

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA MAY 2022 Vol. 36 No. 5

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

EASTER IS IMPOSSIBLE

Several months ago, we celebrated the birth of Jesus Christ at Christmas time. We are quick to point out the true meaning of Christmas for all to know. But, the birth of Jesus in Bethlehem doesn't really cause a stir or commotion unless you indicate he was born of a virgin, which is impossible, and that He was God in the flesh, a doctrine disputed and rejected by many.

Now, we celebrate Easter and it is one of the greatest celebrations of the year. Our church was full of people and typically we will not have that many attend again until Christmas, perhaps.

Easter is noticed by those inside and outside the church. It is noted by believers and unbelievers. Nobody can escape the impact of Easter, which is worthy of our time, attention, and joy.

Every single Sunday points to Easter and reflects upon the great truth of the resurrection of Jesus from the dead. This is the pinnacle of our faith because everything is dependent upon the resurrection of Jesus. If he is not risen, then everything we believe in is false and not reliable. If he is still dead, we have no forgiveness of sins, no hope of eternal life, and no certainty in life and in death. If he is still dead, then there is no God to pray to and no God to help you in life.

From ancient times Christians would greet one another as they went about their days. During their daily lives, struggles and heartaches, they would greet one another with this confident acclamation of a reality that is grounded in the past, present, and future. Amid struggles, sickness, and death Christians would greet one another in this manner. It is a strong and defiant proclamation to a world trapped in death, decay, and darkness.

But this confident confession has often grown cold and distant in our lives. Most commonly Christians only speak of believing in the Lord and then being in heaven with Jesus after they die. But what has become of the hope of the resurrection on the last Day when Jesus returns? Have you and I forgotten about the resurrection of the dead?

But we must not lose sight of the resurrection of all people on the last day. We can so easily just fill our



lives with this and that before we get on to the good stuff, when we shed our flesh and live in heaven. Death then becomes our friend. It affects our confession of sin as well. Sin is viewed as a system error that can only be corrected by dying and going to heaven. And then the connection between your failings and the suffering of Jesus on the cross isn't so clear. Sadly, even Easter becomes an afterthought.

If there is no resurrection, then we are to be pitied. (I Corinthians 15:16-19). Without the resurrection of our Lord everything comes apart, everything is vain and empty, and life has no meaning. But if he is raised then the promises of God hold true for you and you will be raised.

The church today proclaims the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, rooted in the Son of God, God in the flesh, who lived, suffered, died, buried, and raised from the dead for us and our salvation.

Christ earned forgiveness of sins and now distributes it to you and applies it to you in body and soul. The resurrection is the key to it all. You are creatures of God and his love will not have you waste away in the grave. You have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus (Romans 6). As Jesus lives so you will live. You will dwell one day in the new creation with resurrected bodies.

This fills your life with meaning now as you live out your vocation in Christ, as you care for loved ones, family, and friends. People struggle each day in this broken world in so many ways, but life is not meaningless. These bodies that ache and suffer will be raised from the dead.

Easter hope is yours in Christ. You and I can confess and speak about the hope that we have in Jesus, not rooted in feelings, emotions, or wishes but in the reality that the tomb is empty. Jesus did what you could never do. And now you get to live in that forgiveness of Christ and extend it to one another.

Easter is impossible. Everything is impossible with man, but not with God.

Do not give an inch. Be bold. Be courageous in the resurrection of Jesus and in your coming resurrection.

Pastor Jordan



MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 06 ANDREW WEINREICH
- 07 HILDE JOHNSON
- 13 KEITH SIEMENS
- 15 JUDY EVANS
- 15 LINDA REAN
- 16 LORI JORDAN
- 22 DOROTHY MASON
- 29 KURT JORDAN



MAY BAPTISMS

- 03 SHIRLEY WILSON
- 04 LINDA SWEET
- 08 R. J. JOKSCH
- 10 JOHN THOMASON
- 12 LA VERA HANSEN
- 20 DONNA RAMEY
- 20 MARY SIEMENS
- 20 SVETLANA LITVINENKO
- 22 HILDE JOHNSON
- 22 NEALE SIVESIND
- 23 CAROL WHIPPLE
- 27 KARL WEINREICH, III
- 28 FINNELLY WEINREICH

