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from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

THE GRATITUDE OF THE CHRISTIAN

Are you a grumbler and complainer, lamenting how bad things are in your life, church, community, and country? Many Christians find themselves continuously telling tales of woe and hardship, spreading this negativity to others around them. This is, of course, not to deny the place of lament in the Christian life, for many of the Psalms are indicative of sadness, perplexity, and depression.

The life of a Christian is actually very easy and there is nothing to complain about. You and I have received forgiveness of our sins by the person and work of Jesus Christ. He has done it all for us in his life, death, and resurrection. He paid the price. He gave his life for you, that you might be born again and have a place in his kingdom now and forever. You didn't do a thing. God did it all for you.

He baptized you. He caused you to be born again through the water and the word. He preached the gospel to you. He absolved you of your sins. He gives you His true body and blood for the forgiveness of sins. It's all a gift and for that you and I are eternally thankful.

We have a religion of gratitude to God. Nothing has been withheld in Christ.

All that remains for us to do is thank God. As God distributes his gifts to you and me daily, the gifts of body and soul, we find ourselves thankful and appreciative. We hope for no reward and we take no credit.

Our lives are now dedicated, sanctified, and consecrated for His glory and for the good of our neighbor. We are here not only to love God by



keeping his commandments, but also to love God by loving our neighbor as ourselves.

We express our gratitude by love and good works to all people, including our enemies. Your heart has been changed. You have been softened by the Holy Spirit. And now, the works that you do to others, are the works of God as he lives his life in and through you. You take no credit and give God all the glory.

You are grateful and thankful to God for all his gifts, for the gifts distributed in his church. You are thankful for his abiding presence in your life, in the good times and bad times. You are thankful to Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, for delivering you from hell and writing your name in the Lamb's book of life.

Thank God we don't have to keep score and thank God he doesn't keep score. You have the victory and salvation in Jesus, who defeated the devil, sin, and hell for you. He deserves all your thanks and praise.

The world is a troubled place and you suffer much misfortune in this brief life of labor and trial. Yet, every time you hear God's Word of promise in the Gospel, your response is "Thanks be to God."

Every day is a day of thanksgiving and praise for what God has done and continues to do.

Enjoy the gifts of God daily and always remember to give Him your thanks and praise, by deed, lips, and service to others.

"Thank the Lord and sing His praise, tell everyone what He has done..."

Pastor Jordan



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER:

07 Martha Jones
07 Ashlyn Poteet
07 Alicia Scott
09 Blanche Schaffer
09 Marné Sivesind
13 Helen Sherman
16 Nicholas Miramontes
16 Judy Moreno
17 Daniel Siemens
18 Audrey Hoffie
19 Andrew Esmay
20 Yuhuan Wenslaff
21 Kathy sweet
21 Robert Thomas
22 Glenn Bergendahl
26 Aaron Aberg
26 Orlen Ziegler
28 Ella Miramontes
30 Marge Holderbein

OCTOBER:

01 Karen McHenry
02 Jay Erwin
05 Weston Vandermate
17 Carolyn Fiorillo
24 William Rustan
25 Wanda Roberts
28 James Barboza



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER:

00 Blanche Schaffer
09 Luke Thomason
13 Pat Lillie
14 Timothy Wenslaff
16 William Baving
21 Jay Erwin
21 Joshua Vandermate
24 Dianne Wilkinson
27 Raymond Scott

OCTOBER:

00 Audrey Hoffie
04 Daniel Siemens
05 Chuck Schaffert
05 Sharon Schaffert
07 Helen Sherman
28 Martha Jones



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Thank You



for your Kindness

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts to the members of Redeemer for stepping up and helping us during our time of need. The prayers, financial gifts, and life-giving gift of your blood has made all the difference in the world for us during this time of trial.

Steve & Jackie Vieira

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HOMEBOUND

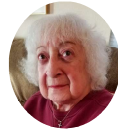


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Scott - Thompson
Thorson - Ziegler

Deadline for
November/December
Redeemer Review

October 20

Email submissions to:
redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com

ALTAR GUILD

Altar Guild is in need of a few more workers! The work is not difficult and can be scheduled at your convenience. Altar Guild sets up/takes down for communion each week, coordinates altar flowers, keeps oil candles filled and changes the paraments during the church year. If you would like to learn more about Altar Guild and how you may serve the Lord in this way, please see Lori Jordan.

