

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

ONE CUP OR MANY

"In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when he had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me" – The Words of Institution of Jesus from Matthew, Mark, Luke, and St. Paul

I am an advocate for the common cup, also known as the chalice which is used to distribute the blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper. However, I also believe that I and many Christians have been negligent in addressing this matter over the past century when individual cups as an innovation found their way into the Lutheran Church.

It would be greatly beneficial if pastoral care and sound teaching were used to guide Christians back to the use of the chalice in our congregations, as we are informed and catechized from Holy Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions.

When individual cups were first introduced by Reformed churches in the 19th century there was no scriptural motivation, but only fear for hygiene.

Initially, Lutherans opposed the use of individual cups and there is a record of the Pennsylvania Ministerium in 1895 that did not accept their use.

C.F.W. Walther, the first president of the LCMS, in his "Pastorale" book which guides pastors in the administration of their office assumes that the only thing in use is, or would be the chalice, though he often refers to it as "the cup."

In the 1964 book, "What an Altar Guild Should Know" by Rev. Paul H.D. Lang he indicates: "Communion of the sick is an extension of the Holy Communion service from the church to those who are unable to attend. Holy Communion is true to its name, for it is truly a "communion" in which the many are one body as they partake of the one bread and one cup (I Cor.10:16-17). It is for the sake of



symbolizing this communion that the Lutheran Church retains the common cup, the chalice. The chalice is the preferred choice of the Lutheran Church, for without exception the Word of God speaks of the cup in the singular in Holy Communion contexts. In the Words of Institution, Christ says that all should drink of the one cup, and we are told that they all drank of the one cup. This cup is called the cup of the Lord."

Today the majority of our LCMS congregations use individual cups as they were influenced by the Reformed adoption of these, as those Reformed churches only used grape juice and took a merely symbolic stance and belief on the Lord's Supper.

The truth is that if weren't for health considerations, individual cups would not have been introduced in the Reformed churches or in the Lutheran churches. The ironic thing is that the scientific community, in many studies, has demonstrated that fears of detrimental effects upon those who commune with the chalice are absolutely unfounded. In fact, those who have concerns about the spread of germs are better off taking the chalice over individual cups.

Can I get sick from the common cup? The answer is no. There is a greater risk of getting sick from the airborne pathogens and personal contact with others. In a study by the American Society for Microbiology in 1997, it was concluded that there is no significant difference in health among those who receive communion and those who do not.

Yet, somehow there is a thought that drinking Jesus' blood in an individual cup is safer than drinking the blood of Christ in the chalice.

The chalice, made of a noble metal, gold, is non-porous. The Altar Guild servers have washed their hands and carefully prepared the elements. The alcohol in the wine serves as an antiseptic. When

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REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH STAFF

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY
January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME: \$183,037.48

EXPENSES:

Administration	\$139,019.35
Christian Education	897.24
Evangelism	1,424.36
Fellowship	590.34
Stewardship	405.39
Trustees	<u>\$42,844.38</u>
TOTAL EXPENSES:	<u>\$185,181.06</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-2,143.58
CHURCH FACILITY RENT INCOME	500.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-1,643.58
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$33,879.70</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$32,236.12

ASSETS/LIABILITIES:

CHURCH

Directed Funds (TCB)	\$136,362.12
Operating Funds (TCB)	\$32,236.12
Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$261,420.09
Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	<u>\$323,260.07</u>
TOTAL CHURCH ASSETS/LIAB.:	\$753,278.32
TOTAL SCHOOL ASSETS:	<u>\$23,153.17</u>
TOTAL ASSETS/LIABILITIES:	\$776,431.49
PARSONAGE INCOME	\$14,500.00
Minus Renting Expenses	00.00
Parsonage Deposit	\$1,000.00
Disbursed to Pastor Jordan	<u>\$13,500.00</u>
Net Parsonage Income	00.00

SCHOOL INCOME	\$49,788.00
35% to Mission Trust Fund (Thornburg)	\$17,425.80
30% to Scholarship Fund (Stifel Nicolaus)	\$14,936.40
20% to Facilities Reserve Fund (Thrivent)	\$9,957.60
10% to School Reserve Fund	\$4,978.80
5% to Musician & Concert Fund (TCB)	\$2,489.40

For more details or an explanation,
see the office manager.

