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# CROSSROADS

Transforming lives through God's grace for authentic Christian living

## *INSIDE THE ISSUE*

### CYF FALL PROGRAMMING

Fall programming is coming up fast! Learn about what is available and how to sign up!

### BOOK CLUB

The Redeemer Book Club is kicking off their 2019-2020 season in September! Find out more about the first book club meeting and what books the club will be reading this year.

### FREE FARMERS MARKET!

Redeemer is hosting one more Free Farmer's Market this summer. Find out how you can get involved with both volunteering and attending the event.



## JESUS AND CHANGE

*PASTOR JOHN SUTHERLAND*

Hello Saints of Redeemer! I am writing this fresh off the vacation time away and exactly 59 minutes after arriving in the office. While

the time away was good and recreative (which is a word that I just made up) I was also anxious about the events unfolding here.

We are saying farewell to our wonderful music director, Katie Kohler, and she will be missed greatly. Now we are faced with not only welcoming a new pastor in the future, but also a new Director of Music. Change is the only constant and I keep telling myself that, but when I do I am also lying. Jesus Christ is also constant. Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." We must never forget or lose hope in His promise to be with us always until the end of the ages.

On my vacation I was with extended family. Many of the family members have left the church but still have profound faith. We are a mix of super-devout Maronite Catholics, practicing and lapsed Lutherans, practicing and lapsed Roman Catholics, and a few Baptists that are too progressive for their denomination. I have become accustomed to being the recipient of their feelings and thoughts about the church more so than about their faith.

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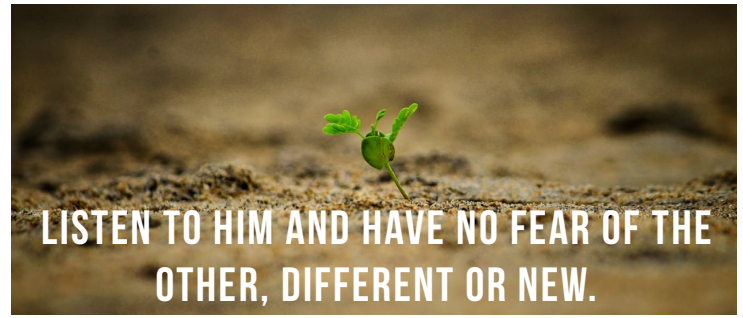
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Those who have left the church behind but not their faith were quick to say that they found worship irrelevant to their lives. Fortunately, I did not respond with my knee jerk “it’s not about you!” response. Rather I found myself wondering if that quick, defensive response reflects an insecurity and anxiety on our part when it comes to change.

My family members who still attend mass or worship are genuinely alarmed by the increase in empty pews and by their children and grandchildren’s absence. I wanted to ask what they would be willing to change to have their loved ones attend, but I refrained. Though the correct answer would be many things, the reality of the ensuing discomfort of change often wins. Congregations are often afraid of losing more people as they try new things.

Those who question their denomination’s stance on issues of sexuality, human rights, and politics are reflecting the perception that Christianity is of another era and a religion of morality over grace.

Katie’s new call and the status of my interim here are small bumps on the road of change at Redeemer. While they may cause a moment of anxiety, God has not left the building and ministry will still go on. How



Redeemer weathers these changes will be indicative of how we weather all of the greater changes that we are facing. You see, my own family perfectly reflects the world that we are called to minister to.

Those who are lapsed and those who remain all grieve the status quo. There is a longing out there, even a thirst for an intimacy with God and neighbor.

As Redeemer examines its ministry and future, the biggest mistake would be forgetting the two constants: Jesus and change. Jesus has not gone anywhere and will be with us until the very end. He has plenty of words of wisdom for these times that we are in. Listen to him and have no fear of the other, different or new. The seven last words of the church are: “We’ve never done it that way before.” Have no fear, Jesus is here and when we listen, great things will happen even in the midst of change.

God Bless,  
Pastor John

P.s. Thanks Katie, you served us well and will be missed!