SPONSOR ALTAR FLOWERS

The sign-up chart is posted in the narthex.

FLOWER CHART AVAILABLE DATES:

September	11, 18, 25
October	2, 9, 30
November	6, 20, 23
December	4, 18, 24, 25

SPONSOR ETERNAL CANDLE FOR A MONTH (\$15)

The sign-up chart is posted in the narthex.



CHURCH COMMUNITY DAY

Riverbend Park - September 10, 2pm - 6pm
60 Montgomery St., Oroville, CA 95965



Come join the members of Our Savior Lutheran in Paradise, Calvary Lutheran in Oroville, Grace Lutheran in Gridley and Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran in Chico as we gather for a time of fun and fellowship at Riverbend Park in Oroville.

We have reserved the Bear Rock pavilion and will have activities and games for all ages. Please feel free to invite family or friends to come and enjoy the day. We ask that you bring a food item for a potluck and drinks for yourselves.

For more information, call Pastor Brandon Merrick
(530) 240-5133

DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries:

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

Higher Things:

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

Portals of Prayer:

<https://www.lcph.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



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PASTOR JORDAN'S SERMONS

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

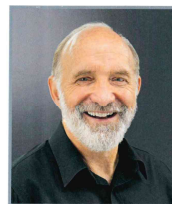
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Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

SAVE THE DATE

Women's Resource Clinic
26th Annual Fall Banquet

Friday, October 21, 2022

Guest Speaker Lou Engle has a powerful message to share as we enjoy a meaningful evening and are encouraged in our fight for life!



Purchase tickets at

Women's Resource Clinic

115 West 2nd Ave, Chico, CA 95926
530-897-6101

melissa@womensresourceclinic.org

Table for 8 - \$250 before Sept. 15 - \$275 after

Individual Tickets \$35 each.

Last day to buy tickets is Oct. 17



TECHNOLOGY

Technology limber up...



During the last couple of years many have opted to, or been forced to, work at home. You now spend hours at your computer in perhaps less than ideal conditions. At work you may have had an ergonomic keyboard and a chair specifically engineered for the human body. Contrast that to home where you may be sitting at the kitchen counter or table on a stool or card table chair. Even if you have a home office your desk may not be specifically engineered to long term use but rather to the occasional need for clerical type activities.

So where does technology fit into this on a level of more than creating and transmitting information? How can you use your technology in a godly way, specifically thinking about your physical wellbeing in less than ideal conditions?

If asked, many would say they get up and move at least once per hour. Do you? Engrossed in writing a report or compiling data how often do 2, 3 or more hours slip by and you haven't moved from your desk or workplace?

There are a couple of easy to use applications to help you break the computer hypnosis. The first is to use the alarm function on your phone. Set it to alert you every hour, or find an application to use on your computer that notifies you that it is time to stretch.

Secondly, there are countless YouTube videos that contain 1-2 minute stretch exercises to do either while seated at your desk or within a very small space next to your desk. Not only will these ease cramped muscles that over time will lead to hunched posture, sore back, muscle cramping, etc., but thinking slows down, eyes become dry and lose focus, and you can develop mild, moderate to monstrous headaches thus leading you to reach for your pain medication of choice.

Your morning workout before does not eliminate the need to do regular stretching throughout the day. While your workout is good for your overall health, the prolonged posture punishing position of sitting at your computer taxes your body in a completely different way than just lack of cardio.

So, put your technology to work to help keep yourself physically fit from cardio to posture!

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)

Summer has come and gone and school is starting or perhaps has already started. If you have university/college age young adults in your family, especially if this is the first semester away from home, you are probably registering fairly high on the anxiety scale. More than likely you as a parent, grandparent, or other extended family member are asking if there is something you can do in addition to praying.

A recent blog from Concordia listed several recently published books (within last couple of years) that are bite-sized portions of connections with God that can easily fit into a busy schedule. There were actually six books mentioned but the one that caught

my attention as most likely to be used is [Minute Messages: Gospel-Filled Devotions for Every Occasion](#).