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 EVA LAMONT
02 STEVE HALL
06 THERESA BURCH
11 AMANDA SIEMENS
14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
15 MICHELLE SWEET
16 CAROL HALL
21 SHIRLEY WILSON
27 ELAINE MIRAMONTES
28 CORA HALL
28 JULIE MCCANN



FEBRUARY BAPTISMAL DATES

01 KATHY SWEET
02 MICHELLE SWEET
04 EVA LAMONT
10 REV. DONALD A. JORDAN
13 ALICE DUFFEE
19 GLENN BERGENDAHL
23 LINDSEY ALLEN
24 CAROL VARLEY
27 MICHAEL THOMPSON

WOMEN'S KAFFEEKLATSCH

Monday, February 19

10:00 A.M. - 12:00 NOON

at Sharon Schaffert's, 627 Larch St
343-1596

HOMEBOUND

Irene Bevers 345-4498
Sycamore Glen
1199 Diablo Ave Apt 263
Chico, CA 95973-7893

Lester & Patricia Bodi 897-0155
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Chico, CA 95926

Ann Carney 894-7010
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Chico, CA 95928

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Chico, CA 95928-8410

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1369 E Lindo Ave Apt 42
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1200 Springfield Dr. #222
Chico, CA 95928

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1351 E Lassen Ave, Rm 137
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1675 Manzanita Apt 27
Chico, CA 95926

REFERRAL REWARD

If you or others are considering moving into an independent or assisted living facility, be sure to contact the church first for a referral. Many facilities will give a \$1,000 referral reward to the church, but you must obtain the referral first before contacting the facility. (can't be done afterward) Contact Pastor Jordan.

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

TRACY WOOLERY:
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PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 104.5 FM
Saturday 1:00 PM, Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 104.5 FM
Saturday 1:30 PM, Sunday 1:30 PM

NEW MEMBERS - JANUARY 14, 2017

THE MIRAMONTE FAMILY

CONFIRMATION

BRETT NICHOLAS MIRAMONTES
ELAINE SHANNON MIRAMONTES



BAPTISM

NICHOLAS RYAN MIRAMONTES
ELLA FAITH MIRAMONTES
KYLA MARIE MIRAMONTES

My name is Brett Miramontes. I am the husband of Elaine Miramontes, and the father to Kyla, Nicholas, Ella, and step-father to Kaiden. I was born Friday, December 16, 1983 in Woodland, California at Woodland Memorial Hospital. I was baptized in 1984 at the Holy Rosary Church. I have graduated from Chico State University. I work in finance at Tri Counties bank. I enjoy playing softball and golf. My reason

for joining Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church is to grow in faith, love, and obedience to God.

My name is Elaine Miramontes. I'm the wife of Brett Miramontes, and mother to Kaiden, Kyla, Nicholas, and Ella. I was born Monday, February 27, 1984 at Enloe Hospital in Chico. I was baptized in Westerly, Rhode Island at Watch Hill Beach in the ocean. I'm a high school graduate from Chico Senior High. I worked at Brusie Funeral Home, and then moved on to Stott Outdoor Advertising until we found out Nicholas needed open-heart surgery. I'm now a stay-at-home mother to my four amazing children. I enjoy horseback riding on the beach in Fort Bragg, California, putting puzzles together with family, coloring, art projects with my children, and being a mother. I'm joining Redeemer to grow in faith, love, and obedience to God.

My name is Kaiden Garrett, and I'm the son of Elaine Miramontes. My stepfather is Brett Miramontes. I was born Tuesday, July 1, 2003 at Enloe Hospital in Chico. I'm in 9th grade at Pleasant Valley High School. I'm accomplished at wrestling for my school and playing baseball. I enjoy camping, hiking, and swimming. I'm joining Redeemer to better understand God's will and to grow in faith and love.



