGRAM

We are reading on our own just a chapter a week beginning in Luke at whatever pace you like. On Mondays Pastor Tom will post some reflections on the readings we just did and maybe something about the week ahead on our Facebook page.

If you have not studied the Bible on your own, this is a way to start. You could easily invite people to do it with you. God’s Word has power, so just getting our feet wet in the Word can be powerful.



Men’s Breakfast & Bible Study

We begin 7:30am @Redeemer Newburgh on the first Saturday of every month. Just bring yourself and a bible, we supply the breakfast! Men of all ages, members and non-members are welcome! We will look at the readings for the following Sunday.

Sundays @9:15am Bible Classes for Toddlers thru High School @Redeemer Evansville!



June 2026

Respect the Dangers

Respect the Dangers is the title I am giving to a sermon series that begins in June. On each of the four Sundays I will preach on a different way that the Bible describes as a way people fall from grace and lose salvation. Since having a connection to Christ not only improves life but gives us eternal life with Christ, it is our greatest asset and the last thing we would want to lose. Still, despite great effort from God to prevent it, it can and does happen.

What are the dangers? Because we still carry around our sinful nature can create problems that threaten the connection we have with Christ. The first topic I will talk about is distorting the Gospel. The whole book of Galatians is about this. The Gospel covers a wide array of even serious sins when we repent, but it is fragile with respect to changing grace into something you earn. God won't have it.

The next is a specific sin that the Bible gives extra attention--refusing to forgive. It is right there in the Lord's prayer: forgive us our trespasses... We are not given the option to not forgive. That will be on June 14.

The third is neglecting the Means of Grace and becoming a person with "shallow roots". The Parable of Sower speaks of this. This is the primary thing that a worship service is for. Keeping the connection with Christ strong through Word and Sacrament.

The fourth, on June 28, I will discuss is unrepentant sin. That we can fall from grace because of unrepentant sin is stated in the Bible, when does that happen--where is the line crossed, is not discussed. This is a little scary because we all still sin. It is not as simple as sins of thought are safe and sins of deeds are not. Nor is it categorized in the Bible by type of sin to be "mortal" or "venial" like in the Roman Catholic church. I expect "mortal" and "venial" was an answer to the question we are pondering. You don't know where the line is so don't test it. The biggest danger is to rationalize away something the Bible has called sinful. I will have more to say about this in the sermon.

I hope you will find a way to either be present for this series or watch the parts you miss online. Respect the dangers that still exist for you and be "in Christ" all the way through life.

Building and Capital Campaign

Our architect, Hafer and Associates, asked to wait until in the end of May to get working on the construction drawings due to many projects they are finishing up. That was fine with the Building Committee, so nothing has happened so far. A project is ground-breaking at the beginning of 2027 and completion June of 28. It's a long time to wait, but a reality of a project like this.

In the meantime, you should have received a letter or letters about submitting the funds that you pledged. One soft due date is June 1. For those of us who made a one-time or up-front pledge amount, we would like to have it by June 1 but you may have reasons to delay that. If you want to delay just let us know.

For any submission of monies, we are interested in avoiding bank fees. Giving a check or sending it from your electronic banking is the best way to do that. I have scheduled my ongoing gift through my bank and put in the memo section what I want given to the "Newburgh Building Fund". I am waiting to the deadline for my upfront gift, hoping that the market doesn't crash.

We want to make sure that we credit your gifts properly, so giving statements will be coming out quarterly rather than annually. Look at them. If you see an error, let Paul know. As we wait to get started with paying bills, we will invest money on hand in a safe, but interest-bearing account.

Thanks for being a part of this ministry project.

Pastor Tom

Have questions about giving to the Building Fund? Call or email Paul in the church office.

(812) 476-9991 or
paul@redeemerchurch.org



COLLEGE CORNER DRIVE-IN



Realizing that we were fast outgrowing our previous location on Jefferson Avenue; it was decided in 1945 to purchase the ground at Lincoln and Frederick. After this occurred, an active campaign was begun to raise money to pay for that land as well as to start a building fund for the new church building. The land sat patiently waiting for us to begin our building, as we raised money, planned, and tied up loose ends. One of those loose ends was a restaurant that sat on the corner of Lincoln and Frederick that claimed the address of 1811 Lincoln Avenue. The restaurant was a hugely successful drive-in, called the College Corner Drive-In. The restaurant claimed to have “the thickest malts, the finest hamburgers, and the tastiest sandwiches this side of the Ohio.” They were open every day, including Sunday, from 10am to midnight. Opened in or around 1946, the College Corner Drive-In was THE place to be! The owners of the establishment were Omer and Joseph Reinhart and employed about 28 people.

