

Redeemer REVIEW



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from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Last newsletter, I ended with a bit of a cliffhanger, writing, “next time we’ll explore what exactly the Holy Spirit enables us to do.” If you’ve been reflecting on our mission statement, (after reflecting on God’s Word and Luther’s Small Catechism, of course), you already have an idea of what the Holy Spirit enables us to do. And if you haven’t been reflecting on our mission statement, that’s okay too, since we’ve been reflecting on it together in these articles.

As usual, I like including the entirety of our mission statement just as a reminder of what exactly our mission at Redeemer is. It is written, “Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church is a community of believers saved by God’s grace through faith in Jesus Christ. As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God’s service, caring and nurturing of others, and sharing the message of God’s salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.” And notice that most of this mission statement is what the Holy Spirit enables us to do. To round out these newsletter articles for 2024, this edition we’ll reflect on “we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying” and next edition we’ll take up “using our gifts and talents in God’s service, caring and nurturing of others, and sharing the message of God’s salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.”

What does the Holy Spirit enable us to do? By the guidance, power, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to regular worship. The Divine service and other worship services are not about what we do for God, but about how He comes and serves us in worship, strengthening us by Word and Sacrament for continued life in this world. The only thing we can do



in worship is say “thank you” to God for all His gifts, and our “thank you” is embodied by the psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs we sing and the “Amens” we proclaim. By the Holy Spirit, we are committed to regular use of sacraments. Indeed, Baptism is a daily Sacrament, daily forgiving your sins, daily giving you everlasting life, and daily strengthening you for your vocations. The Lord’s Supper, while not often a daily Sacrament, is here at Redeemer a weekly Sacrament, and can be partaken of more often if you desire. Nonetheless, regularly receiving the Sacrament of the Altar causes you to remember and proclaim the Lord Jesus Christ’s death until He comes again, and by that death, you have forgiveness, life, salvation, and food for the journey that is your physical life. And while it is sometimes called a Sacrament and sometimes not, Confession and Absolution is a good and beneficial thing to regularly make use of, for in Confession and Absolution, you receive and hear the personal forgiveness of your personal sins because of Jesus Christ’s death on the cross for you.

By the guidance, power, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to studying and teaching the Bible. Many people in today’s society want to hear from God personally regarding matters in their lives. By studying the Bible, we do hear God’s words for our personal lives, because the Holy Spirit helps us understand how God’s Word affects and guides our lives. And because “all Scripture is breathed out by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness” (2 Tim 3:16) we are committed to teaching the Bible to others, including family, friends, and neighbors. This also means you are committed to ensuring that I am teaching the Bible in its truth and purity, and not teaching false doctrine. And this means altogether we are committed to teaching the Bible, with its law and gospel, to our neighbors in Chico, Butte County, California, the United States of

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DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things: <https://higherthings.org/content/#reflections>

Portals of Prayer: <https://www.l.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUO, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR
KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

BIBLE STUDIES



Children's Sunday School is 8:45 a.m.
Adult Sunday Bible class is 8:45 a.m.
Thursday Bible Study is 9:30 a.m.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

January 1 - July 31, 2024

OFFERING INCOME	102,575.67
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	2,646.56
REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME (includes 2023 income of \$6,876)	20,076.00
FACILITY USE INCOME	835.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>3,288.91</u>
TOTAL INCOME	129,422.14
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>119,842.84</u>
NET INCOME	9,579.30
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>73,507.37</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	83,086.67

See the Office Manager for more information.



