

Redeemer REVIEW



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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

SEVEN MARKS OF THE CHURCH

“For, thank God, a child seven years old knows what the Church is, namely, the holy believers and lambs who hear the voice of their Shepherd.” – Martin Luther, The Smalcald Articles, III,12

Religious controversy emerged between Rome and the Reformers at the time of Martin Luther. Very often, Luther would appeal for a council to convene to discuss and settle the theological matters at hand.

Pope Paul III, in 1537 ordered a council at Mantua for the express purpose of “the utter extirpation of the poisonous, pestilential Lutheran heresy.”

There would be no free council which would include the Reformers. So, Martin Luther drew up the Smalcald Articles in 1537 as a summary of Scriptural doctrine and practice. These are included in the Book of Concord and still serve as part of our Lutheran Confessions that every pastor and congregation subscribe to unconditionally.

To understand the nature of the church Martin Luther wrote in his 1539 treatise “On the Councils and the Church” that the church has essential marks or signs that identify it as the one, holy, catholic, and apostolic church that Christ has established. Luther teaches that there are seven marks of the church, that is, Christian, holy people of God.

Mark 1. These Christian, holy people possess the Word of God. The church has the Bible, the Scriptures as the very Word of God to be believed and to alleviate all doubt.

Mark 2. These Christian, holy people are recognized by their Baptism. Titus 3:5 teaches this regeneration that takes place when we are baptized and born again as children of God, our sins are forgiven, and the Holy Spirit begins his dwelling in our bodies.

Mark 3. These Christian, holy people are recognized by the holy Sacrament of the Altar. Communion, the true body and blood of Jesus, is God’s sacrament and those who receive it should do so with faith in Christ and in His words. Jesus said



what he meant, and he meant what he said. Communion is our weekly meal that Jesus gives us.

Mark 4. These Christian, holy people are recognized by the Office of the Keys exercised publicly. Matthew 18 teaches confession and absolution as the keys are administered privately and publicly as God’s people bestow the forgiveness of sins to each other according to the clear teaching of Jesus.

Mark 5. These Christian, holy people are recognized by the fact that they consecrate Ministers. God has arranged pastors in the church according to Ephesians 4. Those spiritually qualified men, competent and chosen, are entrusted with administering the Word, Sacraments, and the Keys. Women are excluded from this call to be pastors and there is no demand for celibacy as Rome continues to require.

Mark 6. These Christian, holy people are recognized by prayer, public praise, and thanksgiving to God. This means regular, weekly, faithful services of the congregation where the flock gathers together to receive the gifts of Christ in the liturgy. God’s people pray together for all people. All gather to learn from the Word of God in psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. It is a time of clear and simple teaching and learning when we gather. During this time God’s praise and thanks are given for all His blessings in body and soul through Christ, our Lord.

Mark 7. These Christian, holy people are recognized by the holy possession of the sacred cross (suffering). Luther indicates that Christians are to suffer persecution by the world, trials and evil from the devil, the world, and the flesh. Inwardly, Christians suffer sadness, fear, and timidity. The way of the cross vs. the way of glory is the path of the Christian as it leads to Jesus. This is a great blessing that God gives.

As you live your life each day in Christ until you come to glory or Christ returns to claim you, rejoice that you are in the church of Jesus and that you are part of this community, called

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NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

02 KATHLEEN WEAVER
 04 SHARON SCHAFFERT
 10 ROSEMARY SMITH
 11 KARYN ALMAND
 13 REV. ROBERT R. ROBERTS
 13 LINDA SWEET
 16 FINNELY WEINREICH
 20 DON MILLER
 22 DON THURMAN
 23 ELEANORE BINGEN



NOVEMBER BAPTISMS

00 AMANDA ALMAND
 00 KARYN ALMAND
 13 KEITH SIEMENS
 17 RANDY SIEMENS
 18 BRIAN MARSHALL
 23 MEGAN ALMAND
 23 ZACHARY ALMAND
 23 ASHLYN WERNER
 24 YUFEI WENSLAFF
 26 BELLA THORSON
 27 CANDY THURMAN
 27 ALICIA SCOTT
 29 CATHLEEN YOUNG

