

# '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!

## Christmas Mission Offering

*From Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor*

Some of you may be aware that Beth and I will be traveling to Uganda from January 28 through February 7 to do some mission work. We are partners with the Lutheran Church of Uganda (LCU), a mission that started about 15 years ago and has grown rapidly. Two members from Redeemer will be going with us – Wendy Kinstler and Becky Berry. There are two organizations we work with in order to help with the mission of the LCU:

- Hearts and Hope for Uganda  
[www.heartsandhope.org](http://www.heartsandhope.org)
- Pastoral Leadership Institute International  
[www.plileadership.org](http://www.plileadership.org)

Hearts and Hope is an organization that helps start schools in Uganda through student sponsorships and community rebuilding. AIDS and civil war resulted in many orphans and the need to educate a generation of children many of whom have no parents. Hearts and Hope partners with villages to get clean drinking water, create work opportunities, and start schools.

Pastor Leadership Institute is an organization of the LCMS that helps train pastors in leadership

development. The International division does this training around the globe. Beth and I work with Pastor Scott Rische and his wife, Lori, who lead this training in many nations around the world. We team teach with them. The pastors of the LCU and their wives have committed to a four year training process which includes a one-week conference each year and ongoing work between annual sessions.

It is our hope that Redeemer will find some ways to partner with the LCU and help advance the mission of Jesus around the world.

This Christmas you can help advance the mission in Uganda by helping sponsor a pastor and his wife attend PLII.

The cost is \$500 per couple for 5 days of training which includes travel, housing, food, training, and special "date night" event. You can donate various amounts

to help sponsor a couple.

\$500 – sponsor a couple for the week.

\$250 – sponsor a pastor or his wife for the week.

\$100 – sponsor a couple for a day.

\$50 – sponsor a pastor or his wife for a day.

OUR TOTAL GOAL = \$7500

COMMUNICATION – when you make a contribution of any amount we will give you a picture and profile of the couple you are supporting and ask you make a small care package for them: your family picture, a letter of introduction and encouragement, and a simple small gift (stationary, Giants t-shirt, Giants keychain, hand lotion, etc.) Remember – small! We have to take these over in a suitcase.

Thanks for helping advance the gospel in a place that is hungry to hear the good news of Jesus! Your money goes a long way

## DECEMBER 2016

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## Christmas Worship

*Christmas Eve* (Saturday)

5:00 PM & 11:00 PM

Both services will be the same format:

A service of Lesson and Carols using Christmas Bible readings and Christmas carols, a Christmas sermon, and a congregational candle lighting ceremony during the singing of Silent Night.

The choir will lead the 11:00 service.

*Christmas Day* (Sunday) – One service at 10:00 AM.

*New Year's Day* (Sunday) – One service at 10:00 AM.

Uganda!

God's peace, and thanks for sharing this Christmas season.

See you Church!

Pastor Paul

## Redeemer Numbers

### Giving and Attendance

October 2016	Offerings		Attendance	
Weekly Giving	Amount	Projected	Attendance	Last Year
1 Total	\$8,405	\$10,542	169	144
2 Total	\$5,766	\$10,542	189	151
3 Total	\$6,218	\$10,542	157	205
4 Total	\$6,083	\$10,542	206	108
5 Total	\$8,488	NA	241	0
Total Aug 2016	\$34,960	\$42,167	721	608

## Congregational Meeting

December 4  
at 11:45 a.m.

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

### October Income vs Expenses

October Church Snapshot	Actual	Projected
Total Income	\$44,646	\$50,272
Total Expenses	\$68,087	\$70,990
Income - Expenses	-\$23,441	-\$20,718

### Annual Income vs Expenses

#### Church Income vs Expenses

Fiscal Year to Date 10/31/16	Actual	Projected
Income	\$185,900	\$199,705
Expenses	\$254,828	\$302,952
Income less Expenses	(\$68,928)	(\$103,247)

### Go Green With Redeemer

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### Holiday Choir Practice

Start off the Christmas season by singing and joining the choir as they prepare joyful songs for the coming Holidays. Practices are on Monday evenings at 7pm in the Sanctuary. The choir will be performing for Christmas Eve at 11:00 pm and Christmas Day at 10:00 am. Support the group in any way that you can!

### There is still time to schedule Your Bev With the Rev (and his wife)

Pastor Paul and Beth would you need an evening or like to sit down for a cup of weekend we will do our best to coffee, soda, wine, beer, make that work too! We will whatever is your preferred try to have 3 or 4 meetings beverage – to get to know you every week as long as needed! 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 can contact to the church office to schedule a time Contact

[redemer@redeemerministries.org](mailto:redemer@redeemerministries.org) or 650-366-5892

## 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!

### 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

### BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONS



**When:** Saturday, January 7  
**Time:** 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
**Where:** Redeemer Conference Room 1  
**Topic:** Epiphany Joys  
**Menu:** Egg bake, fruit, breakfast rolls, and coffee

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



### #3 OPERATION BARNABAS

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.