MAY SERVANTS

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AARON ASHWORTH
- ALTAR GUILD:
CAROLYN FIORILLO
LORI JORDAN
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- ELDER OF THE MONTH
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- USHER:
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- COUNTER:
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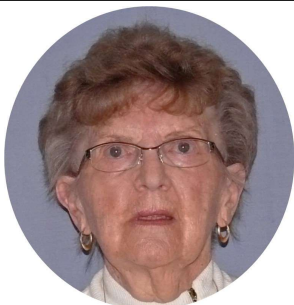


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| TIM WENSLAFF: | DeGarmo - Holderbein |
| JAY ERWIN: | Hunt - May |
| MATTHEW THOMASON: | McCann - Schukei |
| ROBERT ENGELKEN: | Scott - Thompson |
| DARYL SMITH: | Thorson - Ziegler |

ASLEEP IN JESUS



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MAY 30, 1929 - APRIL 1, 2022

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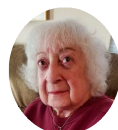


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YOUR PHOTOS ARE NEEDED



Submit current photos
of yourself or family for the directory to the
office manager, at
redemerchicooffice@gmail.com.

Or come by during office hours and
Jackie will be happy to take your picture.

*"If Christ is risen, nothing
else matters. And if Christ
is not—nothing else
matters,"*
—Jaroslav Pelikan

HAND-CARVED PROCESSIONAL CROSS

You will notice our new processional crucifix. The corpus (body) was hand carved in Oberammergau, Germany by Robert Eder. The cross was crafted by Pastor Mark Mumme, Trinity Lutheran Church (LCMS) Riverton, Wyoming. This is a gift given to the church for the glory of God alone. God did not spare His only Son, but delivered Him up for us all that He might bear our sins on the cross. May our eyes always behold our Savior and His cross, that we may not fear the power of any adversaries but rather rejoice in His victory for us.



“FOR I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified” (1 Cor 2:2).



Paul Eder (deceased), Robert Eder, Woodcarver

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

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

Higher Things:

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

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www.l.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

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



LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUE, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

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THE LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

**175th
Anniversary**

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) believes, teaches and confesses faith in Jesus Christ as taught in the Scriptures and Lutheran Confessions. For 175 years, the

Holy Spirit has kept us in the one true faith and still continues to gather sinners into the Holy Christian Church by grace through faith — all on account of Christ. As we give thanks for our Synod's founding on April 26, 1847, we rejoice in the 175th anniversary theme, “Only Jesus: No Other Name,” based on Acts 4:12. Until Jesus comes, the LCMS will continue to trust in, teach and preach Jesus Christ and Him crucified.



TECHNOLOGY



Technology daily...

Last month we looked at the site “Bible Gateway” as a means for redeeming your time and as a means for encouragement. This month we are going to look at a site that goes in a similar but different direction. This site is PrayNow from Concordia Publishing House and is available on both Android and Apple platforms. While it is not a free app it is certainly worth considering.



If you have used “*The Treasury of Daily Prayer*” in the past you will find that the transition to this digital version will be easy. From Amazon’s description: Pray Now provides you with the following:

- Complete texts for each day:
 - A reading from the Psalms
 - An Old Testament reading
 - A New Testament reading
 - A selection from a writing by a church father
 - A hymn stanza
 - A prayer for the day
 - Complete orders for daily prayer:
 - Matins
 - Vespers
 - Compline
 - Morning
 - Noon
 - Early Evening
 - Close of Day
 - Features the feasts, festivals, and commemorations of the Christian Church Year
 - The full text of the Psalms is available with, or without, chant notation
 - A full collection of prayers for the days of the week and for various aspects of your life in Christ
- Go to Concordia Publishing House/Devotions/Devotions and Prayer Books/PrayNow app for further investigation.
- This is most certainly a godly use of 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)

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God’s grace, so sure and certain that the believer would stake his life on it a thousand times.
—Martin Luther (AE 35:370)

Quotation was taken from the Introduction to *Luther’s Small Catechism for Kids*.

