

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

CHICO, CALIFORNIA SUMMER 2023 Vol. 37 No. 3

from the Pastor...

Rev. Donald Jordan

OUR JOURNEY IN THE LORD

Our life is all about the Lord, day in and day out, as we live, move, work, travel, and journey each day and night until we come to glory. It is the Lord who created us and formed us in our mother's wombs. He gave us life and then birth. The Lord gave us faithful parents who showed us love and care throughout our early days.

After that birth into this world as sinful babies, we were born again in holy baptism. The Lord then taught us the Word of God through faithful parents, pastors, and fellow Christian teachers.

The Lord brought us to the point where, after good catechesis, we confessed our faith in the rite of confirmation, making a pledge to follow Christ in good times and in bad times, until the point of death.

Our life is lived in this broken, sinful and fallen world, so we experience much sadness and grief in life. We live among people who hurt us and disappoint all too often.

We are constantly in prayer to God, asking for his mercy and help upon all sorts of conditions. Lord, have mercy, is our frequent petition, knowing that only the Lord can help us.

In the Lord we are provided many faithful Christian brothers and sisters who encourage and support us. We are refreshed and edified by those around us who confess the same faith, thereby building one another up and



encouraging us always.

Our journey in the Lord is accomplished by the Holy Spirit, who comes to feed us with the Word and Sacraments of Jesus. We receive needed forgiveness of sins in the means of grace. Having received these gifts, we rejoice and give thanks to God who sends us into the world to be witnesses to Christ and his saving Gospel, so others would

know of him and believe also.

Every day we battle devil, world, and flesh, but the Lord never leaves us nor abandons us. His promises stand steadfast and He always delivers what His Word has promised. He's never let us down nor disappointed us.

Your journey and mine continues in the Lord. Pastors come and go. People come and go. The Lord remains the same and can always be counted upon to keep his promises in Scripture. You can rely upon Him.

Cling to His Word. Journey each day in faith. Give Him all the glory. We know where we are headed, and we know where we will live eternally. All this is possible because of our Lord Jesus, who came to do the Father's will for us in his life, death, and resurrection.

These things are true. These things matter. Amen.

Pastor Jordan

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., KFUO, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

PASTOR'S SERMONS

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR

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

BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAY School for children is Sunday, 8:45 a.m.

SUNDAY Bible class is 8:45 a.m.

THURSDAY Bible class, 9:30 a.m.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1 - May 31, 2023

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

OFFERING INCOME	65,071.04
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	1,871.55
FACILITY USE INCOME	380.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>2,113.78</u>
TOTAL INCOME	69,546.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	90,235.26
NET INCOME	-23,292.67
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>83,018.63</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	59,725.96

HELP ON FLOCKNOTE

Provide your current email and phone number for text messages to the office manager.

66% of emails are opened.

95% of texts are opened.

If you do not have email or text capability, update your phone number for voice messages.

This is important to receive prayer requests and announcements.

Do not reply to Flocknote messages, except for administrative purposes.

Pastor does not receive nor read Flocknote email or text replies.

CHURCH STAFF

REV. BRENNAN DeFOREST, PASTOR

JACKIE VIEIRA, OFFICE MANAGER

DAVID BUNTING, ORGANIST

JAY ERWIN, ORGANIST

OFFICERS

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Submit prayer requests to Pastor by email, text, voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the pew rack.

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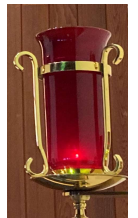
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Sign-up charts are posted in narthex.

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AARON ASHWORTH
EVERETT LUTHER
YUHUAN WENSLAFF

ALTAR GUILD:

CLARA IVES
ANITA JOHNSON
LINDA REAN
LOUISE URNESS

COUNTERS:

LINDA ALLEN
PAT LILLIE

DEACON OF THE MONTH

JULY

TIMOTHY WENSLAFF

AUGUST

ROBERT REAN

USHERS:

TIM KRESSIN
TIM WENSLAFF
YUHUAN WENSLAFF

DRIVERS:

JAY ERWIN
BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
KURT JORDAN
DARYL SMITH

Deadline

September/October

Redeemer Review

August 20.

