

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA SEPTEMBER 2021 Vol. 35 No. 7

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

GOD IS NOT FAIR, AND NEITHER IS LIFE

How often have you observed and believed that life is not fair? There are rich and poor, educated and uneducated, sick and healthy, married and divorced, some loved ones taken in death and others left to live. Some are selected for the job opening and others are rejected. Some are tall and some are short. It is true. Life is not fair. That's a fact.

Furthermore, God is not fair according to our standards, but the problem is that God does not need to follow and observe our standards of fairness and equity.

God has always had a mysterious way of reversing things as He deals with people. He exalts the lowly and puts down the mighty and proud. He indicates that the first shall be last and the last shall be first. This is a mystery to us and confounds our thinking, because God does not operate on a merit-based system of rewards and performance.

In Matthew 20 we learn about the parable of the vineyard workers. God is the master of the vineyard and he calls laborers to work for him early in the morning. He indicates he will pay them a day's wages, the denarius, which is equal to one day's pay for a soldier.

The master then hires other workers throughout the day and simply tells them that he will pay them what is right.

Working in the kingdom of God is a privilege and a labor of love that is initiated and carried out by our heavenly Father in the kingdom of His Son, Jesus



Christ. Some workers start early in the day and others start later, but the pay is the same.

Somehow, this doesn't seem fair to us. Shouldn't those who worked all day be paid more? No. They received their agreed upon wage. Shouldn't those who worked for only a few hours be paid less? No. Because God the Father indicated he would pay all fairly and equitably, not based on the hours worked or intensity of the labor. Peter and other disciples didn't get this. They

believed that had given their all and that they deserved more for their efforts.

God doesn't need you to carry out his work and God certainly doesn't depend on you. His love, care and grace has called you into his kingdom, into his vineyard to work and labor for Him by spreading the Gospel and serving others in His name.

You and I need God and all that he provides us in body and soul. We need his care each day to survive. We need his forgiveness of sins through Christ our Lord. We depend upon God for our very lives and for our eternal salvation through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son. We depend upon what God gives us in the holy sacraments.

Only by grace, not by works or merit, are you included in God's kingdom, his vineyard. All are equal recipients of the gifts of God in the Gospel.

God is generous. He does not give us what we deserve, but he gives us what we don't deserve. Thanks be to God in Christ, our Lord.

Pastor Jordan



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

04 MARGE HUWE
 07 MARTHA JONES
 07 ASHLYN POTEET
 07 ALICIA SCOTT
 09 BLANCHE SCHAQFFER
 09 MARNÉ SIVESIND
 13 HELEN SHERMAN
 16 NICHOLAS MIRAMONTES
 16 JUDY MORENO
 16 CATHLEEN YOUNG
 16 MATTHEW ZIMMER, SR.
 17 DANIEL SIEMENS
 18 AUDREY HOFFIE
 19 ANDREW ESMAY
 20 YUHUAN WENSLAFF
 21 KATHY SWEET
 21 ROBERT THOMAS
 22 GLENN BERGENDAHL
 26 ORLEN ZIEGLER
 28 ELLA MIRAMONTES
 29 AARON ASHWORTH
 30 MARGE HOLDERBEIN



SEPTEMBER BAPTISMS

00 BLANCHE SCHAFFER
 09 LUKE THOMASON
 13 PAT LILLIE
 14 TIMOTHY WENSLAFF
 16 WILLIAM BAVING
 21 JAY ERWIN
 21 JOSHUA VANGARMO
 24 DIANNE WILKINSON
 27 RAYMOND SCOTT
 30 MARGE HUWE

SEPTEMBER SERVANTS

ACOLYTE:

AARON ASHWORTH

ALTAR GUILD:

LORI JORDAN
 LINDA REAN
 MARNÉ SIVESIND
 KATHY SWEET
 LOUISE URNESS

ELDER OF THE MONTH

TIMOTHY WENSLAFF

COUNTER:

PAT LILLIE

VAN DRIVERS:

JAY ERWIN
 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
 KURT JORDAN
 DARYL SMITH

The passengers of the church van would like to thank all of our bus drivers whom, over the past many years, have taken time out of their busy Sunday mornings to deliver us to church. We are so grateful.