Submit prayer requests to Pastor by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack. pastorbd4est@gmail.com

(801) 910-6937 or (530) 342-6085 Opt 1



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PAT LILLIE

DEACON OF THE MONTH
SEPTEMBER
TIM WENSLAFF
OCTOBER
ROBERT REAN

USHERS:
TIM KRESSIN
TIM WENSLAFF
YUHUAN WENSLAFF

DRIVERS:
JAY ERWIN
BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
TIM KRESSIN
DARYL SMITH

SEPTEMBER
07 MARTHA JONES
07 ALICIA SCOTT
09 BLANCHE SCHAFFERT
09 MARNÉ SIVESIND
16 NICHOLAS MIRAMONTES
16 JUDY MORENO
17 DANIEL SIEMENS
18 AUDREY HOFFIE
19 DREW ESMAY
20 YUHUAN WENSLAFF
21 KATHY SWEET
21 ROBERT THOMAS
22 GLENN BERGENDAHL
26 AARON ASHWORTH
26 REV. BRENNAN DEFORREST
26 EVAN FIORILLO
26 ORLEN ZIEGLER
27 WARREN LOFINK
28 ELLA MIRAMONTES
30 MARGE HOLDERBEIN

OCTOBER
02 JAY ERWIN
05 WESTON VANDERMATE
17 CAROLYN FIORILLO
18 JACY KROGH
23 TIM KRESSIN
24 WILLIAM RUSTAN

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

TIM WENSLAFF: ALLEN - GREGORY
JAY ERWIN: HARDY - KROGH
DARYL SMITH: LANGE - SCOTT
ROBERT REAN: SHERMAN - ZIEGLER



BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER
00 BLANCHE SCHAFFER
09 LUKE THOMASON
13 PAT LILLIE
14 TIM WENSLAFF
16 BILL BAVING
21 JAY ERWIN
21 JOSHUA VANDERMATE
27 RAY SCOTT

OCTOBER
00 AUDREY HOFFIE
04 DANIEL SIEMENS
05 REV. BRENNAN DEFORREST
28 MARTHA JONES

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES



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And tell them to
credit your donation
to
Redeemer Lutheran
Church

Deadline

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And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. (Deut 6: 6-7 ESV)



As parents you may or may not have been taught to journal. Maybe as an adult you decided to take up journaling but weren't necessarily successful staying with it. Spend some time considering the value of journaling and the how and why to teach your children.

Scripture tells us to "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it." (Prov 22:6) So, if you as parents decide that journaling is a skill you want your children to learn, here is a resource to help.

This book is available at both Concordia Publishing House and Amazon. It contains 30 of God's promises. There is a scripture verse, a portion of scripture to read, a devotional thought and a prayer. The age range for this journal is elementary to middle school.

Grandparents: if you learned to journal as a young person and have kept it up over the years in some fashion, you might want to share what you have done with your grandchildren. Giving them this journal could be a Christmas gift or a gift to mark another special day.

Remember, journals are private. You can encourage your children to talk about something that is bothering them and suggest they look to see if there is a promise from God to help them with their issue. You can even ask them if they would think that doing a family devotion on the topic might be helpful. Just reassure them that what they write in their journal is between them and God unless they choose to share with you or anybody else in the family.

FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

America, and to the ends of the earth, which we help accomplish through various mission support and offerings.

By the guidance, power, and wisdom of the Holy Spirit, we are committed to praying. A marriage or relationship without communication, without talking, is not doing well. God, with whom you do have a close relationship because of your faith and your Baptism, speaks to you in His Word and in the Divine service, and He delights to hear back from you in your prayers. Thus, prayer can simply be telling God about your day or about how things are going. Prayer can be thanking God for His gifts. Prayer can be asking God for something on behalf of yourself or someone else. Prayer can be confessing sins and receiving forgiveness. Prayer can be confessing faith and being further strengthened in faith. Prayer can simply be time talking to God. And prayer is an area where the Holy Spirit especially helps us. Paul reminds us in Romans 8:26 "likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness. For we do not know what to pray for as we ought, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us with groanings too deep for words."

These are just the first half of things the Holy Spirit enables us to do, both individually and together as a congregation. Indeed how good and pleasant it is that we are committed to regular worship and use of the Sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, and praying together as one body, Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church. Next time, we'll explore what else we're enabled to do as a congregation by the power of the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you, ~ Pastor DeForest

2024 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund, \$4,092.98 Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California , 4,092.98
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya - \$3,740.80; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico - \$3,740.80; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya - \$3,740.79
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming; CNH District
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

TECHNOLOGY



Technology... truthful or with caution

Many of you who are reading this article will remember taking photos with your Kodak Brownie and black and white film. Your pictures recorded all the good times at birthday parties, etc., including your younger siblings making faces just as the shutter snapped. That, however, was a true picture of the moment.

