

# 'Round Redeemer

AUGUST 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!

## Proverbs 16:9

Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor

**Proverbs 16:9 – In his heart a man plans his course, but the Lord determines his steps.**

I like to body surf on the ocean waves. In July my family joined some good friends in Florida, and I was able to ride a few waves. Have you ever done that? I've always done it in the Gulf of Mexico where the waves are a little more manageable. The Pacific Ocean is a little more intimidating – I haven't tried it yet!

It's so much fun. Over the years I've learned how to read the waves, how big they will be, when they will break. Once you find the right wave, you have to go at just the right time, dive in front of the wave, keep your body straight and kick your legs. If it works just right you end up just in front of the wave with a huge rush of energy and it pushes you all the way into shore.

It's a great way to relax and unwind, the waves do most of the work!

Knowing how to catch a wave can come in handy in other parts of life too. It saves so much time and energy if you can latch on to some energy that already

exists instead of having to generate it all yourself. Sometimes we call that momentum. It's easier to talk with your kids about something they are excited about – catch that wave and build your relationship with the energy that is already there! It's easier to sell a product that people are excited about – catch the wave help meet people's needs with the energy that already exists!

It's also easier to carry out God's mission if you can catch a wave that already exists. You know, find issues that people in your community are concerned about and join the cause, address topics and questions that are important to people, run programs that meet people's needs, design facilities that welcome the community.

There is a challenge to catching the wave. You don't want to get so lost in plans and strategies that you forget your mission, the reason you exist. For the Church, that means never losing sight of God's mission – connecting people to Jesus! The church can't change the mission, or the message. But we can be aware of our community, aware of culture and society, aware of the waves of energy!

And we can do our best to catch those waves and ride them!

That's what we will be doing in the next few months as a congregation – trying to find the waves in our church, in our community, in our culture. We will be trying to focus on the gifts, talents, and resources God has given Redeemer, clarify our focus and vision, and align Redeemer to be as effective as we possibly can be to accomplish God's mission in Redwood City!

The TCI survey results will be tabulated.

Focus groups will be conducted.

A demographic study will be complete.

Information about Redeemer is being gathered.

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When all of that data is gathered, we will look for waves God is sending our way and do our best to ride them out!

Nothing is more exiting than riding the wave when God's Holy Spirit is moving! It's a powerful thing and a rush of energy!

Please be a part of the process.... And pray diligently for God's guidance, direction, and wisdom.

See you Church,  
Pastor Paul Schult

## Redeemer TCI Survey!

Redeemer is partnering with TAG Consulting to conduct a **Transforming Church Insight (TCI) Survey**. It would be very helpful if we could get over 100 surveys completed before the August 7th deadline. The survey has about 120 questions, should take about 15-20 minutes to complete.

[https://www.research.net/r/TAG\\_TCI\\_RedeemerLutheranChurch](https://www.research.net/r/TAG_TCI_RedeemerLutheranChurch)  
Password: rlc

**Online Survey active until Aug 7**

## 6th – 8th Grade Redeemer Confirmation Ministry

- ◆ Monday, September 11 – 7:00 – 8:00 PM – PARENT INFORMATION MEETING  
(Parents only – students don't need to come)
- ◆ Monday, September 25 – 7:00 – 8:15 – First night of class

### What is the Redeemer Confirmation Ministry?

The curriculum is called “Getting to Know Jesus” and introduces young teens to the core truths of the Christian faith found in the Bible, introducing them what it means to live in relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ.

### Is anyone welcome?

Yes. Any 6<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade student is welcome to be a part of this ministry.

### Who teaches the class?

Pastor Schult – Sr. Pastor at Redeemer and

Mr. Corey Garrity – Minister to Youth and Young Adults at Redeemer.

### When does the class meet?

Monday nights from 7:00 – 8:15 PM from September – April. A full schedule will be handed out at the parent information night.

## Redeemer Numbers

The main source of income for a church to fulfill its ministry goals is offerings. In the 2016-17 fiscal year, Redeemer exceeded its budget projection by 10%, and since December of 2016, Redeemer has seen an increase in monthly giving. This is wonderful news and a

testament to God's people wanting to support His works through Redeemer.

Redeemer has based the 2017-18 budget projection of \$787,000, a stretch goal of a 20% increase, on the desire to increase its ministry outreach and impact in its community. The congregation of Redeemer is being