The Reinhart brothers apparently leased the land from Redeemer. The building committee gave an entire one-year notice to the restaurant in 1953, stating that they would be taking complete possession of the property

Pictured Above: The College Corner Drive-In as it was in 1945

Interestingly, the restaurant had just installed air conditioning at the time of the notice, although they may have gotten a deal on this. The Koch Brothers advertised that the restaurant had used the “Tri-State’s pioneer air conditioning engineers” for the installation and boasted “from one room to an entire building, Koch offers efficient Carrier air conditioning.” The brothers closed the College Corner Drive-In September 1954 and opened a new restaurant at Green River and Division Street (now Lloyd Expressway) called the Dubl R Drive-In. (Dubl R – meaning the two or double “R” Reinhart brothers.) The new location would accommodate 80 cars with inside seating for 40. Their new facility also would have the new-fangled air conditioning and won awards for the best onion rings in the Tri-State.

*contributed by Carolyn Farmer,
author, historian and member of Redeemer*

DON'T MISS THE NEXT EDITION OF THE REDEEMER CHRONICLES!

UE Faith in Action - College Ministry

Several students are here in Evansville over the summer for internships. I will be meeting with them over the summer. This will be to plan and organize the 2026-2027 school year. We will also be continuing our Pickleball schedule over the summer.

We will be greeting incoming freshmen at three orientation weekends over the summer.



SMP UPDATE

Jason and I have started working on our final class of the SMP program. The week-long intensive is June 22-June 26. After completing the week-long class, we have one final project to turn in before completion of the program.

MUSIC & WORSHIP

Thank you to all of our musicians/technicians who have served in the Adult Choir, Praise Band, as an instrumentalist, soloist, sound tech or in any other capacity! Your willingness to share your musical and technical gifts is greatly appreciated! If your group is taking the summer off, please have a safe and relaxing summer!



If anyone is interested in offering special music during the months of June, July or August, please contact me at jeremy@redeemerchurch.org or 812-476-9991.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026 - IT'S HERE!
REGISTER ONLINE AT [REDEEMERCHURCH.ORG](https://redeemerchurch.org)



WE ARE EXCITED TO PRESENT EMERALD CROSSING THIS SUMMER AS OUR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL. THE KIDS WILL BE LEARNING ALL ABOUT PSALM 23. OUR DAILY THEMES ARE: DAY 1 "LOST TO FOUND", DAY 2 "WRONG PATH TO RIGHT PATH", DAY 3 "FEARFUL TO PEACEFUL", DAY 4 "GRUMBLING AND SHAKY TO GRATEFUL AND SURE." WE ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO A GREAT WEEK OF HEARING GOD'S WORD, APPLYING IT TO OUR LIVES, ALL WHILE HAVING FUN THROUGH MUSIC, GAMES, CRAFTS, AND SNACKS! WE ARE HAVING A FAMILY COOKOUT FOR ALL KIDS AND FAMILIES ON THE FINAL DAY OF VBS!



REDEEMER ROOTS AND REACH

Middle/High School Students

Bible study on Sunday mornings will continue throughout the summer. We will be combining the Middle and High School Classes for the summer. We will continue working our way through the book of Matthew. The study has been excellent so far. High school and middle school numbers are up substantially, as is engagement outside of Sunday mornings.

JUNE SCHEDULE:

High School June 9 @ 6pm

We are meeting at Redeemer and then going to find the **BEST FRIES IN EVANSVILLE!** Check back next month to see the winner and runner-up!

VBS HELPERS

June 15-18 9 am-Noon @ Newburgh

Middle School and High School

June 19 YOUTH VBS

9 am - Noon Newburgh Campus



FOR THE WEE ONES

Sunday School (5ML! and 5MLittles!)

As we did with the Middle and High School students, we will combine the preschool and elementary classes for the summer. Come check out our engaging Sunday School. Parents are welcome to stay with their children or drop them off and attend Adult Bible Study! Hope to see some new faces over the summer!



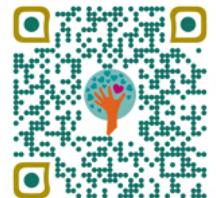
Redeemer Christian **PRESCHOOL** JUNE 2026

We're enjoying our summer break! Hope you are too!

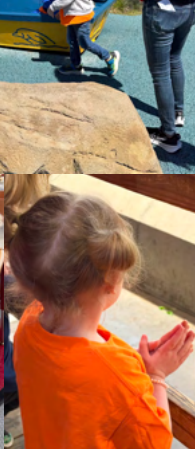


CONGRATULATIONS TO THE CLASS OF 2026!

**CLASSES FOR THE 2026-27 SCHOOL
YEAR ARE FILLING UP FAST! IF YOU ARE
INTERESTED IN ENROLLING YOUR CHILD,
DON'T WAIT!**









Come visit the pastures of Ireland as the Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer hosts its summer Vacation Bible School, "Emerald Crossing," June 15-18, 2026, from 9 am to noon.

