

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA MAY/JUNE 2024 Vol. 38 No. 23

from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

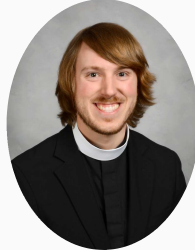
In the last newsletter I introduced a series where I'll be unpacking and reflecting on our church mission statement in my newsletter articles. The mission statement ultimately serves one main purpose: to succinctly declare who we are and what we do as a church. Therefore, it is my hope that simply by considering our mission statement, we all might think about our place in this church and how we can fulfill the mission of our church, which in the end is part of God's continued work in the world.

Now, if you need a refresher on what our mission statement is, you can always check the church website, where it is part of our welcome message. Though it's also printed here.

"Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church is 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, 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."

Last time, I only reflected on our name, *Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church*, and all that is contained in those four words. This time, let's focus on the next phrase, *"is a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ."*

I'm delighted that the first word we use to describe our church, after our name of course, is that we are a community. This is better than simply calling ourselves a congregation, because we do more than congregate, but we congregate and worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit together, we pray with and for one another, we encourage one another, and we bear with one another. When I think of the word community, I think of a neighborhood, which though it is made up of people of different ages, from different places, with different histories, experiences, knowledge, and families, it is nonetheless a group of people living in the same area. As a community, we are a group of people who come from different walks of life but now are living together as members of the one body of Jesus Christ. Though there are many Bible verses that describe what it means to be a community, I especially think of one short verse from the Psalms, **"Behold, how good and pleasant it is when**



brothers dwell in unity! (Psalm 133:1)"

As a community, this has a connotation that we are associated with each other deeper than a surface level relationship. And what is that association, that relationship? We are connected in this community that is Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church because we are all believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ. We are a community because of the

reality of Ephesians 2:8-9, **"indeed, it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast."** In other words, we did not enter this community haphazardly, simply as something to do, but we have been formed into a community by the Holy Spirit, who has given us faith in the saving work of Jesus Christ on our behalf. Even more, we are connected as a community because we all have faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior and Lord. I believe that this connection is especially developed in the collect of the day for Good Friday. *"Almighty God, graciously behold this Your family for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing to be betrayed and delivered into the hands of sinful men to suffer death upon the cross; through the same Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."* That is, because Jesus Christ was willing to die on the cross, all those who have faith in Him have been formed into a community, the family of God.

And as a community of believers in the gospel, the Holy Spirit continues to encourage and strengthen us as a community and even grow our community. Yes, sometimes life in the community can be difficult. Yes, sometimes you may become frustrated with someone else in the community. Yes, bringing new people into the community may be a challenge. But since we are a community of believers, this forces us to look beyond ourselves and look at the neighbors with whom the Holy Spirit has put us into community. God has put us into a community for a reason, most especially to worship Him together, and so God also strengthens us in this community through His Word and Sacraments and He strengthens us to grow our community. Thus, by knowing who we are as a community, knowing that we are connected as believers saved by faith in Jesus Christ, this grounds us and helps us enlarge our community by engaging in the rest of our mission statement, which we'll continue exploring next time.

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://www.l.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



Children's Sunday School is 8:45 a.m.
 Adult Sunday Bible class is 8:45 a.m.
 Thursday Bible Study is 9:30 a.m.

REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

January 1 - March 31, 2024

OFFERING INCOME	39,558.26
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	1,134.24
FACILITY USE INCOME	75.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>1,392.87</u>
TOTAL INCOME	42,160.37
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>52,301.01</u>
NET INCOME	-10,140.64
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>73,507.37</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	62,887.62

See the Office Manager for more information.



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

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**BIRTHDAYS**

MAY
06 ANDREW WEINREICH
07 HILDE JOHNSON
13 KEITH SIEMENS
15 JUDY EVANS
15 LINDA REAN
16 LORI JORDAN
18 XIAO WENSLAFF
18 JACKIE VIEIRA
22 DOROTHY MASON
29 KURT JORDAN

JUNE
01 KLAUS KEIL
02 RAY SCOTT
03 MONICA JORDAN
20 BILL BAVING
20 KYLA MIRAMONTES
23 KARL WEINREICH
27 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
27 YUFEI WENSLAFF
28 PAT LILLIE
30 REV. ROY MASON

