

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA DECEMBER 2021 VOL. 35 No. 10

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

I JUST WANT TO FEEL GOOD ABOUT MYSELF

Beware of Moralistic Therapeutic Deism (MTD), a worldview in which God is thought to be undemanding, simply wanting people to feel good about themselves and to be morally upright, happy and successful.

MTD is a widely held belief and very widespread in the United States. The term Moralistic Therapeutic Deism was coined by Christian Smith and Melinda Lindquist Denton in their book, *Soul-Searching* in 2009.

Luther's Small Catechism with Explanation (2017) refers to this false teaching in Question 41, p.66. It explains how MTD is essentially a blending of non-Christian religions and a generic deity.

The rise of MTD is shaped by the American idea of individual freedom and personally held beliefs – in politics and religion. In the United States many people are quite comfortable with the idea that there is no absolute truth and the religious beliefs are best held privately, not publicly. MTD supposedly allows people to live peacefully because the god of MTD is very tolerant and does not challenge the various religions and lifestyles advocated in American culture.

In fact, many embrace Moralistic Therapeutic Deism because they have been taught it by the church. This worldview is colonizing and influencing the Christian church. People do not need to leave their church to embrace MTD.

Moralistic Therapeutic Deism is like a virus because it cannot exist on its own. It needs a host and American Christianity has proved to be a gracious host to MTD. We reap what we sow in the church. All too often churches and pastors have taught that a well-articulated belief system is not necessary and might even be an obstacle to authentic faith. Too many churches are emphasizing an emotional relationship with Jesus over Scriptural content.

So, we receive what we have asked for. A relationship with God, not conviction; compliance with culture, not faith. The sad price for being non-confessional has been paid.



If there is such a thing as a creed in MTD, this would be it.

1. A God exists who created and orders the world and watches over human life on earth.
2. God wants people to be good, nice, and fair to each other.
3. The central goal of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself.

4. God does not need to be particularly involved in one's life except when God is needed to solve a problem.

5. Good people go to heaven when they die.

How do we respond to MTD with the Bible and our Lutheran Confessions? Here is a simple response.

"I believe in the Holy Spirit" is our creedal confession. It is impossible for sinners to be moral or good enough to satisfy God's standard of perfection. We are not saved by our works or morals, because we are by nature sinful and unclean. Romans 3:10 and 3:20 refute this notion of salvation by works or goodness. Only the Holy Spirit can give us saving faith and cause us to do good works in response to our salvation in Jesus alone. Our goal is not to feel good about ourselves, but to worship and serve the true and living God and to love our neighbor.

God has always been involved in the lives of his people. He worked among them and sent his Son, Jesus Christ, at just the right time to live, die, rise, and ascend for us and our salvation. God did not wait until we were morally good enough. He gave His Son for sinners like you and me at just the right time. He chose us in Christ and baptized us. He continues to feed us with His Word and sacraments. Those who embrace MTD do not wish to impose their beliefs on others. But, only those who trust in Christ can be saved. It is not true that good people go to heaven. We are called to be witnesses and confessors of Jesus as the only way to eternal life.

The Triune God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is very much involved in the world and our daily lives. He is our Creator, Redeemer,

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DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 09 CAROL VARLEY
- 12 FRED SHERMAN, III
- 16 BRETT MIRAMONTES
- 17 DR. NORMAN McCANN
- 20 IRENE BEVERS
- 20 JERRY BRANDT
- 20 CAROL NELSON
- 26 ALICE DURFEE
- 28 BRANDON SIEMENS
- 28 ALLEN THOMPSON
- 28 MICHAEL THOMPSON
- 30 HAROLD URNESS

DECEMBER SERVANTS

- ACOLYTE:
AARON ASHWORTH
- ALTAR GUILD:
CAROLYN FIORILLO
LORI JORDAN
LINDA REAN
LOUISE URNESS
- ELDER OF THE MONTH
DARYL SMITH
- USHERS:
BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
TIMOTHY WENSLAFF