My name is Kyla Miramontes. I'm the daughter of Brett and Elaine Miramontes. I was born on Saturday, June 20, 2009 at Enloe Hospital in Chico. I'm in third grade at Sierra View School. I'm accomplished at gymnastics and soccer. I enjoy coloring, writing, painting, craft projects and playing with my toy horses. I'm joining Redeemer because I want to grow with faith, love, and obedience to God.



My name is Ella Miramontes. I'm the daughter of Elaine and Brett Miramontes. I was born Wednesday, September 28, 2016 at Enloe Hospital in Chico. I enjoy eating, playing with toys, and playing with my brothers and sister. I'm joining Redeemer to learn about God and His will.



My name is Nicholas Miramontes. I'm the son of Elaine and Brett Miramontes. I was born Tuesday, September 16, 2014 at Enloe Hospital in Chico. I'm good at building with blocks, and being a good brother. I enjoy coloring, playing with toy cars, and throwing balls. I'm joining Redeemer to learn about God and his will.



BAPTISM

BRANDON MORGAN SIEMENS



HYMNS THAT SING OF CHRIST: LSB 618

"I COME, O SAVIOR, TO THY TABLE"

I come, O Savior, to Thy table,
For weak and weary is my soul;
Thou, Bread of Life, alone art able
To satisfy and make me whole:

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Thy heart is filled with fervent yearning
That sinners may salvation see
Who, Lord, to Thee in faith are turning;
So I, a sinner, come to Thee.

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Unworthy though I am, O Savior,
Because I have a sinful heart,
Yet Thou Thy lamb wilt banish never,
For Thou my faithful shepherd art:

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

Weary am I and heavy laden;
With sin my soul is sore oppressed;
Receive me graciously and gladden
My heart, for I am now Thy guest.

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

What higher gift can we inherit?
It is faith's bond and solid base;
It is the strength of heart and spirit,
The covenant of hope and grace.

Refrain:

Lord, may Thy body and Thy blood
Be for my soul the highest good!

The importance of the Lord's Supper in the corporate worship of Lutherans as well as in the life of its members is readily attested by the numerous Lutheran hymn writers dwelling on this subject and the inclusion of many such hymns in their hymnals. Originally, this hymn contained 28 stanzas! Despite that, it was commonly sung during distribution.

The text of this hymn was written by Friedrich Christian Heyder (1677 - 1754). Little is known of him other than he was born in Merseburg, Germany. He became a deacon and from 1706 - 1741, he served as pastor in Zorbis, near Halle, where he died.

The tune is another author unknown. *Ich Sterbe Taglich* was included in a manuscript collection in Leipzig Municipal Library that had 295 tunes, many of them familiar tunes from the 16th, 17th, and 18th centuries.

LENTEN HOLY WEEK, EASTER SCHEDULE



2018



LENT
ASH WEDNESDAY
February 14
Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS
February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21
Lenten Evening Prayer - 7:00 p.m.

Suppers, 6:00 p.m.
February 21, Taco Supper
March 7, Soup Supper
March 21, Chili Supper

HOLY WEEK
Sunday, March 25
Palm Sunday Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.

Thursday, March 29
Holy Thursday Divine Service - 7:00 p.m.

Friday, March 30
Good Friday
Chief Service - 12:00 p.m.
Tenebrae Service - 7:00 p.m.

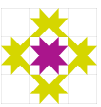
EASTER
Sunday, April 1
Resurrection of Our Lord - Easter Day
Easter Breakfast/Flowering of the Cross
8:30 - 9:30 a.m.

Divine Service - 10:00 a.m.



QUILTING AT REDEEMER

FEBRUARY 12 & 26, 9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.
(2nd & 4th Mondays)



We invite all ladies of the congregation to check out quilting. No special skills required.

Coffee and friendship always served.