**BAPTISMS**

MAY
03 SHIRLEY WILSON
04 LINDA SWEET
04 NOEL KROGH
08 R. J. JOKSCH
10 JOHN THOMASON
11 MARIA LANGE
11 SHARON HARDY
12 LA VERA HANSEN
20 DONNA RAMEY
20 MARY SIEMENS
20 SVETLANA LITVINENKO
22 HILDE JOHNSON
22 NEALE SIVESIND
23 CAROL WHIPPLE
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28 FINNELLY WEINREICH

JUNE
01 KLAUS KEIL
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09 KURT JORDAN
11 PAUL DEGARMO
11 MATTHEW THOMASON
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Deadline

Summer Redeemer Review

June 20



TECHNOLOGY

Technology... using in a godly way



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)



Let's take a look at the 3rd and final book in this grouping of books About the Lutheran Church. While listed in the children's books section of CHP.org this last book, as are the first two, is not childish but written with a clarity that makes it easier to explain to children but also to new believers of any age.

Worshipping with Angels and Archangels is an introduction to the Divine Service to help the reader explore, learn, understand and appreciate the liturgy used when we gather to worship. It explains not only what we do but why we do it.

Don't forget that you can get a preview of the book by going to cph.org and entering the title in the search function of books for children. While there are only a few pages that are shown it is enough to give a feel for the book. And if you are really still not sure if these books should be added to your library Pastor DeForest has the complete set and would be happy to let you look at them.

When you hear the word technology what comes to your mind? Probably you think your cellphone or your computer or maybe what makes your car run.

Merriam-Webster first lists, "the practical application of knowledge especially in a particular area." Stop and think for a moment and perhaps some of the things you think of as inventions should be called technology.

What immediately comes to mind when you hear "Henry Ford, Thomas Edison or Alexander Graham Bell?" Of course, you think car, lightbulb and telephone. And for many of you reading this newsletter you remember your first ride in an automobile (maybe a Model T), having electric lights rather than using kerosene lamps, or actually having a telephone in your home regardless of the fact that it was a party-line.

These things are in fact blessings to our lives, but... how easy it is to fall into the area of addiction. And, when technology has taken over our lives as an addiction have we not in fact moved from technology being a tool to technology controlling our lives.

You may have given up some form of technology during Lent. Think back to those weeks and consider if things were better or more difficult without that form of technology. Now consider whether or not it is not the technology but how you use technology.

Remember that technology is to help us apply knowledge to master something, not the master of our lives. What do you need to do to use the technology in your life in a godly way?

MITE BOX SUNDAY

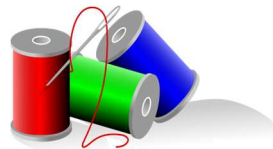
QUILTERS



The first Sunday Mite box offerings have been a success.

Our congregation has applied for a district grant for outreach to Chico State University students. There is a demonstrated need to serve our young people with the Gospel of Jesus as 80% of young people fall away from Christ and His church when they go to college. Pray that this grant will be funded as it helps fund various means of outreach to the Christian and non-Christian students.

All district grants for 2022-2024 have been funded. The last one was for \$5,000 to aid Indonesian hymnal project. Thank you for your mite offerings



Quilters meet Mondays, May 13, 27, June 10, and 24 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.

Lap robes are being made for homebound members of our church and others. No experience is needed. Feel free to stop by and see what is happening. Coffee and friendship are served.



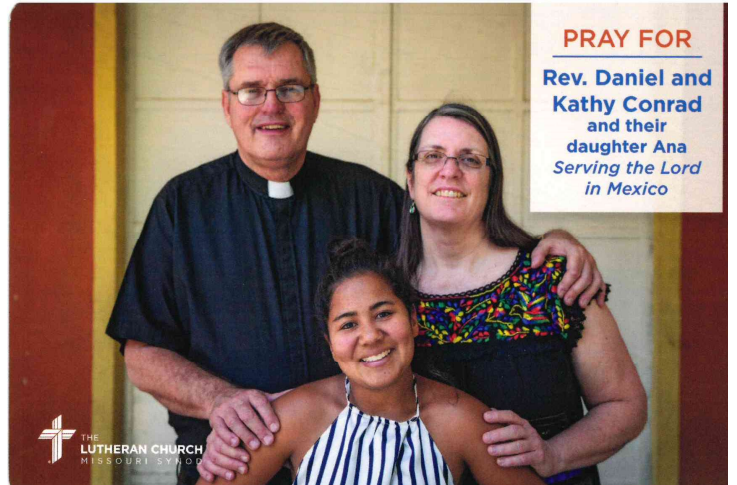
ROY HOLDERBEIN TURNS 100!