COUNTER:
PAT LILLIE

DRIVERS:
JAY ERWIN
BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
KURT JORDAN
DARYL SMITH



DECEMBER BAPTISMS

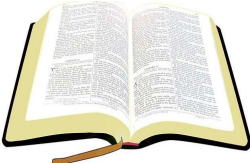
- 01 JOHN DURFEE
- 03 LOUISE URNESS
- 04 ANITA JOHNSON
- 06 BRI LOFINK
- 08 MEGAN GODSIL
- 08 CYNDIE HOLDERBEIN
- 08 DARYL SMITH
- 11 KAYLEE SCHUKEI
- 11 KYLE SCHUKEI
- 17 TODD THOMPSON
- 24 YUHUAN WENSLAFF
- 28 ANDREW ESMAY

Submission Deadline for
January Redeemer Review

December 20

Email submissions to:
redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com

Thursday Bible Study
9:30 a.m.
Study of
Book of Revelation



ELDER ASSIGNMENTS

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

CHURCH STAFF

REV. DONALD JORDAN, PASTOR
JACKIE VIEIRA, OFFICE MANAGER
REV. DAVID BUNTING, ORGANIST
JAY ERWIN, ORGANIST SUB

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VACANT, FINANCIAL MANAGER
VACANT, SECRETARY

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* JAY ERWIN
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SHERRY GODSIL
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BOARD OF YOUTH

*DIANE SCOTT

*BOARD CHAIR

HOMEBOUND



Altar flower sponsors are needed weekly.

2021 Dates Available:
Most of December

Eternal Candle
sponsors needed
monthly
\$15

The 2022 sign-up
charts are posted in
the narthex.



FIRST AID/MEDICAL

Are you trained and certified in Basic Life Support, CPR, AED, or First Aid? We have a first aid kit in the narthex, parish hall, and van. There are two AEDs, one in the parish hall and one in the narthex. We are striving to improve our medical response and training by identifying those with these skills.

Contact Matthew Thomason

(864)590-3272

stmatth2003@yahoo.com



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

(530) 342-6085 Opt. 1

William Baving
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Chico, CA 95973

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Chico, CA 95926-7396

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CA 92675

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Chico, CA 95926

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Chico, CA 95928

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Chico, CA 95926

Catherine Skahan
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Chico, CA 95926

Bella Thorson
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Chico, CA 95973

Kathleen Weaver
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Quincy, CA 95971

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 \$314.28.

Ride Share

Drivers are available each Sunday morning to transport those who need a ride to Divine Service.

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

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 - October 31, 2021

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$143,909.34
EXPENSES:	<u>\$160,835.56</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ -16,926.22
FACILITY RENT INCOME	250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -16,676.22
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>36,532.42</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 19,856.20

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

<https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things:

<https://higherthings.org/content/reflections>

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www1.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



PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

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

FROM THE PASTOR...CONT. FROM PAGE 1

and Sanctifier. He is not aloof, but very near in the cross of Jesus. God comes to address the big issues of life such as sin, suffering, and death in the person and work of Jesus.

So, beware of MTD, and cling to the law and gospel of Scripture, speaking this truth to others in love, and knowing that the truth of the Gospel does matter.

“But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that believing you may have life in His name.” – John 20:31

Pastor Jordan

THE TIME OF CHRISTMAS – ADVENT



Begins the fourth Sunday before December 25, or the Sunday closest to St. Andrew (November 30), and ends with midday prayer on December 24.

The Savior's birth is second in importance only to his resurrection on Easter Sunday. During the time of Christmas, Christians reflect on God's great and gracious gift of Himself.

The Church Year begins with Advent (from Latin *adventus*, which means “coming into”), a four-week period of preparation before Christmas. The story of Jesus during Advent is the story of hope coming into the world. When the time was just right, God sent His Son, into the world. The Advent season teaches us to prepare to receive Jesus, the hope of the world.

In Advent, we wait for our coming King.

The color for Advent is blue, which symbolizes anticipation and hope in our coming King.

Advent is a semi-penitential season, emphasizing repentance and contrition over sin.

We do not sing the Gloria in Excelsis in the Divine Service during Advent. This is the angel's song at Christmas, so during Advent, we pass over this traditional Hymn of Praise in silent anticipation.