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 BY TRANSFER FROM
 TRINITY LUTHERAN
 CHURCH
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NOVEMBER SERVANTS

ACOLYTE:
 YUHUAN
 WENSLAFF
 ALTAR GUILD:
 LORI JORDAN
 LINDA REAN
 MARNÉ SIVESIND
 KATHY SWEET
 LOUISE URNESS
 ELDER OF THE MONTH
 DARYL SMITH
 COUNTER:
 PAT LILLIE
 VAN DRIVERS:
 JAY ERWIN
 BRUCE
 HOLDERBEIN
 KURT JORDAN
 DARYL SMITH

NEW MEMBERS



ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

ALLEN - EVANS	TIM WENSLAFF
FRATALLONE - JORDAN	ROBERT REAN
KEIL - RUSTAN	DARYL SMITH
SAWYER - SWEET	JAY ERWIN
THOMPSON - ZIMMER	ROBERT ENGELKEN

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SERMONS, BULLETINS

Sermon audio, bulletins, and children's bulletins are available at the web site, redeemerchico.org.

Partake of the Word of God and invite others.

HOLY COMMUNION

Pastor Jordan will serve individual communion upon request. Contact him by text or voice message at 530-513-1284 or pastordonaldjordan@gmail.com and he will be glad to serve you The Sacrament of the Altar. This is also a good time to review The Small Catechism, so please read, prepare, and learn more about how essential the Lord's Supper is to us Christians.

Newsletter Submission Deadline

Submit articles and pictures for inclusion in the next Redeemer Review by the 20th of each month.

Email submissions to:
[redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com](mailto:redemerchicooffice@gmail.com)

Sign-up to sponsor a candle, or provide altar flowers in honor or memory of a loved one or an occasion.

Signup sheets are on the wall in the narthex.



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*For our shut-in's phone numbers,
contact Pastor Jordan
or the office manager.*

*"Christianity, if false, is of no importance, and if true, of infinite importance. The only thing it cannot be is moderately important."
C.S. Lewis*

Submit prayer requests to Pastor Jordan by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack. pastordonaldjordan@gmail.com - (530) 513-1284, Redeemer Lutheran Church - 750 Moss Ave - Chico, CA 95926, (530) 342-9085 Opt. 1

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out of darkness into his light, with faith in Christ and the Holy Spirit doing his work of holiness in God's people as they love and serve all.

This church will remain until the end of the world and there will always be God's holy people on this earth, whom Christ lives, works, and rules. Our lives are not the marks of the church, for we fail daily. We are not reliable, but God's marks are reliable and can be trusted as the assurance and confidence that where one has these marks, one has Christ and the Church.

God's blessings to you, the holy people, the church of Jesus.

Pastor Jordan

TITHES & OFFERINGS

Thank you to all who continue to support the work of our Lord Jesus Christ by giving your tithes and offerings. Below are...

Six Ways to Give Your Tithes and Offerings

✠**Mail or deliver** a check to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 750 Moss Ave, Chico, CA 95926. Mail is checked daily.

✠**Bill pay** through your bank allows an automatic check to be mailed at no charge. Contact your bank or set up with your online bank account.

✠**Simply Giving** pre-authorized withdrawals from your bank account to the church bank account. Obtain form in person or from the church website, redeemerchico.org

✠**PayPal** credit card payment on the church web site, redeemerchico.org

✠**Vanco Mobile** app. Go [here](#) for a short video about Vanco Mobile. Download from the app store and select Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chico.

✠**GivePlus+** app. Select Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chico.

✠Direct questions to Jackie Vieira, Office Manager, at redemerchicooffice@gmail.com or 530-228-4240.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

2020

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$118,364.61
EXPENSES:	<u>\$140,892.53</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-22,527.92
FACILITY RENT INCOME	642.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-21,885.92
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>29,213.38</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$7,327.46

For more details, see the office manager.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Mite offerings fund grants for various Christ-centered endeavors. The #2 grant is sponsored by St. Andrew's of Stockton and for the last 54 years, has provided for the ministry of the adult mentally and physically handicapped. Through this ministry, 43 of often overlooked children of God have come to know our Lord and be baptized. Funds are needed to provide for a spiritually enhanced every-other-year retreat. Often, this is the only vacation most of these adults ever experience. The grant amount is \$7,075.