Martin Luther knew how important the systematic study of God’s word was to all and so in 1529 the *Small Catechism* was written. However, if you have children younger than the age at which your church has catechism classes, you can now use an edition, *Luther’s Small Catechism for Kids*, written for the 7-11 age range. This edition was published in 2021 using age-appropriate elementary language but is in no way a “watered-down” version of the catechism.

Luther’s Small Catechism for Kids is available at Concordia Publishing House or can be found as an ebook or ordered as a paperback copy at smile.amazon. Check it out to see if this might be a good addition to your library and incorporated into

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sunday School for children is 9:00-9:45 a.m.. All children and grandchildren are welcome. If you plan to have your child/children or grandchild/grandchildren attend, please call or text Lori Jordan at 530-520-8187 with ages by Saturday morning for planning purposes. Please let Diane Scott or Lori Jordan know if you are willing to help in any way.

2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$4,286, Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$4,286.
- 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.

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

Dear Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The Gospel lesson for the first Sunday of Lent describes the temptation of Jesus in the desert. (Luke 4:1-13) The devil did everything in his power to tempt the Lord. Yet Jesus defeated the devil with the power of the Word of God. The devil likewise tempts us with the worldly promises of fame and fortune. We can never defeat the devil through our own strength. We never fight our battle alone, however. The Lord is with us every step the way and He imparts his victory over Satan to all of us. When we are discouraged and tempted by the lures of the world, let us fix our eyes on Jesus and His victory over death and the devil. Thus, we will reign victorious.

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico we thank you for your financial support and prayers. Your gifts will provide books, learning materials, and courses for the present and present and future pastors, deacons, and deaconesses who will serve the Lord throughout Mexico.

During this month of March, intensive deaconess training sessions will take place in Mexicali and Matamoros. (Mexicali shares the border with Calexico, California and Matamoros shares the border with Brownsville, Texas respectively) These intensives will be team taught by missionary deaconess Danelle Putnam and national pastor Samuel Perez. Danelle serves as our Latin American regional deaconess coordinator. Samuel Perez serves as pastor of Iglesia Luterana San Juan in Mexicali, Mexico. We gave thanks for these two servants of the Lord. Let us also give thanks for the Mexican women who are in our deaconess training program.

Dan is presently in the states getting his eye problem checked out at the Kellogg eye center at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor. He underwent an angiogram examination, and we are waiting for the results. Please remember us in your prayers during this time.

From the 23rd until the 28th of May, El Seminario El Libertador in the Dominican Republic, will host a symposium for our Latin American pastors, congregational representatives, and missionaries. This symposium will provide orientation for the new Spanish language hymnal. This new hymnal is the culmination of several years of intense effort. We give thanks to God for all the people who worked on this project.

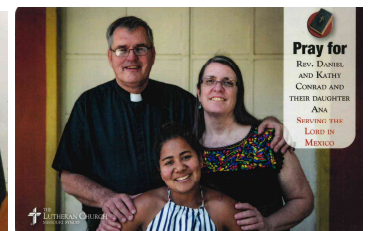
Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo that was taken five years ago of our vicars: Benjamin Quezada, Neftali Garcia, and Guillermo Leyva. These former vicars have since been ordained and now are serving parishes in Guadalajara and Mexico City. Your donations provided materials, courses, and mentoring for these young men that made their preparation for the pastoral office possible.

Thank you again for your support and prayers. May the Lord bless your Lenten worship!

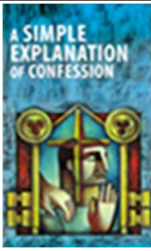
“Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.” (Hebrews 13:20,21)

In Christ,

Rev. Daniel, Kathy, & Ana Conrad
Rev. Daniel, Kathy, and Ana Conrad



NEW TOPICS BOOKLETS



See the tract track in the Parish Hall for a selection of new topics in the “A Simple Explanation of...”

Newest topics are: Church History, Christian Symbols, Prayer, Angels, Easter, Christmas, Bible, World Religions, and Confession.