It has become common to use an Advent wreath to mark the season. This wreath has four candles – one for each week in Advent. As these candles are lit each week, our anticipation mounts as we look forward to Jesus' coming.

We gather for midweek services. These services heighten our awareness and anticipation for the celebration of Christ's coming in the flesh.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

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

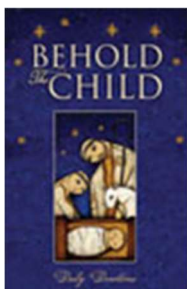


TECHNOLOGY



Location 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)



One of the things necessary in keeping resources for children alive and active is that the parents are encouraged. Sometimes the books written for children fail to meet the level of your children. You know them best and what will spark their interest but with busy lives you just plain run out of creativity and can use some

input. This book may help.

The book *Behold the Child* while listed as being for young adult to mature adult, reviews of the book say “*They're simple enough for young children, yet well-put and theologically substantial.*” You may need to adjust or paraphrase for very young children, but for say 2nd grade and up being exposed to slightly more advanced vocabulary is a good thing.

The book is available from CPH.org as well as in eBook format from Amazon (use Smile.Amazon). Having both a printed copy as well as one on your phone or tablet may be beneficial.

While classified as an Advent book it really is a little more. It starts on December 1st (not first Sunday in Advent) and continues through January 6, Epiphany. This lets you explain that the Christmas season is not just Christmas Day.

Printing out the liturgical church calendar may be helpful. You can find the LCMS 2021-2022 calendar at: <https://files.lcms.org/file/preview/w7WgcCwJbLGlFuAri9OMo21EHyoRNn2i?>

Wearable medical alert devices have been available for several years now and can bring peace of mind for many. If you have a family member with medical issues you may have already looked into this technology. Depending on the device you can expect to pay anywhere from \$20.00 per month to over \$100.00 depending on the services. Your insurance may or may not cover any of the cost. However, in many situations this brings great peace of mind.

What about the healthy, active, very independent family member or friend still living on their own but who could benefit from some type of location finder at least for occasional usage? In the recent past GPS apps for phones have become more reliable and might be worth considering.

If you have children in the home you might already have a GPS app that you have installed on your kids phone and you could simply add another person to the account. Even if you do have such an app you still might want to consider one that is a little different.

There are apps that work mobile to mobile as well as those that also can have a desktop application. Most of these apps can be activated or deactivated so they are not running all the time. For example, mom or dad plans going for a walk and expects to be gone for approximately an hour. The app can be set for real time GPS or notification when walk is complete. This is also great if they are traveling. Many of the apps can be set for incremental destinations and even send an announcement when each destination point has been reached.

Some of the cellphone providers have a free GPS locator as part of their service, with options to upgrade to one with more options for a minimal fee. Check this out. If your cellphone provider does not include a locator GPS search your Android or Apple apps store. Make sure to read the reviews and do some research on the features.

Make sure to talk with your family about the value of using a personal location GPS app. It’s not about limiting their mobility or freedom but about safety and using technology in a godly manner.

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 - \$2,938.36; Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger - \$2,938.35
- 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.

2022 BUDGET - ADOPTED

CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

2022 Budget - Adopted	
Category	22 Budget
ADMINISTRATION	
Altar Worship	\$ 600.00
Bookkeeping	\$ 275.00
Conferences	\$ 250.00
Elders	\$ 100.00
Office Expenses	
Bank/Checking Fees & Supplies	\$ 300.00
Copy Machine Expense	\$ 1,000.00
Information Technology	\$ 350.00
Licenses and permits	\$ 150.00
Office Supplies	\$ 600.00
Periodicals	\$ 550.00
Postage	\$ 325.00
Payroll - Guest Pastor	
Wages	\$ 1,250.00
Payroll - Office Manager	
Health Insurance Supplement	\$ 2,400.00
Retirement/Disability	\$ 1,950.00
Wages	\$18,346.00
FICA	\$1,425.00
Payroll - Organist	
Mileage	\$ 3,762.50
Wages	\$ 5,250.00
Payroll - Pastor	
Car Allowance	\$ 4,600.00
Continuing Education	\$ 200.00
Health Insurance	\$ 29,102.00
Retirement/Disability	\$ 14,000.00
Salary	\$ 80,114.00
Total ADMINISTRATION	\$ 166,899.00
CHRISTIAN EDUCATION	\$ 300.00
EVANGELISM	\$ 500.00
FELLOWSHIP	\$ 500.00
STEWARDSHIP	\$ 400.00
TRUSTEES	
Property Tax & Assessment	\$ 1,260.00
Church Maintenance	\$ 1,000.00
Garbage	\$ 1,250.00
Grounds Maintenance	\$ 3,500.00
Insurance - Liability	\$ 12,000.00
Insurance - Work Comp	\$ 1,875.00
Janitorial Service	\$ 3,500.00
Janitorial Supplies	\$ 150.00
Telephone	\$ 975.00
Utilities	\$ 8,300.00
Van Expense	
DMV/Insurance	\$ 900.00
Gas Expense	\$ 400.00
Repairs	\$ 1,000.00
Total TRUSTEES	\$ 36,110.00
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 204,709.50