There were pictures in the papers accompanying news articles and the black and white newsreels at the theater before the movie started. Again, you could more or less have confidence in the accuracy of those pictures.

What about today? Can you still have confidence that pictures you see are accurate to the occasion? I'm not talking about the early days of photo enhancement where the digital programs could sharpen the contrast to correct a slightly shaky image or crop out a stray dog that appeared at the side of your family group photo in the park.

Today's photo technology can be used both for good and for evil. It is possible to remove the image of a person and place them in another setting entirely. For example, somebody can attest to being at a meeting where pictures were taken but on research that person is not seen in the company photo. Instead that person is shown in an entirely different location. Which photos are correct? Can these photos be trusted when brought forth as evidence in a court case?

The ability of photo enhancing technology today in the hands of a computer expert can be next to impossible for the average person to detect any alteration. This is a whole different subset of technology scamming. Beware of somebody sending you an email with photo(s) attached claiming dire circumstances will happen unless you remit certain information, money or credit card numbers.

Technology is truly a gift if used in godly ways. Consider the ability of your pastor to research information for his message or Bible study class, the gathering of data for a research paper or even the sharing of your great-great grandmother's pound cake recipe.

Remember don't believe every email or text you get is truthful especially if you are asked to do something. If the message is sent with a friend's name ask them if they sent it. If it comes from your credit card company do not open the email but go to the actual website of your credit card and see if there is notification directly from the company. When in doubt, delete the email and block the sender.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

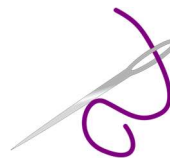


Circle October 19 (Saturday) and plan to attend our lady's morning event in the Parish Hall. Lutheran Woman's Missionary League is a missionary minded group of women in our Lutheran church who support a myriad of mission projects. These are supported by Mite Box offerings.

Some months ago, Pastor De Forest submitted a grant proposal to facilitate reaching out to university and college students. (About 80 % of students going off to school don't attend church) The grant proposal was number 2 of around 20 adopted to fund over the next 3 years. LWML wishes to present our pastor with a check in September. Our mite offerings surely do count! Thank you to all who contribute to the box in the Narthex. MITES ARE MIGHTY! More information will be coming in the Sunday bulletins.



QUILTERS



September is here and time to resume quilting activities. The shelves in the supply room are beginning to fill up. Recipients of our quilts are homebound members and others served by this congregation.

We still need willing hands to join our small group. No special skills are necessary. Just show up around 9:00 a.m. on any of the following days:

MONDAYS

September 9 & 23

October 7 & 21

Fellowship is served and sessions end around noon.



ASLEEP IN JESUS

DEFOREST HOUSEWARMING

Sophie Collins

April 7, 1930
March 2024



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ,

The apostle Paul writes in Galatians 6:6, "One who is taught the word must share all good things with the one who teaches." Though I have only been your teacher, your pastor, for a year, I am blessed and thankful for the prayers, offerings, time, advice, patience, and all other good things which you share in abundance with me and Abby.

We are especially grateful for your generous gifts given at our housewarming shower. The gift cards and monetary gifts have already been put to use toward continuing updates to our house, and the physical gifts have helped the house feel like a home. We also give thanks for the housewarming party: the food, games, and fellowship were all wonderful. We look forward to many happy years in our new home and among you, our Redeemer family. Thank you again for your generosity!