The Quilters



CHARITY FUND

The Board of Elders administers the charity fund, used to assist members in times of distress/disaster, to provide for physical and bodily needs such as housing, food, medical care, and basic living expenses. Use the envelope provided in the narthex to make a contribution. Your gifts have helped several brothers and sisters in Christ in the past year. \$1,656 has been given to date. Your donations are appreciated as we show mercy to others in the body of Christ with our gifts. Thank you from the Board of Elders.

CAMPUS MINISTRY



The next meeting is Sunday, February 11, 5:00 p.m. with dinner and Bible study on "Martin Luther - The Movement."

MONTHLY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Men's Bible class is on Saturday, February 3, 8:00 a.m. From "The Spirituality of the Cross" by Gene Veith, Chapter Six - Conclusion - Worshiping God.



SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS

Lutheran Doctrine and Practice Today is Sunday Bible Study at 8:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall.

ALTAR FLOWERS NEEDED

Sign up to provide altar flowers for 2018 in the Parish Hall. Commemorate someone you love or an occasion. Sheets are posted in the Parish Hall or call the office at 342-6085.

SIT-N-STICH

Sit-N-Stitch is Saturday, February 10 in the Parish Hall, 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Enjoy fellowship and potluck lunch while sewing, embroidering, knitting, crocheting, or tatting your personal project. Bring a friend or neighbor, come for a short while or much of the day. Contact Barbara Thomas 530-321-0779 and Lucie Woolery 530-228-3000



FOR RENT

The parsonage is available for rent. If you know of someone who would be interested, have them contact Tracy Woolery - 228-2679.

THANK YOU

Thanks for the Christmas gift from the congregation and members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated.

In Christ, Rev. Bunting

Thanks to all who gave so generously to the pastor's Christmas gift, which is received with gratitude and deep appreciation. Your support and prayers in the Gospel mean much.

Love in Christ, Pastor Jordan.

Thank you for your generous gifts of appreciation. We are blessed.

Jackie Vieira

Dear members of Redeemer, Thank you very much for the special Christmas gift! My wife and I greatly appreciate it.

Sincerely, Kurt Jordan, Groundskeeper

Thank you to the elders and members of Redeemer for the generous scholarship I have been awarded. I am deeply grateful for your financial, personal, and prayerful support as I complete my Bachelor's Degree at Concordia University Irvine.

Monica Jordan

Dear friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Thank you so much for supporting our youth ministry. We truly appreciate it!

In Christ, Pastor Mark Seeger & Kids

Pastor Gehrs, Texas Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Riverside received the offering check and extends thanks.

THURSDAY BIBLE CLASS

Thursday Bible Class is studying "Justifying Christmas. 9:30 a.m. - 11:00 a.m..

HEALTH MINISTRY

A REMINDER: Those who donated blood last November are now eligible to donate again. Call Blood Source and make an appointment.

Blood pressure screening is available upon request.

*Thank you,
Shirley Wilson*



little cups are placed and handed out, fingertips have touched the rims of the glasses. If communicants pick the little cups out of the tray there is even more contact with countless others.

But the point is this. No one has any assurance that germs will never enter this distribution, and given that fact, one is actually better off receiving the chalice than individual cups from a hygiene point of view.

Ultimately, this is a matter of faith and belief. Unworthy reception killed people in Corinth. I Corinthians 11:27-30 indicates that it was unbelief, not hygiene that caused sickness and death.

Today, we have an opportunity to once again teach and recover the preferred chalice of the Lord. The aim is not to eliminate individual cups, but to teach toward the chalice from Scripture and our Lutheran Confessions. In the end, if all were to partake of the chalice, then, of course, there would be no need for individual cups. The pastor's portable communion kit, used in hospitals and homes, only utilizes the chalice and there is no issue with this.