From all whom you have touched over the years.

ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

ROBERT REAN:	Ashworth - Crane
TIM WENSLAFF:	DeGarmo - Holderbein
JAY ERWIN:	Hunt - May
MATTHEW THOMASON:	McCann - Schukei
ROBERT ENGELKEN:	Scott - Thompson
DARYL SMITH:	Thorson - Zimmer

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Submission Deadline
for the
October Redeemer Review
 September 20

Email submissions to:
 redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com

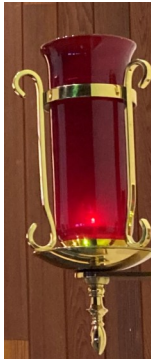
HOMEBOUND



Altar flower sponsors are needed for:

September 5, 12, 19, 26
October 3, 10, 31
November 7, 14, 21, 24, 28
December 5, 12, 19, 24, 25, 26, 31

Sanctuary lamp candle sponsors are needed for: September, November, and December. Sign up in the narthex or contact the office. \$15



Ride the Van

An accessible van with a wheelchair lift is used each Sunday morning to transport those who need a ride to the Divine Service.

Call Jerry Brandt at 636-4392 before Saturday noon to arrange a ride for the following Sunday service.



William Baving
1200 Springfield
Chico, CA 95928

Brenda Bell
1901 Dayton Rd #176
Chico, CA 95928

Irene Bevers
1803 Parkview Dr
Twin Falls, ID 83301

Eleanore Bingen
1199 Diablo Ave #115
Chico, CA 95973-7893

Patricia Bodi
650 Manzanita Ave #115
Chico, CA 95926

Sonya Brown
3049 Esplanade #403
Chico, CA 95973

Ann Carney
1200 Springfield Dr
Chico, CA 95928

Paul DeGarmo
2770 Sierra Ladera
Chico, CA 95928

Jackie Eichelberger
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Chico, CA 95973

Ursula Fratallone
1369 E Lindo Ave #42
Chico, CA 95926-7396

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San Juan Capistrano
CA 92675

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Chico, CA 95926

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Chico, CA 95926

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Chico, CA 95928

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Marian May
1741 Citrus
Chico, CA 95926

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2590 Sierra Sunrise Ter. #106
Chico, CA 95928

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Littleton, CO 80120

Bella Thorson
10 Ilahee Lane #27
Chico, CA 95973

Kathleen Weaver
2270 Ridge Run Rd
Quincy, CA 95971



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

Support Our Youth - Recycle
Recycle plastic and aluminum 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.

The bins are full and in need of someone to take them to the recycling center.

Thank you for your support.



REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 - July 31, 2021

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$103,087.80
EXPENSES:	\$114,266.24
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ -11,178.44
FACILITY RENT INCOME	0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -11,178.44
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$36,532.42
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$25,353.98

Complete report available in narthex.

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

Offerings are received in the Narthex.

✚**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.

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

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

From 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., KFUE, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR ON THE RADIO



Pastor Jordan is a regular guest on "Live Talk with Jerry Olenyn" every Friday on KKXX radio. 8:30 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. AM 930, FM 103.9 www.tunein.com

FEEDBACK FROM A LISTENER

"Hello, Pastor Jordan

I started a new, part-time job driving from Redding to Chico from 12:30 - 4:30 and I heard your sermon on the radio and you said to call if this has blessed you.

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



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)

Our last article talked about using summer to implement a cooking/baking program with your children. It was suggested they contact family and/or friends to ask for their favorite recipes. Also we talked about the possibility of growing some of the ingredients, especially herbs, in your yard whether directly in the ground or in pots and then drying some of the herbs or storing in the freezer.

Hopefully there was enough interest generated by this activity to continue it throughout the year. Now schoolwork may not allow as much time for each child to have at least one meal per week to cook; however, check to see where you can incorporate school assignments into the kitchen. Remember we said that cooking teaches math, time management, organizational skills, research, etc.