With love, Pastor and Abby DeForest



Anita Hartwig

February 18, 1938
March 3, 2024



Sharon Schaffert

November 4, 1934
April 27, 2024



Roy Holderbein

March 6, 1924
June 5, 2024



LaVera Hansen

April 24, 1932
June 9, 2024



David Wilkinson

June 20, 1945
July 4, 2024





Women's Resource Clinic

ANNUAL FALL BANQUET

Golden Legacies

OCTOBER 11TH, 2024

AT 6 PM

CHICO ELKS LODGE

1705 MANZANITA AVE

CHICO, CA 95926

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

Featuring Guest Speaker

Seth Gruber

THANK YOU

From Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy

28 July 2024

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thank you for your steadfast support of Always Mercy and Rehema Hospice and Clinic. Your generosity brings Christ-centered care to those suffering of body and soul in Kenya. What a gift you are to so many people!

The Always Mercy team is humbled and grateful for your faithfulness in caring for Christ's poor and needy ones. Your gifts provide embodied mercy to people in their most vulnerable times of need.

Thank you,
Always Mercy,



Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, RN

From Kevin McGladdery, Scholarship Recipient:

Members of Redeemer ~

*Thank you for your incredibly generous gift! It was an answer to prayer, and was instrumental in moving my family of seven from Indiana to Connecticut. It also helped me acquire a portable communion kit, which I will use for many years, thankful for you each and every time.
Again, thank you.*

*Pastor Kevin McGladdery
Zion Ev. Lutheran Church
Orange, Connecticut*

In an email from Isabella Peperkorn, scholarship recipient, upon receiving notice of her scholarship award of \$3,950.00:

“Thank you so much for the great news! That is amazing!”

From Hollyn Merrick, Concordia University, Irvine

Dear, Redeemer,

Thank you for this amazing scholarship to be able to attend my dream school. I am so excited as I start my new adventure at Concordia University Irvine to continue to grow in my faith and become a Lutheran school teacher. I am so grateful to be able to use my gift of working with children to be able to spread His word. Thank you for giving me this opportunity. I am honored that you are supporting my education and so thankful for your generosity.

Thank you,
Hollyn

NEW MEMBER

Jeanette Chevalier

August 7, 2024

Transfer in from Light of the Hills
Lutheran Church
Cameron Park, California

MEN'S OCTOBERFEST



Men's Oktoberfest
Saturday, October 5
3:00 - 7:00 p.m.
at
Pastor Jordan's home
3007 Boston Drive.

Bring a friend or family member for some brats, beverages, and gemütlichkeit.



All men, young men, and college students are welcome for a great afternoon and evening of fellowship.

Leave an RSVP for Timothy Kressin at 951-743-1297 or tkressin@mac.com.

100TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION!



Mark your calendars for Redeemer's 100th year celebration coming October 12, 2025.

Plans are being made for multiple events during 2025 to mark this auspicious occasion.

If you would like to contribute ideas, historical information, photographs, newspaper articles, etc. contact the office at redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com or 530-342-6085.

Also, the office manager has compiled photographs, that were in the Sunday school rooms, into binders. People who would have knowledge of "what, who, when and where" are asked to look through the binders that are on the table in the Parish Hall, and then label the photos using sticky notes. The office manager will then create labels for them.



MONTHLY SCHOLARSHIP SUPPORT



Vicar Paul and Courtney Mroczenski will receive half of the monthly scholarship funds designated from our school lease during the next two years.

They visited Redeemer in June and spoke during Bible Study. Paul will serve as Vicar in Puerto Rico and they ask that you...

PRAY FOR:

- A safe delivery of their baby, due October 11
- Safe travels as they raise awareness around the United States about what God is doing in Puerto Rico.
- Safe and efficient move from Fort Wayne to Wisconsin.
- They would learn Spanish quickly and thoroughly.

GIVE THANKS FOR:

- Successful completion of first two years of seminary.
- The opportunity to serve a unique vicarage in Puerto Rico.

PRAISE GOD FOR:

- The many congregations and individuals who pray for, encourage, and support them.

Cory Willweber will receive the other half of the monthly scholarship funds. He begins his year long vicarage this month at Messiah Lutheran Church in Danville, CA where Pastor DeForest served his vicarage.

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