Our mite box for donations is located in the Narthex. Please help yourself to a mite box and literature provided. All members are encouraged to participate. Thank you.

QUILTERS

At the present time, we have five willing workers but can always use more hands. Women and men can volunteer. Just call and leave your name with the church office. Working from our homes has provided many needed cloth facial coverings. Our regular times to meet will be the 2nd and 4th Monday mornings of the month. When we resume our regular schedule, notification will be made by phone.

Sunday Bible Study - 8:45 a.m.
Book of Mark

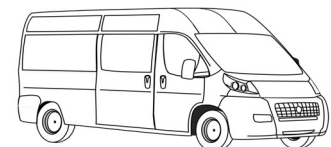


Thursday Bible Study - 9:30 a.m.
Book of Matthew

Our youth group is supported by your plastic and aluminum CRV beverage containers. Remove the caps from plastic. Sort aluminum and plastic, place in bags, then place in the bins located in the Parish Hall storage closet. Thank you for your support.



To ride the van to church on Sundays, contact Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 weekly.



PASTOR JORDAN'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



TECHNOLOGY

Fraud via Technology



Have you noticed that you are getting many more phone calls, emails, texts about “your warranty on...has expired or is about to expire” or an email saying that a credit card you do not use nor even possess is going to be used to pay for thus and so or some such thing?

This is not something new; however it seems that there is a greater amount of this happening right now. There are many reasons for this possibility. Your response should be the same no matter what.

DO NOT OPEN ANY EMAIL YOU DO NOT RECOGNIZE and DO NOT GIVE OUT PERSONAL INFORMATION. In fact, do not click on any part of it whether it is a text or an email. Let’s say for example that you use a particular credit card to pay a recurring subscription and have done so for years. Then suddenly you get this email saying that this credit card that you do not use is going to pay that subscription on a certain date and perhaps the amount is even a little higher. You look at the bottom of the email and there is even an unsubscribe button. **DO NOT CLICK ON THIS LINK!**

If there is any question in your mind if there could have been a change by the service and you think you missed the information email about this change, contact the company directly and ask if they generated this current email. They will tell you if there was a change and you missed it. You can also contact your credit card company that you use to pay this charge and verify that the bill was paid and when. Now without delay, **DELETE THE SUSPECT EMAIL and BLOCK THAT ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER!**

Next, change your email password even if you changed it recently. There are many ways unscrupulous people can get your information so your best protection is to not only use virus and other types of malware protection on your accounts, but to frequently change your passwords. If you use a password manager application you will not have to manually change each and every password but it may be prudent to change the master password to the password manager application from time to time.

We are all doing more online connecting, shopping, etc. right now. Make sure you are using safe practices so you can continue to enjoy your technology.

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)

Advent will soon be starting (November 29th) so perfect timing to think about what is available to do with your family, especially if you have to order something.

Perhaps you have traditions that your family looks forward to every year, and if you do, that is great. If not, this may be the perfect year to start something that could become a family tradition.

Many use an Advent calendar, an Advent wreath, or have Advent devotional books they read every year. Some use a Jesse Tree to count down the days until Christmas. If you don’t know what a Jesse Tree is there is information you can find on line, but a short explanation is that it is a decorated tree that tells the story from creation to Christmas through ornaments.

This year Concordia Publishing House has come out with a brand new resource called “Jesse Tree: Family Activity Kit.” It is meant to be something that is used year after year and while you will color the included ornaments during the first use, you can find printable ornaments online so that you can create new ornaments each year.

As of this writing the kits are in stock, but since this is a brand new publication they may go fast so consider ordering right away if this has interest for you. (\$19.99 at cph.org)

If you are interested in making your own Jesse Tree ,look online for lots of ideas, and then possibly purchase the “Jesse Tree: Daily Devotions” for \$2.99 at either cph.org or Smile.Amazon. There is also a Kindle edition for \$2.84

If you make a Jesse Tree, whether using the CPH kit, or design your own, take pictures and submit to the newsletter. You may inspire others to make their own Jesse Tree.