## DEAR MEMBERS OF REDEEMER,

*KATIE KOHLER,  
DIRECTOR OF WORSHIP AND MUSIC*

I would like to extend my gratitude to all of you for making my position as Director of Worship and Music a great experience! I will miss everyone, but am also excited for this next step in my life. For those who do not know why I am leaving, I felt ready for a full-time Music

Director position and was lucky enough to obtain one at Light of Christ Lutheran Church in Delano! I have learned so much these past two years and am so thankful to have had such a wonderful congregation to help me with my growth as a musician and worship director. Feel free to keep in contact on Facebook! Otherwise I’m sure you will all miss my copious amounts of cat pictures!

God’s Peace,  
Katie

## REDEEMER BOOK CLUB NEWS

Join us on Tuesday, September 10 from 7:00 to 8:30 PM in the Library to kick off another great year of reading and discussing a wide range of excellent books. Our first book delves into Minnesota history with the amazing facts of the Hinckley, MN fire. This devastating fire caused the death of 400 people and it led to a revolution in forestry management. We would love to have you join us and pick up our new 2019-2020 bookmark in the library. Below is the listing for the complete year.

## BOOK SALE ALERT!!!

We hope that your summer reading has been great and that you have some good books to donate to the annual Redeemer Book Sale that will be held in September. Of course, children's books are especially popular, so those are greatly appreciated. Any books that you have to donate can be placed on the shelf in the library. Thank you for helping us earn money to add new books and supplies to our library. If you have any questions, please contact Nan Carlson at 651-429-3278.

## BOOK CLUB SELECTIONS FOR 2019-2020

SEPTEMBER 10	<b>Under the Flaming Sky: The Great Hinckley Firestorm of 1894</b> <i>by Daniel James Brown</i>
OCTOBER 8	<b>Becoming</b> <i>by Michelle Obama</i>
NOVEMBER 12	<b>The Life She Was Given</b> <i>by Ellen Marie Wiseman</i>
DECEMBER	<b>No Meeting</b>
JANUARY 14	<b>Read My Pins</b> <i>by Madeleine Albright</i>
FEBRUARY 11	<b>Vacationland</b> <i>by Sarah Stonich</i>
MARCH 10	<b>The Tattooist of Auschwitz</b> <i>by Heather Morris</i>
APRIL 14	<b>Where the Crawdads Sing</b> <i>by Delia Owens</i>
MAY 12	<b>This is How it Always Is</b> <i>by Laurie Frankel</i>







# YOGADEVOTION CLASS

*NEW SESSION BEGINNING!*

A new Yogadevotion session (eight weeks long) will begin Tuesday, September 3 and continue through October 22. The class will meet in Fellowship Hall from 4:30 to 5:30 PM. Jean Auger will be the instructor. The class is geared for beginners as well as for those with experience. Please wear comfortable clothes and bring a mat and water bottle. Feel free to invite your friends to participate. If you miss a class, you are welcome to make the class up at another church in the area that sponsors Yogadevotion. Please bring your check for \$72 made payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church (memo: Yogadevotion) to the first class. For

more information, if you are new to yoga, or if you want to arrange for a half-session, contact Sue Johnson by email at [suejohns3@gmail.com](mailto:suejohns3@gmail.com) or 651-387-3443. We welcome new participants!

## FREE FARMERS MARKETS ALL ARE WELCOME

### ST. ANDREW'S MARKET

2267 900 Stillwater Road, Mahtomedi  
2nd Thursdays, June – August, 4:00 – 6:00 pm

- Thursday 6/13
- Thursday 7/11
- Thursday 8/8

### COMMUNITY OF GRACE MARKET

4000 Linden Street, White Bear Lake  
1st and 3rd Saturdays, July – October, 9:00 - 10:30am

- Saturday 7/6
- Saturday 7/20
- Saturday 8/3
- Saturday 8/17
- Saturday 9/7
- Saturday 9/21
- Saturday 10/5
- Saturday 10/19

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN MARKET

3770 Bellaire Ave, White Bear Lake  
4th Thursdays June – August, 11:30am - 1:00 pm

- Thursday 6/27
- Thursday 7/25
- Thursday 8/29



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Volunteers are needed to help at the Free Farmers Market at Redeemer on Thursday, August 29, 2019. This will be a great opportunity to serve our neighbors! **Youth volunteers are especially needed!** Please sign up at the Redeemer Welcome Center, or email Jane Schroehner at [schroehergj@msn.com](mailto:schroehergj@msn.com).