Why would we not want to use the chalice that brings us the blood of Christ? As we know, its use is scriptural, the exact method that Jesus used, emphasizes unity in the body of Christ, is in line with the practice of Jesus, the apostles, the early church, the church catholic, and our forefathers, is a confession that Christ would not institute anything that is harmful to our health, is simple and a practical way to distribute the blood of Jesus, and is more in line with our doctrine of the real presence and those churches that confess it.

The gift of the Lord's Supper, His body and blood, is to be treasured as a pure gift of the Gospel of forgiveness. The chalice is a symbol of grace. Its use among us, and I hope and pray with increasing use, gives us an opportunity to catechize about what we believe, teach, and confess about the Lord's Supper and the Gospel of salvation in and through Christ Jesus as we partake of the feast now and in eternity from the cup of the Lord.

Soli Deo Gloria!
Pastor Jordan



Place your CRV plastic and aluminum beverage containers in the bins located in the Parish Hall. Proceeds support the Youth Group.



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So far, purchases have generated
\$39.54 for Redeemer

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- 1Q YOUTH/CAMPUS MINISTRY
- 2Q SYNOD DEAF MINISTRY
- 3Q INTERNATIONAL MISSIONARIES,
LUTHERAN HERITAGE FOUNDATION
- 4Q RADIO SERMONS KKXX, LUTHERAN HOUR,
ISSUES, ETC.

INTRODUCING NEW MEMBERS:

THE TIEMANN FAMILY



I am James "Jim" Russell Tiemann. My family members are Lisa, my wife, and Jasper, my son. I have been a member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod since 2013. I was born July 31, 1980 and baptized the same year at Emmanuel Lutheran Church in Waukegan, Illinois. I was confirmed in 2013 at Grace Lutheran Church in Denison, Texas. In 1999, I graduated Spartan School of Aeronautics Nondestructive Testing Program. I have worked the majority of the last 18 years in the aviation industry where one of my greater accomplishments was assisting in the completion of the Erickson Aerotanker MO-87 Water Bomber. My reason for coming to Redeemer was to strengthen my family in the Word of God through the doctrines of the LCMS.

My name is Lisa Sabrina Tiemenan. My family members names are Jim and Jasper Tiemann. I was born in Yuba City on May 8, 1969. I was baptized in May 1982 at First Baptist Church in Marysville, California. I graduated the Fire Science Program from Chico State and the Paramedicine Program from American River College, both in 1991. I received my culinary certificate from Greystone Academy CIA in 2002. One of my greater accomplishments was to assist Sysco Foods in the development of the Bar Rescue Program and helping several struggling owners successfully recover their business. My hobbies include scuba diving, sewing, and geology. My reason for coming to Redeemer is to find a church home that faithfully teaches doctrine and gospel to assist me in learning to follow and to keep my sight set on the Lord, to bring my family closer, and to continue our walk together preparing for when we face the final judgement that we may be saved by grace.

My name is Jasper Hawke Tiemann. My family members are James Russell Tiemann and Lisa Tiemann. I was born on January 17, 2008 in Durant, Oklahoma. I attended Victory Life Academy for my

first two years. Now, in fourth grade, I attend Step Up Academy in Chico. I won the District of Hillsboro, Oregon Spelling Bee in second grade. This spelling bee was for the third through sixth graders, but I was allowed special entry into this event. I really like reading and Lego's. My reason for coming to Redeemer is to receive a proper understanding of the Word of God.

THERESA ELLEN BURCH



My name is Theresa, although people sometimes call me Teri. I am a new member of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, confirmed December 3, 2017. I was born in 1954 and baptized in 1973. I have an Associate of Arts degree in Social Science, a Bachelor of Arts degree in Fine Arts, and 111 hours in tax return preparation studies. I served in the military in the 1970's. I work for Butte County Department of Behavioral Health as a behavioral health worker, unit aide, in the Crisis Stabilization Unit. I came to Redeemer looking for a church home.