Roy, family, and friends celebrated with cake and coffee in the Parish Hall on March 10th after the church service. He was all smiles for the festivities, thanks to all who joined us!



PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Daniel & Kathy Conrad, Latin America



Pastor Dennis Meeker and Deaconess Lorna Meeker, Kenya



4KenyasKids @ Point of Grace Academy & High School

BAPTISM

April 21, 2024

William Caleb Krueger

Born December 31, 2023

Child of Nicholas & Bryn Krueger

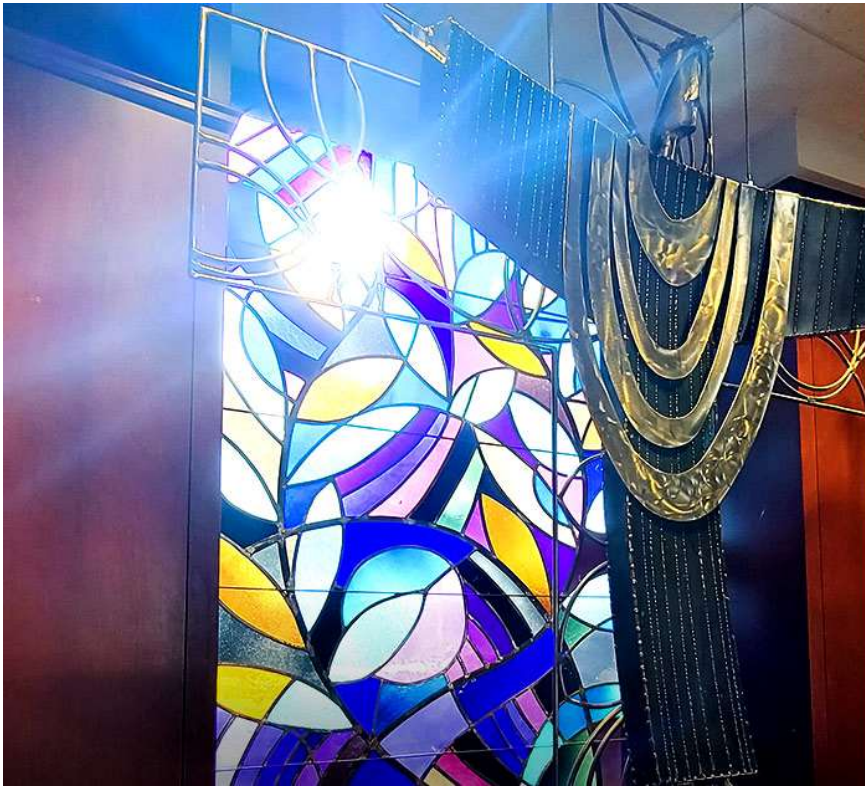
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Jade Marie Perkins

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Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya



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- Immanuel Lutheran Church, Hooper, NE
- Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Dahlonga, GA
- Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Calumet Park, IL
- Saint Peter Lutheran Church, Davenport, NE
- Emmanuel Lutheran Church, York, NE
- Zion Lutheran Church, Saint Charles, MO
- Grace Lutheran Church, Wayne, NE
- Our Father Lutheran Church, Centennial, CO
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- West Portal Lutheran Church, San Francisco, CA
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- Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Portland, OR
- Calvary Lutheran Church, Indianapolis, IN
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Elmore, OH
- Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, Richfield, MN
- Saint Johns Lutheran Church, Marysville, OH

- Faith Lutheran Church, La Crosse, WI
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- Trinity Lutheran Church, Sterling, CO
- Abiding Savior Lutheran Church, Lake Forest, CA
- Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Lester Prairie, MN
- First Lutheran Church, Papillion, NE
- Trinity Lutheran Church, Bay City, MI
- Saint John Lutheran Church, Ireton, IA

2024 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Mexico; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming; CNH District
- 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.




Walk for Life 2024

SATURDAY, APRIL 27TH 2024

Be the Light

Matthew 5:14-16



The walk will take place at Bidwell Park!

Registration begins 9:30am-10:15am. Walk begins at 10:30am.

Free lunch for registered walkers will follow the Walk at 11:30am.

We will have T-Shirts available for purchase for \$20
or free for walkers that raise \$100 or more.

We will give prizes for most money raised in each age category
and every registered walker gets a raffle ticket!

A silent auction will take place during the event.

Fun for the whole family! Bounce House, Face Painting, Crafts, Etc.

Online Registration + Virtual Fundraising at:

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