

'Round Redeemer

FEBRUARY 2017

Redeemer's Mission: Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, offering hope, help and healing in His name.

Redeemer's Vision: Connecting to God, connecting to people, connecting to life!

A Message from Pastor Schult

The next few months at Redeemer are important ones. The work began at the end of January as the people of Redeemer joined together to begin the work of forming a new vision and strategic plan for the future. There will be many conversations both formal and informal between February and June. Hopefully, there will be a lot of praying and seeking God in those months. It is an exciting time as Redeemer gives thanks for God's blessings in the past 90 years, and seeks God's vision and direction for the next chapter of mission and ministry in the Bay Area.

Have you ever heard or sung the song "12 Men Went to Spy on Canaan?" The next line is.... "10 were bad and two were good." In the book of Numbers, Moses sent 12 spies into the Promised Land of Canaan to look it over. God promised the people of Israel that he would give them the land. After scouting out the land they came back to give their report. Joshua and Caleb trusted God's Word, "we can take the land!" But the other 10 were more focused on what they saw than on what God said.

Numbers 13:31+ "We can't attack those people; they

are stronger than we are.... All the people we saw there are of great size. We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them."

It's easy to be overwhelmed by what we see happening in the church in the USA today. The days of the church thriving in America seemed to have passed. But God's promises have not changed. The gospel message of Jesus is still powerful and effective. His Word and Promises are still true. He still calls us to live by faith and not by sight.

There is a mission organization in our church body called "Five Two." You can find out more about them on their website – www.fivetwo.com. They are dedicated to starting creative new mission ventures. The name of the organization is taken from the Gospels when Jesus feeds 5,000 people with five loaves of bread and two fish. The name is based on the premise that God has already provided all that we need to accomplish his mission.

That's right Redeemer, we have everything we need to carry out the mission Jesus gave us! We have the Holy Spirit! We have Jesus! We

have the good news of the gospel! We have a heavenly Father who is gracious and merciful. We have talented and gifted members with creative ideas, humble hearts, and zeal for the mission of Jesus. We have a great location, a thriving school ministry, beautiful facilities, a talented and committed staff, faithful members, and a growing community with many people who do not know Jesus. In short, we have everything we need.

Let's put our trust in Jesus to keep his promises. Let's dream big. Let's do whatever it takes. Let's

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love radically, give generously, and serve graciously. Let's follow Jesus wherever he leads us. For there is no greater adventure in this life than following Jesus!

See you in Church!
Pastor Paul Schult

Getting to Know Jesus A 5-Week Bible Class!

DATES – 5 Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:15 PM
April 26, May 10, 17, 24, 31

- Are you interested in learning the foundational teachings of the Christian Faith?
- Are you interested in joining Redeemer Lutheran Church?
- Are you looking for answers to life's biggest questions like who is God, who am I, what is God's purpose for my life?

Did you learn about the Christian faith as a child or teen and would like to dig into them again as an adult?

This 5 week class will be taught by Pastor Schult. Anyone is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend, a spouse, a High School or college student who did not go through 6-8th grade confirmation instruction. Together we will dig into the 6 core teachings of the Christian faith, which are revealed to us in the Bible for one reason – so that you might know Jesus!! At the heart of the Christian faith is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ – putting your faith and trust in Him.

Go to www.redeemerministries.org to sign up.

Jubilee Sunday— February 26

What is Jubilee Sunday? Great question!!

Jubilee Sunday is the name of Redeemer's annual Stewardship Sunday – when members of Redeemer are invited to participate in two activities as a part of worship.

1. Pledge a monthly offering for 2017

Members will be given a pledge card to prayerfully consider their offerings for the coming year. Take time to consider what God teaches us about gospel-based, Biblical giving for the work of God's Kingdom:

- Cheerful – God loves a cheerful giver, deeply grateful and motivated by God's grace and kindness.
- Firstfruit – give to God first, not out of our leftovers.