Take, read, pass it on, and invite others to come and learn about the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

FROM THE CHURCH FATHERS

Nothing is more fleeting than the world and things of the world. When we hold onto the things of the world we lose them. We are changed through infancy, childhood, manhood, increasing and mature age, and the last years of old age... We run through these, and without knowing it we arrive at the borders of death.

—*St. Jerome on Amos 6*

FROM SEMINARIAN ANDREW ESMAY

My time here at the seminary has been productive this last year. This quarter I have been keeping busy with Homiletics, Liturgics, Lutheran Confessions, Greek Readings, and Fieldwork. Through these classes I have been given several amazing opportunities to write sermons, assist in Sunday services, study the Bible, and this Monday will get the chance to participate in the procession in chapel.

I'm currently working on writing the second sermon for Homiletics and look forward to presenting it to my professors.

The part of my week I most look forward to is helping at my fieldwork congregation at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Convoy, Ohio. I have been helping with confirmation classes on Wednesdays and often get to do the readings and assist with other parts of the service on Sunday.

I greatly appreciate all the prayers from all of you and thank you for the support this year which allowed me to come to seminary.

Yours in Christ, Andrew Esmay
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2022 - March 31, 2022

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$ 40,798.68
EXPENSES:	\$ <u>52,543.76</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-11,745.08
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 0.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-11,745.08
RETAINED EARNINGS	\$ <u>59,361.41</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 47,817.17



Sponsor altar flowers weekly and/or eternal candle (\$15) monthly



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

WORSHIP THAT WELCOMES CHILDREN

Even from their earliest years, children are models of faith for all of us. Jesus himself said so. Our worship format not only encourages families to be together, but is designed for active engagement and participation by all, including children. The sights and sounds of children are a great joy to us. Discover the blessing of worship with your children. A nursery and family room is provided if you may need it.

Children should be seen & heard especially in church

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, non-CRV, or paper waste.

Proceeds go to the Charity Fund.



LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

(1 May 2022)

Acts 9:1–22
Revelation 5:(1–7) 8–14
John 21:1–14 (15–19)

THE GOOD SHEPHERD FEEDS HIS LAMBS

“Worthy is the Lamb who was slain” (Rev. 5:12), who by His cross has conquered sin and death. With His blood, He has “ransomed people for God from every tribe and language and people and nation” (Rev. 5:9). This same Lord Jesus visits people of all nations and calls them to Himself by the Gospel, even as He “was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead” (John 21:14). He restored Simon Peter to faith and life, and He commissioned him to feed His lambs and tend His sheep (John 21:15–17). Likewise, He revealed Himself to Saul of Tarsus and brought him to repentance, so that the persecutor of Jesus might carry and confess His name “before the Gentiles and kings and the children of Israel” (Acts 9:15).

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(8 May 2022)

Acts 20:17–35
Revelation 7:9–17
John 10:22–30

THE GOOD SHEPHERD CARES FOR HIS SHEEP

Jesus Christ, the Son of God, came from the Father and became flesh among us in order to rescue us, His sheep. He laid down His life for us and took it up again in order to give us eternal life. By the preaching of His Gospel, He calls His sheep to Himself and keeps them with Him forever. As they hear His voice and follow Him, “they will never perish” (John 10:28), for “no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand” (John 10:29). In the same way, faithful pastors (literally, “shepherds”) “care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood” (Acts 20:28), “testifying both to Jews and to Greeks of repentance toward God and of faith in our Lord Jesus Christ” (Acts 20:21). Therefore, with all the company of heaven, the Good Shepherd gathers His flock in worship, as they cry: “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” (Rev. 7:10).