ASLEEP IN CHRIST



ELAINE LANG

December 21, 2017

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE for the March Redeemer Review
is Tuesday, February 20 - 4:00 p.m.**



*A Blessed and
Happy New Year
2018!*

Dear Family of Supporters,

Awhile ago, our family started a tradition where we make a scroll listing events, big or small, that were blessings which had occurred that year. We would roll it up, tie a ribbon around it and add it to the Christmas tree as a "decoration" of sorts. Either before or after writing the new one for the year, we enjoyed reading the previous years' blessings. While the scroll hasn't been written consistently each year, this year I have a note to myself to do it this year as it is a blessing in itself to see how God has sustained and worked in our lives that year.

As we think over the blessings of this year, our letter to you all will speak directly to the blessings you have been a part of to our family, and the ministry God has called us to here in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. Here is a list of what we remember (and there are so many more that we may not even be aware of!):

- Teaching the Word of God – the Gospel message in particular – to students who will then teach it to others,
- Gifts of memory sticks for MA students with multiple resources for their studies and ministries,
- A visit to Nekemt to see students' congregation, home and Bible school,
- Friendship with Kassim, a former Muslim, who has a passion for sharing the Gospel with Muslims and us learning from him,
- Witnessing and participating in the graduation of the BTh IV students who will now return to their home villages and cities to share the Gospel message,
- Teaching students whose home is as far away as Guinea Bissau and South Sudan,
- Ongoing new friendships and sports participation for our children with others from here in Ethiopia as well as: Australia, Spain, Italy, England, Romania, Finland, Sweden, Denmark and South Korea. What an appreciation for other people's cultures they are learning!
- The gift of the ability to communicate (slowly by slowly as they say here) in our host country's mother tongue of Amharic,
- Teaching and learning from a student who was imprisoned during the Derg.

God you are so good to us! Thank you for working through Your people to enable the Gospel message to go forth and bear fruit!

Thank you, our family of supporters, who have answered the call to support the teaching and sharing of the Gospel in Ethiopia! God bless you all this coming year and always.

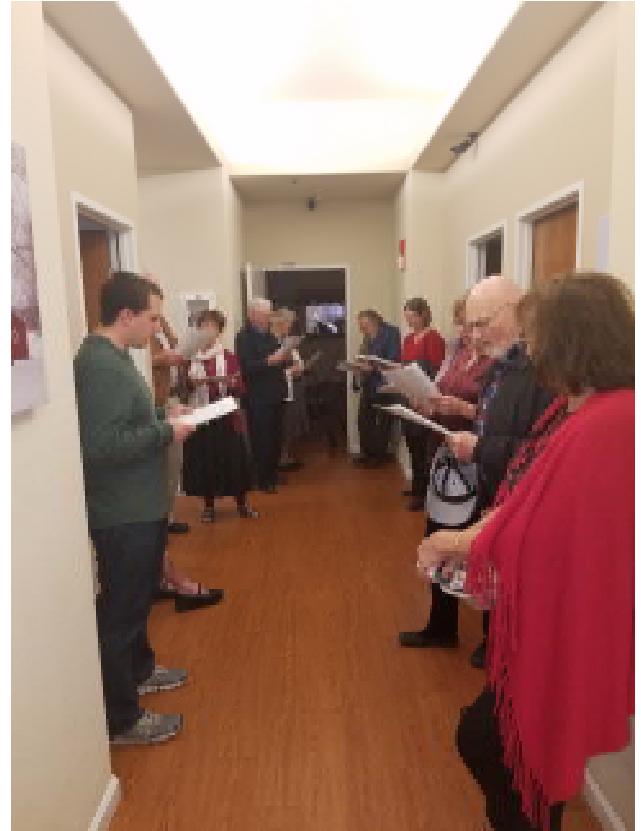
In Jesus' love,

Mark, Stefanie, Noah, Gabriella, Julianna and Matthias Rabe

CHRISTMAS CAROLING - DECEMBER 17, 2017



Residents at Windsor Chico Creek, Windsor Chico Care Center, and Townsend House were blessed with the angelic voices of Redeemer members. Pictured from left are resident: Jessie (102 years young); members: Marilyn Brownfield, Pat Lillie, Robert Engelken, Jerry Brandt, Linda Rean, Bob Rean, Diane Scott, Bill Baving, Kurt Jordan, Hilde Johnson, and Lori Jordan.





