

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA JANUARY 2022 Vol. 36 No. 1

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

PANDEMIC MADNESS, HAVE NO FEAR

There are many things that are coming together to cause much anxiety, worry, confusion, and fear among many people, including Christians. Lies, falsehood, human opinions are all things that the devil uses to deceive people, and especially believers in Christ.

God's children need to distinguish truth from lies all the time. Sickness is real as result of original sin and we need to pray for those who are sick and to be considerate of all people. But, this is not the worst pandemic that has plagued the world.

There have been unwarranted lockdowns and closures, with extreme government overreach into practically all areas of life.

"Flatten the curve." "Two weeks of stay-at-home." "Masking is not vital." "Save the masks for medical personnel." "Masks are helpful." "Masks are mandatory." "Vaccines are required." These are a few statements leaders have made.

Unfortunately, with so much confusion and contradictory information, credibility is lost.

So many are enduring a sense of panic, dread, fear, horror, and now our President tells us we will endure a "winter of death."

People have lost and will lose their jobs over mandates. Schools and education have been drastically affected. Church attendance is down. In so many ways we are living in a delusional world. Fear is making people submit and they are now made to feel guilty. Many live in isolation and feel bullied by edicts from above. Guidance changes weekly and sometimes daily.

When we look at this sensibly we know there is a 98% survival rate for the virus. There is some protection afforded by good medical practices and



interventions. Consult your physician and determine a proper approach to disease and health.

Above all, Christ Jesus, who is the way and the truth fills us with the truth of God's promises in the Gospel. St. Luke, in his opening chapters, tells us what the world was like when Jesus came, and it was very corrupt in the government and in

the church. The same is true today. Power, money, corruption, control, and a drift from God affect both church and state. What we need today is clarity and facts, not opinions and lies.

God always wins, despite all circumstances. Christ Jesus lived, died, and rose for us and our salvation. We need Christ and His Gospel. We need to come to Divine Service and to receive his body and blood. We need to gather with our brothers and sisters each Lord's Day. We need to live in the truth of the Bible and its study.

"There is no fear in love; but perfect love casts our fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love." I John 4:18

Thanks be to God that you and I do not need to be afraid and live in fear. God is not out to get you and the world cannot destroy you. You are baptized. You are justified. You are saved. You are forgiven. You are God's child. He has so loved you in Christ. Meditate and think on these things.

Christian meditation focuses on Christ and His Word. It starts with Jesus and ends with Him. He is the be-all and end-all of Christian meditation and determines what happens in it. His Word brings life and light, comfort and health to our soul. We who belong to Him meditate on Him.

Pastor Jordan



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

01 LINDA ALLEN
 02 REV. DONALD JORDAN
 03 MARY SIEMENS
 10 OLIVER FIORILLO
 10 DAVID SWEET
 14 ANDREW JORDAN
 14 BRI LOFINK
 17 SVETLANA SMITH
 18 CAROLYN MARTIN
 20 LINDA ROWE
 30 TODD THOMPSON
 30 RHONDA WERNER



JANUARY BAPTISMS

01 LINDA ROWE
 08 CAROLYN FIORILLO
 14 JERRY BRANDT
 14 ELLA MIRAMONTES
 14 KYLA MIRAMONTES
 14 NICHOLAS MIRAMONTES
 14 BRANDON SIEMENS
 18 ELEANORE BINGEN
 19 DIANE SCOTT
 25 IRENE BEVERS
 25 HENRY DeGARMO

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ACOLYTE:

AARON ASHWORTH

ALTAR GUILD:

CAROLYN FIORILLO

LORI JORDAN

LINDA REAN

LOUISE URNESS

ELDER OF THE MONTH

JAY ERWIN

USHERS:

TBD

COUNTER:

PAT LILLIE

DRIVERS:

JAY ERWIN

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Thursday Bible Study
 9:30 a.m.
 Resume January 13
 Book of Revelation



Submission Deadline for

**February
 Redeemer Review**

January 20

Email submissions to:
redemerchicooffice@gmail.com

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HOMEBOUND



Altar flower sponsors are needed weekly.

Eternal Candle sponsors needed monthly
\$15

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



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



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.

William Baving
1200 Springfield #316
Chico, CA 95928

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1901 Dayton Rd #176
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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.



REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2021 - November 31, 2021

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$160,045.82
EXPENSES:	\$174,406.67
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$ -14,360.85
FACILITY RENT INCOME	250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$ -14,010.85
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>36,532.42</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 22,521.57

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

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.