Looking ahead, perhaps some of the new skills learned can be incorporated into holiday gifts for family and friends especially if they contributed a recipe or two. Perhaps you can take some of the dried herbs (did you have to do some research on how to do this?) and put them into small individual jars decorated with a uniquely designed label (could this be an art project?) and give these as gifts.

Remember time management skills? This is a great lesson in planning ahead for gift giving. What about making a booklet or a video showing the finished product of not only recipes but things that were grown in your garden? These could be personalized for each individual by taking a picture of the specific recipe you received from them being enjoyed by your family.

Another skill: working not only individually but as a team. Add specifics about what each member of the family contributed. For example, mom taught how to properly use various tools in the kitchen, dad helped prepare a place in the garden and taught what needed to be done, older brother or sister helped research various things on the computer or helped design labels or maybe took photos to go into your booklet.

What about statistics or at least data tracking? Not often thought about in learning to cook, but if you

think about it you can track who in the family liked or disliked each new recipe. Analyzing may bring out such things as one family member doesn't like anything that has tomatoes while another wants parsley in just about everything. As a "chef" this is good information to know. Also, keeping track of what you serve to various guests can keep you from always having spaghetti when they are invited to dinner and not realizing that they really don't care for spaghetti.

Hopefully you are starting to look at teaching your children to cook/bake with a different perspective. Maybe it has even caused you to rethink some of what you yourself do in the kitchen.

One last question: what did you learn about foods eaten by people in the Bible that are the same or different from what you eat? That information could also go into your booklet or video about your summer cooking project!

TECHNOLOGY



Technology not required

This information comes from a Huntington Beach, CA police detective many, many years ago. He spoke about protecting identity especially after the death of a spouse but this particular tip applies to all whether single, married or widowed and does not require a technology device.

Many of you pay everything online, with your smart phone or a credit/debit card. There is great convenience to that; however, for those of you who still primarily write checks this little tip adds a layer of safety.

Next time you reorder your checks do not have your full name printed on your checks. Instead only use your initials and last name. For example, J. A. Sutter could be John Alexander, James Aubrey, Jessica Anne, Joan Abigail etc. By not having your first, middle and last name printed on your check your signature becomes less obvious. Do you sign J. Alexander Sutter, J.A. Sutter, John A. Sutter, etc?

If you have special circumstances attached to your checking account contact your bank before making this change. And if in doubt about not having your full name on your checks ask your bank. Remember this tip was made many years ago when identity theft was rearing its ugly head. Your bank may have even more up-to-date recommendations for those of you who prefer to not use technology in all its forms.

2021 - 2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Andrew Esmay has been granted a scholarship for the 2021-2022 school year as he begins seminary at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana.



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Ft. Wayne, IN 46825

Yufei Wenslaff will continue to receive monthly allotments along with Andrew during the 2021-2022 school year. Yufei's major is Biology and she is attending Concordia University, Irvine.



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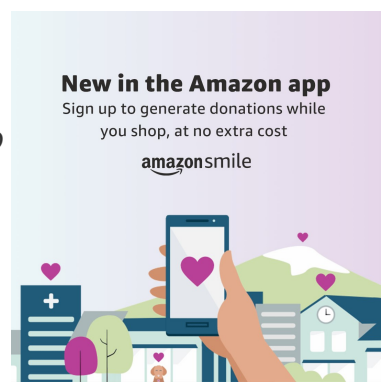
HAPPY BIRTHDAY!



Janet Joksch was joined by friends and family for cake during fellowship on Sunday, August 22 in honor of her 90th birthday, which was August 19.

AMAZONSMILE

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us.



How it works:

- 1. Open the Amazon app on your phone*
- 2. Select the main menu (=) & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features*
- 3. Select "Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church" as your charity*
- 4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app*

To date, Redeemer has received \$287.05.

QUILTERS

A gathering with no prior experience will commence on September 13th. It is our quilting group resuming after a two month break. Homebound members are provided with quilts along with others in the community. These are functional lap quilts that hopefully will provide warmth and cheer.

Join us Mondays, September 13 & 27
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon

We encourage and invite any and all interested in this mission project to stop by anytime during these hours to see what the quilters are doing. Coffee break is around 10:30 and a good time to get acquainted and ask questions.

