

June/July 2020

Christians Making Connections

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Office Hours

Tues-Fri 9:00am-2:00pm

Weekly Summer Schedule

SUNDAY

8:30AM Worship Service with communion

(masks required)

10AM Worship Service with communion

(masks recommended)



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From the Church Office



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Get Connected

Are you looking for ways to get involved at church but aren't sure where or what we have? We have many things happening and ways to get involved. Contact Pastor James or Ericka Stoltenberg in the office for more information.

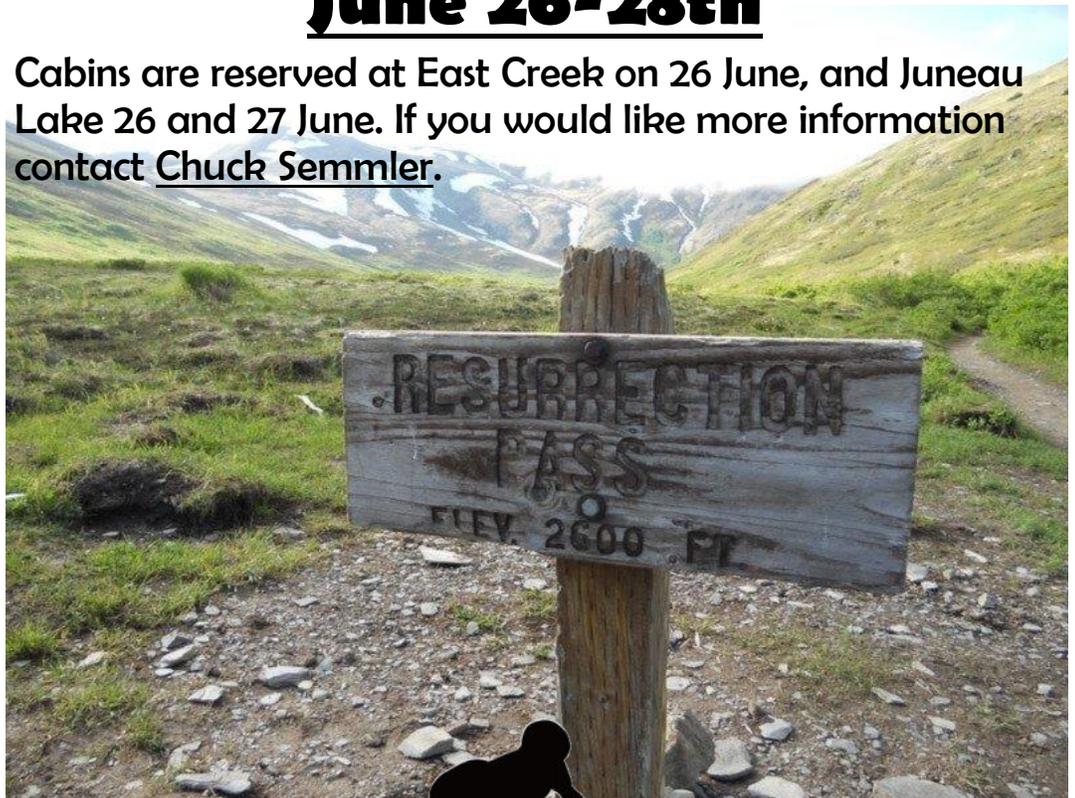


Email prayer chain--be a prayer warrior! Support other church members' family and friends by praying for their needs and celebrations! Daily (M-F) prayers can be sent to your email address by contacting orlc.prayers@gmail.com. Also-if you have a prayer request or a praise celebration you would like to share with others, email the same address! There is great power in prayer!



June 26-28th

Cabins are reserved at East Creek on 26 June, and Juneau Lake 26 and 27 June. If you would like more information contact Chuck Semmler.



As COVID-19 restrictions ease in the state of Alaska, members of ORLC are excited to get back to worshipping in community. Whether or not we're in a "new normal", there will certainly be some initial changes for us.

