

'Round Redeemer

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 Word from Pastor Paul

From Rev. Paul Schult, Lead Pastor

October 31 is right around the corner....just a few days away and I am really excited. I bet you are excited too. That's right October 31..... the first day of the High School basketball season! My two sons Sam and Nathan will begin basketball season at the new High School – Sequoia. Actually, I'm excited and a little nervous. I'm excited because I love basketball, and I love watching my kids play. But I'm nervous because I don't know what to expect. After all, everything is new this year.

Last year I knew what to expect. Nathan and Sam had been a part of their teams for a long time. I knew where they fit in. I knew how they stacked up against the competition. I knew their tough opponents. This year, I don't know anything, and the unknown makes me a little nervous. But mostly, I am excited.

I'm also excited about things at Redeemer. The Leadership Community meeting on October 18 led to some conversations about some great possibilities for the future at Redeemer.

- How can we reach young families more effectively?

- How can we better reach our community?
- How can we make an impact not just on Redwood City, but the greater Bay area?
- How can we stay true to our core Christian beliefs and also find creative new ways to express and share the gospel in our changing world?
- How can we make our facilities more inviting and useful in accomplishing our mission?

If you go to the Redeemer website at www.redeemerministries.org you will find a summary of the conversations regarding vision and

ministry. I hope you are excited too, and maybe a little nervous. Doing something new is always exciting and yet a little frightening.

But nothing is more important than connecting people to the good news of Jesus! The message of the gospel still has the power to change people's hearts, open people's eyes, and accomplish God's mission of bringing the forgiveness of sins and the hope of new life.

Please join in the conversation over the next few months as we pull together plans for the next chapter of Redeemer!

See you in Church!
Pastor Paul



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Thanksgiving Day Worship

November 24
at 9:00 a.m.

Please join us in giving thanks to the Lord for all our blessings.

Congregational Meeting

December 4
at 11:45 a.m.

Nominations for open board positions are being accepted: Secretary and Treasurer. Contact the church office.

All Redeemer Members are encouraged to attend to vote on board elections and discuss the state of the church.

Final Article

From Rev. Eric Robinson,

I feel weird writing an article for Round Redeemer when I know you'll be reading this after I have left. It doesn't feel like I've been here for 8 years, but that's because I don't know what 8 years is supposed to feel like. 8 years is the longest I've lived in one house and is tied for the longest I've lived in a single area in my entire life, so you feel like family to me. Redeemer is the only home Nash knows, and he is comfortable enough here to terrorize you every week. My vicarage (internship) began here and turned into my first call, and I am one of the last hold outs from my graduating class to

remain at their first calls. Until now, of course.

Someone once said that God has two names: "God" and "Surprise!" That feels about right, considering the path my life has taken. But when I received the call to Orange, CA, it seemed that the Redeemer community had a pretty good sense of where we were headed. It wasn't a surprise to you. Rather, most of you expressed genuine happiness for us when we announced the decision, and I'd like to assume not because you are tired of us.

Getting my footing as a new pastor was a rough

process. Those first attempts at preaching where we all cringed together (and which I have blocked from memory), putting my foot in my mouth repeatedly, and just generally not knowing how to minister to people in Jesus' name in the real world were all part of the steep learning curve that you so graciously helped me through. And I think that's part of why everyone has been so encouraging as we prepare to leave. You see us as a part of Redeemer's legacy to the church-at-large - which we are.

I've been historically very bad at guessing how God is

going to use us, and Orange, CA, is no different. We can't thank you enough nor express how much we appreciate your support and prayers. To use the words of St. Paul,

I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Grace and peace to you.