In His service, the quilters



ASLEEP IN JESUS

EVELYN BENEFIEL GRAHAM



JUNE 17, 1927 - JULY 2, 2021

BETTY MARIE ROLLAG



JUNE 16, 1931 - MAY 23, 21021

NEWLY MARRIED



REV. ROBERT R.
ROBERTS
&
WANDA AMES
ROBERTS

JULY 10, 2021



2021 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$6,003.02; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$6,003.02.
- 2Q Missionary Mark Rabe, Ethiopia - \$2,380.24, Missionary Dennis Meeker - \$2,380.23, Kenya, Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico - \$2,380.24
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic,; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

Grants are funded by the Mission Trust Fund interest, 30% school rent income, and your mission gifts.

NEW MEMBERS



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

JULY 25, 2021

CLARA IVES



RITE OF CONFIRMATION

JULY 25, 2021

DAVID WILKINSON

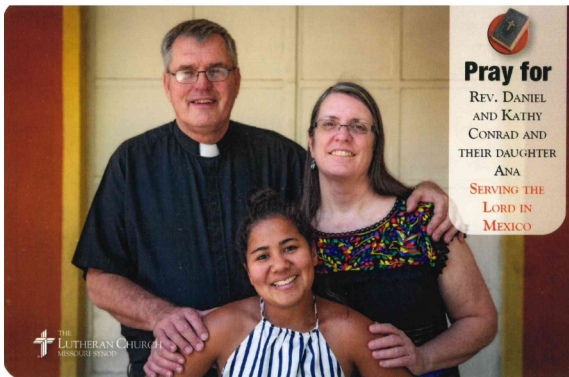
THREE MASTER'S DEGREES – THREE CAREERS

I was born in Oakland, California and raised in Palo Alto and Fresno. I was raised Christian Science which teaches that all of the life experience is illusory. I then became an agnostic, then a baptized Christian in the Presbyterian denomination. And, more recently a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

My education consists of a B.A. in Radio-Television Broadcasting from CSU Fresno, and three Master's degrees: an M.B.A. (Master of Business Administration) from UCLA, an M.L.I.S. (Master of Library and Information Science) also from UCLA, and an M.E.A. (Master of Educational Administration) from CSU Los Angeles. Some doctoral work in econometrics was completed at Claremont Graduate University in Claremont, California. I also have an A.A. (Associate in Arts) degree in Electronic Technology.

I have had three careers, the first in which I was involved in constructing the studio complex of the CBS television affiliate in Fresno. For the station I also performed the studio production for two television newscasts three days a week as well as local television spots for many years. During this time I also built, owned, and operated my own PBS channel 59, a television station rebroadcasting the programming of public television station KQED from San Francisco to much of the San Joaquin Valley. My second career was serving as a business librarian at CSU Los Angeles. My third career was serving as University Librarian, a Dean's position, also while at CSU Los Angeles. I met my wife Dianne in Fresno at a meeting to save a historic building from being demolished (which ultimately was successful, yet it was a 25-year-long battle). We were married in 1982 and I love her even more now than when we first met. Our son Matthew is with the Lord. We are both retired.

MISSIONARY - REV. DANIEL CONRAD, MEXICO



Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

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international.lcms.org

Birthdays

Daniel - July 6, Kathy - July 30, Ana - Oct. 10

Wedding Anniversary Home District

May 13 California-Nevada-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



July 20, 2021

Dear Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and Jesus Christ our Lord. On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico we thank you for prayers and financial support. The words of the Apostle Paul are so appropriate: *"But thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ."* (1 Corinthians 15:57) Through your prayers and support God is raising kingdom workers throughout Mexico.

Ana and Kathy made a trip to the states during the first week of July, so that Ana could get her COVID vaccine. Unfortunately, it was impossible for Ana to get her vaccine in Mexico because she does not have a resident visa. During this time Kathy was also able to get together with her brother and sister for the first time since their mother and father's passing away. It was a very meaningful event for the whole family.