Advent blessings!

Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, 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, for the 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.

PASTOR ON THE RADIO



Pastor Jordan is a regular guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" Thursday and Friday on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m.

AM 930, FM 103.9. www.tunein.com

SACRED MUSIC STATION

You can listen to the best of the Church's music for the past 2,000 years on Lutheran Public Radio. LPR streams 24/7/365 at lutheranpublicradio.org. Tune in on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.



Scam Alert!

Beware of gift card scams. If you receive a phone call asking you to purchase gift cards or give money, hang up immediately and report to police. Scammers are impersonating local authorities, churches, and pastors. They may sound very convincing and may indicate they are Pastor Jordan or know him. Do not be deceived and never divulge information on the phone. Screen your calls. Get on the "Do Not Call" list. Use robo-caller and spam filters on your phone.

2020 MISSIONS SUPPORT

1Q	Higher Things Youth Conference, Ft. Collins, CO Charity Fund	\$4,115.00
	Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico City	\$4,115.00
2Q	Missionary Mark Rabe, Ethiopia	\$4,084.63
	Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya	\$4,084.63
	Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California	\$4,084.63
3Q	Lutheran Heritage Foundation	\$3,083.94
	Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Texas	\$3,083.94
4Q	Women's Resource Clinic	
	KKXX Sermons	
	The Lutheran Hour	
	Issues, Etc.	

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS



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

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

Portals of Prayer:
<https://www1.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church Special Services and Events 2020

Thanksgiving Service
 Wednesday, November 25
 Divine Service, 7:00 PM

Advent Services
 Wednesdays, December 2, 9, 16
 Advent Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM

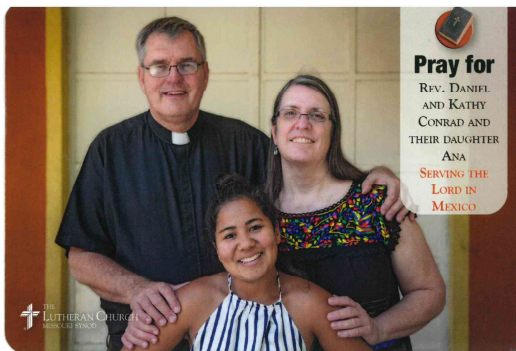
Nursing Home Caroling
 Sunday, December 13
 Windsor Chico Care - 4:00 PM
 Townsend House - 4:30 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord
Christmas Eve
 Thursday, December 24
 Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM

Christmas Day
 Friday, December 25
 Divine Service, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve
Eve of the Name of Jesus
 Thursday, December 31
 Hymn sing begins at 6:30
 Evening Prayer, 7:00 PM

REV. DANIEL CONRAD, MEXICO



Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

Daniel.Conrad@lcms.org
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Birthdays

Daniel - July 8, Kathy - July 30, Ana - Oct. 10

Wedding Anniversary Home District

May 13 California-Hawaii

Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in Mexico, based in Mexico City. In this role, Daniel serves as the coordinator of theological education for the entire country. He works with and mentors national pastors and pastors in formation who are serving throughout Mexico. With the challenges of Mexico City's population being 25 million people and the shortage of national pastors in this country, Daniel provides assistance in sending out workers to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

Pray for the Conrads as they serve in Mexico. Ask God to give Daniel strength as he continues to mentor and teach national pastors in the different regions of Mexico. Give God thanks for the national pastors that this country does have and for the future pastors that are in formation. Let us give thanks that the Conrads are serving God's children in Mexico.