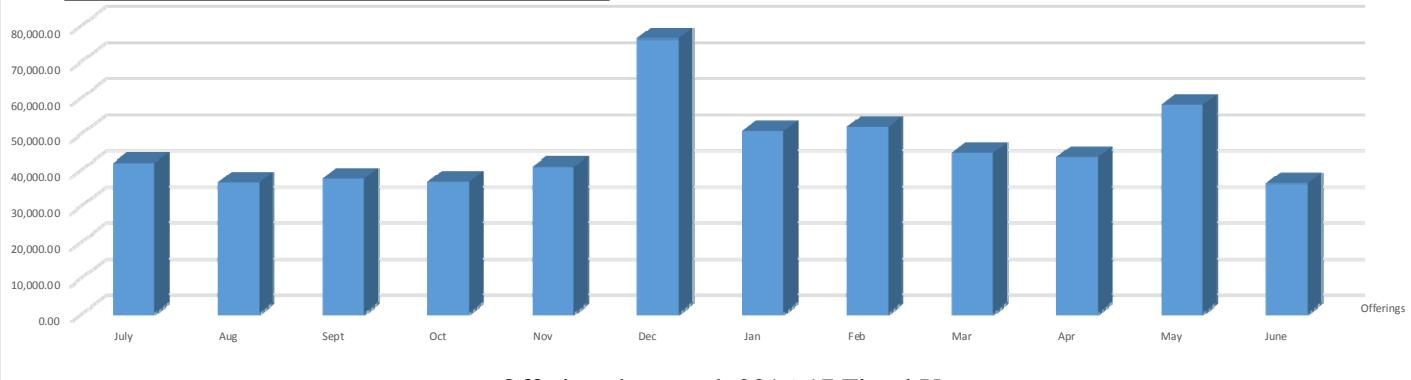
asked to prayerfully consider their giving in support of the God-led opportunities Redeemer will have to reach Redwood City and beyond in the next year.

2016-17 Budget: \$506,000  
2016-17 Actual Offerings: \$551,972  
2017-18 Budget: \$787,000

Offerings

### Attendees Giving Ave

	Attendees	Giving Ave
2015 Weekly Ave	179	\$9,281
2016 Weekly Ave	175	\$9,914
2017 Weekly Ave	186	\$11,816



## 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.*

What a wonderful 4th of July Celebration we had! Fellowship Hall was decorated with red & blue tablecloths, flags & Hershey Kisses wrapped in red & white stripes or blue & silver stars. Thanks so much to Madel, Shelly, Donna, Linda, Julie and all who helped; it was beautiful!

Pastor Paul was in great form with his humor; here are a few of the jokes he told. 1) Why did the duck say quack? Because he was a firecracker. 2) Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington? Because the horse was too heavy to carry. How come there's no knock knock jokes about America?

Because freedom rings. Thank you Pastor, you are our resident comedian; so funny!

Clayton Duval and three of Redeemer's school students; Kaitlyn, Gabriella & Jake prepared us a delicious steak sandwich lunch with mixed green vegetables and macaroni salad, yum yum! Madel made us delicious ice cream sandwiches for dessert, they were blue sugar cookies, white ice cream & red star sprinkles. So cute; thank you Madel for all your efforts each month, we truly appreciate you!!

Grace played America, The Beautiful as we sang along.

Then we sang Happy Birthday to Gordon Jones and Lina Lassalle.

Ruth led us in exercises again this month. Thanks Ruth, you do such a good job limbering us up.

We then played Bingo! So much fun!! Pastor Paul started off by saying he was going to forward his little convertible that he won last year to whoever won the black out game this year. Etta called the numbers, she does such a good job, thank you Etta. We played several games including the four corners, the X and then the blackout game. The winner of the blackout game was Claire Solomon's caregiver. It was a lot of

fun and everyone seemed to enjoy themselves.

We are so blessed to have this time together to give thanks to God for all He does for us. To sit and talk, laugh and have fun. Thank you Lord Jesus!

There is no lunch in August but we will meet again in September for more fun and games. And if you have any suggestions for these lunches, please let us know. Also if you have a need for any minor repairs around your house or help in any way, please contact Carole Farnum. We'll see you in September for more fun and games and remember to bring a friend if you can.

## Home and Hope 2017

*If anyone serves, they should do so with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. 1 Peter 4:11*

I am so grateful and pleased at how once again God has orchestrated the Home and Hope schedule for this year's hosting. I will admit that a few months ago, I was a little anxious about our involvement this year

because many of the "regular" helpers were involved in other church activities or family activities. I even began to take it into my own hands to perhaps cancel one of the weeks or even cancel future obligations.

But you know the correct way to handle this? It is to pray about it and then listen for God's answers. So I did. Many times He answered though some of you, telling

me not to do anything different. You encouraged and supported me to wait on Him. So I did. Much of the time, He was calming me and reassuring me that I was to just carry on with the scheduling and He would fill in the blanks. So I did and then He did. Again, He just wants us to show up for what He calls us to do and trust Him to get us through it. And not just through it, but to be blessed by the experience,

which Home and Hope always is. I look forward to greeting our guests and by the time you read this, many more will have been blessed by the experience. Redeemer is known for their hospitality in this ministry! We definitely offer up our "first fruits" to our guests! To God be the Glory, for sure!

# #whatif

**The well in Nalwire has been completed. God is good!**



Lives in Nalwire, Uganda will be changed! Through Redeemer's generosity and in partnership with Hearts and Hope, a well has been built for the village. Clean water, located close by the village will improve lives, and enable further steps in sharing the message of Hope that Jesus brings to all! The next page shows the impact of Redeemer's partnership with PLI to train and encourage pastors in Uganda to share God's message and love.