Here in Mexico, we have experienced a resurgence of the number of COVID cases. At this point of time less than half of the Mexican population has been vaccinated. Accordingly, the three of us continue to exercise due caution when we go out in public. The businesses continue to require a mask and a person takes your temperature with an electronic device when you enter the establishment.

The Lutheran Churches in Mexico City continue to hold worship services in the sanctuaries. In these worship services the members maintain distance and communion is distributed with gloved hands. The national pastors continue to record the worship services on Facebook for those who cannot attend the services in the sanctuaries.

Pastor Isaac Garcia is now hosting weekly catechism classes via ZOOM for a group of people who comprise our new mission start in the state of Sonora, Mexico. Please keep this group in your prayers as they form a new Lutheran congregation in this region of Mexico.

Vicar Job Jimenez and his wife Diana Eliza recently celebrated the birth of their first child, Noah. We give thanks to God for this new member of God's family. Vicar Job serves at our mission congregation in Tijuana. The ministry in Tijuana presents many challenges; drug addiction and crime are very rampant. At the same time there exists a great need for the Gospel of Christ. Accordingly, our mission congregation in Tijuana continues to proclaim this Gospel and serves as a beacon of hope to many people.

Enclosed please find our prayer card a photo of a baptism service that took place at the mission congregation Cristo Rey in Tapachula, México. National pastor Isaac Garcia is presiding. Your donations provide ongoing theological education and materials for pastor Isaac. Thank you again for your support and prayers!

"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20-21)

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, Ana Conrad

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad

Thursday Bible
Study
9:30 a.m.
Study of
Luther's Small
Catechism



Sunday Bible
Study 8:45
a.m.
1 Peter



As some of you may know Pastor Jordan catechized new members of the church this summer. Despite being catechized and confirmed two years ago, I decided to join the class to continue learning about what it means to be a confessional Lutheran. If you read my article in June's

newsletter, I talked about why I chose to attend a confessional Lutheran church after years of being involved in mainstream Evangelical churches. I've also been attending a men's Bible study from a local non-denominational church and it reminded me of how different our confession is to other Protestant denominations. All of this made me think about delving deeper into what Lutheranism is and the best way for me to do this is to explain to others my own Lutheran confession.

Because there are so many doctrinal topics to cover that set confessional Lutherans apart from other Protestants, I've decided to cover them one at a time over the rest of the year. I do not have an organized outline but I plan on covering the following topics:

- The biblical history of Communion. Why it's important to have it and why closed communion shows respect not only for the sacrament itself but also to those who partake in it.
- Why Lutherans urge baptism soon after birth (infant baptism) and why we believe that baptism saves.
- The importance of the Office of the Keys and why Lutherans should defend this doctrine when it is attacked by other protestants.

I've found that the last bullet point I mentioned seems to be the most touchy to other Protestants because in their minds, the public absolution of sin is "Catholic" and anything "Catholic" belongs on a trash heap along with purgatory, Mary worship and the rest. In fact, when discussing the Office of the Keys with other Christians, I often find as much resistance as when I share the gospel with an aggressive atheist!

Why is this? I think many Protestants, and especially Lutherans because we are very "Catholic" in

nature, shy away from the word 'catholic'. I can remember times where I believed Roman Catholics weren't even Christians. As I began to learn about Luther, the Catholic Church and early church traditions, I realized that apart from theology that contradicts the gospel or the Bible there is no reason to get rid of catholic label. Marking yourself with the sign of the cross, the Pastor's collar and vestments - even the word catholic itself - none of this is bad. By the way, we really do belong to the Holy **Catholic** and Apostolic church! As Lutherans, we should embrace our catholic traditions. We are the true Catholic church.

I hope you enjoy this journey with me this summer as I explore exactly what it means to me to be a Lutheran and hopefully we learn something new together.

Aaron Ashworth

TRUSTEE UPDATE

The Trustees are looking to make some changes to be more drought tolerant. We are getting professional input on a design to remove the grass features around the church and install decorative rock and bark. The intention is to reduce our water use and keep our Lord's house looking tidy. If anyone is interested in the project and would like to provide some feedback you can contact Bruce, Keith or Bob. You may see the lawn suddenly brown out but that means we're starting the process!

