

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

CHICO, CALIFORNIA SEPT/OCT 2023

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from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

In 1964, Bob Dylan first sang the lyrics *"for the times they are a-changin'"* in his song of the same name for his album of the same name. In his classic, folk sound Dylan and his words resonated with the thoughts of many people that indeed the times have changed and are still changing. Since Bob Dylan, every generation and every genre of music has had songs about change which have continued to resonate with people. Sometimes those songs are about good changes, while other times they are about bad changes. Sometimes they are about how fast things change, while other times they are about how things aren't changing fast enough.

No matter what the songs are about, I wonder what is it about change that produces such an emotional response in people that they resonate with a song? My guess is that most people don't like change, but hearing a song about change helps them feel better, so that's why they resonate with those songs.

All talk about music aside, change has definitely been on my mind the past few months. There's been changes in our surroundings and where we live. There's been changes in occupations and our routines. We've got to change our drivers' licenses and license plates. What should I change at the church? Am I making too many changes or not enough?

Then there's broader questions about change that I think about. How has Redeemer Lutheran Church changed in 5? 10? 25? 100 years? How will it continue to change? How has the community of Chico changed in those same time periods? How will change in Chico affect the church? What about changes in the Missouri Synod? What about in the country? What about in the world? How will those changes affect the church?

Maybe all of the above is too much focus on change. Or then again, maybe you yourselves ask similar questions about change based on your own



personal lives and situations. Especially in light of changes at church, in the community, and in the country and the world, I think it is okay to think about change. I even think it is healthy to consider how all those changes are affecting you.

Nonetheless, in the midst of so many things that are changing, it is good to have some stability. And thanks be to God that we can look to Him for something stable. In fact, God Himself is stable because He is unchanging. God declared in Malachi 3:6, "I the LORD do not change." The author to the Hebrews also wrote in Hebrews 13:8, "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever." Therefore, we can be comforted by the stability of God during the changes that occur in our lives.

God has also given us gifts, His means of grace, which are even more stability in a changing world. The prophet Isaiah declared of God's Word in Isaiah 40:8, "the grass withers, the flower fades, but the word of our God will stand forever." The apostle Peter wrote of baptism in 1 Peter 3:21 that "baptism... now saves you," which means that whenever you were baptized, it has not changed but continues to mean you are saved. Finally, the apostle Paul wrote of the Lord's Supper in 1 Corinthians 11:23, "for I received from the Lord what I also delivered to you...." Paul goes on to write the Words of Institution of the Lord's Supper after these words, which shows that the Lord's Supper has not changed from Jesus to Paul and still to pastors today.

Overall, the times they are a-changin' and things will continue to change with us and around us. Some things may even change in the church, like a new pastor and how he does things. But what won't change is God, His mercy to us through Christ crucified, and His gifts to us of Word and Sacrament. In fact, these will be where we receive stability to persist and continue among changes. Thanks be to God for His unchanging gifts.

The Lord be with you, *Pastor DeForest*

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., KFUP, 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 - July 31, 2023

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

OFFERING INCOME	88,282.57
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	2,245.86
FACILITY USE INCOME	380.00
INTEREST INCOME	3,143.17
TOTAL INCOME	94,051.60
TOTAL EXPENSES	120,086.04
NET INCOME	-26,034.44
RETAINED EARNINGS	85,530.46
CURRENT BALANCE	59,496.02

See the Office Manager for more information.

HELP ON FLOCKNOTE

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

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

This is important in order to receive prayer requests and announcements.

HELP WITH THE DIRECTORY

Provide a current photo or have the office manager take your picture.

Tues. - Thurs.
9:30. - 4:00

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@gmail.com

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(530) 342-6085 Opt 1

ALTAR FLOWER/ETERNAL CANDLE SIGN-UP



SPONSOR:
Altar Flowers
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\$20/MONTH



Sign-up charts are posted in narthex.

HOMEBOUND

William Baving

1200 Springfield #110
Chico, CA 95928

Brenda Bell

678 Buttonwillow Ln #28
Chico, CA 95926

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SERVANTS

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AARON ASHWORTH
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JUDY EVANS
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COUNTER:

PAT LILLIE

DEACON OF THE MONTH SEPTEMBER

JAY ERWIN

OCTOBER

DARYL SMITH

USHERS:

TIM KRESSIN
TIM WENSLAFF
YUHUAN WENSLAFF

DRIVERS:

JAY ERWIN
BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
KURT JORDAN
DARYL SMITH

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

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

MERCY SERVANTS

The Deacons plus two men and two women serve the homebound with visits. The goal is to visit each of the sixteen persons listed at least once a month.