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1. Open the Amazon app on your phone.
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4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

To date, Redeemer has received \$331.92

MERCY/HEALTH MINISTRY



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.

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

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



TECHNOLOGY



Technology and Music Therapy

“Next to the Word of God, music deserves the highest praise. The gift of language combined with the gift of song was given to man that he should proclaim the Word of God through Music.” Martin Luther

The above quote may be familiar at least in some part. If you have ever sung in a church choir chances are the choir director may have used this quote in reference to the importance of singing in the choir. You may have heard your pastor reference this a time or two.

The history of music as therapy can be seen in early Egyptian writings as well as in other cultures. In scripture we have reference to the use of music:

1 Samuel 16:14-16, 21-23: “It’s an evil spirit from God that’s frightening you,” Saul’s officials told him. ‘Your Majesty, let us go and look for someone who is good at playing the harp. He can play for you whenever the evil spirit from God bothers you, and you’ll feel better.’ ... David went to Saul and started working for him. Saul liked him so much that he put David in charge of carrying his weapons. Not long after this, Saul sent another message to Jesse: ‘I really like David. Please let him stay with me.’ Whenever the evil spirit from God bothered Saul, David would play his harp. Saul would relax and feel better, and the evil spirit would go away.

Modern Music Therapy can be found referenced in the 18th century. Medically (aside from mothers singing to soothe their children) music therapy references can be found after WWI to soothe the pain of injured soldiers.

Today’s technology has been used to rapidly advance the use of music as therapy. Go to YouTube and type in music therapy and you will find a wealth of articles on the subject and the discipline of becoming a music therapist.

As we focus on using technology in a godly way music therapy certainly offers avenues that can supplement medical treatment: using music for pain management, helping in various types of physical therapy, emotional issues, stress management and so much more.

In our current cultural anxiety creating our own space for music therapy might be worth considering. Look at your calendar and block out a time to listen to something like Lutheran Public Radio. You can download the LPR app to your devices. There is also the app “TuneIn” for free internet radio.

Whether you listen to choral music or instrumental, finding music that is based on the Word of God and building this into your day as a set-apart block of time will yield dividends in stress relief. It can be as little as five minutes to make a difference. You can also use this music as background music for some of your tasks.

Remember not all music reduces stress; some music is designed to energize. Some music is used to incite unwanted emotions so pay attention to the words.

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)

“A picture is worth a thousand words.” Many have grown up hearing this said to us. However, in today’s digital world we often forget real paper and print. Children though are not born “digital” but learn it from watching us. Their first need is still for image.

With the wearing of masks young children are not getting the visual input that they need and we need to work at counteracting this difficulty. While this is not exhaustive here are a few suggestions:

Print out pictures of family and friends without masks (and hopefully smiling) and put them on the refrigerator. For younger children make these large enough and place them low enough so your children can easily see them.

Read books that have illustrations showing various emotions on people.

Play games at home where family members are asked to “make a happy face, sad face, silly face, concentrating face, laughing face, etc.”

If possible, congregate with family and friends where safety is not an issue and encourage communication where the children are involved and can see normal facial expressions.

Another suggestion that is not digital is to have a family calendar with very large squares for each date. Get a different colored marker for each person in the family. The object is for each member of the family to write their activities in their own color whether these are appointments or activities. That way if you are looking for a time to plan a family activity you can see at a glance where there is non-scheduled time. Yes, you can do this on a digital calendar but for younger children seeing the colors helps them and it is readily available to them without waiting for somebody to open an application.

Then make a game of “find a day on the calendar where there are no appointments or activities.” With this calendar posted in a prominent location everyone in the family has a quick visual available to them. This is also a very easy way to teach the need for family communication: if you want everybody to go to your soccer game, school activity, etc., you must write it on the calendar in your color. It doesn’t take more than once or twice for disappointment to teach the need for each family member to be diligent in adding to the calendar.

Make 2022 a year of better family communication whether or not we are mandated to wear masks.

A LAYMAN'S PERSPECTIVE

LUTHERANISM 101: CLOSED COMMUNION

In November's newsletter I talked about the biblical history of communion and the themes related to priests. This month I'd like to talk about why it's important to make communion an exclusive sacrament open only to those who share the same confession as the LCMS church.