# EPILEPSY RESEARCH FUNDRAISING CONCERT

*KOURAGEOUS KIDS EFMN "RISE ABOVE SEIZURES" WALK TEAM. JULY 14, 2019.*

Thank you so much for allowing us to use the facilities at Redeemer Lutheran Church! We had an incredible night and attendees loved the intimate feel of the church. Below are some highlights about the concert and feedback from people who attended!

Thank you!!!

Kourageous Kids Walk Team



It was a fabulous concert— felt like a private setting in a beautiful church. Once again Jason, He made you glow in the dark :)

- DEBBIE ANN

AT REDEEMER

With a child newly diagnosed with epilepsy, I cannot put into words how touching and amazing this is.

- MELINDA BARNES COWELL



Thank you, Jason, for sharing your voice and wisdom with us in White Bear. Your music is honest, healing, and an inspiration to so many. It was great meeting you. Your music carried us through our daughter's leukemia and I will continue to pray for your son.

- KRISTEN HALE STROMQUIST

## CHILDREN, YOUTH, AND FAMILY

# FALL PROGRAMMING GUIDE

### *PRESCHOOL AND ELEMENTARY STUDENTS*

#### **SUNDAY SCHOOL**

*SUNDAYS @ 9:40-10:20 AM*

Meet in Fellowship Hall for a multi-age Sunday School filled with fun, faith, and friendship.

*Begins Sunday, September 15*

#### **SPARKLERS**

*WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00-7:00 PM*

Join us at Redeemer Night Out for art projects, stories, games, dancing, and skits. We will build relationships as we grow in Christ! Meet in Fellowship Hall at 6:00 PM and be prepared for games to start off the hour. Questions? Call Mary Gregory at 651-429-8459.

*Begins Wednesday, September 18*

#### **ALLELUIA CHOIR**

*WEDNESDAYS @ 5:00-5:40 PM*

The Alleluia Choir, for 3rd through 9th graders who love music and want to be actively engaged in worship leadership, is led by Deb Gardner. Meet in the Worship Center at 5:00 PM.

*Begins Wednesday, September 18*

### *YOUTH*

#### **CONFIRMATION**

*WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00-7:00 PM*

For 6th through 8th grade students. The goal of confirmation is to encourage, strengthen, and equip you along your faith journey; prepare you to claim/affirm your baptism; and to join fellow Christians in a life marked by faith.

*Begins Wednesday, September 18*

#### **HIGH SCHOOL MINISTRY**

*WEDNESDAYS @ 6:00-7:00 PM*

Our High School Ministry provides a safe space to explore your faith and ask questions. The goal of this ministry is to equip students with lifelong faith, provide service opportunities, and connect students with their peers to build relationships and support each other on their journeys of faith.

*Begins Wednesday, September 18*





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# UPCOMING EVENTS

## CNO KICK-OFF AND DANCE PARTY WITH LADC

*WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 11*

Stay tuned for more  
information!!!