July 5, 2017

Rev. Paul Schult  
Redeemer Lutheran Church  
468 Grand St.  
Redwood City, CA 94062

Dear Rev. Schult and members of Redeemer,

Greetings and blessings to you. I am writing to acknowledge and thank you for your recent \$9000 donation to Pastoral Leadership Institute International (PLII). On behalf of those who serve Christ around the world, I want to extend a word of thanks and express our deep gratitude.

PLII recently concluded its training conferences in Tanzania. The second of those Tanzania conferences is pictured below. So far in 2017, **408** have been trained at PLII conferences. Along with Tanzania, PLII conferences have been held in Uganda, Ethiopia, Kyrgyzstan, Russia, and Hong Kong. Conferences are yet to be held in 2017 in Brazil, Latvia, China, Indonesia, Liberia, and another in Ethiopia.



Participants continue to share about the profound impact the training is having on their marriages, their families, and their ministry leadership. As one of the participants in Kyrgyzstan stated, "Sometimes we are focused on secondary things, not on the main thing – God's mission to bring the Gospel to others. PLII has helped me to focus on the main thing again."

We could not be more grateful to God for the doors He is opening. On behalf of Dr. Jock Ficken, director of PLI USA, Dr. Norb Oesch, the pastors and spouses around the world, and all the teams of trainers that go out each year to bring the training and learning of PLII, THANK YOU! Thank you for the trust you have placed in the work that PLII is doing. We are humbled by your generosity and prayers, and inspired and encouraged in our efforts. May God's blessings be with you!

In Christ,

*Dr. Scott F. Rische*

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Director, PLII



*Lutheran Women In Mission* ~ has a new logo. It was introduced at this summer's convention in Albuquerque.

## **Breakfast and Devotions (8:30 am – 9:30 am)**

- ◆ Topic: "Becoming Beautiful in Christ"
- ◆ When: Saturday, September 2nd
- ◆ Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am
- ◆ Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1
- ◆ Menu: Egg bake, fruit, breakfast rolls, and coffee

## **Upcoming Breakfast and Devotion**

- ◆ October 7
- ◆ November 4

## **New Mite Project – Giving Generously**



Joy of Harvest Hmong Language School \$10,000

Joy of Harvest Ministries has been at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Merced, CA 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.

Look for the Mite box the 1st Sunday of each month. It's the big purple box, add you dollars and coins.

## **Poland Mission Team**

Thank-you for the support and prayers for the Poland Mission Team. The team arrives back in early August, and will be delighted to share the stories of how God used this opportunity to touch lives. Here is the inspirational devotion that Beth Schult shared with the team prior to departure:

I love how God equips and empowers His people. Many times it comes in the form of other people speaking and sharing with you. Well, a dear friend shared this song, Come to the Table by Sidewalk Prophets, with me this week....it deeply hit my heart and so I must pass it along to all of you! What a beautiful picture to ponder—what a blessing that HE brings each one of us to the table...right next to Jesus... everyday of our lives. And in the next 12 days ---He has called each one of us to take on a special role at this table....to be His hands and feet ....to welcome others in...to be prepared to share with others what it feels like to sit down and be set free in the Saviors arms! HE wants all of His children—of every nation, tribe and tongue....to find a seat at His eternal banquet feast! During our days in Katowice, God is going to be using your own unique story and heart of faith to open that door for someone else. Be blessed in the journey...be ready for the His love to flood your heart and soul. HE will give you everything you need to accomplish what He has already designed for you to do! What a great and mighty GOD we serve!! Blessings to you as you ponder and prepare that special and holy task. It will be a whirlwind you will never forget. Thank you, oh thank you, for stepping into the unknown in Katowice! Your strong faith and "flexibility mindset" has been a huge blessing !!

# Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Contemporary Service, Sunday School (On recess)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Traditional Service

## August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Home and Hope On Campus	2 •6:30am Men's Breakfast Home and Hope On Campus	3 Home and Hope On Campus	4 •7:00pm AA Home and Hope On Campus	5 Home and Hope On Campus
6 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>  Home and Hope On Campus—Clean up	7 •7:30pm AA	8 •7pm Board of Elders •7:30pm BSA Meeting	9 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	10	11 •7:00pm AA	12 <i>All Day Event in FH</i>  <i>All Day Waxing School Floors</i>
13 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	14 •7:30pm AA	15	16 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	17	18 •7:00pm AA	19 <i>All Day Waxing Fellowship Hall Floors</i> •12pm Cub scouts
20 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	21 •7:30pm AA	22	23 <i>School Resumes</i> •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8:25 Chapel •9am Newsletter Team	24 •7pm 8th Gr High School Night	25 •6pm PSC Welcome Back Dinner •7:00pm AA	26 <i>Tag Focus Groups</i>
27 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  <i>Tag Focus Groups</i>	28 •3:30pm Street Life Meal Prep •7:30pm AA	29	30 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •6:30pm RLS Middle School Night	31		

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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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