Redeemer Numbers

Giving and Attendance

| September 2016 Weekly Giving | Offerings | | | Attendance | |
|---------------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--|
| | Amount | Projected | Attendance | Last Year | |
| 1 Total | \$7,947 | \$10,542 | 164 | 162 | |
| 2 Total | \$7,066 | \$10,542 | 199 | 159 | |
| 3 Total | \$13,460 | \$10,542 | 186 | 183 | |
| 4 Total | \$8,389 | \$10,542 | 224 | 162 | |
| 5 Total | NA | NA | NA | 0 | |
| Total Aug 2016 | \$36,861 | \$42,167 | 773 | 666 | |

September Income vs Expenses

| September Church Snapshot | Actual | Projected |
|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|
| Total Income | \$44,646 | \$50,272 |
| Total Expenses | \$75,988 | \$82,487 |
| Income - Expenses | -\$31,342 | -\$32,215 |

Annual Income vs Expenses

Church Income vs Expenses

| Year to Date 9/30/16 | Actual | Projected |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------|
| Income | \$142,508 | \$150,268 |
| Expenses | \$184,515 | \$231,960 |
| Income less Expenses | (\$42,007) | (\$81,692) |

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



When: Saturday, Nov. 5
Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am
Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1
Menu: Egg bake, fruit, breakfast rolls, and coffee

Advent by Candlelight
(7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)
December 6



Women of Redeemer come and invite your girlfriends, sisters, aunties, and daughters (who are in high school). Advent by Candlelight is a time to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of the Messiah.

Join us for fellowship, conversation, Christmas carols, and of course, dessert. RSVP Shelly Alba (650) 574-0485 or Shelly@cnh-lcms.org

Christmas Tea
(12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)
December 15



Women and men are invited to attend this potluck luncheon. One of the traditions during the Christmas Tea, hot beverages are served from the silver tea set. Redeemer students provide the entertainment, sometimes we are the audience for their upcoming play or listening to some wonderful singing.

RSVP Shelly Alba (650) 574-0485 or Shelly@cnh-lcms.org

\$2,000 is the Mite goal for this project:

OPERATION BBARNABAS



In 2007, the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod's Ministry to the Armed Forces Launched Operation Barnabas. Barnabas was Paul's missionary companion and aide. His name literally means "son of encouragement." Providing encouragement is a key component in this ministry to military members and their families. Due to the immense drawdown our military faces, over 200,000 families are returning to civilian communities. The

need for adjustment to a more normal pace of life will be a period of critical adjustment. Operation Barnabas is designed to walk with each serviceman and woman, listen, and offer the comfort and strength that only the Gospel can bring. Churches must be equipped to reach out to veterans with the love of Jesus. To that end, a Comfort Dog is placed with a veteran to enable them to reach out to others and share the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ. This grant will allow the LCMS Armed Forces Ministry to bring Comfort Dog Congregations training to allow them to expand their reach to military families, and by God's Grace, bring them into the Church.

Children's Ministry Position

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Part time, paid position leading and managing the Sunday morning Christian children's ministry at Redeemer called Sunday30 for children ages 3 to 11. Education degree and experience preferred, but not required. Contact Stephanie at the church office for more information and an application.

Go Green With Redeemer

Go Green with Redeemer. If you wish to stop receiving paper copies of the newsletter, go to www.redeemerministries.org and select the NO PAPER COPIES link at the bottom of the webpage.

Redeemer Church Office Faces

Since December 2015, Joan Bryant has been working in the church office in the mornings providing support to Stephanie. As her training progressed, she is taking over several aspects of church work including processing the weekly bulletins. Feel free to stop by and say hello.



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.

We had another wonderful time today, enjoying listening to some jokes from Pastor Paul, exercising with Ruth and welcoming our new Pastor Paul and his wife Beth.

Pastor Paul H. started with some of his great jokes, here are a few:

1 - I find it ironic that the colors red, white & blue stand for freedom until they're flashing behind you. 2-Take my advice, I'm not using it. 3 - Women sometimes make fools of men, but most guys are a "do-it-yourself" type. 4 - If at first you don't succeed, skydiving is not for you. Pretty cute huh?

Carole Farnum gave some information for those who do not come to night time

activities because they don't want to drive at night. She asked how many people would be willing to pick someone up and there was a good show of hands. So if you want to come to an evening activity such as Advent by Candlelight or a play put on by the kids, call Carole and she will set you up with a person for you to call for a ride. Please contact Carole also if you want to be a driver. Thanks! All help is appreciated.