In-Person worship times are:

8:30am (masks required)

*10:00am (masks recommended)

*this service will be streamed live on facebook and later uploaded to our website.



RECONGREGATING THE CONGREGATION

1. Maintaining physical distancing guidelines (6-ft).

- a. Door Greeters will not be shaking hands to welcome.
- b. Pre-service — members are encouraged to move to sanctuary upon arrival.
- c. Post-service — members are encouraged to socialize outside.

2. New worship guidelines.

- a. One family-group per pew. Families should skip every other pew, staggering your position from those in front and those behind you. This is to allow for singing requirements of 10-ft distancing.
- b. We will not be "sharing the peace" during the service.
- c. An offering plate will be available at a specified drop-off spot.
- d. Communion will be distributed in the continuous line format, with family-groups maintaining distance from those in front of them. The "common cup" will be temporarily unavailable, and "individual cups" will be disposable. Those administering the elements will have proper PPE.
- e. The Children's Sermon will continue to be available via video format on Facebook/YouTube.
- f. Assume the probability of more windows/doors open than normal to allow for better airflow.

3. Generalities

- a. Face coverings are recommended by the muni/state.
- b. Please refrain from coming to church if you are experiencing symptoms.
- c. Follow the guidance of state and local officials in regards to your level of interaction.
- d. Bring your own hand-sanitizer/make use of our facilities in being mindful of washing your hands. We will be placing sanitizer at various locations for use as well.
- e. Families with children need to keep them close at hand, being mindful of our at-risk membership.
- f. Online worship services will continue for a time as many of our membership continue to self-isolate.
- g. Children's Sunday School has ended for the season; Adult Bible Class will begin again soon.
- h. Common surfaces will be wiped down and sterilized in between weekly worship services.
- i. ORLC Elders will be maintaining a running list of church attendees should an outbreak occur and notifications are necessary.
- j. Food and drink cannot be distributed by ORLC, so bring plenty of your own coffee.
- k. Just like every action we take these days, an element of risk remains. You have freedom in the Gospel to participate in that which you wish, and that which you'd like to refrain from doing (communion, etc...) during this time.

*"Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.
I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your
hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."*

John 14:27

Message from Pastor James

The Australian wildfires. The drone strike of Iranian general Soleimani and subsequent missiles launched at American soldiers in Iraq. The Impeachment trial. COVID-19. Stock markets crash. Borders closed. Travel plans cancelled. Oil prices plummet into negative values. Death of George Floyd leading to hundreds of protests/riots. How we doing? You hanging in there? Good, because we might as well add in Japanese murder hornets arriving on U.S. soil.

This year is turning out to be ridiculous. Go home 2020, nobody wants you.

Remember though, dear child of God, how you react to the world's upheaval and unrest will be reflective of what perspective you take. Hopes and dreams bound up by the world are sure to disappoint, but hopes and dreams for the kingdom of God in the vision of eternity? That's enough to let you breathe deeply and still take joy in this world. Psalm 90 hit home with me on this today. This translation can be sung to the tune of Amazing Grace:

*Lord, You have been our dwelling place, through generations all;
From age to age, our hiding place; our refuge whom we call.*

*Before the mountains came to be, or earth sprang from Your word,
From everlasting to all time, You are the only God.*

*You turn us back to dust and say, "Return, O sons of men."
For dust we are, to dust return; we go to dust again.*

*A thousand years are merely like a day within Your sight;
A day soon gone, or like a watch that passes in the night.*

*We're swept away in sleep of death, and like new grass at morn-
Though it sprouts up with morning light, by dusk it's dry and worn.*

For by Your anger we're consumed—in terror at Your wrath;

You've set our sins before You, and Your light reveals their path.

Our days pass quickly in Your wrath; years like a sigh are past.

Our length of days is seventy, or eighty if strength last.

And yet their span is trouble-filled, and sorrow marks our way;

Days quickly pass and soon are gone, and we just fly away.

