Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer

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Beginning **Sunday Sept 8th, 2024** our Worship Schedule will be as follows: • 8:30 am Contemporary Worship Service • 9:15 am Fellowship • 9:30 am Christian Education • 10:30 am Traditional Worship Service

## From the Pastor's Desk

#### Very Human Disciples

The next time you're reading a passage from one of the Gospels, I encourage you to watch out for the disciples. It's amazing. They are so human. Their personalities and actions sometimes are as varied and unique as our own.

Peter is given the Power of the Keys, yet denies Jesus after the arrest.<sup>1</sup> Thomas declares he would follow Jesus into



Jerusalem, but won't believe the resurrection until he sees it for himself.<sup>2</sup> Philip is practical, calculating the magnitude of feeding five thousand people.<sup>3</sup> Nathanael is contemplative, but has some biases to address.<sup>4</sup> They all get into arguments about which one of them is the best.<sup>5</sup> As far as jobs go, Matthew is a tax collector,<sup>6</sup> and Andrew, Peter, James, and John are fishermen.<sup>7</sup>

As a whole, the disciples often worry, get the wrong answer, panic, or fail to see the possibilities of a situation. They are faithful and flawed—and they keep going. They make mistakes, but they stay true. They stay together. They stay with Jesus—and Jesus stays with them, too. Jesus teaches and keeps teaching. The disciples follow and keep following.

There are times we might feel like our occupation, personality, style, energy, or even our human nature doesn't fit with being a disciple. But then, Matthew and Peter and Thomas and the rest were called to follow Jesus. There wasn't just one type of disciple, and the different personalities and gifts of each of them reflected and supported the variety of people in the world they would eventually serve and teach themselves. That's true now, too.

Like the disciples, we are also called to faithfully follow Jesus and to be intentional about how we encounter, interact with, and minister to the world around us. The unique gifts, skills, and personalities each of us have been given help us as we interact with the individuals who are our neighbors. Even our mistakes teach us about forgiveness and endurance—a lesson from which we deepen our understanding of grace and our ability to extend forgiveness and understanding to others in turn.

As we start this new fall season, may we be mindful of the ways we can learn from the disciples' example. We are called to be faithful witnesses—to keep going, knowing that we are supported by God and one another as we follow Jesus in our own very human lives.

#### From the Pastor's Desk (continued...)

<sup>1</sup> Matthew 16:17-19; Matthew 26:69-75; Mark 14:66-72: Luke 22:54-62; John 18:15-18, 25-27 <sup>2</sup> John 11:16; John 20:24-29

<sup>3</sup> John 6:5-7

<sup>4</sup> John 1:43-51

<sup>5</sup> Mark 9:33-37; Luke 9:46-48; Luke 22:24-27

6 Matthew 9:9

7 Matthew 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20

#### DEDICATION OF THE PICNIC AREA IN MEMORY OF PASTOR AND MARIE SCHLAK

#### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2024 Begins at 11:45 AM with a picnic to follow.

A dedication service and picnic honoring the memory of Pastor Richard and Marie Schlak will be held at LCOR on Sunday, September 22, 2024, following our Traditional Service. We will be dedicating the picnic area at the church in their honor and celebrating the countless ways Pastor and Marie blessed us.

As Pastor Schlak loved grilling and Marie loved pies, we will be serving hamburgers, veggie burgers, and pies at the picnic. A sign-up sheet for items needed is on the bulletin board.

We are putting together a photo montage in Pastor and Marie's memory. If you have some photos you'd like to share in the montage, please contact Stacy McGhehey at stacym512@yahoo.com.

LCOR honors our beloved Pastor and Marie and the new picnic area will be a testament to their love for LCOR. Please plan to join your LCOR family for this dedication service.

# **Social Ministry News**

Our congregation will soon engage in service work right here in our community. **We will be Packing Lunches for Distribution by Lynn Ministries.** We are one of over 8,700 congregations participating in "**God's Work. Our hands.**" on Sept. 8. Across the country, thousands of members will work to make a positive change in our communities, build and deepen relationships and share God's love. Join us as

**Date:** 9/8/24

**Time:** 9:15 AM (Between Services) **Location:** Lutheran Church of Our Redeemer (LCOR), 212 Main St. Foxborough, MA



# Bishop's Installation- Rev. Nathan D. Pipho

The Rev. Nathan D. Pipho will be installed as the fourth bishop of the New England Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) at a Festive Holy Eucharist on Saturday, September 7, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church, 73 Lancaster Street, Worcester, MA. The Rev. Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the ELCA will preside and a reception in Trinity's Jeppson Hall will follow. The public is invited to attend. The liturgy will also be livestreamed at <u>www.vimeo.com/trinityworcester</u>. Additional details can be found at <u>https://nelutherans.org/installation</u>.





#### **E-Giving**

The Finance Committee would like to invite you to explore the option of contributing to church electronically through Vanco Services. This allows the process to be set up to your convenience and also provides you the option of transitioning from envelopes to online giving. For more details, please contact Madeline Estabrook. You can find our convenient QR Code in the Sunday Bulletins or click the link below.

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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!

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#### Sunday School

BEGINS SUNDAY SEPT 8th, 2024

9:3 Fu

9:30 am Full Schedule to follow.