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(15 May 2022)

Acts 11:1–18
Revelation 21:1–7
John 16:12–22 or John 13:31–35

JESUS TURNS SORROW INTO JOY

On earth “you will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy” (John 16:20). Already the Spirit grants you peace and joy through the forgiveness of your sins. For by the cross of Christ, “God has granted repentance that leads to life” (Acts 11:18). His Gospel is “a message by which you will be saved, you and all your household” (Acts 11:14). He gives freely “from the spring of the water of life” (Rev. 21:6), “and death shall be no more” (Rev. 21:4). He dwells with His people, adorning His Church as a bride for her husband, “making all things new” (Rev. 21:5). Therefore, as the Son of Man is glorified by His cross, “and God is glorified in him” (John 13:31), so He is glorified in us by our “love for one another” (John 13:35), which His Spirit works in us by His grace.

SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(22 May 2022)

Acts 16:9–15
Revelation 21:9–14, 21–27
John 16:23–33 or John 5:1–9

WE PRAY TO THE FATHER IN JESUS’ NAME

“In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33). Jesus has opened the way to the Father so that “whatever you ask of the Father” in Jesus’ name, “he will give it to you” (John 16:23). We pray, therefore, in the confidence that we will be heard and answered, that our “joy may be full” (John 16:24). We pray because the Gospel has been preached to us and the Lord has opened our hearts to believe the Gospel (Acts 16:10, 14). We pray in the name of Jesus because we have been baptized into Him, as Lydia and her household were baptized (Acts 16:15). We have been healed, and we live and walk and pray in newness of life (John 5:8–9). For we stand upon the firm foundation “of the twelve apostles of the Lamb” (Rev. 21:14), and our temple is “the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb” (Rev. 21:22).

THE ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

(26 May 2022)

Acts 1:1–11
Ephesians 1:15–23
Luke 24:44–53

CHRIST ASCENDED IS WITH YOU ALWAYS

In His resurrection, the Lord Jesus presented Himself alive to the apostles, “appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God” (Acts 1:3). Then He ascended to the right hand of the Father, not orphaning His Church, but filling all things in heaven and on earth, and giving gifts to His disciples. So today, He continues to preach “repentance for the forgiveness of sins” (Luke 24:47) through “the apostles whom he had chosen” (Acts 1:2), even “to the end of the earth” (Acts 1:8). Jesus comes among us today by His Word and Spirit, whom He pours out upon “the church, which is his body” (Eph. 1:22–23). In His Church, He blesses us with forgiveness, lifts us up in His hands and seats us with Himself “in the heavenly places” (Eph. 1:20).

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

(29 May 2022)

Acts 1:12–26
Revelation 22:1–6 (7–11) 12–20
John 17:20–26

JESUS IS WITH US IN HIS HOLY CHRISTIAN CHURCH

On the night when He was betrayed, Jesus interceded for His Church — for His apostles and all who believe in Him through their word — that all of His disciples “may become perfectly one” in the Father and the Son (John 17:21–23). For Jesus became flesh and dwells among us in order to reveal the Father and His name, to share with us the glory of His righteousness, and to bring us to the Father in Himself. As the Father loved the Son from “before the foundation of the world” (John 17:24), so He loves the whole world (John 17:23, 26). Through the apostolic witness to the Baptism, cross and resurrection of Jesus (Acts 1:21–22), the Lord gathers His disciples throughout the world “with one accord” as one body in Christ (Acts 1:14). And so with one voice and by one Spirit, His Bride prays, “Come” (Rev. 22:17). And He comes to us. He gives us “the water of life without price” to wash our robes and quench our thirst (Rev. 22:17); He feeds us from “the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit” (Rev. 22:2).

FIRST QUARTER MISSION RECIPIENTS - FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, UKIAH

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April 12, 2022

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Dear Pastor Jordan
and all the saints of
Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Chico, CA,

The saints of Faith Lutheran church, Ukiah, CA are thankful and very appreciative of your most generous mission offering. These past years of COVID have created many difficulties in the personal lives of many of our small flock as we're sure the same is true within your congregation. Our mission church, however, never stopped providing a weekly communion of the Lord's Supper, regardless of the COVID levels, for all that were able to attend.

Your continued prayers for our assembly and this financial assistance will help us in our local outreach to continue to bring the Gospel message to our small community.

Pastor Robert Roberts had continued to assist us with his wisdom, experience, and guidance until he completed his supervision of our then Vicar Stuart Sultze: he remains a great friend and counsel.