We will be taking an Irish Adventure through Psalm 23. Come and join us for bible learning through music, crafts, games, and LIVE ANIMALS! A family cookout to close out the fun on Thursday at noon!



***VBS is for kids
3 years old -
5th Grade***



ANNOUNCEMENTS AND HAPPENINGS

SENIOR LUNCH

Senior Luncheon will be held June 22 at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer Evansville. Our guest speaker is longtime Redeemer member Monica Mills. ***"A Kidney for ME and a Kidney for Thee"*** Monica will be telling the story of how she donated one of her kidneys as a young mother to our former Pastor Bob Brown. Main dish and drinks will be provided. Bring a side dish to share. All ages are welcome.

HELP WANTED @EVANSVILLE AND @NEWBURGH

We are still in need of ushers for all services. Contact the Church Office for more information.

The Prayer Warriors could use a few more to pray daily for our members. Just a few minutes each day to be sure that everyone at Redeemer is prayed for every day! Contact Jan Baker @ [812-893-3391](tel:812-893-3391) or j.cor@twc.com.

Help is needed setting up and cleaning up communion in Newburgh. Please contact Leanne Collier if you can help out in this way. [812-470-9317](tel:812-470-9317) or keithandleanne@gmail.com.

HEARING AIDS @EVANSVILLE

Did you know? Our new part-time tech Chris Parsons has given our hearing assist devices a tune-up and they are all working properly! If you have trouble hearing the service at Evansville, give one a try!

PLOTS AT SUNSET AVAILABLE

We have some plots available at Sunset Cemetery that were gifted to Redeemer. If you'd be interested in purchasing a single plot in the Christus Garden or three plots in the Apostle's Garden, contact Larry Fritsche or Paul Yates in the Church Office. All bids will be considered.

PHOTO DIRECTORY COMING LATER THIS SUMMER!

We will be doing this on our own (not with a photographer/company). Our new copier/printer is capable of producing a good quality booklet/color. We want to get as many of your smiling faces as possible! If you have a recent picture of you and your family that you'd like to use, feel free to go ahead and email it to Nicole in the church office - nicole@redeemerchurch.org. We will also have some members taking pictures of families before or after services on some Sundays coming up so have your smile on! If you are interested in volunteering to take pictures, let us know!

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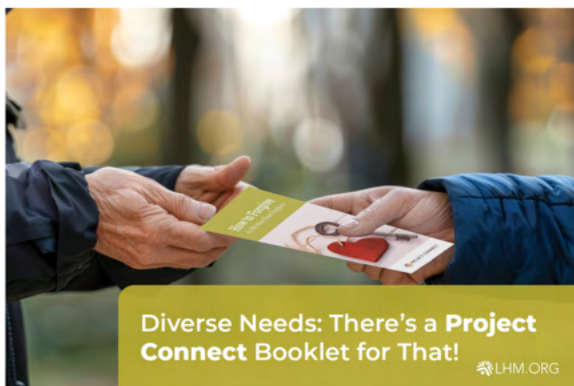
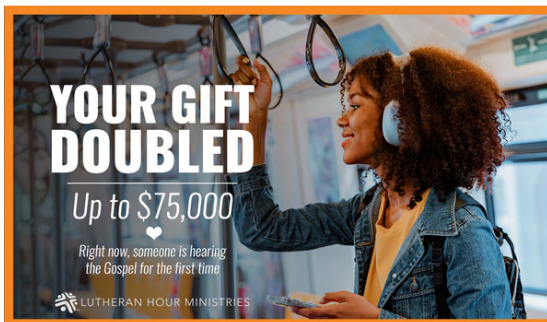
Be sure to sign up for Thrivent Action Teams if you are a member!

LHM Ministry Update



As LHM creates resources for individuals and congregations to use, getting the word out about their availability is essential. This is where LHM Ambassadors come in.

For generations, listeners have turned to *The Lutheran Hour*® for Christ-centered teaching, encouragement, and hope. Right now, your gift will be doubled up to \$75,000 to help expand digital access so more people can hear this trusted message online.



As LHM continues its ongoing process of reviewing booklets in the **Project Connect** library, it's also adding new ones and updating existing titles.

Any offering given during April, May or June that is earmarked for 'Missions' will be given to Lutheran Hour Ministries.