Ruth led us in some exercises to limber and warm us up. She always does such a good job, thanks Ruth!

Our new Pastor Paul and his wife Beth came up front and gave us information on their family and how glad

they all are to be here in Redwood City. Beth shared some background of their five children and then Pastor Paul asked us how long we've been members and what makes this church so special. One of the answers was; it feels like family and Pastor Paul said he and Beth felt that too. They are very pleased to be here with us even though they miss friends and family from home.

Donna & Madel prepared an October lunch for us consisting of bratwurst, red cabbage and potatoes. For dessert we were served apple pie...yum, yum. Thanks ladies.

Once again God gave us a wonderful time together, we are so blessed to have this get together each month to enjoy & share

Next

Life Enrichment Luncheon

November 12 at 11:00 am

each other's lives. Getting to know Pastor Paul and Beth a little more was terrific, they are such good speakers and their love for God is really obvious. Thank you Paul and Beth.

Today you generously donated \$85.00 to the Life Enrichment Program, thank you so very much!! These funds go a long way to helping those less fortunate than us!

We will have a country & western singer entertaining us in November, so if you like country music put on your boots and come on over for another fun time. Another reminder that if you see someone or know someone who might like to join us, please feel free to ask them, the more the merrier!

New Members Transfers in

*Anne Taddey
Trinity Evangelical
Lutheran Church
Palo Alto, CA*

*Jim and Kathy Bradley
Ascension Lutheran Church,
Littleton, CO*

Thank-you

Dear Redeemer Family,

I would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Redeemer church for the support, cards, gifts of love to the SPCA and the loving kindnesses shown to my family and me after the loss of 'Eddy, My Love'.

A special "thank you" to Pastor Hal for the wonderful celebration of life service!

Blessings,

Loretta & Family

Home and Hope

From Nancy Talistu

"And I am going to put a special blessing on you and cause your reputation to grow so that you will become a blessing and example to others."

Genesis 12:2

It may only be October, but I would like to have us keep Home and Hope in our hearts, minds and prayers. There are a couple reasons for this.

First, Julie Sowa and I will be stepping down from chairing this ministry at Redeemer. It has been four amazing years for us (and

over 10 years for Redeemer) 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 I) every night. This is hard on them, especially the children, to establish a rapport with their hosts.

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

Second, is to give the dates that Redeemer is hosting Home and Hope for the next year or two.

2017: July 23-Aug. 5 (two weeks)

2018: July 29-Aug. 4 (one week only)

2019: July 21-Aug. 3 (two weeks)

Please prayerfully consider chairing this ministry, you WILL be blessed!

On a side note, I would like to add, I said "no" when first approached five years ago, then prayed on it... God had a different response for me!

Nancy Talistu

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Street Life Ministries

From Nancy Talistu

"Do your work willingly, as though you were serving the Lord himself, and not just your earthly master. In fact, the Lord Christ is the one you are really serving, and you know that he will reward you."

Colossians 3:23-24

In light of Redeemer congregation moving forward and opening their hearts and minds to change and with that change growing closer in relationship to Christ...I am trying to be more diligent in how we serve Street Life Ministries. God places on all our hearts a desire to serve Him in many ways. I know that many of you in our church and at our

school have expressed that desire. With that said, it would be so great to have in place a larger group to "pool" resources with. I have email addresses for about 30 people, some from Redeemer and some are neighbors and acquaintances. I also know that my "regulars" might need a break once in awhile. I thank them abundantly for how faithful they are to help me.

I am working with the middle school teachers to keep connected and announce to the students the opportunity to work with me in meal preparation, serving the meal on site and other areas. Depending on

the menu, I can use about 3-4 students once a month (fourth Monday) and about 10 a few times a year to prepare freezer meals to be taken up to Peninsula Covenant Church kitchen for later use. Many times during the year, for numerous reasons, Street

Life is left without a prepared meal for an evening. So to have the freezer stocked with casseroles and vegetables is a necessity. There also is opportunity any night of the week Monday through Thursday to go and serve the meal to the recipients. All of these take only about 1-2 hours of your time, with the exception of a Saturday freezer meal prep that may

take a little longer.