You can support us by sending a check to:
The Lutheran Church—
Missouri Synod
P.O. Box 68661
St. Louis, MO 63166-6861
Memo "Rev. Daniel and
Kathy Conrad"

You can also give online at
lcms.org/conrad

Mexico City,
Mexico

September 18, 2020

Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. On behalf of ourselves and the Synod of Mexico we thank you for your support and prayers. The covid pandemic continues to rage in Mexico. Consequently, our worship services in the church sanctuaries are extremely limited. Nonetheless the Word of the Lord continues to be proclaimed via the streamed services that the national pastors are broadcasting through Facebook. Furthermore, weekly Bible studies take place through the ZOOM application. Amid this pandemic that affects all of us in all parts of the world, the Lord tells us through the prophet Isaiah, "*The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the word of our God endures forever.*" (Isaiah 40:8)

The new semester has begun, and it is keeping Dan quite busy. This semester he is teaching 4 different courses by means of the ZOOM application. The future pastors that he is teaching hail from: Bolivia, Chile, Guatemala, Mexico, Peru, and Venezuela. Furthermore, he is helping to oversee the deaconess training program for Guatemala. Keep these future kingdom workers in your prayers as they prepare to serve the Lord throughout Latin America.

We give thanks to God that our health has been fine so far. We have refrained from using the public subway and bus system for the present time because many people do not wear masks and the risk of contagion is extremely high in these public transportation systems. The Uber taxi system provides our needs for now.

This coming Sunday, pastoral candidate Guillermo Leyva will be ordained and installed at Iglesia Luterana Todos los Santos in Guadalajara, Mexico. Guillermo was one of Dan's seminary students and he is happy to have been a part of Guillermo's pastoral formation. We pray that the ministry of this new national pastor will be a great blessing!

Enclosed please find our prayer card and a picture of Pastor Isaac Garcia performing a baptism. This baptism took place at Iglesia Luterana Betania in Rio Bravo, Mexico. (Rio Bravo shares the border with McAllen, Texas) Your gifts provide training and books for pastor Isaac and for all the present and future pastors in Mexico. Thank you again for your support. May the Lord bless you abundantly! "*To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy— to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen.*" (Jude 24.25)

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad





EDUCATING
those who are
unable to
afford schooling...

EQUIPPING
widows and extended
family members
to care for orphans...

PROTECTING
children who are
vulnerable
and in need of care.

September 25, 2020

Dear friend of Compassionate Social Care Ministries d/b/a 4KenyasKids,

In 2011 when Point of Grace Academy (POG) was started, Pastor and Deaconess Lorna Meeker never imagined that the school would grow at such an amazing speed. The power of God is evident everywhere we look — at the school and in the community. Bringing the word of God to over 750 students and families at Ogal Beach has been such a blessing! The students thrive in their education, smile from the blessings they receive each and every day and thank God above all else for their opportunities and their accomplishments.

This past year "COVID 19" has been a struggle all around the world. At school, our students had to be sent home, with many going home to where there was little or no food, poor housing conditions and families that didn't show much love. However, Deaconess Lorna and the staff from POG checked in on the families and made sure that everyone was safe and being cared for. We again give thanks to God for that, and are happy to share that in October, grades 8 and 12 may be returning to school with the balance of students planned for returning in January 2021.

During these past months there were 48 students living at POG and 18 students residing in the Rescue House. These students all stepped up and helped care for the school, maintaining the buildings and property and working at the farm. They went way beyond their normal chores to ensure that everything was well-maintained. Lorna said that the school had never been so clean and she was so proud of the students and they were proud of what they were doing. Some of these students were also given instructions in the Catechism, and there were 30 students from within the school and nearby neighborhoods who were confirmed.

Read on from Pastor Meeker:

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Grace, mercy and peace be to each one of you from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! Amen. When Lorna and I were led by the Holy Spirit to start this mission He led us to the poor and needy orphan child who was on the road to what we thought could be a trek to death. We had no idea what the future would hold for us. Being in the church focused on Jesus Christ and Him crucified as the most important factor of our being was and still is why we exist. We were quick to learn that we both loved children very much and that an education was pertinent to their wellbeing as children of our heavenly Father. The road has been challenging and exciting at the same time! Christ Jesus has served us throughout the adventure and has never failed to take care of us.

Watching the children transform from extreme poverty to life through baptism and confirmation has been such a privilege to behold! Now as these children have grown to high school age, it is time to lead them through the next level. I think we could all agree that this world is in this spiral downward trend that has the agenda of removing Christ Jesus from His existence. This is what is giving us the drive to build a high school; to keep Christ Jesus in the center of these children's lives.