Greetings and God's Blessings to all.

I am encouraging all of our parishioners to consider serving as an officer or board member for our congregation for the coming new year. If you have an interest in serving the congregation in any of the following roles, please consider submitting your name for consideration. (No experience is necessary. Training will be provided.) If interested, contact me, one of our officers, board chairs, or pastor.

President – presides at all church council and voters meetings.

Vice President – substitutes for president when absent and handles special assignments.

Secretary – records minutes of meetings.

Financial Manager*** – ensures proper practices are followed for handling church finances.

Board of Elders (chair or member) – assists pastor in all matters pertaining to the spiritual welfare of the congregation and mercy work.

Board of Trustees (chair or member) – oversees the maintenance of church facilities and grounds.

Board of Stewardship (chair*** or member) – initiates programs to involve parishioners in contributing their time, talents, and treasures for the glory of Christ's kingdom.

Board of Evangelism (chair or member) – integrates new members into the life and work of the church and attends to the outreach and invitation to the church.

Board of Fellowship (chair or member) – develops activities to strengthen of the fellowship between congregation members spiritually and socially.

Board of Youth Activities (chair or member) – plans and facilitates educational programs and activities for the youth of the congregation.

***Denotes vacant positions for which we do not have any current nominations.

Please refer to [Job Descriptions](#) (located on the Website) for more information about each of these positions.

Fred Sherman
President, Redeemer Lutheran Congregation
fwsherman@gmail.com

Special Services

2021 - 2022

Eve of National Day of Thanksgiving

Wednesday, November 24

Matins, 12:00 PM



Life Prayer Service

Tuesday, November 30

Matins, 12:00 PM



Advent Services

Wednesdays, December 1, 8, 15

Matins, 12:00 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Eve

Friday, December 24

Candlelight Service, 7:00 PM

The Nativity of Our Lord - Christmas Day

Saturday, December 25

Divine Service, 10:00 AM

New Year's Eve - Eve of the Name of Jesus

Friday, December 31

Matins, 12:00 PM

Epiphany of Our Lord

Thursday, January 6

Matins, 12:00 PM

(No Bible Class)

CRV RECYCLE

- Separate plastic bottles, with the lids removed, from aluminum cans and place in separate plastic bags.
- Opaque bottles should be separated from clear bottles.
- Place bags in the appropriate bins in the Parish Hall storage closet.
- No Glass or non-CRV.

Proceeds go to the Charity Fund.

Thank you for your support.



Christmas Poinsettias

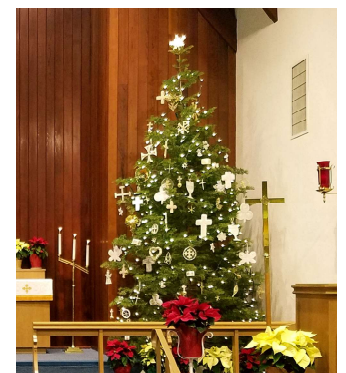
Help decorate the altar for Christmas by ordering a beautiful poinsettia.

Order forms will be in the November 28th and December 5th bulletin. Complete the form and attach payment, then return to Lori Jordan or place in the red box in the narthex.