Other needed help is for adults who are available as accent cooks, van drivers, and of course serving. Please go to the streetlifeministries.org website to see the details and job descriptions.

Please pray for this ministry and that God will raise up the help that is so needed. And pray for the workers who already are volunteering, that their spiritual fervor to serve the Lord stays strong.

In Him,
Nancy Talistu
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650/759-0842 cell

RLS Staff Article

Redeemer Lutheran School is continuing to introduce the staff in a series of biographical articles. Enjoy meeting the teachers!

Nanette Wright

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.”
Philippians 3: 2-4

Experience: I began my career at Redeemer in 2008, as a private aide. During this time, I found my

calling and decided to further my education. I completed my student internship at Redeemer and was hired as the full-time RSP teacher. I thoroughly enjoyed helping students in that position for five years. I was excited to accept a new calling as the sixth grade/history teacher!

Hobbies: In my free time, I enjoy spending time with my husband and two teenagers, going for walks, traveling, and binge watching shows. I have a passion for the arts: singing, dancing, acting, drawing, and just overall creating.



My Mission:

To help each student realize his or her potential in a challenging yet loving environment. I love teaching and I hope that the students will love learning.

Schedule Your Bev With the Rev (and his wife)

Pastor Paul and Beth would like to sit down for a cup of coffee, soda, wine, beer, whatever is your preferred beverage – to get to know you better. It could be at your favorite coffee house or your house, a local pub or winery, or even pastor's church office – you choose!

Weekday mornings or afternoons are preferred, but if you need an evening or weekend we will do our best to make that work too! We will try to have 3 or 4 meetings



every week as long as needed!

Contact

You can contact to the church office to schedule a time – or keep your eyes open for announcements of dates and times when Pastor Paul and Beth will be at a local establishment for anyone interested.

redeemer@redeemerministries.org or 650-366-5892

Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45am Band-Led Service, Sunday 30 (On Recess for Summer)

9:00am Adult Bible Study

9:45am Coffee Hour

10:30am Organ-Led Service

November

| Sun | Mon | Tue | Wed | Thu | Fri | Sat |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------|
| | | 1 •6pm Cubscout Meeting | 2 •6:30am Men's Breakfast | 3 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting | 4 •8:25 am Chapel •10am Altar Guild Meeting •6:30pm RLS 5th Grade Musical • | 5 •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion |
| 6 Day Light Savings <i>See Worship Schedule</i> MITE Box Sunday | 7 •12am Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA | 8 •7pm PSC Meeting | 9 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Adult Membership Class | 10 •7pm Narathon Training •7pm Women of Faith | 11 <i>Veteran's Day School Closed</i> •7:30pm AA | 12 •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon •7pm Narathon Training |
| 13 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> | 14 •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA | 15 •6pm Cubscout Meeting •6:30 RLS Marketing Open House | 16 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Adult Membership Class | 17 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting | 18 •8:25 am Chapel •4:30 Girl Scouts •7:30pm AA | 19 |
| 20 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •12pm AHSGR | 21 <i>School Closed Modified Church Office Hours 8am-12pm</i> •7pm Choir •7pm AA | 22 <i>School Closed Modified Church Office Hours 8am-12pm</i> | 23 <i>Church & School Closed</i> Narathon on Campus All Day •8am Newsletter Team (TENTATIVE) | 24 <i>Thanksgiving Day</i> Church & School Closed •9 am Worship Narathon on Campus All Day | 25 <i>Church & School Closed</i> Narathon on Campus All Day | 26 |
| 27 | 28 •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA | 29 | 30 •6:30am Men's Breakfast | | | |

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Sundays at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

- 8:45 am Band-Led Service
- 8:45 am Sunday30 (children)
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 am Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am Organ-Led Service

Pastoral Staff

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