Proportionate – in relation to God's blessings in your life; house, cars, vacations, clothing, recreation. A tithe (10%) has been the Biblical guide for God's people throughout the ages, and continues to serve as a helpful guide.

These pledge cards will be placed on the altar. They won't be used in any way; no reminders, no tracking, no updates on how you are doing. The process is a way for you to do what the Bible says, "Grow in the grace of giving."

Redeemer Numbers

Giving and Attendance

Includes only weekly offerings

December 2016 Weekly Giving	Offerings		Attendance	
	Actual	Projected	2016	2015
1 Total	23,153	\$10,542	224	141
2 Total	11,764	\$10,542	187	139
3 Total	31,875	\$10,542	220	196
4 Total	9,382	\$10,542	105	166
Christmas Eve Attendance		NA	280	269
Total December 2016	\$76,173	\$42,167	736	911

December Income vs Expenses

Includes all church sources of income

Church Income vs Expenses		
Fiscal Year to Date 12/31/16	Actual	Projected
All Income	\$323,439	\$298,580
Expenses	\$363,291	\$393,559
Income less Expenses	(\$39,852)	(\$94,979)

2. A Special Offering

You are also invited to give a special gift, an offering that will strengthen Redeemer's financial position especially through the summer months which are usually lower income months. It's always challenging to start strong into a new ministry year in late August when finances are slow. This special offering will help Redeemer start into a new ministry year well positioned financially.

Special Offering Goal = \$42,000 (One month of projected income)

The following is a possible scenario to reach that goal. Take a look and consider what you might be able to do to help Redeemer move forward in mission and ministry.

# of Gifts	Amount	Total
1	\$5,000	\$5,000
3	\$2,500	\$7,500
11	\$1,000	\$11,000
21	\$500	\$10,500
25	\$250	\$6,250
10	\$100	\$1,000
10	\$50	\$500
10	\$25	\$250

Total = 91 Gifts, \$42,000

It's an ambitious goal! It will take everyone to reach it!

On Sunday, February 26 – during the offering time in worship, you will be invited to bring your offerings and pledge to the front of church as a reminder that offerings are part of our worship of our Savior Jesus, being generous for the work of His kingdom.

Annual Income vs Expenses

Includes all church sources of income

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Lent Midweek Fellowship

Dinner and Reflections

Mark your calendars for the 2017 Lenten season. Mid-week Dinners and Reflections are being planned, and all are invited to attend. Please remember to RSVP so we can plan for your attendance. Go to

www.redeemerministries.org

to sign up or call the church office at 366-5982.

Midweek Fellowship Schedule

March 1 – Ash Wednesday -

- 7:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary
- Followed by dessert and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.
- Hosted by the Board of Directors.

Lenten Dinners - March 8, 13, 22, 29, April 5

- 6:00 – 6:45 - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (**RSVP!!**)
- 6:45 – 7:00 – Clean up
- 7:00 – 7:45 – Lenten Reflection in Fellowship Hall

Dinner Hosts

- March 8 Redeemer School Staff
- March 15 Redeemer Choir
- March 22 Men's Bible Study Group
- March 29 Redeemer Church Staff
- April 5 Life Enrichment Group

THEME – 40 Days with Jesus – Featuring Skit Guys videos!

Hear eyewitness accounts from important moments in the life of Jesus that led up to his crucifixion – Simon Peter, John the Baptist... and more!

Poland Mission this Summer

Beth Schult will be leading a Poland Mission Team this summer that will work with the people of Jesus Church in Jastrzebie Zdroj to host an English as a foreign language Bible Day Camp for kids ages 6 to 15. The trip will take place July 21- August 1. Must be at least 14 years to participate. Contact Beth to find out how you can teach English and share Jesus at bschult@redeemerministries.org.

Sunday School

We apologize for the delay in getting Sunday School started. Redeemer's Sunday School is being re-designed, and is planned to begin on April 2nd.

