



# The Christian Connection

## Why Lutheran?

I get asked this question quite a bit. Why are you Lutheran? The answer is long and drawn out for me. I usually answer this with basically a history of my life in the church. Baptized Catholic. Raised Methodist. Spent some time in Baptist, non-denominational, and the Evangelical Free Church. Ended up in Sioux Falls at an Association of Free Lutheran Congregation.

Within the longer story, there is a small part that is very important. I didn't join a Baptist, non-denomination, or E-Free church. I did join a Lutheran one. The difference was doctrine. The difference was that what I read in Scripture, I saw in congregational life and in the teaching and preaching. It wasn't that the Lutherans were more pious or smarter. The difference was in what they taught. Doctrine, that which is taught, was and is very important to our spiritual lives. Good doctrine, teaching that is accordance with Scripture, feeds and nourishes the soul. Bad doctrine, slowly rots away and is dangerous for the soul. When I started attending an AFLC congregation, my soul was fed in a way that I had been missing for some time.

That is not to say that there are other denominations out there who cannot work with. There are many denominations and congregations in God's Holy Christian Church. However, there is a reason I am here and not there.

Over the next few months, I will be highlighting some of the distinctive things that we believe, teach, and confess as a Free Lutheran Congregation. This is not so that we can say, "look at how great we are," or "everybody else is wrong." The reason to do this is to discuss one of the most important things Paul told Timothy and Titus to do as they ministered to the church. "But as for you, teach what accords with sound doctrine." (Titus 2:1, ESV)

May the God of Peace, preserve and equip you for every good work he has called you to.

Amen.

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The purpose of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is to worship God in a Bible-based, Christ-centered ministry, evangelizing, discipling, nurturing and equipping people for the spiritual well-being of every life.

## Pastor Schultz



## Church Chat!

- Following the recent passing of Terry Park, **Char Park** has moved her home to a wonderful Assisted Living Community in Sutherlin, Oregon. She is receiving mail at Applegate Place, 1465 E. Central Ave. Apt. 123, Sutherlin, OR 97470
- The work on the parsonage is coming along nicely. The kitchen is looking beautiful, and a fair amount of painting has been done. More painting and new flooring to come!



If you have a submission for church chat, please send it to [orlckirkland@hotmail.com](mailto:orlckirkland@hotmail.com)

## Sermon Text

August 2018  
9:30 AM each Sunday

### August 5

Luke 19:41-48

### August 12

Genesis 4:1-15

### August 19

Isaiah 29:17-24

### August 26

Luke 10:23-37



## Fall Bible Study Previews

### Children's Sunday School

Sunday school will be studying selections from scripture that correspond to the church calendar. The children will be taught a wide variety of biblical stories and learn that they all point out the same thing, Jesus came, died, and rose again so that they could be forgiven.

### Wednesday Night Bible Study

Wil Olsen will lead our study through God's Word as we look at selections of text that correspond to the theme of the sermon the previous Sunday. Wednesday nights are a great time of fellowship, study, and prayer. Join us at 5:30 in the Fellowship hall.

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study

Pastor Schultz will be leading us through a study of one of the most important books in the Old Testament, Isaiah. Come and deepen your understanding of the entire Old Testament and strengthen your faith through an in-depth study of the Scriptures. Grab some coffee and join us after the service in the Library.

### Women's Bible Study

The Women's Bible Study is on Thursday mornings at 10:15-12:00 in the Library. The content of the study is yet to be determined.

## Volunteer Schedule

Please mark your calendars and if there are any conflicts with your schedule, please find someone to fill your spot and let Kristine Dootson know of the substitution. If you are unable to find someone to switch with you, substitute volunteers are Betty Halvorson @425-821-6477 and Kristine Dootson @425-753-2020.

Date	Nursery	Sunday School	Lay Reader	Flowers	Coffee
8/5	Melissa Douthit	No SS	Joe Bottem	Open	WMF Celebration Sunday
8/12	Cheri Sorenson	No SS	Prosper Ruberwa	Open	Open
8/19	Nancy Gould	No SS	Heidi Stedman	Open	Open
8/26	Leslie Wiedner	No SS	Cheri Sorenson	Patti Prue	Open

### *August Birthdays*

Patricia Ames	Aug 1
Reema Bhagat	Aug 2
Brian VanCamp	Aug 2
Rod Jussel	Aug 4
Bill Marovich	Aug 5
Scott Wright	Aug 6
Nolan Weidner	Aug 7
Karan Chainani	Aug 9
Mika Paige	Aug 10
Melissa Douthit	Aug 10
Clark Landguth	Aug 11
Michael Bacnis	Aug 12
Doyle Watson	Aug 12
Darcy Watson	Aug 13
Matthew Paige	Aug 15

### *Birthdays & Anniversaries*

Dave Weidner	Aug 21
Mayah Rieth	Aug 23
Judy Poquette	Aug 24
Roger Poquette	Aug 25
Genevieve Clark	Aug 27
Ashley Bottem	Aug 30
Ryan Douthit	Aug 30

#### **Anniversaries**

<b>Clark &amp; Barbara Landguth</b>	<b>8/14/93</b>
<b>Tanya &amp; John Slonecker</b>	<b>8/17/97</b>
<b>Leanne &amp; Jeremy Hatch</b>	<b>8/17/02</b>
<b>Nick &amp; Tina Ostlund</b>	<b>8/19/95</b>
<b>Warren &amp; Carolyn Bosma</b>	<b>8/21/71</b>
<b>Dick &amp; Jane Christie</b>	<b>8/25/79</b>
<b>Shane &amp; Dayna Hall</b>	<b>8/10</b>

## School News

- On August 23rd, come help ORCS parents get the classrooms ready for the first day of school!  
We clean toys, work on the playground, and do small maintenance projects.
- First day of preschool is September 10th.

Our Redeemer Christian School is a non-discriminatory, non-denominational educational institution. Our Redeemer Christian School serves as an extension of the Christian ministry of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church and an outreach program to our neighborhood community.

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