Who knows the power of Your wrath? It's great as fear You're due!

Teach us to number right our days, and gain Your wisdom true.

Relent, O Lord! How long till You have mercy on Your saints?

Come satisfy us in the morn with love that never faints.

Then we will sing for joy, and will be glad for all our days.

O make us glad as many days as we've known troubled ways.

May Your deeds and Your works be shown unto Your servants all;

Your splendor to their children and to those who on You call.

May God's good favor rest on us—our work before Him stand.

Yes, Lord our God, establish firm the work of our own hands.

Good is good! Christ is risen! The King is on His throne!

It's all about Jesus.

Pastor James

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proclaim & practice the love of Jesus

THANKING GOD FOR OUR
NEW EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Jerry Simpson



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Summer Walking Group
Mondays @Gruening Middle School



Meet 8:30-9am

Online Tithing



Online tithing can be done through our website [HERE](#)

or you may also mail checks to:
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Po Box 670150 Chugiak AK 99567.



Anchorage School District

Educating All Students for Success in Life

Summer food service is available for students 18 and under from **May 26 through June 26 from 10-2pm**. All students, including middle and high school students, are welcome to use any elementary pickup site if that is more convenient for them.

Friday pick-up includes two additional lunches for Saturday and Sunday.

Students may pick up meals at any site that is convenient to them.



- [Abbott Loop](#)
- [Airport Heights](#)
- [Baxter](#)
- [Central](#)
- [Chester Valley](#)
- [Chinook](#)
- [Creekside](#)
- [Fairview](#)
- [Fire Lake](#)

- [Gov't Hill \(Bus Route Only\)](#)
- [Klatt](#)
- [Lake Hood](#)
- [Lake Otis](#)
- [Mountain View](#)
- [Muldoon](#)
- [Northwood](#)
- [Nunaka Valley](#)
- [Ptarmigan](#)

- [Russian Jack](#)
- [Spring Hill](#)
- [Taku](#)
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Dear ORLC Families,

As you know, ORLC made the very hard decision to cancel our VBS this year, and we are not alone in that decision. Churches across the nation are having to cancel or re-work their summer ministries. We had hopes of shifting our energy to something different, but after many conversations with people and lots of prayer, it is with heavy heart that as of now we have no concrete plans for large group activities this summer.

Trying to reach each family at their comfort level during this time makes planning hard to do and trying to abide by the physical distancing recommendations, with young kids, doesn't work the greatest. I have a few small group activities bouncing around in the back of my mind that when the time is right hopefully we can build off of those.

I am praying for and missing each and every one of your children and you parents! If there is anything that I can do specifically for each of you please don't hesitate to reach out to me.

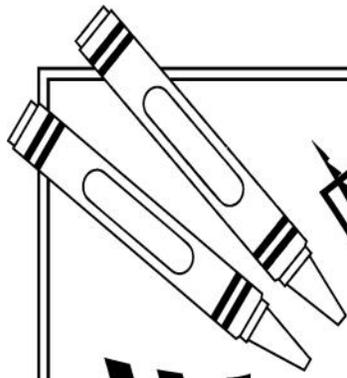
Looking forward to seeing you all soon!
Ericka Stoltenberg



Calling all Youth..... Are you interested in working odd jobs for members of the congregation this summer? Let me know and I will put you on the list.

Calling all ORLC Members..... Are you needing help with summer projects? Let me know and I will connect you with a youth!

Ericka Stoltenberg
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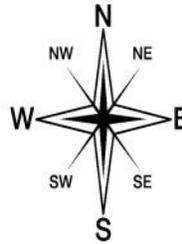
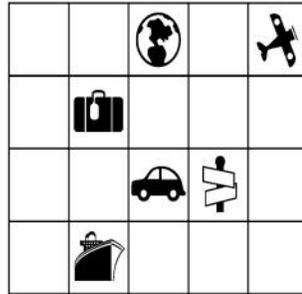


PUZZLE

Wherever we go

No matter where we journey, God always protects us.