FROM PAUL & NICOLE IN THE CHURCH OFFICE

Treasurer's Report as of 5/22/26

	Actual	Budget
Income	\$361,115.81	\$81,577.94
Expenses	\$96,724.41	\$97,337.32
Income - Expenses	\$264,391.40	-\$15,759.38
YTD Income	\$858,065.09	\$411,517.35
YTD Expenses	\$711,791.94	\$503,747.17
YTD Income - Expenses	\$146,27.15	-\$92,229.82
Memorial Trust Fund	\$1,188,940.98	
LCEF Contingency Fund	\$537,773.56	



Attendance

* estimate
In-person unless noted

DATE	8AM EVV	10:30AM EVV	11:30 NWB	ADULT BIBLE STUDY@EVV	TODDLER - HS BIBLE CLASSES (KIDS/ADULTS)
APRIL 26	103	118	39	40*	15/4
MAY 3	89	77	42	48	10/3
MAY 10	95	118	32	42	14/4
MAY 17	100	104	40	49	17/4
MAY 24	105	94	29	34	7/3

***MEMBER
INFORMATION IS
NOT AVAILABLE
ONLINE***





JUNE 26-28, 2026 CONVENTION COMMUNICATION
REGISTRATION ON LWMLINDIANA.ORG (CLICK ON GOOD NEWS, THE 2 PAGES OF THE REGISTRATION FORM WHEN REGISTERING ARE IN THAT DOCUMENT).

SOME CONVENTION HAPPENINGS: KEYNOTE SPEAKER-KRISTIN SCHULTZ; FIVE SERVANT EVENTS, AND ONE IS LOVE THE HUNGRY FOOD PACKAGING ON FRIDAY, 9A.M.-12P.M. AND 1P.M.-3P.M., SIGN-UP FOR ONE OF THOSE TIME SLOTS TO PARTICIPATE; MOVING FOR MITES-FUN ACTIVITIES TO LEARN ABOUT MITES AND RAISE MONEY FOR MISSION GRANTS; INTEREST SESSIONS- THERE ARE EIGHT TO CHOOSE FROM WITH PRESENTERS SHARING HOW GOD STRENGTHENS YOU TO BE HIS WITNESS; CHOIR-WHEN REGISTERING, SIGN-UP TO SING FOR THE TWO WORSHIP SERVICES; ENTERTAINMENT-A GROUP OF MUSICIANS WILL HELP YOU CELEBRATE 250 YEARS OF AMERICAN FOLK MUSIC.



**LWML Indiana
District Convention
on June 26 – 28, 2026**

Vanderburgh County 4-H
Center, 201 E. Boonville-New
Harmony Road, Evansville, IN

for - Lutheran Ladies coming together
in troubling times as God's children to
share in suffering.

Knowing that the blessings and
comfort of God leads to their response
of help and support in difficult times.

**Don't miss
all the
information
at the
LWML
display in
the
Gathering
Area!**

OVERHEARD AFTER THE LAST KAIROS WEEKEND...

I found peace and was mad, no more.

Prayers answered!

Lost sight, I am not alone, God was there.

I was Humpty Dumpty, cracked, put back together.
I will take it back to the camp so no one else is a Humpty Dumpty.

I was a bad dad, bad husband, I am walking in new love and grace.

"Fear not, I called you by name." We now have brothers in the camp that we can lean on.

I am not alone anymore, I was worried, my mom was ill.

The Holy Spirit was in me but in the battle He was quenched. I am renewed.

We can grow and lean on our brothers.

We have changed lives, eternal life.

I have the full armor of God to go to war for Jesus.

The devil had me down, now I am not down. My mom is going to Kairos Outside.
She found a pamphlet in her purse, she has no idea how it got there! ???

This guy was a surprise, an alternate who filled in. He met brothers, doors opened, 3 of them bonded into a great relationship grew in fellowship in Christ and a manhood on the yard. "I am the light of the world" Don't put a lamp under a basket. Jesus is dynamite, you will change, you can move forward!

One guy met a gang leader and witnessed to him, he started watching Christian TV programs, he has changed completely. His gang is now nonviolence!



Changing Hearts
Transforming Lives
Impacting the World

Indiana has 3000 Kairos Graduates in the prison system. Kairos has reduced the recidivism rate tremendously.

**Questions? Want to get involved?
Contact Tim Grunow 812-568-2106 or
Jerry Mills 812-499-0816**

St. John's Lutheran Church, located ½ mile west of New Boston, will be hosting their Annual Chicken & Ham Buffet on Saturday June 13th. Serving begins at 4:00 PM CST. We will be serving fried chicken and ham dinners, along with green beans, corn, dressing, German and American potato salad and veggies. Homemade pie, desserts and freshly baked bread are included with the meal. Take out dinners are also available. The Country Store will have baked goods, fresh produce, plants and more. All are welcome to come and enjoy the great food and fellowship!



Regular hours Mondays and Thursdays
4-8 pm or until finished for evening, if
before 8 pm. Bring a drink and garden
gloves. All are welcome!

We can always use leaves and untreated lawn grass
clippings. Bags can be dropped off at the garden
gate.

Thanks! - Shelby



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Worship 11:30am*

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