## **Community Life**



## Eat Out After Church

Join us Sunday September 1st at Olive Garden Foxborough, MA 11:30AM

## **Community Life**



#### **Fellowship Hosts Needed**

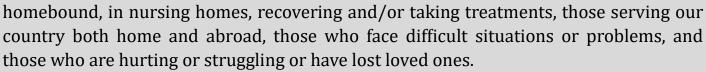


#### COFFEE & FELLOWSHIP PLEASE CONSIDER HOSTING

Bring Snacks & Juice
Make Coffee
Find a Partner to share tasks & Split the cost

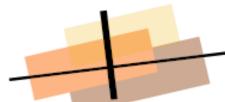
## **Remember in Your Prayers**

Bud, Sonya, Augustina and Charlene, Carol, Claudia, Dayron and Daisia, Glenn, Laurie, Mark, Rich, Rylee, Mike & Brianna, Steve A, Judy B, Judy C, Joe F, Georgia G, Evy H, Ted J, Claudia T, David W, The Family of Patrick L, those



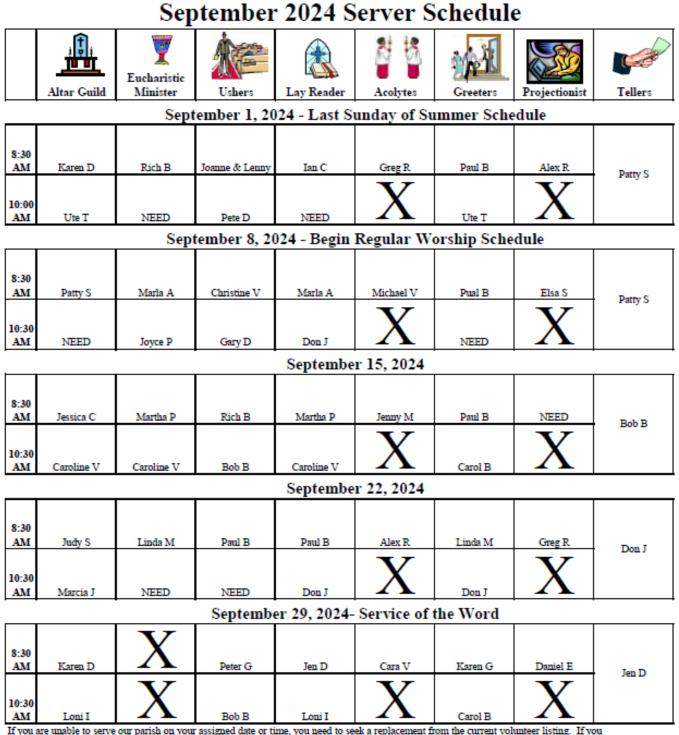
Prayer requests can be made by emailing Alice Wuschke at <u>alwuschke@gmail.com</u>. Names will remain on the list for three months, unless otherwise indicated. Requests must be resubmitted to continue an additional three months.





# SEPTEMBER 2024

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 8:30 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:00 AM Traditional *Last Day Summer Schedule* *11: 30 Eat Out After Church Olive Garden Foxboro*	2 LCOR OFFICE CLOSED 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	3	4	5 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	6	7
8 8:30 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Traditional *First Day of the Fall/ Winter Schedule* *Sunday School Begins 9:30AM*	9 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	10	11	12 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	13	14
15 8:30 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Traditional	16 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	17	18	19 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	20	21
22 8:30 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Traditional * Pastor & Marie Schlak Dedication Service and Picnic 11:45 AM*	23 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	24	25	26 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom	27	28
29 8:30 AM Contemporary 9:15 AM Fellowship 10:30 AM Traditional *Service of the Word* *OKTOBERFEST 12:00 PM*	30 7:15-8:15 AM Ladies Bible Study Via Zoom					



If you are unable to serve our parish on your assigned date or time, you need to seek a replacement from the current volunteer listing. If you should notice "NEED" and find YOU can serve in that slot, please DO! Schedule updated weekly on bulletin board and on www.lcor.org

Server Volunteers Needed—All roles come with appropriate training and we don't expect people to be scheduled more often than once a month. If you can help in any of these roles or if you are just looking for more information, contact Karen DiCanzio at dicanzio@comcast.net. Tellers do not need to be just from the second service, tellers can come from the first service as well.

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#### **Altar Flowers**

If you'd like to put flowers on the altar, simply sign up on the large flower chart on the bulletin board in the hallway leading to the education wing.

They may be given in honor of someone, in memory of someone, an event (anniversary birthday etc.), or simply to the glory of God! If the flowers are being given in honor or memory of someone, please write that on the flower chart. If no reason is stated on the chart then flowers will be given to the "Glory of God."

You must sign up a minimum of 7 days in advance. Flower arrangements are **\$35 each**. Please place your payment in the offering plate and be sure you designate the payment as "altar flowers."

These flowers belong to you, after the flowers adorn the altar area for both services, please take your flowers home.

#### Summer Worship Schedule

8:30 am - Contemporary Worship

9:30 am Fellowship Time

10:00 am - Traditional Worship

#### Fall, Winter, and Spring Worship Schedule

8:30 am - Contemporary Worship

9:30 am - Fellowship Time; Christian Education

10:30 am - Traditional Worship