During the first centuries of the early Church, Judaizers, Gnostics and Arians were some of the first heretical movements to attack the core theology of the Christian faith much like Zionism (including the Noahide Laws) and Moralistic Deism are heretical today. To prevent heretics from communing with the church, it was important that when traveling, Christians would need to bring a document signed by their local bishop certifying their confession was true so they could partake in communion. In the beginning, everyone was under one confession of faith. We often talk about the unity of the **holy, catholic, and apostolic church** and this was true in the beginning. Anyone who believes in the Trinitarian God is by definition a part of this catholic church. However, there are many Christian denominations that are a part of the church that are not in unity regarding the Sacrament of the Altar. Because of this, Lutherans believe it's in everyone's interest to ensure unity (or the catholicity) of their confession just like the church first started.

Why is this so important? Let's look at what Scripture has to say on this topic:

“²⁷Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty concerning the body and blood of the Lord. ²⁸Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. ²⁹For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself. ³⁰That is why many of you are weak and ill, and some have died.” - 1 Corinthians 11:27-30 (ESV)

Because Lutherans take this passage seriously, we know that receiving communion without fully understanding what you are receiving can have bad consequences. This is why confessional Lutherans do not take communion anywhere that does not share the same confession as their home church. In the same way, confessional Lutheran pastors would not allow just anyone to take communion without knowing what their beliefs are on this sacrament. After all, the word “communion” means to be in unity with other people in their beliefs and feelings.

Despite all Christians being in the one holy, catholic, and apostolic church, there is disunity with the sacraments and as such, closed communion is a stumbling block for some who do not understand the sanctity of this sacrament. Jesus is also a stumbling block - and a necessary one - so if we remove closed communion, we remove Jesus himself.

2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

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

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- 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.

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LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

CIRCUMCISION AND NAME OF JESUS

(1 January 2022)
Numbers 6:22–27
Galatians 3:23–29
Luke 2:21

Jesus Blesses Us with His Name and Saves Us with His Blood

Our newborn God keeps the Law for us and brings Abraham's promises to their fulfillment when He is circumcised. It is there that the name above all names is "bestowed on him" (Phil. 2:9), "the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb": Jesus, which means "the Lord saves" (Luke 2:21). He sheds the first drops of His precious blood in accordance with this name and in anticipation of His cross, "for he will save his people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). The law's captivity gives way to the freedom of faith in Christ Jesus, who cuts a new covenant in His blood to be received by faith, whether male or female, Jew or Greek (Gal. 3:23–28). His name is given to us in Holy Baptism, and we are made sons of God and "heirs according to promise," true offspring of Abraham by faith (Gal. 3:29). Eight days after the celebration of our Lord's birth, a new "Year of our Lord" is begun in Jesus' holy name and with His benediction. Jesus is the Lord, and by this name we are blessed (Num. 6:22–27).

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

(2 January 2022)
1 Kings 3:4–15
Ephesians 1:3–14
Luke 2:40–52

The Lord Jesus Is Found in the Temple of His Church

The Lord Jesus "grew and became strong" (Luke 2:40); He "increased in wisdom and in stature and in favor with God and man" (Luke 2:52). As His body grew and developed, His mind also increased in knowledge and understanding. For as our brother in the flesh, that we might "have redemption through his blood" (Eph. 1:7), He lived by faith in the Word of His Father. Thus, He was catechized by His parents, who took Him up "to Jerusalem every year at the Feast of the Passover" (Luke 2:41); when He was of age, He gave attention to the Holy Scriptures in His Father's house (Luke 2:46, 49). Christ Jesus is still found in His Church, in "the word of truth, the gospel," by which we are adopted by His Father and sealed with His Spirit (Eph. 1:5, 13). Thus do we gain "an understanding mind" to go about our vocations, discerning "between good and evil" (1 Kings 3:9).

And so do we also go up to Jerusalem, to stand "before the ark of the covenant of the Lord" (1 Kings 3:15), that is, in the Holy Communion of His body and blood.

THE EPIPHANY OF OUR LORD

(6 January 2022)
Isaiah 60:1–6
Ephesians 3:1–12
Matthew 2:1–12

The Lord God Is Manifested in the Incarnate Son

The Feast of the Epiphany centers in the visit of the Magi from the East. In that respect, it is a "Thirteenth Day" of Christmas; yet, it also marks the beginning of a new liturgical season. While Christmas has focused on the incarnation of our Lord — that is, on God becoming flesh — the season of Epiphany emphasizes the manifestation or self-revelation of God in that same flesh of Christ. The Lord Himself has entered our darkness and rises upon us with the brightness of His true light (Is. 60:1–2). He does so chiefly by His Word of the Gospel, which He causes to be preached within His Church on earth — not only to the Jews but also to Gentiles (Eph. 3:8–10). As the Magi were guided by the promises of Holy Scripture to find and worship the Christ Child with His mother in the house (Matt. 2:5–11), so does He call disciples from all nations by the preaching of His Word to find and worship Him within His Church (Is. 60:3–6). With gold, they confess His royalty; with incense, His deity; and with myrrh, His priestly sacrifice (Matt. 2:11).