The solar project is getting held up in the permitting process. There aren't any real issues, we just hear there are delays in processing permits due to the pandemic. We will let you know when construction will begin as soon as we hear.

Pastor is getting new flooring in his study. The carpet currently in place just does not hold up to the traffic so a vinyl plank flooring will be installed in or about October.

The Trustees are always happy to have help from our members with some of the projects we have on our to-do list. You don't need to be a Trustee to help out! We would enjoy spending some time discussing a few of the little projects we have on the list with any capable member.

PASTOR'S SUMMER

In June, Pastor Jordan attended a respite retreat, "Take Heart," along with 22 other Lutheran pastors. The retreat was held at Christ the King retreat center in Citrus Heights, California. The respite retreat was intended to offer relief from the stress of the "Pandemic," as well as the multiple fires which have taken place in the last few years.



Citrus Heights Chapel

In July, Pastor Jordan and Lori attended the Doxology Grand Reunion at Savior Retreat Center in Kansas City, Kansas. The conference is the second in a series of three conferences geared to provide advanced pastoral training as well as support for Pastor's physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being.



Kansas City



PASTOR'S SUMMER - CONTINUED

In August, Pastor Jordan officiated at the wedding of his nephew, Eric Farner and Stephanie Olson in Canby, Oregon.



Pastor and Lori celebrated Lori's father, Jack Meyer's 85 birthday at Mt Olive Lutheran Church in Poway, California.



MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY

Because blood donations are so important at this time, information will be provided each month. Appointments are to be made directly with Vitalant. Call 893-5433 or go to www.vitalant.org. If you are in good health and weigh a minimum of 110 pounds, you are eligible to donate. **DONATING CAN SAVE LIVES.**

GROWING OLDER GRACEFULLY

Since our bodies are a gift from God, we need to remember to have an adequate diet, exercise and rest plus regular visits to our health professionals.

Since our minds are a gift also, we need to keep in touch with church members and friends. Reading scriptures, good literature, and keeping abreast of daily news is important. Reflecting on the past by writing a journal or history for the next generation can prove helpful. Some other items on the "do list" include putting away grouchy thoughts and smile more. (Smile even when you're alone) Think of humorous things in life that made you laugh. If possible, have a conversation with a young person every day. Welcome hugs.

THE IMPORTANT PART

Reflect on scriptures by having daily devotions and Bible readings. Have conversations with God often. Request Holy Communion regularly. Attend Divine services as often as possible. Sing your favorite hymn. Lastly, find ways each day to demonstrate your faith to others.

These suggestions for living into "maturity" only outline ways for us to enjoy our gifts from God. Every day is a blessing!

(Contents of this article are taken from a Concordia tract)

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The loose coins in the collection plate over the past months have been assisting Lutheran Women's Missionary League to fund mission grants. Thank you all.

Seven of the twenty grants have been funded so far. The most recent was to train pastors in Bay Area churches to develop leaders in cross culture communities for the ministry.

Proposed Changes to the Church's Constitution and Bylaws

Our next Voters Assembly (Meeting) is scheduled for November 14th, after Sunday service. At this meeting, we will consider changes to the Constitution and Bylaws of the Church. The current versions of the Constitution and Bylaws have not been altered for several years and should be updated to address the changing nature of our congregation. In short, we as a congregation, have become smaller and a bit older, and as a result, the way we are currently organized does not allow us to conduct the business of the congregation efficiently. Changes to the Constitution require approval from the Voters Assembly at two consecutive meetings. Changes to the Bylaws require approval from the Voters Assembly at one meeting. The proposed changes are summarized below:

Changes to the Constitution:

The name of the church is changed from the *Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of Chico, California* to the *Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, Chico, California* to be in conformance with the Articles of Incorporation.