Friday Guys Needed Can You Help?

The Friday Guy crew, church volunteers who maintain the church grounds (lawn mowing, watering, flower planting, light maintenance) is down to a crew of 1 (Paul Soule). If you can volunteer to help out, please contact Paul to work out the details at lpau5@sbcglobal.net.

Life Enrichment

by Board Member, Virginia Nelson



God enables us through Life Enrichment Ministry to enhance our latter years by sharing with others our Christian love and fellowship.

God gave us another day with our Redeemer friends. We had a wonderful time eating, laughing and enjoying each other's company. It was nice to see Arlene Storm with us again, she looks great, as always, and it was nice visiting with her.

Pastor Paul opened us up in prayer and, of course, what we all wait for... some really cute jokes. Here are a couple of them – The midget fortune teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large. If you jumped off the bridge in Paris you'd be in Seine. Two Eskimos sitting in a kayak were chilly so they lit a fire in the craft. It sank proving again that you can't have your kayak and eat it too.

Vince Barbaria stood up and told us of his and Adeline's move to San Diego. They will be living near their daughter and feel this is the time to be moving. We will surely miss those two; they plan on moving Feb 5, 2017. Many prayers for them during this transition.

Grace was unable to be with us due to an illness, so Rosemary Behrens led us in a couple of hymns, thanks Rosemary, great job!

Thanks again to Ruth who

led us in some great exercises to limber us up. She does such a good job.

Brooke Leon, NP gave us a presentation of asthma and allergies which was very informative. She said 1 out of 10 people suffer with some kind of allergy. She explained how the nasal sprays work and how beneficial they are. She gave us a lot of information and answered any questions we had.

Then we sat down to a delicious lunch that Clayton Duval prepared, consisting of Hoisin chicken, bok choy and quinoa. For dessert Madel made us an apple pastry shaped like a flower. Everyone was remarking on how good it was. Many thanks to them and to all that helped out, it was simply scrumptious!! Clayton also told us he was now supervisor over 40 cooks at Google. Congrats Clayton, you deserve it!!

Our guests generously donated \$77.00 to Street Life Ministries today. Thanks again for all your support for this ministry. Street Life Ministries really is a God send to a lot of people and for us to be able to help them is a real blessing.

Next month Kurt Schreiner is our guest chef and Eric &

Next

Life Enrichment Luncheon

February 11 at 11:00 am

Joan will be performing for us. They have been here before and sure put on a great performance. So please mark your calendar for Feb 11 and as always, bring a friend if you can.

Home and Hope: Redeemer Needs a New Coordinator (or Co-leaders)

For many years now, Redeemer has hosted the participants of the Home and Hope program for two weeks in the summer. This year, the dates are July 23-August 5, 2017.

Redeemer is need of a new volunteer (or team) to coordinate the program. This requires being the contact for the Home and Hope program as well as soliciting and coordinating the on-site Redeemer volunteers in July.

Nancy Talistu and Julie Sowa have stepped down from chairing this ministry at Redeemer. They said it has been four amazing years of seeing how God orchestrates and enables our congregation to continually host these families each summer. They are so appreciative of the love and genuine hospitality that is shown by

all of you! They especially love that we host for two weeks and they don't have to move every Sunday and that they have a familiar face (Julie and Nancy) every night. This is hard on them, especially the children, to establish a rapport with their hosts.

Julie and Nancy both agree that it has been a "mountain top" experience to serve in this capacity. So enjoyable and such a blessing!

Prayerfully consider whether you are being called to serve in this ministry. Feel free to contact Nancy Talistu to ask her about it, or if you are ready to take over, let her know and she'll get you the information you need to get started.

Contact Nancy at

ntalistu@comcast.net

Giving Solutions

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School has partnered with PushPay to provide **NEW** giving solutions. You are invited to choose an option that works best for you. Giving has never been so easy.