## BACK TO SCHOOL BLESSING

*SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 15*

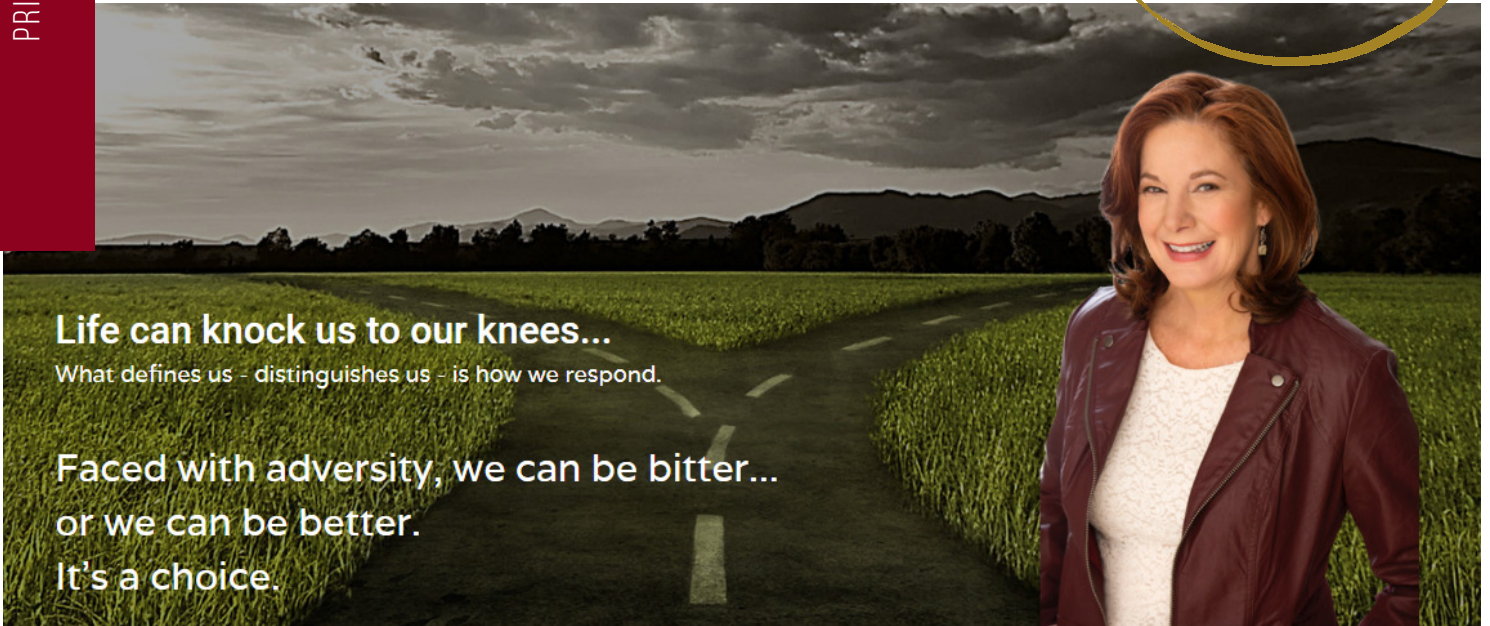
Come to worship to receive a back to school blessing to kick off the 2019-2020 school year!





REDEEMER PRIMETIME

SEPTEMBER

REDEEMER  
PRIMETIME  
FALL 2019

**Life can knock us to our knees...**

What defines us - distinguishes us - is how we respond.

**Faced with adversity, we can be bitter...  
or we can be better.  
It's a choice.**

## “BITTER OR BETTER: THREE STEPS TO LIVING THE BETTER CHOICE”

*SPEAKER: CARYN SULLIVAN, ST. PAUL PIONEER PRESS*

Come hear Caryn Sullivan, award-winning columnist for the St. Paul Pioneer Press and author of the award-winning memoir, “Bitter or Better: Grappling with Life on the Op-Ed Page” present her inspirational talk, “Bitter or Better: Three Steps to Living the Better Choice.” In her columns, her memoir, and her talks, Caryn reminds us that we are all students and teachers in life, that we can choose how to respond when life takes us to our knees, and that a life well lived is achieved by living in the moment and preparing for the inevitable.

## EVENT INFORMATION

9:30 AM COFFEE PLUS

10:00 AM DEVOTIONS AND PROGRAM

COST: FREE-WILL OFFERING

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH ATRIUM  
3770 BELLAIRE AVENUE, WHITE BEAR LAKE MN

Redeemer Primetime meets the third Thursday of the month from September through May and is open to anyone available in the daytime for programs and tours. Schedules are publicized in the 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten catalog and in the Redeemer Lutheran Church publications. For more information contact the church office, 651-429-5411 or Barb Wojahn, 651-429-2557.