THE BAPTISM OF OUR LORD / FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(9 January 2022)
Isaiah 43:1–7
Romans 6:1–11
Luke 3:15–22

The Triune God Opens Heaven to You in Holy Baptism

The Baptism of our Lord is an "Epiphany" of the one true God in the flesh and blood of Jesus Christ. In divine mercy, He takes His place with sinners and takes their sin upon Himself. "When all the people were baptized," Jesus submitted Himself to a Baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins (Luke 3:21). He had no sins of His own, but He took the sins of the world upon Himself and so was baptized into His own death. Therefore, "when you pass through the waters," He is with you (Is. 43:2). He created you for His glory, and He has redeemed you with His blood, that you may be His own and live with Him in His

kingdom (Is. 43:1, 7). As you are baptized with a Baptism like His, so also are you united with Him in His death and resurrection that you “might walk in newness of life” (Rom. 6:4). For all who are baptized into Christ Jesus receive His anointing of the Holy Spirit and are named by His Father as beloved and well-pleasing sons and daughters.

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(16 January 2022)

Isaiah 62:1–5

1 Corinthians 12:1–11

John 2:1–11

The Divine Glory Is Manifested in the Signs of Christ

When Jesus turned water into wine at the wedding in Cana, it was “the first of his signs” by which He “manifested his glory” (John 2:11). It pointed to His coming “hour,” when He was lifted up on the cross for the forgiveness of sins and the life of the world (John 2:4; 12:23–32). The glory of the cross is incomprehensible apart from the Word and Spirit of God, but disciples of Jesus recognize that glory in the signs of His Gospel, and so they believe in Him. Jesus does not wait for His disciples to discover Him on their own, but He seeks out the forsaken and the desolate and unites them to Himself. He adorns them with His own beautiful righteousness and delights in them “as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride” (Is. 62:4–5). Purified by the washing of water with His Word in Holy Baptism, His disciples confess that “Jesus is Lord,” and they return thanks to Him “in the Holy Spirit” (1 Cor. 12:3) as they drink the good wine that He pours out for them, which is the new testament in His blood.

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(23 January 2022)

Nehemiah 8:1–3, 5–6, 8–10

1 Corinthians 12:12–31a

Luke 4:16–30

The Lord Is Manifested as Our Savior through the Preaching of the Gospel

When Jesus opens His mouth to preach, gracious words flow from His lips. The Scriptures are, indeed, fulfilled in your hearing (Luke 4:21–22). For Christ was anointed by the Spirit of the Lord “to proclaim good news to the poor,” “to proclaim liberty to the captives” and “to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor” (Luke 4:18–19). By this proclamation, Christ releases His people from captivity and gathers them to Himself in His Church. So it was when the Lord released His people from Babylon and returned them to Jerusalem. “Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people,” sanctified the whole

congregation by the reading and preaching of the Law (Neh. 8:8–9). As the people then were urged to “eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions to anyone who has nothing ready” (Neh. 8:10), so are you anointed by the Spirit of the Lord Jesus Christ to share in His feast and to serve the fellow members of His Body with His good gifts, “giving greater honor to the part that lacked it” (1 Cor. 12:12, 24).

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

(30 January 2022)

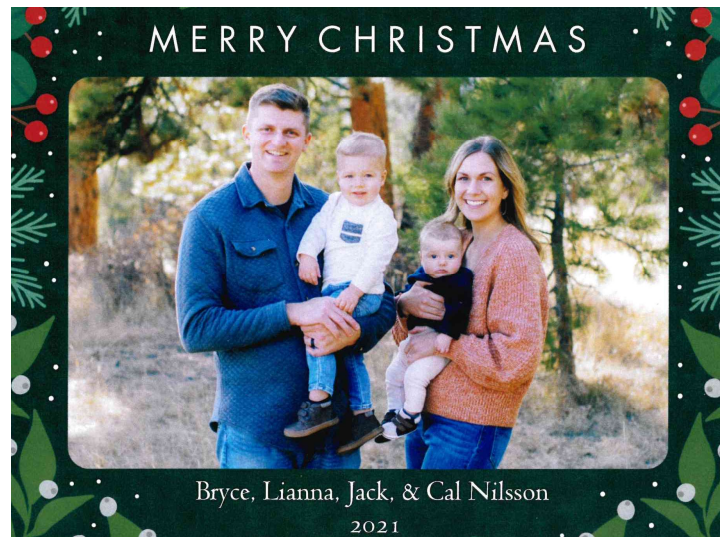
Jeremiah 1:4–10 (17–19)