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.*

Deadline

November/December Redeemer Review

October 20



BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

07 MARTHA JONES
07 ALICIA SCOTT
09 MARNÉ SIVESIND
16 NICHOLAS MARAMONTES
16 JUDY MORENO
17 DANIEL SIEMENS
18 AUDREY HOFFIE
19 DREW ESMAY
20 YUHUAN WENSLAFF
21 KATHY SWEET
21 ROBERT THOMAS
22 GLENN BERGENDAHL
26 AARON ABERG
26 REV. BRENNAN DEFOREST
26 EVAN FIORILLO
26 ORLEN ZIEGLER
28 ELLA MIRAMONTES
30 MARGE HOLDERBEIN

OCTOBER

01 KAREN MCHENRY
02 JAY ERWIN
05 WESTON VANDERMATE
17 CAROLYN FIORILLO
23 TIM KRESSIN
24 WILLIAM RUSTAN



BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER

09 LUKE THOMASON
13 PAT LILLIE
14 TIM WENSLAFF
16 BILL BAVING
21 JAY ERWIN
21 JOSHUA VANDERMATE
24 DIANNE WILKERSON
24 RAY SCOTT

OCTOBER

00 AUDREY HOFFIE
04 DANIEL SIEMENS
05 REV. BRENNAN DEFOREST
05 SHARON SCHAFFERT
28 MARTHA JONES



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)

The kids are back in school and you think everything is under control. But...

- Do you know what your child will be expected to learn this year (curriculum)?
- Do you know what learning will be expected of each grade (K-12)?
- How does this compare to other countries?
- What can you do if you do not agree with what is being taught?
- How can you make up for gaps in the school's curriculum?

Think back to what you learned in school and perhaps talk with your parents or grandparents. What did they learn in school? Talk to retired school teachers (both public school and Christian school) and find out what they taught in their classrooms.

One such change or perhaps gap in the core curriculum is cursive writing. Searching the internet will bring up both pros and cons and whys and why nots. A possible thought to consider is that it is stated that cursive writing versus printing or typing uses different parts of the brain. For example, can your children read letters from your grandparents? Can you? A comment by a surgeon in one article said that cursive teaches a motor skill that is essential to a surgeon.



Quilters will resume meeting beginning in September, the second and fourth Mondays of each month. Unless otherwise notified, this schedule will remain the same each month.

Workers arrive at 9:00 a.m. and assemble, sew, or tie quilts until noon. No experience is necessary and new folks are always welcome. Bring your favorite scissors and large eye needle.

Our homebound are provided quilts first and then needs of community. Come and share in this mission endeavor. Friendship and coffee/tea served.

The purpose of this article is not to condemn but to have us critically examine what our children learn or do not learn. So as Christians what do we do?

First if this or any other no longer taught subject is a concern to you talk with other parents. Talk with your pastor and the leadership of your church. Meet together with other Christian parents to pray for what you should and can do. Pray for the teachers and the schools and all the students and their families.

If you as individual parents and other parents feel that a certain subject is important but is not taught in the core curriculum determine how you can teach this to your children.

- Begin with prayer.
- Research, research, research.
- Pray some more.
- Talk with others.
- Pray some more.
- Develop a plan.
- Pray some more.
- Recruit others to help.
- And finally, pray some more.

Prov.22:6 says,

Train up a child in the way he should go. And when he is old he will not depart from it.

LWML MITES

Loose coins in the offering

go to the LWML Mites program.



Pick up a coin box in the narthex.



QUARTERLY MISSION SUPPORT

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund \$4,746.09 - Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California: \$4,746.09
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya \$3,598.84, Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico \$3,598.84, Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya \$3,598.84
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation, Lutheran Deaf Ministry, Pastor Seeger
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic,; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc.

TECHNOLOGY



Technology... staying alert

If this sounds like same song repeated verses, it is. In previous articles attention has been focused on scamming and phishing but recently a new level of sophistication seems to abound. Instead of asking for account number on card what seems to be the current request is the expiration date on the card.

If you receive an email or text saying that your payment cannot be processed because your credit card has expired do not open the email or type in the requested information. Even if what you see in your preview window seems to have all the required identifiers for a particular account **do not type in any information and do not open the email**. Close examination will show you that this communication is not legitimate.