# 2<sup>nd</sup> Half with Lyngblomsten

A Center for Enriching Lives after 50

## Locations

### 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten | White Bear Lake

Located at Redeemer Lutheran Church  
at 3770 Bellaire Avenue, White Bear Lake, MN 55110

### 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten | Como Park

Located on the Lyngblomsten campus  
at 1415 Almond Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55108

2ND HALF WITH LYNGBLOMSTEN

## Learn and thrive with 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten

**New opportunities to learn and create are just around the corner with 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten!**

- **Monday, August 5—Experience the Labyrinth.** 10 AM–Noon at White Bear Center for the Arts (4971 Long Lake Avenue, White Bear Lake). Gather together inside the Art Center to be educated on the history of the labyrinth and how our very own White Bear Lake rendition came to be. Then, walk the on-site outdoor labyrinth with the group to discover the gift of time and space to rest. \$10. Registration and payment required by July 31.
- **Tuesday, August 6—Armchair Traveler: Celtic Castles, Cuisine, & Curiosities.** 1–2:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Library. A search for ancestors led to this adventure as we circumnavigated Ireland from Dublin to Belfast, then ferried across to Scotland for more of the same including Inverness and Edinburgh. Free; \$3 for pie and coffee (optional; pay at the door). Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- **Tuesday, August 20—Chat Café: Lyngblomsten in NE Metro.** 10:30 AM–Noon at Matoska International Elementary School (2530 Spruce Place, White Bear Lake). Join us for engaging conversation and a catered meal while exploring 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten in the White Bear Lake Area. \$5. Special Registration: Register by calling White Bear Area Senior Program at (651) 653-3121.
- **Last Monday of each month (Next: August 26)—Art History: Alice Neel.** 10–11:30 AM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Library. Local artist Angie Renee will lead a group discussion about a famous artist in history. This month, learn about American painter Alice Neel. \$12/class; scholarships available. Registration preferred; walk-ins welcome.
- **Thursday, August 29—Clay for Caregivers.** 1–2:30 PM at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Fellowship Hall. Relax and refresh as you are guided through step-by-step instructions to create your own one-of-a-kind clay angel. No experience necessary. \$10; include supplies. Scholarships available. Registration required by August 23.

## Connect with Us

Discover more opportunities available through 2nd Half with Lyngblomsten and register online at [www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalf](http://www.lyngblomsten.org/2ndHalf). Questions about registration? Call (651) 632-5330.

**Note:** The best way to contact Redeemer Site Coordinator Lynn Amon is her cellphone: (651) 301-9445.

# WORSHIP ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

SUMMER WORSHIP: 9:30 AM				
	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 25
COMMUNION ASSISTANTS	Hussanatu Kamara Gary Eddy	Kathy Petersen Bob Petersen	Glenn Nelson Linda Tucker	Mary Lindstrom Dick Lindstrom
COUNTERS	Dan Dohmeier Jan Johnson	JP Burkel Marlene Burkel	Wendy Jenz Roy Johnson	Wendy Jenz Ken Haslow
LECTORS	Scott Costello	Linda Tucker	Linda Wahlstrom	Irene LeClaire
PRAYER SERVANTS	Linda Tucker, Gloria Wachtler			
GREETERS	Roger Rasmussen Lee Lundgren	Candy Johnson	Volunteer Needed	Erika Folsom
USHERS	Richard Kuehn, C Donnie Carter Chuck Carter	Richard Kuehn, C Donnie Carter Chuck Carter	Richard Kuehn, C Donnie Carter Chuck Carter	Richard Kuehn, C Donnie Carter Chuck Carter
WELCOME CENTER DESK	Linda Dahl	Kay Blanchard	Jane Schroeher	Joan Simpson



# CALENDAR

# AUGUST

## 01 THURSDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128)  
10:00 AM Caring Conversations (L)  
1:00 PM JFK  
6:00 PM Just for Kix (FH)