While these devotions literally are 1-2 minutes there are also suggestions on how to dig further. The book covers the church year, the Small Catechism, and special circumstances in the Christian life.



This book is available in a print version from Concordia Publishing and it is also available from Amazon or Apple as an ebook. For most on-the-go young adults this would probably be more readily used format.

Written by the Rev. Dr. Matthew Richards the devotions are succinct but not lacking in content. There is no filler but straight to the point Law and Gospel and comfort in God's word. Check it out for yourself!

SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER SERVANTS

ACOLYTE: AARON ASHWORTH

ALTAR GUILD:

CAROLYN FIORILLO

LORI JORDAN

LINDA REAN

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LANDSCAPE: SEPTEMBER 2 KEITH SIEMENS, SEPTEMBER 9 PAUL EAGAN

2022 MISSIONS SUPPORT

THANK YOU



Dear Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Lord reminds us, "You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead, they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven." (Matthew 5:14-16)

Undeniably there exists much darkness in our world. Many people live in open defiance of God's will as they allow their carnal desires to rule their lives. Moreover, the public media inundates our society with the idea that every person should look out for good old number one. Amid this darkness the Lord continues to use his church and his disciples as instruments that shine his light throughout the world.

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Synod of Mexico we thank you for your support of the mission in Mexico. Your gifts provide materials, courses, and mentoring for the present and future national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses who are in formation. These kingdom workers continue to spread the Gospel throughout Mexico.

Dan continues his medical leave. He is scheduled for an MRI and an optical examination in August. We continue to pray for our prompt return to Mexico. Thank you for your prayers and support.

From the 7th through the 9th of July, Ana attended a LWML Michigan district convention as the young women's representative of Hoy Cross Lutheran Church in Warren, Michigan. St Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmuth, Michigan hosted the conference. The Lord blessed the event greatly and Ana has a great time. We give thanks to the LWML as it continues to support missionaries in all parts of the world and encourages young women to be involved in God's mission.

A group of Mexican deaconesses recently completed their training program. Remember these servants of the Lord in your prayers as they serve Him throughout Mexico. We wish to express a special word of thanks to missionary deaconess Danelle Putnam and Mexican national pastor Samuel Perez who oversaw the training of these deaconesses.

The Lutheran Synod of Mexico's mission church in Guasave now has a chapel for worship services. (The town of Guasave is in the state of Sinaloa) National pastor Gustavo Reyes serves this congregation. Please remember Pastor Reyes in your prayers as he continues to proclaim the Gospel in the city of Guasave, Mexico.

Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of a group of recently commissioned Mexican deaconesses. Pastor Samuel Perez who is wearing the purple stole, and missionary deaconess Danelle Putnam who is standing to the right, oversaw their preparation. Your gifts and prayers helped to prepare these women. Thank you again for your support. We hope that you have an enjoyable summer. God's richest blessings!

"May the God of peace who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant make you perfect in every respect so that you may do his will. And may he enable us to achieve what is pleasing to him through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:1-2)

In Christ,

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

Dear Members of Redeemer,
Greetings in the name of the Lord. On behalf of ourselves we thank you for your donation of \$5,123.75 to the mission in Mexico. Your prayers and gifts are a great blessing.

Attached please find a photo of a Sunday school class at Iglesia Luterana La Betania in Rio Bravo, Mexico. (Rio Bravo shares the border with McAllen, Texas) Your donation helps to provide kingdom workers who will teach these children the Good News of Jesus Christ.

Thank you again for your support. God's richest blessings!

"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." (Jude 24,25)

In Christ,
Rev. Daniel, Kathy,
and Ana Conrad

BAPTISM



WESTON JAMES PONCI
CHILD OF GREGORY & BETHANNE PONCI
BORN JULY 9, 2021
BAPTIZED JULY 10, 2022

Whose Hands?

The deceiver offered power; The Father decreed rejection.
The deceiver offered wealth; The Father decreed poverty.
The deceiver offered kingdoms; The Father decreed crucifixion.

Whose hands will you seek?

The deceiver offered control; The Father proclaimed pardon.
The deceiver came in pride; The Father sent humility.

Whose hands will you grasp?

The deceiver turns our hearts from God and causes death;
The Father restores our hearts to Him and brings life.