Changes to the Bylaws:

- The requirement for new members to sign the Constitution and Bylaws to be able to vote is eliminated. (We haven't been doing this for years.)
- The requirement for new members to attend one Voters Assembly prior to the Voters Assembly at which they are eligible to vote is eliminated.
- The requirement to hold Voters Assemblies during May and November is replaced with a requirement to hold at least one meeting annually and possibly more often at the discretion of the Church Council.
- Notice of [upcoming Voters Assemblies](#) may be made through verbal announcements at services, bulletin announcements, newsletter announcements, phone tree messages, or electronic notifications (such as Flocknote, email, Webpage, etc.)
- A quorum at a Voters Assembly shall consist of fifteen (instead of twenty) members of the voting membership, with two (instead of three) legal officers present.
- Regarding legal officers, the *Treasurer* position is eliminated. The *Financial Secretary* position is renamed *Financial Manager*.
- The *Board of Parish Fellowship* is renamed the *Board of Fellowship*. The *Board of Public Relations* is eliminated. The *Board of Youth* replaces both the *Board of Young Peoples Work* and the *Board of Christian Education (Parochial School, Pre-school/Day Care, and Sunday School)*.
- The President may appoint congregational members to fill vacant positions and establish committees not listed in the Bylaws with approval from the Church Council.
- The term of office for all officers is one year.
- The requirement for the Church Council to meet six times a year is eliminated. The church council shall meet at the discretion of the President, with consultation from the Church Council.
- Electronic voting (text, email, etc.) is authorized for Church Council agenda items when needed at the discretion of the President.
- Church Council meetings may be held face to face or by video / audio conference (or any combination thereof), provided that all council members have access to attend the meetings.

If you have any questions regarding these proposed changes, contact one of the church officers. All suggestions are welcomed. You can find a copy of our current Constitution and Bylaws on the Web at this [link](#). These changes will also be posted on the Website under *Announcements*.

Thanks for reading and God's blessings to all of you.

Fred Sherman
President

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The Liturgical year for Church and Home

Pentecost

From Pentecost through the following Saturday

The Theme

The season of Pentecost is actually not a “season,” but an octave, or week-long celebration of the Feast of Pentecost. Most congregations participate in the feast only on the Sunday of Pentecost itself, but where there is opportunity to do so, there should be a celebration each day of the week following.

This feast closes the festival half of the church year. It is often called “The birthday of the church,” although the church has existed from the creation. The event commemorated is the outpouring of the Holy Spirit upon the church, giving a new meaning to the Old Testament feast celebrated that day. Christ had promised that He would send the Spirit after He ascended into heaven, so that His work would continue after He withdrew His visible presence.

The work of the Holy Spirit is that of building the church. He does this through the means of grace, the word and sacrament. He does not call attention to Himself, but always points to Christ and His work. The Nicene Creed succinctly lists the things that the Holy Spirit does: He is the giver of life; He speaks by the prophets; He creates the one holy catholic and apostolic church; He is poured out on a person when he is baptized; He gives forgiveness of sins; He will resurrect the bodies of all people; He will give eternal life to those who believe in Christ.

Luther’s Small Catechism explains this work, under the third article of the Apostle’s Creed:

I believe that I cannot, by my own reason or strength, believe in Jesus Christ, or come to Him, but the Holy Ghost has called me by the Gospel, enlightened me with His gifts, sanctified and kept me in the one true faith; even as He calls, gathers, enlightens and sanctifies the whole Christian church on earth and keeps it with Jesus Christ in the one true faith; in which Christian church He daily and richly forgives all sins to me and to all believers, and will at the last day raise up me and all the dead, and give to me and all believers in Christ eternal life. This is most certainly true!

The Mood

The mood of this feast is joyful, as people rejoice at a wedding, or at a bountiful harvest. The Old Testament people brought their “first fruits” of their crops to the temple on this day. It was a joyful harvest festival. We, the new Israel bring our selves as a living sacrifice to God. We rejoice in His manifold blessing.

The Holy Spirit empowers us to follow Christ’s command to go and preach the Gospel in all the world. “You shall be My witnesses, in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth.” (Acts 1:8). This was emphasized by the disciple’s speaking the good news to those who came from various countries in the language of their homeland.

The Color

The color of this feast is a glorious, joyful red. It signifies the appearance of what looked like tongues of fire over the heads of the disciples on that first Christian Pentecost.

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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.

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