## 02 FRIDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW

## 03 SATURDAY

## 04 SUNDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW

## 05 MONDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
1:00 PM CLASS Board Mtg. (Conf. Rm.)  
6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II

## 06 TUESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.)  
8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH)  
9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128)  
12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A)  
1:00 PM Lyng. Armchair Traveler (L)  
1:00 PM Lyng. Advisory (Conf. Rm.)  
5:45 PM Just for Kix (FH)  
6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)

## 07 WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Rm.)  
9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm.)  
5:15 PM Worship on the Farm Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship on the Farm Service  
7:00 PM Outreach Committee (Conf. Rm.)

## 08 THURSDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128)  
6:00 PM Just for Kix (FH)

## 09 FRIDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
10:00 AM Ingvaldstad Memorial Visitation  
11:00 AM Ingvaldstad Memorial Service  
12:00 PM Ingvaldstad Memorial Luncheon

## 10 SATURDAY

10:00 AM WELCA Board Mtg. (A)

## 11 SUNDAY

9:30 AM Summer Worship Service  
10:40 AM Coffee Corner

## 12 MONDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
10:00 AM Lyng. HealthRhythms Drumming (A)  
6:30 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II

## 13 TUESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.)  
8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH)  
9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128)  
12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A)  
5:45 PM Just for Kix (FH)  
6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)  
6:30 PM Council Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

## 14 WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Rm.)  
9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm.)  
5:15 PM Worship on the Farm Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship on the Farm Service

## 15 THURSDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128)  
6:00 PM Just for Kix (FH)

## 16 FRIDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW

## 17 SATURDAY

## 18 SUNDAY

9:30 AM Summer Worship Service  
10:40 AM Coffee Corner

## 19 MONDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II

## 20 TUESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Orientation (Church-wide)  
7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.)  
8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH)  
9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128)  
12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A)  
5:45 PM Just for Kix (FH)  
6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)

## 21 WEDNESDAY

7:00 AM LADC Orientation (Church-wide)  
7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Rm.)  
9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm.)  
5:15 PM Worship on the Farm Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship on the Farm Service  
7:00 PM Just for Kix (FH)

## 22 THURSDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW  
8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128)  
6:00 PM Just for Kix (FH)

## 23 FRIDAY

7:00 AM LADC Summer WOW

## 24 SATURDAY

## 25 SUNDAY

9:30 AM Summer Worship Service  
10:40 AM Coffee Corner

## 26 MONDAY

6:30 AM Men's Bible Study  
10:00 AM Lyngblomsten Art History  
12:00 PM Bridgebuilder Training (Conf. Rm.)  
5:00 PM LADC Back to School Night  
6:00 PM Scouts BSA 434/Webelos II  
6:30 PM Trust Fund Meeting (Conf. Rm.)

## 27 TUESDAY

8:00 AM Bridgebuilder Training (Conf. Rm.)  
8:00 AM Men's Prayer Group (Conf. Rm.)  
8:15 AM Bibles & Bagels (FH)  
8:30 AM LADC Orientation  
9:00 AM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (126-128)  
12:30 PM Lady of the Lakes Quilters (A)  
5:00 PM LADC CPR Training  
6:00 PM Lake Country Chorus (A)

## 28 WEDNESDAY

LADC Meet the Teacher Event  
8:00 AM Bridgebuilder Training (Conf. Rm.)  
8:00 AM LADC (Yth. Rm.)  
8:30 AM LADC Orientation  
9:00 AM Quilters (Com. Rm.)  
5:00 PM LADC CPR Training (FH)  
5:15 PM Worship on the Farm Dinner  
6:30 PM Worship on the Farm Service  
7:00 PM Just for Kix (Choir Room)

## 29 THURSDAY

8:30 AM TOPS (A, 126-128)  
11:30 AM Summer Mobile Market  
1:00 PM Lyng. Clay for Caregivers

## 30 FRIDAY

## 31 SATURDAY



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9:30 AM