*We offer a prayer of thanksgiving to our Father in heaven that it has been His will that our remnant is surviving to faithfully share His Gospel message and for the support for our church that He has sent to us through the Saints of Redeemer. In Jesus name,
Amen*

In Christ,



Walt Gabler
President
Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah

BOARD OF TRUSTEES

We have a number of projects completed and planned to be completed soon! Our focus has been maintenance of the Redeemer buildings and infrastructure, with work being done to replace rotting beams in the school buildings and seal coating the parking lot. New striping is in place so it will be easy to see! The trees on the property were trimmed back to keep clear of the buildings. Scheduled work includes repairing the sagging stained glass window in the main church building and replacing the carpet in the Fireside room and possibly the sacristies.

Please take a look at our “project board” in the church hallway at the mailbox across from Pastor’s office. These are the projects we have on our to-do list. If something looks interesting to you and you have some time, please let one of the Trustees know and we can set you up with some rewarding tasks! We have a need for grounds upkeep including mowing, weeding, edging, and pruning.

Bruce Holderbein, Board of Trustees



Trimmed trees



Dry rotted beam - before

Repaired dry rotted beams



Church roof steam cleaned



Parking resealed and striped



PLEASE DON'T SAY THESE SIX THINGS AT MY FUNERAL

I want the beginning of my funeral to be focused on Jesus, as well as the middle, the end, and every point in between.

There will come a day when the man in the coffin will be me. They say the dead don't care, but I'm not dead yet, so as long as I'm still alive, I'd like to have some say in what goes on at my funeral. And, truth be told, I think the dead do care. Not that they will be privy to the details of what happens at their own funerals, but they still care about the world, their family, and the church.

Because I do care now, and will care even after I'm with the Lord, here are some things I hope and pray are not said at my funeral. I care about those who will be there, about what they will hear. I want the truth to be spoken, the truth about sin, the truth about death, and, above all, the truth about the love of God in Jesus Christ.

So, please don't say...

1. ***He was a good man.*** Don't turn my funeral into a celebration of my moral resumé. For one thing, I don't have one. I'm guilty of far more immoral acts than moral ones. Secondly, even if I were the male equivalent of Mother Teresa, don't eulogize me. Talk about the goodness of the Spirit who calls, gathers, enlightens, sanctifies, and keeps us in the true faith. Talk about our good Father who's made us all His children in baptism. Talk about the good Husband that Christ is to His bride, the church. Don't say, "He was a good man," but "our good God loved this sinful man."

2. ***Chad...Chad...Chad.*** I don't want to be the focus of my own funeral. I was not the center of the liturgy on Sunday mornings, so why should it be any different during my funeral liturgy? If anyone's name comes up over and over, let it be the name of Jesus. He is the one who has conquered death. He is the one in whose arms I will have died. He is the one, the only one, who gives hope to the bereaved. Let me decrease that Christ may increase.

3. ***God now has another angel.*** Heaven is not going to de-humanize me. In fact, once I am resurrected on the last day, I will be more human than ever before, for my human soul and human body will finally be in a glorified state that's free of sin. People don't become angels in heaven any more than they become gods or trees or puppies. The creature we are now, we shall be forever. God has enough angels already. All He wants is more of His children in the place Jesus has won for them.

4. ***We are not here to mourn Chad's death, but to celebrate his life.*** So-called "Celebrations of Life" do a disservice to the mourners, for they deny or euphemize death. The gift of life cannot fully be

embraced if we disregard the reality of death, along with sin, its ultimate cause. Whatever the apparent reason for my decease may be—a sickness, accident, or old age—the real reason is because I was conceived and born in sin, and I built atop that sinful nature a mountain's worth of actual sins. The only person's life to celebrate at a funeral is the Savior conceived of the virgin Mary, who became our sin on the cursed tree that we might become His righteousness in the blessed font, who buried sin and death in the empty tomb He left behind on Easter morning.