That as they mature in their faith they put on the full armor of God. Mature means to have Christ's mind firmly enough in one's own consciousness to see matters as He does. Our human nature habitually perverts our thinking. God must, by His Word and through education and circumstances, teach us the truth. That is what will safeguard society and prepare our students to face all the aspects of the world. Paul was very clear in his letter to the Philippians, which is very pertinent to today:

"Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if anything otherwise, God will reveal that also to you. Only let us hold true to what we have attained."
— (Philippians 3:12-16).

*Yours in Christ,
Pastor Dennis and Deaconess Lorna Meeker*

continue reading...



CYNTHIA



SAUDA

"I am grateful to the Almighty for this opportunity that He gave, and pray that He may strengthen others to fulfill our dream. Thank you to my family and school — Point of Grace Academy."

"I would like to ask for your support in this project, confident that it will make a great impact in Point of Grace Academy. May the Lord bless you, provide for you and keep you safe. Thank you."

Many of you have heard of the building needs at Point of Grace Academy — the need to expand and the plans to add a high school campus. These plans had been in the works for several years and came to fruition in March of 2019 when ground-breaking was held for this new campus. While the space is definitely needed, the government created pressure for the school to separate the primary campuses from the secondary campus (high school), escalating costs and budget. As a result, and in the middle of the pandemic, the additional ground was purchased and the process began. Thankfully we had donations of \$90,000 to start this million-dollar project, with Phase 1 being the creation of the blueprint plans, permits and land and Phase 2 being the start of the Tuition (educational classroom) Block. The project is divided into 3 different blocks — Tuition, Laboratory and Administration. While each section is vital to the success of our school and its longevity, the Tuition Block is the one most urgently needed.

On August 1, 2020, the ground was cleared, the foundation dug and poured and columns built. The students on premise helped with the mixing of concrete and pouring of the main floor and now walls are going up (see progress pictures). We are now ready to pour the 2nd floor WHEN we have more funds available. The total budget for this Tuition Block is \$300,600.

We have a donor offering a \$50,000 match — \$1 dollar for \$1 for all monies raised up to \$50,000 by November 1 to help us complete this next step in the project.

Your help is needed — please prayerfully consider supporting the mission at Point of Grace — and consider a donation during this matching funds opportunity!

Words cannot express the thanks to the many individuals, churches and schools who help support 4KenyasKids through mission dollars, chapel offerings, fundraisers and sponsorship. We are so thankful for all of your help! Without you — we would not be able to care and provide for all of our children at Point of Grace.

GOD BLESS YOU!
CSCM dba 4KenyasKids Board of Directors

Please mail your donation by November 1, 2020 for it to be considered as part of the match. Please note **High School Match** on check and mail to:

4KenyasKids, P.O. Box 643, New Haven, IN 46774





Point of Grace Academy Secondary Campus (High School)



ADAM STERNGUIST, SEMINARY STUDENT
CONCORDIA THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY FT. WAYNE, INDIANA

Greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ,

To Pastor Jordan and the faithful saints of Redeemer Chico, the love of God and the unsurmountable peace of Christ to you! It's been far too long since I wrote to update you on our situation; for that I'm sorry. But it does give me a little more to update you on. Obviously, we're all still wading through the challenge of Covid-19; this taints everything to a degree. CTSFW has been meeting in face to face class rooms; though all students are required to wear facemasks and practice social distancing. Sadly, this hasn't worked as well as they hoped. We've had only a few confirmed cases on campus, but with contact tracking we've had a dorm nearly full of students in quarantine. Thanks be to God, no one has been seriously ill.

Other than that classes have been going well. I'm ending my 7th week of classes out of 10 this Friday. Which seems crazy; things are moving quickly. I'm currently enrolled in the final requirement for Homiletics (preaching), Dogmatics (teaching), and Pastoral Theology. In addition I have another preaching course entitled Theologia Preaching. Homiletics has been the most interesting. I've been able to use a lot of what I learned over vicarage to write my sermons so far. This includes writing a funeral sermon based on a scenario the professor comes up with. This is one aspect of preaching I did not have to experience on vicarage but one that is important to have some engagement with before receiving a call.