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- Download the PushPay App / set up account
- Check or Cash

When you send REDEEMERCA to 77977 you will receive a one-time reply containing a link to give to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School (1msg/request). Please be aware that Msg & Data rates may apply. For full Terms & Conditions please visit <https://pushpay.com/terms>. For the Privacy Policy please visit <https://pushpay.com/privacy>. For help reply HELP or STOP to cancel.

Need a Demo? Need Help Setting Up?

If you are not sure that PushPay is for you, please feel free to ask Chris May or Brian McCollum to demonstrate their mobile app. They would be happy to take a minute at church during coffee hour to show you how easy it is. You can also set up online at www.redeemerministries.org and select Give Now.

Also, if you aren't sure PushPay is for you, or if you don't have a smart phone or computer, but would like to set up automatic recurring payments, the church office can help you. There is a form in the narthex or at the church office that you can fill out to have your account set up for you. Just ask!! We are happy to help.

Events for Women & Friends of Redeemer



Lutheran Women In Mission - Opportunities for the Women of Redeemer to encourage one another, hear God's Word, meet old and new friends and have fun!

BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONS



Topic: Talking to God.
Amen

When: Saturday, Feb. 4

Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Where: Redeemer
Conference Room 1

Menu: Egg bake, fruit,
breakfast rolls, and coffee

Mite Box – \$5,000.00 for #4 Solar Lanterns - FUNDED!!!



GRANT #9 \$10,000 - HMONG LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Ministries has been at St Paul's Lutheran Church,

Merced for more than 10 years. Their longtime dream of having a Hmong Language School was realized when the pilot program was launched in March 2015. The missional purpose of the school is to reach out into the Hmong community with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. A known delivery system to reach into multigenerational family units is through the children. The school is encouraged by the older generation who want the younger to know their mother tongue.

Two important goals are met: 1) To bring back the Hmong language. 2) To

plant the seed of the Gospel. All lessons are Biblical material and deliver the message to other generations in the home when the children share it through their homework. The pilot program was every Saturday morning in spring of 2015, and every evening for two weeks in summer. To continue the Saturday morning schedule and expand to 2-3 evenings per week, plus summer events, the ministry needs materials, supplies and support, funded by this grant.

Questions please contact me. Shelly Alba – shelly@cnh-lcms.org or 650-574-0485

Morning of Prayer



We are connected to the Generations that have come before us.

When: Saturday, February 18, 2017

*Where: First Lutheran Church
350 Dolores Way, South San Francisco*

*Time: 9:30 am - 11:30 am
Coffee and Pastries
Prayer Service*

*Contact Person: Shelly Alba
650-574-0485 or Shelly@cnh-lcms.org*

"One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts" Psalm 145



LWML CNH Zone 8

Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

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9:30 am Band-Led Service, Sunday School (on recess)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Organ-Led Service

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	2 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	3 •8:25 am Chapel •6:30 RLS Musical •7:30pm AA	4 •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion
5 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	6 •12pm Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm AA	7 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting	8 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	9 •7pm Women of Faith	10 •8:25 am Chapel •6:30 pm RLS Variety Show •7:30pm AA	11 •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
12 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> <i>Scout Sunday</i>	13 •12pm Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	14 •7:30pm BSA Meeting	15 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	16 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting	17 School Closed •10am Altar Guild •7:30pm AA	18
19 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	20 <i>President's Day Observed</i> Church and School Offices Closed •7pm AA	21 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting	22 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team	23 •7pm Women of Faith •7:30pm BSA Meeting	24 School Closed	25
26 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	27 •3:30pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	28				

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Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Sundays at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

- 9:30 am Contemporary Service
- 9:30 Sunday School (On Recess)
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Traditional Service

Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor

Reverend Paul Schult

Visitation Pastor

Reverend Paul Hoffmann

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Dr. Harold Draeger

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www.redeemer-school.org