In whose hands will you place your trust?
Into whose hands will you entrust your heart?

Pat Lillie, November 2012

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1, 2022 - July 31, 2022

INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

ORDINARY INCOME:	\$ 94,216.72
EXPENSES:	<u>\$ 96,043.90</u>
NET ORDINARY INCOME	\$-23,060.06
FACILITY RENT INCOME	\$ 250.00
TOTAL INCOME	\$-22,810.06
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>\$ 59,401.00</u>
BALANCE (Total Equity)	\$ 36,590.94

2022 SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT JACKSON MERRICK

To Pastor Jordan and Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I am honored and thankful that you are willing to invest in my educational future. I have been working hard and have been through many challenging obstacles during my time in high school. After the fire, you did so much to help my family and my church, and I am humbled that you are now personally helping me financially in college. I will be studying Liberal Arts with an emphasis on creative writing at Concordia University - Irvine. What draws me to CUI is that it stands on the Scriptures where I will have the opportunity to get a degree and study the word of God alongside peers and teachers.

Sincerely, Jackson Merrick

MERCY MINISTRY

The elders and several members of the congregation are presently visiting or contacting homebound persons. As of August 3rd, there were fourteen members and three non members being served. Five are residents of care facilities and the remainder live independently. Often times there are church members who need contacting because of various other reasons. Some situations may include illness, impending death, surgery, loneliness, needing assistance with chores, etc. Pastor Jordan directs mercy servants to many of these needs.

There is always a need for more volunteers to serve. If you feel this may be your calling and you can spare a few hours a month, please contact the office manager. You will be contacted and given guidance as needed.

In John 13:34 Jesus has commanded us to love one another: "Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another."

- 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. Thank you!*

Current
Proceeds
\$126



LECTIONARY SUMMARIES

PROPER 18C

(4 September 2022)

Deuteronomy 30:15–20
Philemon 1–21
Luke 14:25–35

CHRIST JESUS HAS PAID THE COST OF DISCIPLESHIP FOR YOU

A disciple of Jesus Christ will “bear his own cross” (Luke 14:27) and follow the Lord through death into life. Discipleship is costly because it crucifies the old man with “all that he has” (Luke 14:33), in order to raise up the new man in Christ. The disciple disavows “his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life” (Luke 14:26), in deference to Christ. That way of the cross is impossible, except that Christ Jesus has already paid the cost. His cross is set before you as “life and good, death and evil” (Deut. 30:15). Taking up His cross is to “choose life, that you and your offspring may live, loving the LORD your God, obeying his voice and holding fast to him” (Deut. 30:19–20). To live that life in Christ is also to bear His cross in love, “that your goodness might not be by compulsion but of your own accord” (Philemon 14).

PROPER 19C

(11 September 2022)

Ezekiel 34:11–24
1 Timothy 1:(5–11) 12–17
Luke 15:1–10

JESUS CHRIST IS THE GREAT SHEPHERD OF HIS SHEEP

“The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners” (1 Tim. 1:15). As He had mercy on Paul, in order to “display his perfect patience” (1 Tim. 1:16), so also does He seek out His sheep “from all places where they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness” (Ezek. 34:12). To deliver His flock, He “will seek the lost, ... bring back the strayed, ... bind up the injured, and ... strengthen the weak” (Ezek. 34:16), and “they shall no longer be a prey” (Ezek. 34:22). He sets over them one great Good Shepherd, the Son of David, who “shall feed them and be their shepherd” (Ezek. 34:23). For Christ Jesus is the one man who, “having a hundred sheep, if he has lost one of them,” would “leave the ninety-nine in the open country, and go after the one that is lost, until he finds it” (Luke 15:4). When He finds the lost one and brings it home rejoicing, “the angels of God” and all the company of heaven rejoice with Him, with great joy (Luke 15:7, 10).