February 14 – March 25

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- **13,998 babies** saved from abortion
- **170 abortion** workers converted
- **90 abortion** centers closed

Here's how to take part:

- **Vigil location:** On sidewalk outside Planned Parenthood at 3100 Cohasset Rd. Do not park in their parking lot. Park on Frontier Circle.
- **Vigil hours:** 6 am to 7 pm daily
- **Local contact:** Mary Murphy, 530-345-8638, 40dayschico@gmail.com
- **Learn more** and get involved by visiting our campaign at the address below!

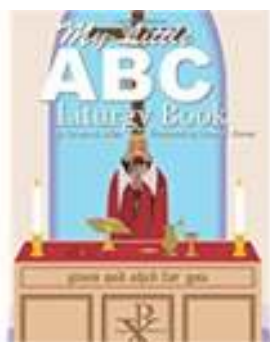
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Welcome to a new feature in our newsletter. The purpose of this feature is to give parents, extended family and friends, information on books that are appropriate for children and that will assist in building a solid biblical foundation from an early age.

This project is a joint effort of Pastor Jordan and Pat Lillie, as well as *all* of you. The goal is to review one book at a time and to put a copy of the resource in our church's "family room." Please don't hesitate to ask questions about any of the books or any topics for which you might want us to search for resources.

We may occasionally reference a technological tool when that is appropriate, but our stated objective is to put books into hands and hearts. Technology will be mentioned when that is an adjunct to the book not as a replacement.



The first book for review is titled *My Little ABC Liturgy Book*, written by Pastor Gaven Mize. It is available from Amazon, and a copy is in the family room. Pastor Jordan also has a few copies available so ask him about getting one.

There is no age reference given for this book and by the title you might think this would only be for ages 2-6; however, there are some explanations that will draw in your older children, maybe even teenagers if they have not yet been catechized.

The colors throughout the book are soft, reflective of what you might find in church. The illustrations are not photographic nor cartoonish but *softer* drawings

which do not jar the senses for younger children especially. Elements, such as the altar carry throughout the book. While not specifically mentioned, there are seasonal changes to the color of the altar cloth and to the pastor's vestments (perhaps another research topic). There are symbols throughout the book, not all explained, but these might help draw in some older children to investigate the meaning. The elements of the liturgy highlighted are not exhaustive as they focus on only one element, but that again could be a challenge to slightly older children to find another element beginning with...

My Little ABC Liturgy Book will not be outgrown within a couple of months or even a year. A suggestion would be to bring the book with the children into church and after the service go to the appropriate location or element (it might even be in the hymnal) and let them compare what is in front of them with what is in their book. Pastor Jordan would be more than happy to lead an investigation after service and answer questions. If your children are shy about asking a question, ask it for them: for example, "What are the vestments you are wearing today and what do they mean?"

Another suggestion would be to incorporate this into a car travel game. For example, go through the alphabet with various options, foods, animals, names and then add in liturgy ABCs. Use your imagination and find new connections to reinforce the liturgy elements and thereby deepen your children's, and maybe even your own, understanding of the liturgy.

Share with others how you have used a particular book and if it has been helpful. And, we would love to see a picture of your child or children reading one of the books.

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5 Epiphany - Mile Box 8:45am SS/ABS - PH 10:00am DS - Sanctuary 11:15am Fellowship PH	(C) Jacob (Israel), Patriarch Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	9:30am Matins (Sanctuary) 10:00am Circuit Pastors Meeting (Fireside Room)		9:30am Bible Study (Fireside Room) 6:30pm Bell Choir Practice (Choir Loft)	[F] The Purification of Mary and the Presentation of Our Lord (W) Office Manager's Day Off	8:00am Men's Bible Study (Fireside Room) 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour
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