Deadline for ordering is **December 10th** or bring your own poinsettia before noon on Thursday, **December 16th**.

Contact Lori at 530-520-8187 with any questions.

You may take your poinsettia home following the service on Dec. 25th.



The Christmas tree will be put up and decorated and poinsettias placed on Thursday, December 16 following Bible class.

Your help will be appreciated!



Women's Resource Clinic

115 W. 2nd Ave. Chico, CA 95926

Tel. 530-897-6101

www.womensresourceclinic.org

December 2021

Dear Partners and Friends,

Merry Christmas from all of us here at the Women's Resource Clinic to you and your family!

Christmas is a special time of the year for those of us who serve the woman with an unplanned pregnancy. Jesus, the King of Kings, chosen of the Father, humbly enters this world. Carried by his mother Mary in an "unplanned pregnancy" by human standards, yet planned of God from the foundations of time. Having received the Good News from the angel Gabriel, Mary endures the stigma and uncertainties. So too, we minister to the woman who suffers a pregnancy she did not plan and who fears the worst. But our client advocates serve as God's messengers and deliver the good news: irrespective of the circumstances of conception or the surrounding to which the child will be born, God has a plan for her and her child's life; a plan to give a future and a hope.

Allow me to share with you the story of one of our clients, and how the love and hope shared from the Clinic helped carry her through her darkest hour.

As I listened to the voice on the phone, it was obvious the young woman was upset and feeling desperate. "Suzy" told me she had been raped and as a result was now pregnant. She did not know what to do. Suzy was struggling with shame, fear and anger. She wanted to know; was abortion the answer to her pain? As she told me her story, I could only pray. As we began to talk, I encouraged her to keep her child. I shared with her how God is able to use all the circumstances of our lives, and will give them meaning and purpose, especially situations that appear most difficult. I prayed over the phone for Suzy and I asked the Lord for a miracle. That night, God spoke through a dream to a very close friend of Suzy. The friend told her he dreamt he saw her holding a little girl. Suzy called me back the next day to tell me about her friend's dream. I told her I thought God was trying to speak to her heart about her unborn baby. While Suzy had to deal with so much anger and emotional pain from the rape, she nonetheless decided to keep her child. And when she heard on the ultrasound her baby's heartbeat for the first time, the feelings of anger began to melt away, and were replaced with a mother's love for her baby. Now when she holds her daughter in her arms and looks into her eyes, she understands her baby is not at fault for the rape, but rather this baby of hers is a gift from God.

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Women's Resource Clinic

115 W. 2nd Ave. Chico, CA 95926

Tel. 530.897.6101 Fax 530.897.6109

www.womensresourceclinic.org

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ ST _____ ZIP _____

Phone _____

YES, I want to be part of helping Women's Resource Clinic serve the women in our community.

Enclosed is my one time gift of \$ _____

I would like to become a Monthly Donor

- \$250 a month \$100 a month \$ 50 a month
- \$30 a month Other \$ _____ a month.

Please send me information on WRC's electronic giving system.

Please return this slip in the enclosed envelope with your check made payable to "Women's Resource Clinic".

You will receive a tax-deductible receipt for your donation.

May God bless you as you help us share His Love.

What a privilege to be a part of God's plan for saving Suzy's baby from death! Even as the Lord spoke to Joseph and told him to flee with Mary and the baby to Egypt as King Herod sought the baby Jesus to kill Him, so too the Lord speaks through the Clinic to many women like Suzy encouraging and helping them to flee abortion and find the safety of God's purpose for the mother and her baby.

For more than 25 years Women's Resource Clinic has been the voice of God to women like Suzy in Chico proclaiming the sanctity of that precious life they carry. Imagine Chico for the last 25 years without the Women's Resource Clinic. Who among us would not be here?

At the Women's Resource Clinic, we are giving much thanks and are full of hope as we enter this Christmas season because of the Lord's great love for all of us no matter what our circumstances. We know the plans He has for us are good, both in this life as well as the life to come.

Here at Women's Resource Clinic we are giving thanks for you because you've shown us how much you care, through your prayers and generous financial support. We would not be here but for you. This is your Clinic, born of, and sustained by, your prayers and financial support.