PROPER 20C

(18 September 2022)

Amos 8:4–7
1 Timothy 2:1–15
Luke 16:1–15

THE LORD IS RICH IN HIS GRACE AND MERCY

Because God, our Savior, “desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Tim. 2:4), He urges “that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people” (1 Tim. 2:1). Christians should so pray “without anger or quarreling,” but “adorn themselves in respectable apparel, with modesty and self-control” (1 Tim. 2:8, 9). For the Lord does not forget “the poor of the land” (Amos 8:4). He remembers them according to the foolishness of the cross. “For what is exalted among men is an abomination in the sight of God” (Luke 16:15). Though we try to justify ourselves “before men,” God knows our sinful hearts and calls us to repentance (Luke 16:15). Though we are “not strong enough to dig,” and we are “ashamed to beg” (Luke 16:3), He justifies us by His grace and welcomes us into His “eternal dwellings” (Luke 16:9). More shrewd than even “the sons of this world” (Luke 16:8), He requires His stewards of the Gospel to bestow forgiveness freely.

PROPER 21C

(25 September 2022)

Amos 6:1–7
1 Timothy 3:1–13 or 1 Timothy 6:6–19
Luke 16:19–31

OUR HELP IS NOT IN WORLDLY RICHES

“The poor man died and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s side,” and “the rich man also died and was buried” (Luke 16:22). The poor man Lazarus, who knew many bad things on earth, began to be comforted forever, whereas the rich man, after a lifetime of good things, began to be “in anguish” (Luke 16:25). Therefore, “woe to those who are at ease in Zion” (Amos 6:1), for “the revelry of those who stretch themselves out shall pass away” (Amos 6:7). The wealthy are urged “not to be haughty, nor to set their hopes on the uncertainty of riches,” but “to do good, to be rich in good works, to be generous and ready to share” (1 Tim. 6:17–18). Covetous desire for what God has not given is idolatry and “a root of all kinds of evils” (1 Tim. 6:10). Contentment belongs to faith, by which the Christian has “great gain” in godliness (1 Tim. 6:6).

PROPER 22C

(2 October 2022)

Habakkuk 1:1–4; 2:1–4
2 Timothy 1:1–14
Luke 17:1–10

**WE WALK BY FAITH, AND NOT BY SIGHT, IN THE
PEACE OF CHRIST’S FORGIVENESS**

We are surrounded by “destruction and violence” (Hab. 1:3) because the Law “is paralyzed, and justice never goes forth” (Hab. 1:4). In fact, the Law cannot rescue us from our enemies; it is our fiercest enemy of all. Therefore, not by sight, experience or feeling, nor by works, “the righteous shall live by his faith” (Hab. 2:4). “Temptations to sin are sure to come” (Luke 17:1), but as often as we sin, the Lord rebukes us, turns us to repentance and forgives us. We pray that He would thus “increase our faith” (Luke 17:5). And indeed, He does! Though we are His “unworthy servants” (Luke 17:10), He prepares His Supper for us, dresses us properly and gives us His body and blood to eat and drink. He appoints pastors for us, “by the will of God according to the promise of the life that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:1). For the Gospel brings “life and immortality to light” (2 Tim. 1:10). This we believe. Therefore, “follow the pattern of the sound words that you have heard,” by which He guards you “in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 1:13).

PROPER 23C

(9 October 2022)

Ruth 1:1–19a
2 Timothy 2:1–13
Luke 17:11–19

**FAITH RETURNS THANKS TO GOD AND WORSHIPS HIM
IN THE PERSON OF CHRIST JESUS**

Jesus comes in mercy and, by His Word, heals you in body and soul. “Go and show yourselves to the priests,” for you are cleansed (Luke 17:14), and you are granted access to the Lord’s temple. It is “at Jesus’ feet, giving him thanks” (Luke 17:16), that you worship God, for Christ Jesus is your great High Priest; His body is the true temple. In Him, you “find rest, each of you in the house of her husband” (Ruth 1:9), for the Lord has “visited his people and given them food” (Ruth 1:6). The person of Jesus Christ lodges Himself in holy food — bread and wine for believers to eat and drink. You lodge where Jesus lodges; His Father is your God, His people are your people. Death cannot part you from Him because His death and resurrection are eternally yours through Holy Baptism. “Remember Jesus Christ, risen from

the dead” (2 Tim. 2:8). As surely as death could not hold Him, so surely “the word of God is not bound” (2 Tim. 2:9). His Gospel is entrusted “to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also” (2 Tim. 2:2), so that you “may obtain the salvation that is in Christ Jesus” (2 Tim. 2:10). Such is the confession of faith for all the saints, who believe, teach and confess the one Lord and Savior — Jesus Christ.