Go to the actual account, let's say Amazon, click on payment information and then on your credit card and look at what this fraudulent email says is missing. When you see that in fact the information is current you can rest assured that everything is ok. **Delete the soliciting email or text.**

If you have any doubts call the accounting department of the account (Amazon) and tell them what happened. Or, if you are not sure how to do this ask a friend to help you. If the accounting department asks you to forward the email to them, do so. They do investigate these emails/texts.

Remember:

- Do not automatically **open** any text or email.
- If information is requested instead go to the actual account billing department.
- Be sure to check the charges that have been made to your credit card when you get the monthly statement as fraudulent charges could have been made. If there are, contact the account billing department immediately.
- Ask for help when in doubt.

Do not be afraid to use your credit cards online but safeguard your information and be diligent.

Technology is a tool but use it in a godly manner.

WOMEN OF REDEEMER

*Your presence is requested
at a ladies'*

Salad Luncheon

honoring

Abby DeForest

*Saturday, September 9th
11:00 a.m.*

*hosted by the ladies of
Redeemer Lutheran Church
750 Moss Ave*



R.S.V.P. to:

*Linda Rean @ 530-816-0444 or
Shirley Wilson @ 530-864-0022
no later than September 5th.*

"A friend loves at all times." Prov. 17:17

GIVE BLOOD AND SAVE LIVES



Make donations at Vitalant
555 Rio Lindo Ave.
And tell them to credit your donation
to Redeemer Lutheran Church
vitalant.org for information

Your donations have been a Godsend for my husband Steve. In the past several months he has received approximately eight units of blood. So, from the bottom of our hearts...Thank you! Steve & Jackie Vieira

REFORMATION SUNDAY (OBSERVED)

October 29

Celebration Dinner following Divine Service



HAVE YOU MET...?

TIM & TONI LANGE



“Toni and I have been married 44 years. Our son Jason and his wife Stacey live in Morrow Bay with their three children, Emilie (14), Mollie (11), and Dylan (9). Our Daughter Rachael and her

husband Matt live here in Chico with their two sons, Luke (10) and John (8).

We grew up in San Jose, California. We lived the last twenty years in Soledad, California. I retired at the end of 2022 and we moved up here to Chico. We attended the Lutheran Church of Our Savior in Salinas, California. Before that we attend Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Los Gatos, California, where we both were confirmed and married.” *Tim Lange*

JACY & NOEL KROGH

Jacy and Noel Krogh have transferred from St. Paul’s in Tracy, California after moving back to Chico to be closer to family. Jacy was born and raised in Redding and attended Lutheran



grade schools. Noel was born in Willows and raised in Chico and attended Notre Dame Catholic School.

Jacy and Noel met while both attending Chico State, with Jacy graduating with a BA in Public Administration and Noel with a BA in Psychology. Noel went on to earn a Master’s in Education and a Juris Doctor degree. The couple, married since 2008, moved to the Bay Area to further their careers.

When the opportunity arose to move back to Chico, there was not a second thought. Jacy was able to stay with his employer, Albertson/Safeway, and take on a new role as Labor Relations Manager responsible for union contracts in Northern California and Nevada. Noel accepted a new position as the Director of Community Services for the Mechoopda Indian Tribe of the Chico Rancheria supporting tribal members with education and social service.

Jacy and Noel live in West Chico with their two doodles, Ruxpin and Rupert, and love being able to spend more time with family friends now that they are back home.

NEW MEMBERS

BERYL COTTER

April 26, 2023

Profession of Faith

TIM & TONI LANGE

June 21, 2023

Transfer from Our Savior Lutheran Church
Salinas, California

Jacy & Noel Krogh

August 8, 2023

Transfer from St. Paul’s Lutheran Church
Tracy, California

ASLEEP IN JESUS

HELEN SHERMAN



September 13, 1928 - June 21, 2023

CHUCK SCHAFFERT



August 14, 1941 - June 21, 2023

WRC FALL BANQUET

Women's Resource Clinic

Invites You to join their annual Fall Banquet on

SEPTEMBER

FRIDAY

29

AT 6 PM

2023

ELK'S LODGE
1705 MANZANITA AVE,
CHICO, CA 95926

DOORS OPEN AT 5 PM

Featuring Guest Speaker
Seth Gruber

A VOICE FOR THE UNBORN

R.S.V.P.

- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ table(s).
(\$275 per table)
- ☐ I would like to purchase _____ individual ticket(s).
(\$35 per ticket)
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this time.
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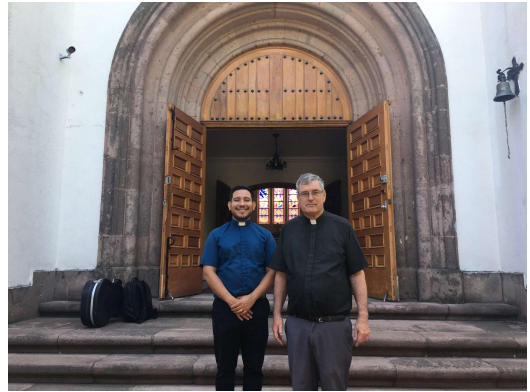
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R.S.V.P. By September 25th, 2023 to:

Women's Resource Clinic
115 West 2nd Ave. Chico, CA 95926

THANK YOU FROM PASTOR CONRAD



Dear Members of Redeemer,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. On behalf of ourselves and the churches of Latin America, we thank you for your donation of \$3598.84. Your gift provides materials and formation for future pastors who will serve the Lord throughout Latin America. Attached please find a photo of Dan posing with national pastor Neftali Garcia at Iglesia Luterana Buen Pastor in Mexico City. Your support provides ongoing pastoral education for Pastor Garcia.

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

"Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great Shepherd of the sheep, ²¹ equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen." (Hebrews 13:20,21)

In Christ, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

Thank you to all who helped and participated in the Retirement Dinner for Pastor Jordan and the Installation Dinner for Pastor DeForest. Both events involved many members working together--truly, we could not have done it without you!

Mark your calendars for a return to a favorite event we have missed during the last few years. Sunday, October 29 is Reformation Sunday and we'll celebrate after church with the Reformation Dinner for all members. Watch for more information and the opportunity to RSVP as well as sign up to bring an item for the dinner. The Board of Fellowship will provide ham and potatoes au gratin, asking members to bring salads or desserts. This is a festive occasion that you don't want to miss!

Serving Christ,

*The Board of Fellowship--Linda Allen, Diane Scott,
Carol Varley, Shirley Wilson*

THANK YOU FROM DEACONESS PAMELA BOEHLE-SILVA, RN



Taking Care of Body and Soul

www.alwaysmercy.org

22 July 2023

Dear Saints at Redeemer Lutheran Church,

We rejoice with you all for the installation of your new Shepherd, Pastor Brennan DeForest. We were delighted to celebrate this joyous occasion with you on July 15. We will continue to keep you and your new pastor and his wife in our prayers.

Thank you for including Always Mercy in your mission donations. Your overwhelming generosity flows all the way from California to Kenya! You are now working alongside us to bring embodied mercy and Christ's compassionate care to the sick and dying in Kenya. Always Mercy (our nonprofit in the U.S.) supports Rehema Open Door, the upcoming palliative care/hospice center in rural western Kenya. We are so grateful for this contribution.

We appreciate your ongoing prayers and support.

In Christ,
Always Mercy,

DBM
Deaconess Pamela Boehle Silva

Dennis and Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, RN



22 July 2023

Dear friends in Christ,

Your partnership with Always Mercy is a treasure. We thank God for your support!

Always mercy.

Deaconess Pamela

SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT - YUFEI WENSLAFF, CONCORDIA SEMINARY

July 2023

Dear Redeemer congregation,

Thank you for your continued support of my education at Concordia University Irvine.

I am entering my senior year this fall, majoring in biology and minoring in math. I also work on campus as a TA for Population Genetics and Biostatistics. I am currently working on my senior thesis research in spider web geometry.

In my time at CUI, I have had the opportunity to learn handbells, and I am now a ringer for Concert Handbells, the advanced bell choir. We have performed at many locations around Orange County as well as LA, San Diego, and Colorado, and next year we will be touring East Asia. I am also grateful for the chance to bring these skills to worship services here at Redeemer.

Again, thank you for your financial support so that I can continue my studies and adventures in Southern California.

In Christ,



Yufei Wenslaff



Crabbing with Ecology students
at Newport Beach



Field Biology Techniques research trip to
Anza-Borrego Desert Research Station



Concert Handbells performing at the
Spreckels Organ Pavilion in San Diego

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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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