I hope you will join me as I take in the manger scene and celebrate the miraculous birth of Jesus, our Lord and Savior, and be reminded of the blessed hope that our Savior offers to every woman with an unplanned pregnancy.

I hope you will pray for this ministry as you consider your yearend giving. Your gifts at this time of the year does make a big difference.

Many blessings to you and your loved ones this Christmas season!

Serving with you,

Brenda

ASLEEP IN JESUS

CAROL JOYCE NELSON



DECEMBER 20, 1935 - OCTOBER 26, 2021

BIGELOW EVANS "BUD" URICH



OCTOBER 1, 1927 - NOVEMBER 2, 2021

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY

ETIQUETTE FOR HOSPITAL VISITS

As visitations are more readily permitted, we remember that there are things we should remember. Guidelines from the hospital may vary from time to time so be aware.

1. Make your visit brief. (10-15 minutes may be all a patient has energy for)
2. Be sensitive to reason patient is in the hospital and try to not "over visit" a patient and if possible get guidance from family.
3. As Christians, we bring Christ's love to fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Avoid talking about someone else who went through same procedure and what complications they had. BE CHEERFUL!
4. How is your own health? Never visit someone if you don't feel well.
5. Gift guidelines - If flowers are your idea, be certain patient is not allergic. When allowed, bring them in a vase; preferably a disposal type.
6. Avoid bringing food gifts to hospital. Many are on restricted diets.
7. Balloons are fun but only latex-free type like mylar should be gifted.
8. Cards are a simple and wonderful gift. They are a way of letting the person know they are thought of and prayed for. Mail them to their home as hospital stay length varies.

Mercy servants now number ten. They visit members as well as non-members. Please pray

for all of them.

Blood donations are always needed. Appointments are to be made directly with VITALANT, 893-5433 or www.vitalant.org. Donors must be in good health, weigh at least 110# and be well hydrated. There is no upper age limit.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

The mite offerings you are contributing are helping to do the Lord's work...

Grant #10, which has ties close to home was funded. It was to bring God's word to the visually impaired in prison.

Lutheran Braille works receive requests from visually impaired inmates every week. The grant money in the amount of \$7,500 helps with start up costs of paper and equipment so that California, Nevada, and Hawaii congregations will be able to provide specialized printed Bibles for prisoners. The one CNH location that was doing this project burned down in Paradise Camp Fire.

Just recently, we learned that grants #11, 12, and 13 have also been funded. They are:

- ✚ Faith Connections for People with Disabilities
- ✚ Food Pantry of Bethlehem, Carson City, Nevada
- ✚ Support for Lutheran Family Services in Haiti

PRAISE BE TO GOD!

Thanks to all who are contributing to our mite box in the narthex!

DEAF YOUTH MINISTRY OF TEXAS

November 1, 2021

Dear friends at Redeemer Lutheran Church, Chico, California,

This is just a short "thank-you" for your faithful support of Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas. We really appreciate your support, both prayerful and financial. You are a true blessing to us. Next month I will be sending our "End-of-calendar-year" update, which will be better news than last year at this time. It's good to see the ministry growing again after the Covid mess!

Again, thank you and God bless you!



Pastor Mark Seeger
Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas

P.S. Please use our new Post Office box: ----->



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Thank you so much, Redeemer Lutheran and Rev. Jordan for your very generous and kind gift to LHF missions!! We are profoundly grateful! The Lord bless you all!! Rev. Heise

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Nov 28	29	30	Dec 1 12:00pm Advent Matins (Sanctuary)	2 9:30am Bible Class	3 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	4
5 Second Sunday in Advent 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH) 11:30am Usher Training	6 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	7	8 12:00pm Advent Matins (Sanctuary)	9 9:30am Bible Class	10 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	11
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26 First Sunday after Christmas - St. Steven, Martyr 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	27 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off St. John, Apostle & Evangelist	28 The Holy Innocents, Martyrs	29	30	31 Eve of the Circumcision and Name of Jesus - New Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 12:00pm New Year's Eve Matins (Sanctuary) 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	Jan 1, 22

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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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