PROPER 24C

(16 October 2022)

Genesis 32:22–30
2 Timothy 3:14–4:5
Luke 18:1–8

**FAITH CLINGS TO THE WORD AND PROMISES OF GOD
AND PERSEVERES IN PRAYER**

“Left alone,” Jacob wrestled through the night with the Lord, “until the breaking of the day” (Gen. 32:24). Though “Jacob’s hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him” (Gen. 32:25), he would not let go until the Lord blessed him. At times, we, too, strive with God; He strives with us and blesses us by grace. So Jesus teaches us “always to pray and not lose heart” (Luke 18:1). Jesus speaks of “a judge who neither feared God nor respected man” and of a widow “who kept coming to him and saying, ‘Give me justice against my adversary’” (Luke 18:2–3). Because of her persistence, the judge agreed to “give her justice” (Luke 18:5). Our Lord dispenses justice generously and swiftly, giving “justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night” (Luke 18:7). He does so according to the Gospel. Therefore, His ministers are to persevere faithfully in their vocation, in what they “have learned and have firmly believed” (2 Tim. 3:14). On the basis of “the sacred writings” (2 Tim. 3:15), they are to “preach the word” at all times and not lose heart (2 Tim. 4:2).

SUNDAY School for children resumes

September 11

8:45 a.m. - 9:45a.m.

Children & grandchildren are welcome.

Please see Diane Scott or Lori Jordan to let them know if your children/grandchildren will attend.



Genesis 4:1–15

2 Timothy 4:6–8, 16–18

Luke 18:9–17

IN HUMBLE REPENTANCE, FAITH LIVES BY GRACE AND MERCY AND IS EXALTED BY GOD IN CHRIST

Jesus tells a parable “to some who trusted in themselves that they were righteous” (Luke 18:9). In this parable, the Pharisee unjustly boasted before God on the basis of his own merits, whereas the tax collector intently prayed, “God, be merciful to me, a sinner!” (Luke 18:13). That poor, miserable sinner trusted Christ, and he went “down to his house justified, rather than the other” (Luke 18:14). So do little children, “even infants,” come to Jesus with their need, and they “receive the kingdom of God” through faith (Luke 18:15–17). For “the one who humbles himself will be exalted,” but “everyone who exalts himself will be humbled” (Luke 18:14). That is why “the LORD had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen. 4:4–5). St. Paul’s life, “poured out as a drink offering,” was another sacrifice like Abel’s (2 Tim. 4:6). The Lord stood by Paul and strengthened him, that “the message might be fully proclaimed” (2 Tim. 4:17). It is by that Gospel message of Christ that we “have loved his appearing” and as repentant sinners pray to “the Lord, the righteous judge” by faith (2 Tim. 6:8).

REFORMATION DAY (OBSERVED) (30 October 2022)

Revelation 14:6–7

Romans 3:19–28

John 8:31–36 or Matthew 11:12–19

THE SON OF GOD HAS SET US FREE FROM SIN AND DEATH BY HIS GRACE

“Wisdom is justified by her deeds” (Matt. 11:19), and the true Wisdom of God, Christ Jesus, the incarnate Son, justifies us by His deeds. He prepares His way by the preaching of repentance, but He has suffered the violence of the Law and voluntarily handed Himself over to violent men, that we might eat and drink with Him in His kingdom and “remain in the house forever” (John 8:35). For He is “a friend of tax collectors and sinners” (Matt. 11:19), and He has rescued us by His grace from the slavery of sin and death. By the proclamation of His eternal Gospel “to those who dwell on earth, to every nation and tribe and language and people” (Rev. 14:6), “the righteousness of God has been manifested apart from the law” (Rom. 3:21), “that he might be just and the justifier of the one who has faith in Jesus” (Rom. 3:26). And by hearing the Gospel of Christ Jesus, “whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith” (Rom. 3:25), “you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:32).