May Seminarian Support:

Brennan DeForest

Scholarship Fund: \$2,245.89

Coins for Christ: \$19.74

Recycle: \$57.36

June Student Support:

Yufei Wenslaff

Scholarship Fund: \$2,245.89

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

TIM WENSLAFF:	ALLEN - GODSIL
JAY ERWIN:	HANSEN - MASON
DARYL SMITH:	MCCANN - SHERMAN
ROBERT REAN:	SIEMENS - ZIEGLER



BIRTHDAYS

JULY

06 ANITA JOHNSON
09 RACHAEL THOMASON
12 ROBERT ENGELKEN
15 LINDSEY ALLEN
16 DONNA RAMEY
22 LOUISE URNESS
24 ALEXIS WERNER
25 ROLAND LOFINK
26 CAROLINE ZIEGLER

AUGUST

03 CANDACE THURMAN
04 TIMOTHY WENSLAFF
06 HENRY DEGARMO
07 RANDY SIEMENS
08 MICHAEL HOFFIE
11 DIANE SCOTT
11 LUKE THOMASON
11 DIANNE WILKINSON
13 BONNIE HUNT
14 BRIAN MARSHALL
14 CHUCK SCHAFFERT
17 MATTHEW THOMASON
19 RYAN GODSIL
19 JANET JOKSCH
19 JEANIE SAWYER
21 REBECCA BERGENDAHL
21 MEGAN GODSIL
23 SHERRY GODSIL
25 SONYA BROWN
25 WALTER GODSIL



BAPTISMS

JULY

00 DR. NORMAN MCCANN
05 ANDREW WEINREICH
14 DUSTIN SIEMENS
25 CLARA IVES
28 SOPHIE COLLINS

AUGUST

01 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
02 ROBERT ENGELKEN
08 ROLAND LOFINK
09 LACEY VANDERMATE
13 JUDY MORENO
16 ALEXIS WERNER
19 WESTON VANDERMATE
21 KARL WEINREICH
25 SONYA BROWN
30 CAROLINE ZIEGLER
30 AMANDA SIEMENS
31 JANET JOKSCH

INTRODUCING PASTOR BRENNAN & ABBIE DeFOREST

Rev. Brennan T. DeForest was born in 1996, the oldest child of Kevin and Ann DeForest. He was raised in West Jordan, Utah and has one younger sibling, Bronwyn. His parents and sister all still live in Utah. He was baptized on October 5, 1997 at Hope Lutheran Church in West Jordan and confirmed on June 5, 2011 at Christ Lutheran Church in Murray, UT. Rev. DeForest began thinking about becoming a pastor in high school, so after high school graduation in 2015, he attended Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska where, in 2019, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mathematics and completed the requirements of the Pre-Seminary program. He matriculated to Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana and earned his Master of Divinity degree in 2023. He was called to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church on April 25, 2023, at the seminary's call service.



Nebraska, with a degree in Middle Level Education. She has served as a teacher in Fremont, CA and Fort Wayne, IN, and plans to continue teaching in the Chico area. Abigail was born and raised in Nebraska, the youngest of ten children. Her parents and a number of her siblings and their families continue to live in Nebraska, with other siblings and their families scattered throughout the Midwest.

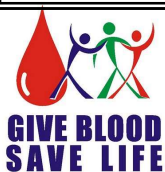
Pastor-Elect Brennan

DeForest will be ordained into the office of the holy ministry on Saturday, July 8, Christ Lutheran Church, Murray, Utah. Your prayers are requested.

Installation Divine Service is Saturday, July 15, 3:00 p.m. with reception following. R.S.V.P. by July 10 to redemerchicooffice@gmail.com

BILL BAVING TURNS 85 - JUNE 20, 2023

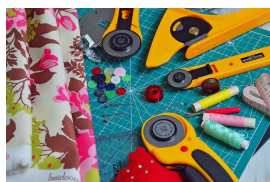
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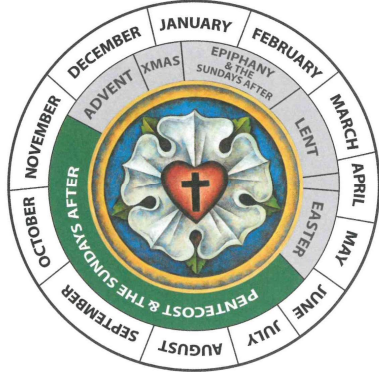
QUILTERS

Quilters are off for the summer, but will begin meeting again in September on the 2nd and 4th Mondays, 9:00 -12:00



THE TIME OF THE CHURCH THE SEASON AFTER PENTECOST

*Begins the day after Pentecost and ends with midday prayer
on the Saturday before the First Sunday in Advent.*



The Sundays after Pentecost make up the longest portion of the Church Year. This is the Time of the Church--the time we focus on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.