Directions: Use the map and compass to answer the clues. Then write the boxed letters in order in the spaces below to complete Psalm 121:8, NIV.



Start at the SHIP.

Move 1 space N, 3 spaces E, and 2 spaces N _ _ _ _

Start at the WORLD.

Move 1 space W, 1 space S, and 1 space SE _ _

Start at the SUITCASE.

Move 1 space NE, 2 spaces S, and 1 space E _ _ _

Start at the PLANE.

Move 2 spaces SW, 1 space S, and 1 space W _ _

Start at the CAR.

Move 1 space E, 1 space N, and 1 space NW _ _ _ _

Start at the SIGN.

Move 1 space SE, 1 space W, and 2 spaces NW _ _ _ _ _

The ORD will watch ove_ your comi_g and go_n_g
both no_ and for_ vermores. Psalm 121:8, NIV

UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.

Answer: plane, car, sign, ship, world, suitcase. The LORD will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore. Psalm 121:8, NIV



June Celebrations

Birthdays

Anniversaries

1 Chuck Semmler
3 Gavin Roelfs
7 Shauna Moore
8 Sally Coburn
8 Ericka Stoltenberg
12 Kristianna Coburn
12 Mark Keller
12 Brett Kroona
15 Seng Chang
15 Sourivan Chang
15 Judy Keith
15 Ryan Sitz
16 Melanie Chang
19 Duncan Keith

19 Mona Schultz
21 Eric Roelfs
22 Ashley Shaw
22 Layne Sarvela
24 Matt Keith
26 Aree Newkirk
28 Jennie Schroll
29 Grace Lang

7 Nicholas & Barbara Bell
9 John & Suzan Rajek
11 Ken & Sandi Schauer
11 Greg & Jennie Schroll
12 Ernie & Ericka Stoltenberg
14 Mike & Kathy Hidek
14 Jim & Evelyn Sampson
14 Mark & Ruth Keller
15 Bart & Andria Semmler
17 Todd & Rebecca Carroll
17 Derek & Christi Sitz
21 Kevin & Suzanne McCarthy
23 Scott & Tabitha Roelfs

24 Bill & Kaylene Sullivan
27 Len & Mary Ann Nelson
27 Wesley & Stephanie Moore



July Celebrations

Birthdays

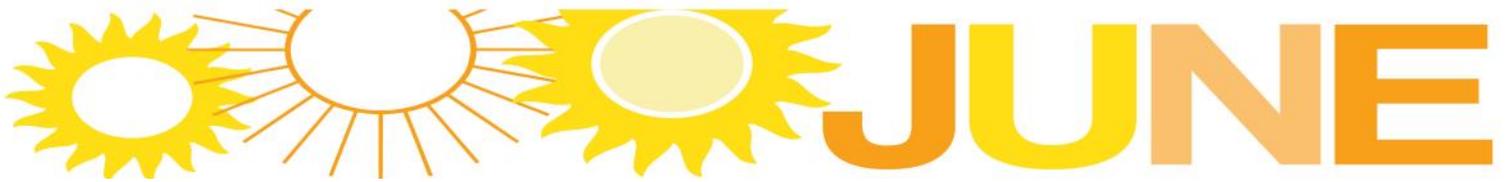
Anniversaries

2 Krista Wood
3 William Knutson
3 Jeff Andersen
3 Dan Lang
4 John Chang
7 Jacob Stoltenberg
7 Rebecca Carroll
9 Glenna Mitchell
12 Camden Moore
19 Laura Chang
19 Mike Andrews

20 Terri Semmler
21 Nicholas Bell
22 Nancy Stahly
23 Suzan Cheeseman
24 Karen Pakan
24 Greg Schroll
30 David Shaw

6 Todd & Jennie Knutson
12 Oliver & Venita Moore
29 Ying & Yong Chang





Sun

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6:30pm Elders Meeting

7pm Council Meeting

Resurrection Pass
Bike Trip



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