Return, O Christian. Whatever has kept you away from God’s house this past year, this past decade, it’s time to come home. This is not man’s house, but God’s house. It is where God’s family gathers. Where we hear and take to heart Jesus’ words, Jesus’ mercy, Jesus’ forgiveness. Where we eat of the body that was broken and drink of the blood that was shed for us. But only sinners are welcome. Sinners who know and confess their unworthiness. Sinners who know and believe in the One who has reconciled them to the Father. Sinners in need of redemption, healing, hope. Return, O Christian. Come and hear how much God loves you. Come and receive Christ’s love. Come and surround yourself with a community that desires to know you, love you, and encourage you in the Christian life of repentance and faith. Because this is your Father’s house, it is also your house. Welcome home!

July 30,2022

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Dear Members:

Thank you for your generous donation to help Compassionate Social Care Ministries d/b/a 4KenyaKids. It is exciting to see the progress at Point of Grace happening because of the support of many people such as you.

This letter is to acknowledge your contribution.

Date	Amount
07/13/2022	\$ 5,123.76

Please be advised that CSCM is a 501(C)(3) organization, our federal tax identification number is 27-0751762. Your contribution is tax deductible as permitted under current Internal Revenue Service regulations, and we affirm that you received no goods or services in exchange for your donation.

Retain this information for tax purposes. If you have any questions, please contact us at the address below or email at 4kenyaskids@gmail.com.

Remember other ways that you can contribute to 4KenyaKids is through the following:

Thrivent Choice Dollars

If you have Thrivent Action dollars available – consider a fund raiser to benefit 4KK

Amazon Smile

The legal name is listed as “Compassionate Social Care Ministries d/b/a 4KenyaKids”

Please reach out to Cheryl Brockmann (260) 341-0167, or 4kenyaskids@gmail.com with any questions or updates to your information.

Blessings on your partnership with 4KenyaKids

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Cheryl Brockmann'.

Cheryl Brockmann
Treasurer – 4KenyaKids

QUARTERLY MISSION GRANTS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$4,286, Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$4,286.
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya - \$5,123; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico - \$5,123.
- 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.

FAREWELL & GODSPEED TO BLANCHE SCHAFER



Longtime, Redeemer member, Blanche Schaffer moved to Florida to be with her son Jerry and his family. Redeemer members are sad to see her go, but know she will be in good hands. Her new address is:

9301 121st Terrace, Largo, FL 33773.

Phone Number: 727-544-7578.



Blanche pictured with Pastor and Lori Jordan



Blanche pictured with her family.



Blanche and Jay Erwin, head elder.

A LETTER TO PARENTS OF YOUNG CHILDREN

Dearest Christian Parents struggling with little children during Worship,

I know you feel like a mess on Sunday mornings.

I know you feel like every resonating sound in the church nave is coming from your pew. I know you feel like every eye is aimed at you in disgust. I know you feel like everything you are doing is useless, that the little ones in your care just can't seem to settle in. I know you feel like you're not getting anything from worship because you're just too busy doing everything you can to make sure your children, and perhaps the people in your immediate blast radius, are getting the barest of scraps between fidgety whines.

I know you feel overwhelmed—like the struggle is never-ending. I know you're often teetering at the edge of calling it quits before you even roll out of bed.

But don't.

Know that your children belong right where they are. Sure, take the kids out when it's clear they need recalibrating, but get them back into the service as soon as you can. Do this knowing that you're being faithful. Know that one day the struggle will end, and as you venture toward that day, your kids need you to do what you're doing right now. Know that your gracious God promises to bless your every effort all the way there.

Know that you are being fed in worship. It may not feel like it, but know that you are. Know that all of us—an assembly of people with countless distractions unavailable to human senses—are gathered by faith into the presence of our gracious Savior assured that His reaching into us with His loving kindness hardly depends on our acumen. Again, rest assured He's at work there for you just as much as He is for everyone else in the room.

I suppose finally, know that like so many others in the room, your pastor is rooting for you. I've got your six. I'm watching the folks watching you, and if I ever get the sense they have forgotten what it was like to be in your shoes, I'll be there in a heartbeat to both remind them of the Lord's words to "Let the little children come to me and do not forbid them," and to steer them to the familiar relief they experienced when others gave encouragement rather than scowls.

Again, don't give up. Your laboring—worked by the Holy Spirit for faithfulness to Christ and in love for your children—is by no means in vain.

With gladness, appreciation, and admiration,

Your Pastor



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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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