5. ***Chad would not want us to weep.*** When Lazarus died, Jesus wept. Those tears betoken a God who's fully human, who experienced the sadness and grief we all do at the death of those we love. To cry is not to deny that our friend or family member is with the Lord, but to acknowledge that in this vale of tears there is still death, still loss, still suffering. I do want those who mourn my death to weep, not for my sake, but for their own, for it is an integral part of the healing process. But while they weep, let them remember that in the new heavens and new earth, God "shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain," (Revelation 21:4).

6. ***What's in that coffin is just the shell of Chad.*** What's in that coffin is the body that was fearfully and wonderfully made when our Father wove me together in my mother's womb (Psalm 139:13-14). What's in that coffin is the body that Jesus baptized into His own body to make me part of Him. What's in that coffin is the body that ate the saving body of Jesus, and drank His forgiving blood in the Supper, that I might consume the medicine of immortality. And what's in that coffin is the body that, when the last trumpet shall sound, will burst from my grave as a body glorified and ready to be reunited with my soul. My body is God's creation, an essential part of my identity as a human being. It is not a shell. It is God's gift to me. And one day I'll get it back, alive, restored, perfected to be like the resurrected body of Jesus.

Of course, there's always more that could be added to this list, but I believe these get the point across. I want the beginning of my funeral to be focused on Jesus, as well as the middle, the end, and every point in between. I care about those who will attend. Let them hear the good news, especially in the context of this sobering reminder of mortality, that neither death, nor life, nor anything else in all creation, can separate us from the love of God in Jesus Christ, our Lord, for He is the resurrection and the life.

Chad Bird, 1517. April 21, 2022

PREGNANCY RESOURCE CLINIC'S 2022 WALK FOR LIFE

Christ is risen. He is risen, indeed. Alleluia.

There were about 140 total walkers on a beautiful day. \$26,000 in donations was raised.

Pastor Jordan thanks sponsors of \$1,015. He won 2nd place for amount raised in the adult category.

Walkers included Daryl Smith, Jerry Olenyn, Pastor Jordan, Timothy Kressin, Aaron Ashworth, Paul Eagan, Kay Eagan, Xiao Wenslaff, Carolyn & Oliver Fiorillo.

Thank you to all who walked, pledged, prayed, and work on behalf of sacred life as we support the work of Women's Resource Clinic, Chico.



Timothy Kressin, Pastor Jordan, Xiao Wenslaff, Aaron Ashworth, Jerry Olenyn, Paul Eagan



Daryl Smith and Jerry Olenyn

EASTER BREAKFAST & THE FLOWERING OF THE CROSS



Linda Rean, Oliver Fiorillo, Lori Jordan, Carolyn Fiorillo, Julie McCann, Diane Scott



Jay Erwin



Carolyn & Oliver Fiorillo



Pastor & Lori Jordan, Karl Jordan, Bri French

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
May 1 St. Philip and St. James, Apostles Third Sunday of Easter 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	2 Athanasius of Alexandria, Pastor and Confessor 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	3	4 Friedrich Wymken, Pastor and Missionary	5 Frederick the Wise, Christian Ruler 9:30am Bible Class	6 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	7 C. F. W. Walther, Theologian
8 Fourth Sunday of Easter 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	9 Job 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	10	11 Cyril and Methodius, Missionaries to the Slavs	12 9:30am Bible Class	13 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	14
15 Fifth Sunday of Easter 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	16 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	17 4:00pm Butte County Scottish Society - D. Wilkinson. (PH)	18	19 9:30am Bible Class	20 Newsletter Deadline 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	21 Emperor Constantine, Christian Ruler, and Helena, Mother of Constantine 9:00am Board of Elders
22 Sixth Sunday of Easter 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	23 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	24 Esther	25 Bede the Venerable, Theologian	26 No Bible Class The Ascension of Our Lord 12:00pm Matins	27 8:00am Office Closed 8:30am Live Talk KXXX 2:00pm Live Talk KXXX	28
29 Seventh Sunday of Easter 8:45am SS/ABS (PH) 10:00am Divine Service 11:00am Fellowship (PH)	30 Memorial Day 8:00am Office Closed - Pastor's Day Off	31 The Visitation	Jun 1	2	3	4

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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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