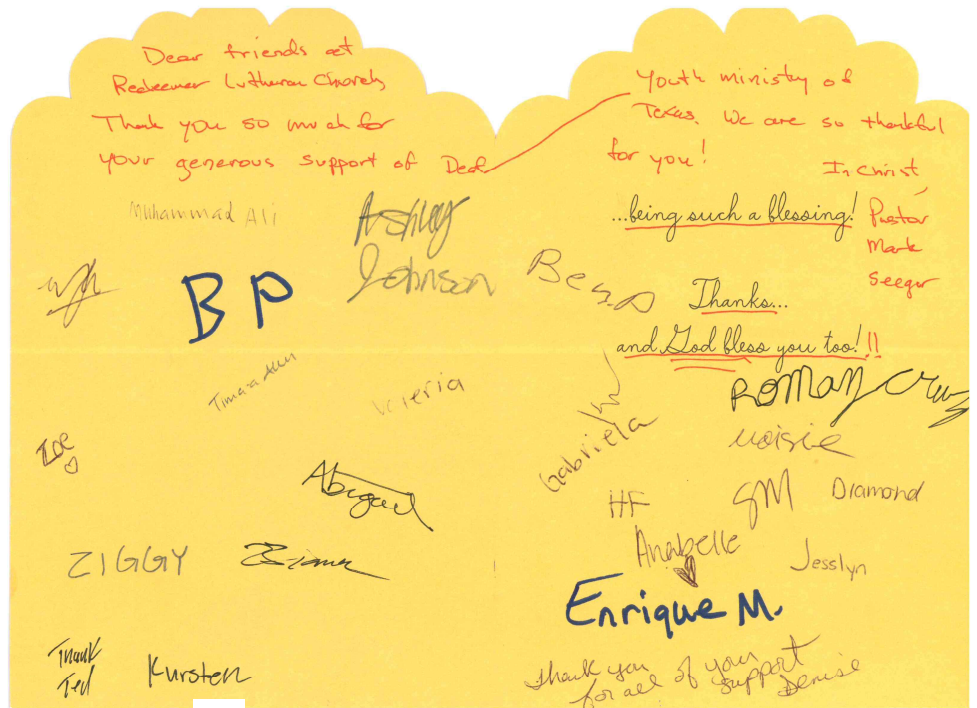
My family is doing well. Covid-19 has caused the school age kids to all have to wear facemasks at school, but they are all actually going to school instead of eLearning. We're not sure how long this will last; Indiana's cases has been increasing. But they are all doing well in school for the time. Luke is in 8th grade and has not had better grades than he does now. He's settled in really well and has applied himself admirably for a 13 year old boy who'd rather be playing X-Box. Rachael just finished her freshmen volleyball season; which she absolutely loved. She made a lot more friends quicker than she thought she would. They love to get together before school for coffee across the street and hanging out at our house on Friday nights. Josh's junior year is going well. He enjoys most of his classes and has been super excited with the Chicago Bears season so far.

Evie had her first experience working retail and decided it's not worth \$9 an hour. She has a good work ethic and a little experience now, so she hopes to find a better job soon.

Beatrice did extremely well on her graduation exam and state exam and is now a licensed esthetician. Which is great. Her graduation did take longer than expected, because of Covid-19, and that set her back on starting her job. This put us in a little bit of a financial situation, but we are confident that the Lord will continue to provide for us as He has for the past three and a half years (and really our entire lives). But she likes the job so far. She's working through her on the job training and should be able to take official clients really soon.



THANK YOU FROM
THE DEAF YOUTH MINISTRY OF TEXAS



TRUSTEE NEWS

October 21, 2020

The trustees have been busy working on our Lord's house. The surveillance camera system has been completed, and a number of trustees and elders can now pop onto the church cameras to check in and to record any mischief. The lawn and landscape sprinkler system has been fine-tuned and a lawn fertilizing service now keeps our grass green and healthy.