On the first Sunday after Pentecost, the Church celebrates Holy Trinity Sunday. We are baptized into only one name, but that name is "of the father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." There is only one name, only one God--but there are three persons: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. On this Sunday, we confess the great mystery of the Holy Trinity.

The Sundays of this time of the Church Year are known as Sundays after Pentecost (or Sundays after Trinity.) Picking up on Pentecost as the season of growth, they are often referred to as the Green Sundays. The readings focus on the life of Christ in His Church. We hear Jesus teaching His disciples and healing the faithful.

Because the Pentecost season is part of "ordinary" time, congregations may choose to observe some of the lesser festivals of the season. When saint days or commemorations fall on Sundays, worship leaders could highlight these to offer teaching moments about the breadth of the Church's life and work. These noteworthy days enable Christians to reflect on how we worship "with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven."

On the Last Sunday after Pentecost, the Church gives voice to the joyful hope of the second coming of Jesus for the resurrection of the dead and the last judgment. The end-times focus of the Last Sunday of the Church Year bears themes of hope and preparation that are similar to those of Advent, which soon follows.

**During the Time of the Church, we focus
on growing together in the life of the Holy Trinity.**

Acts 2:41-47

Ephesians 3:14-19

Ephesians 1:15-23

Colossians 3:12-17

PRACTICES AND TRADITIONS

- The church is decorated in green, the color of growing plants. this marks the season of growth in living in our Baptism and receiving the Lord's Word and Sacraments.
- On Trinity Sunday, we confess the Athanasian Creed, which goes into great detail to confess the catholic (universal) faith that must be faithfully and firmly believed to be saved: "that we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in Unity."

PASTOR DONALD JORDAN 2005 - 2023



Thank you for everything. All glory to God.

Pastor Donald & Lori Jordan

"So you also, when you have done all that you were commanded, say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done what was our duty.'" - Luke 17:10

QUARTERLY MISSION SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - Faith Lutheran Church: \$4,746.09, Ukiah, California: \$4,746.09
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya, Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico, Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya
- 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

Farewell and Godspeed to Joel & Carolyn Fiorillo-Nunez, Oliver and Evan, as they move to New Britain, Connecticut.



EASTER AT REDEEMER 2023



The children of Redeemer celebrated Easter with an Easter Egg Hunt. and a story read to them by Carolyn Fiorillo. Members enjoyed Easter breakfast.

20 YEAR CELEBRATION OF SERVICE



Jackie Vieira has been blessed to serve as office manager at Redeemer Lutheran Church for twenty years on April 1, 2023. She is very grateful to Jesus for the opportunity to serve a congregation who has treated her so exceptionally well for these past twenty years. She hopes to continue on for another twenty (well, maybe not quite that long).

40 DAYS FOR LIFE



Thanks to all who came and stood vigil, praying for an end to abortion, and offering hope to mothers and fathers at Planned Parenthood, 3100 Cohasset Rd. We had a great group of fellow believers in Christ confessing and praying today. Lord, have mercy, and save the unborn babies.

WOMEN'S RESOURCE CLINIC'S WALK FOR LIFE

April 22, 2023
Bidwell Park, Chico



Top picture:
Jay Erwin and
Tim Kressin.

Middle Picture:
Carolyn,
Oliver, Evan,
and Joel
Fiorillo

Bottom picture:
Kelly McCray,
sister-in-law of
Timothy
Kressin

CELEBRATING HILDE JOHNSON

May 7, 2023



Hilde Johnson - 98 Years Young!

CAMPUS MINISTRY

May 7, 2023



Pictured from left are Everett Luther, Yufei Wenslaff,
Yuhuan Wenslaff, and Noel Hiscott.

THANK YOU!