1 Corinthians 12:31b–13:13

Luke 4:31–44

Jesus Has Authority to Forgive Your Sins and Give You Life

Jesus was sent to “preach the good news of the kingdom of God” (Luke 4:43). His preaching is an epiphany, or manifestation, of God because His Word reveals the authority of His cross and resurrection, by which He has atoned for the sins of the world. By the preaching of His Gospel in every place, He silences the unclean spirits and casts out demons, heals the diseases of body and soul, and restores life and health to His creation (Luke 4:40–41). For the sake of His divine love, He is “patient and kind” toward us; He “bears all things,” “endures all things” and delivers up His body to save us (1 Cor. 13:3–4, 7). So also for the sake of His love, He calls and sends His prophets, as ministers of His Word, “to pluck up and to break down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant” (Jer. 1:10).



We welcomed our second son, Cal Olliver Nilsson,
on September 1st, 2021.
He weighed 8 lbs. 7 oz. and was 21 3/4 in. long.
Big brother Jack is in love!

1 JOHN 3

Christ laid down **His life** for us. **We love in deed and truth.**

Each year, more than 1 million children die from abortion in the U.S. It's a horrifying number, and one that **thousands of Lutherans are seeking to change this** through their support of pro-life efforts — both big and small — in their communities.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod's (LCMS) Life Ministry comes alongside Lutherans who are passionate about and engaged in sanctity-of-life efforts by providing networking opportunities and resources. As Lutherans, we speak for human life by witnessing to our Lord's creation of life and His design for marriage and the family, and by advocating for the God-given value of all human life — from conception to natural death.

In December 2021, the LCMS announced the **Million Dollar Life Match**, an exciting new matching grant opportunity to help LCMS congregations provide spiritual, emotional and physical care to strengthen families in communities across the United States. As the name suggests, this program offers a total of \$1 million in matching grants to LCMS congregations in 2022 and 2023.

Begin thinking about how your congregation can start or expand its pro-life efforts. More details will be available soon at lcms.org/life-grant.



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December 2021 - End of year report

Dear friends of Deaf Youth Ministry of Texas,

It's hard to believe that another year is over and it's time for our semi-annual report. When the school year ended in May, our numbers showed the smallest attendances since 2001, our first year. We only had a total of 79 deaf youth for that school year. I know that most ministries, deaf or hearing, would be thrilled with that many youth, but since we were used to having between 200-300 during the year, it made 79 seem small. So far this school year, we have had 105 in our four classes - Elementary, Middle School, High School and College Age, so things are looking up. Out of those 105 students, 53 are returning and 52 are new this year. It's always good to see new kids show up with the returning students. This year has also brought more volunteers to help with our programs, so that is also good.

For the past two summers, we were unable to have the Deaf Youth Service trips because of the uncertainty of Covid. We are planning one for Summer of 2022 and we pray that we will be able to do it. Our plans are to do service projects in St. Louis.

The t-shirts that we are giving out this year say,
"Let everything you do be done in love"
1 Corinthians 16:14, with our logo on the back.

Because of Covid, we still aren't able to provide home baked cakes and brownies to the students, like we had done for the years prior to Covid. Now everything has to be store bought, pre-packaged snacks. No more giving the kids their favorite cakes on their birthdays. Maybe next year.

Thank you for all you have done to support this ministry. We truly appreciate it.

May God bless you and yours during this Christmas season and all through the year!

In Christ,

Rev. Mark Seeger



MISSIONS - REV. DANIEL CONRAD, MEXICO

November 17, 2021

Dear Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Grace and peace to you of you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We pray that all of you have a blessed Thanksgiving celebration. The Psalmist exhorts us: "Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endureth forever." Accordingly let us give thanks to the Lord during this Thanksgiving holiday and during every day of our lives for the blessings that He has bestowed upon us.

We are presently in the United States as Dan is undergoing some medical tests for an eye problem. The doctors have run several tests, but they have not figured out the problem yet. Remember Dan in your prayers as the specialists run more tests try to find out what is causing his vision problem. It is our prayer that we can get his problem resolved and return to Mexico as soon as possible.