Bruce Holderbein is currently seeking bids for installing solar panels on the Parish Hall. With the solar installation (purchase funding to be determined), We should realize a significant savings in the monthly electric utility bill.

One last item: A new sign is on the way! The sign has been slowly degrading so a new sign will be installed this fall. The memorial fund along with the Erwin building fund balance will be used to purchase it from Magoon Signs. There is not a definite timeline yet but it should be here soon!



SAFETY & SECURITY NEWS

A new first aid station has been installed in the narthex. This station includes a blood pressure cuff and non-contact thermometer. These items are located in the bright red First Aid bag hanging next to the AED machine and are for the use of any one in need. Bruce Holderbein will be conducting a training on Saturday, November 7 at 9:00 a.m. to go over how to operate the devices. A folding cot is also now available in the narthex and can be used in case someone needs to lay down while waiting for emergency responders.

The fire extinguishers have been checked and recharged for service. Please take a moment when you are in church to identify where the extinguishers are so they can be accessed quickly, if needed.

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY

Vitalant, formerly Blood Source, is now providing results to donors for antibodies to COVID-19. The need remains great for donations. Call Vitalant directly for an appointment at 893-5433 or www.vitalant.org



Requirements are that one needs to be in good health, sixteen years or older. Body weight must be 110 or more. No upper age limit. Good hydration and nutrition is important.

PASTORAL VISIT WITH BELLA THORSON - OCTOBER 27, 2020

Since March 2020, almost eight months ago, many in the body of Christ have not been able to receive a visit from their loved ones, friends, or pastor, due to unfortunate lockdowns of assisted, skilled, and independent living facilities. Many have been and are living in isolation and loneliness. Bella Thorson, resident of Townsend House, was recently allowed an outdoor visit from Pastor Jordan for the first time since March. She was able to receive the life-giving body and blood of Jesus in the Holy Supper and she was overjoyed, giving thanks to God for this pastoral care from Jesus as He delivered His grace and mercy through the hand of His ordained pastor of the flock.

Bella is 91 years old and confesses Jesus as her Lord and Savior. She sends her love, appreciation, and greetings to all of you, and especially to those who send cards to her.

Remember in your visits, prayers, and contacts those like Bella and many others who need love, mercy, and care from others in the body of Christ. Pray that the lockdowns end and that those at the end of their lives would be able to receive visitors.



Bella Thorson, Pastor Jordan, at Townsend House, Chico.

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Nov 1 [F] All Saints' Day (W) 22nd Sunday after Pentecost Mites 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 1:00pm Sermon, KXXX 1:30pm The Lutheran Hour	2 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	3	4	5 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 9:30am Bible Class (FR) 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	6 Office Manager's Day Off 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	7 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 5:00pm KXXX Sermon
8 [C] Johannes von Staupitz, 23rd Sunday after Pentecost Mites 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 1:00pm Sermon, KXXX 1:30pm The Lutheran Hour	9 [C] Martin Chemnitz (birth), Pastor and Confessor Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	10 Martin Luther's Birthday	11 [C] Martin of Tours, Pastor Veterans Day	12 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 9:00am Bookkeeping Audit 9:30am Bible Class (FR) 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	13 Office Manager's Day Off 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	14 [C] Emperor Justinian, Christian Ruler and Confessor of Christ 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 5:00pm KXXX Sermon
15 24th Sunday after Pentecost (Proper 28) (G) 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Voters Meeting 1:00pm Sermon, KXXX 1:30pm The Lutheran Hour	16 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	17	18	19 [C] Elizabeth of Hungary 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 9:30am Bible Class (FR) 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	20 Office Manager's Day Off Redeemer Review Deadline 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	21 1:00pm KXXX Sermon 1:30pm Lutheran Hour 5:00pm KXXX Sermon
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29 [C] Noah 1st Sunday in Advent (B/V) 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 1:00pm Sermon, KXXX 1:30pm The Lutheran Hour	30 [F] St. Andrew, Apostle (R) Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Dec 1	2	3	4	5

OFFICE MANAGER'S HOURS TUE-THU 9:00AM - 4:00PM*

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