I am so grateful for the gifts and cards given both before my open heart surgery and in celebration of my 20 year's service here at Redeemer. I feel very blessed to be a part this ministry and hope to continue on as long as the Lord allows.

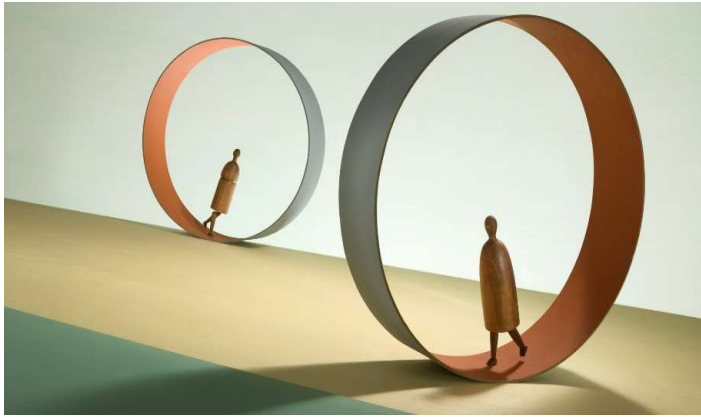
Jackie Vieira, Office Manager

PASTOR JORDAN'S 40TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY AND RETIREMENT DINNER

June 10, 2023



Who wants it?



Curiously, there seem to be more people interested in finding a painless way out of this life than into an afterlife. It is surprising to me but not quite shocking that the whole notion of eternal life is seen as pointless or strange to a great many people. Add into that the idea of the resurrection and a new and glorious flesh and blood and you have turned the cardinal Christian doctrine into something crazy and unthinkable. That is how deep and broad our acceptance of death and its normality have become. Even Christians who are wedded to many tenets of the orthodox faith are not quite sure that the resurrection and eternal life are all that necessary or even desirable -- especially to the proclamation and witness of the faith. My, how far we have come since St. Paul insisted that without the resurrection and eternal life we have a pitiful faith and are pitiful people.

It should come as no surprise to those who have been to funerals of late. If there is one thing missing from many (dare I say most) funerals today, it is the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. We all know how quickly Christians warmed up to the idea of a celebration of the life of the deceased instead of a *funeral* and how easily the eulogy replaced the resurrection and eternal life as the core purpose and comfort of the sermon. It was not simply because we love sentiment more than truth but because we have become so comfortable with the notion of death to help us define life that we cannot define it at all without death. In fact, many folks are relieved at the prospect of death and happily ready to cede all existence away than to hang their future on an eternity filled with uncertainty and devoid of the

pursuits that fill us with happiness now. At best, we would consent to the idea of a virtual life that continues after the body lay in the grave or the ashes in an urn but even then we seem to want assurances that this virtual life will not be all that different than our present life (and will also have an ending point when we tire of it all).

Our culture loves the idea of limited do overs -- the opportunity to start again with all that we know now if only to avoid making the same mistakes. But that is hardly what the Christian hope promises. Our culture loves the idea of the perfect happiness of a life of amusement and entertainment without having to deal with those who reject us or our chosen leisure activity. That is also hardly what the Christian hope promises. There are some who not so jokingly confess that the idea of an eternity of choir singing or praying or praising God sounds entirely boring and might be cause to choose hell over heaven any day of the week. As the joke goes, at least I will know more people down there. That is also hardly what the Christian hope promises.

The promise that accompanies the resurrection of the body to a new and glorious state and the gift of eternity come with the rehabilitation of the heart so that the things we do on a limited basis today might be desired and done forever. It is not that we will be the same people in a new flesh and at a new address but that what was begun in us and is now complete will be brought to perfect consummation. Translated into English that means that our hearts will change, our desires will change, and the objects of our joy will change. Perhaps that is the problem -- *we do not want to be changed*. In other words, it is not simply that we find the idea of the resurrection untenable or the idea of heaven unthinkable but that we reject these ideas point blank because we prefer to be who we are even if that would mean suffering something for it. Such is the state of affairs to be pondered by those who preach and teach the Christian faith today. We are more and more wedded to our worldly view of everything, including ourselves, and less inclined toward any version of the future that would require us to surrender that view of ourselves and what we fancy.

Pastor Larry Peters

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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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