Ana is now enrolled in a technical college in the Detroit area and is studying to be a medical assistant. The program takes one year to complete. Between her work and school schedule Ana is keeping very busy.

The Lutheran Synod of Mexico will be holding its national convention during the first week of December. This event will take place in Mexico City. The annual conventions of the previous two years had to be cancelled due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Consequently, the convention will have many points for discussion on its agenda. We pray for the pastors and delegates who will be traveling from all parts of Mexico to attend this event.

The preaching of the Gospel in Mexico continues to march forward. National pastor Benjamin Quezada who serves at Iglesia Luterana San Pedro, in Mexico City has recently begun a new catechism course for some future members. The COVID restrictions in Mexico City have been lifted. As a result, the Sunday worship service attendance in the local congregations is getting back to normal.

Pastor Luis Moreno, who serves at a mission congregation in Rio Bravo, Mexico, is undergoing surgery to remove a brain tumor. The surgical procedure will take place in Monterrey, Mexico. Please remember Pastor Luis in your prayers during this time.

Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of Pastor Benjamin Quezada and Neftali Garcia. In this photo they are distributing communion at the mission congregation in Chiapas, Mexico. (The state of Chiapas shares the border with Guatemala) Your support provides materials and books for Benjamin and Neftali as they continue their pastoral formation.

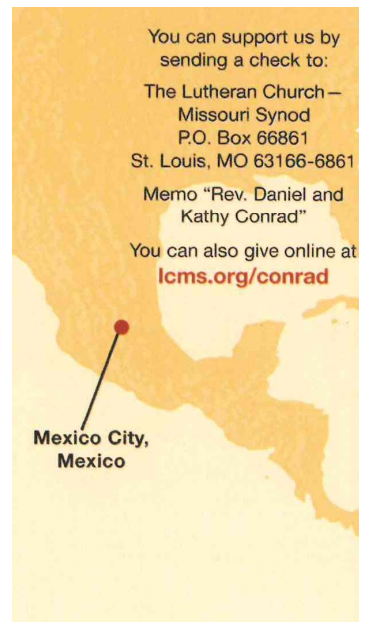
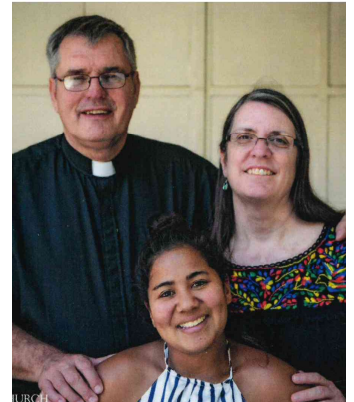
Thank you again for your support and prayers. May the Lord bless your Thanksgiving, Advent, Christmas, and New Year's celebrations abundantly!

"To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen." (Revelation 1:5,6)

In Christ,

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Birthdays

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

Wedding Anniversary

May 13

Home District

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.

REDEEMER IMPROVEMENTS



A purchased solar system was installed, which will eliminate our electric bill. This was funded from the memorial fund.

Turf was removed on the Moss Avenue side of the church and was replaced with landscape rock. This was funded from the facility maintenance fund.



Luxury vinyl planking was installed in the office and Pastor's study to replace the worn carpeting. This will result in a better appearance, many years of durability, and less maintenance. This was funded from the facility maintenance fund.

Top picture is the solar array on top of the Parish Hall. Pictured above: Karl Jordan, Tim Kressin, Keith Siemens, and Galen Johnson, placing lava rock.



Above is Pastor's study and at left is office manager, Jackie Vieira's office, showing the new flooring.



January 2022

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
Dec 26	27	28	29	30	31	Jan 1, 22
2 J. K. Wilhelm Loehle, Pastor Second Sunday after 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service - 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	3 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	4	5	6 The Epiphany of Our Lord 12:00pm Epiphany Matins	7 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	8
9 The Baptism of Our Lord 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	10 Basil the Great of Caesarea, Gregory of Nazianzus, and Gregory of Nyssa, Pastors Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	11	12 8:00am Life Line Screening	13 9:30am Bible Class	14 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	15
16 Second Sunday after the 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH) 11:30am Board of Elders (FR)	17 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	18	19 Sarah	20 Newsletter Deadline 9:30am Bible Class	21 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	22
23 Third Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	24 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	25	26	27 John Chrysostom, Preacher 9:30am Bible Class	28 Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	29
30 Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	31 Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	Feb 1	2	3	4	5

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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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