### \$5,000.00 for #4 Solar Lanterns – new Mite challenge!!

Valerie Stonebreaker (member of Good Shepherd, Turlock) has been a long-term missionary in Togo, Africa

since 1998, helping the women of eight villages with literacy classes. These women struggle to raise their families, changing diapers and caring for the sick in the dark. They also supplement their income by making colorful bags and selling them at market. Their huts, which are dark most of the day as well as at night, could be more comfortable homes, not just roofs over their heads, by the use of amazing solar powered lanterns. Luci Solar Lanterns are inflatable, packable, rechargeable, waterproof and maintenance free. These lights would better these women's lives by allowing them to work on their crafts and literacy program in the evenings. They can read God's Word and find His light in their lives. This grant will fund the purchase of 317 Luci Solar Lanterns.

## Street Life Ministries

From Nancy Talistu

Cudos to the Redeemer 7th Grade Class that baked 16 loaves of delicious pumpkin bread for Street Life Ministries to serve over the Thanksgiving week.

Street Life Ministries is continually looking for new volunteers and have many ways to help out. Please continue to 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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## 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.*

Today we celebrated not only the American Veterans but Thanksgiving as well. Grace played the piano while we all sang America the Beautiful, God Bless America and several others. She really plays the piano well. Thanks Grace!

Pastor Paul announced that our entertainment for today, Chris, the Country & Western singer couldn't make it, he was ill with a spinal problem. Chris asked if we would invite him again, he was very apologetic. So we'll keep him in our prayers.

We were then asked if anyone would need a ride or could provide a ride to our evening events and a few signed up. Carole Farnum will be coordinating these so if you have a question, give her a call.

We celebrated Veterans Day by asking the vets to share a story. Grace and Dorothy spoke up and gave a little history of their time in WW11.

Pastor Paul asked for prayers for others and several guests spoke up. We prayed for them as well as all veterans of our country. Pastor then asked whose birthday it was this month and there was only one, Paul Soule, so we sang

Happy Birthday to him.

And of course Pastor told some of his great jokes, here are a few of them – 1) The prospective father-in-law asked, "Young man, can you support a family?" The surprised groom to be said, "Well no, I was just planning to support your daughter, the rest of you will have to fend for yourself." 2) Little Johnny asked his grandma how old she was, and she replied 39 and holding. Johnny thought for a moment then said, how old would you be if you let go? 3) Why did the pilgrims eat turkey at Thanksgiving? Because they couldn't fit the moose in the oven. Good job Pastor!!

He also asked for opinions on the ideas of changing the worship times in our church, there was good discussion on this topic.

Once again Ruth led us in some exercises to limber and warm us up. Thanks Ruth for a terrific job!

Madel, Shelly, Donna Herzog and friends prepared a Thanksgiving lunch for us including turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy and cranberry sauce. Then we had pumpkin cake for dessert, what a great treat!! Thank you ladies!!

## Next

**Life Enrichment Luncheon**  
**December 10 at 11:00 am**

Thanks be to God for giving us this time together each month and we truly appreciate Madel and everyone for their time and energy in preparing this each month.

You generously donated \$77.85 to the Life Enrichment Program this month. Thanks again for your support of this ministry! These funds go a

long way to helping those less fortunate than us!

Next month Jim Stevens will be back to entertain us and we all know how good he is, so mark your calendars for some more fun times at Redeemer. Again I remind you to bring a friend if you can.

## Cookie Exchange and Christmas Carol Sing-A-Long!

Ladies, you're invited! Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> from 7-9pm

RSVP by Dec. 12 at <http://evite.me/haD31frraA>.

Hosted at the home of Becky Berry, 149 Karen Way in Atherton. Bring one dozen cookies to exchange with the group!! Parking is very limited on Karen Way – please carpool and park across the Alameda on Stevick.





# 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.

**Text REDEEMERCA TO 77977**



## What are my giving options?

- Text REDEEMERCA to 77977 (see below)
- Open a PushPay account online at Redeemer's website. Select the "Give Now" button.
- Submit a Recurring Pledge Sheet to Redeemer to automatically debit from your bank account. Available on information table.
- 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.

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.



### **Many Reasons to Give – Many Options for Giving**

When two people fall in love and become one in the holy union of marriage, they typically share all that is to come, including material wealth. Most couples hold wealth in joint ownership. A few with considerable property might plan to separate assets in order to conserve taxes or maintain administrative protection. Yet in most cases, people commingle their property because it reflects their attachment and commitment to each other.

There also exists an emotional attachment, especially in connection with “objects of our bounty.” Generosity and giving are natural expressions that communicate the message, “I love you. You belong to me.” Giving can flow both during life and after.

Those who hear the Call of God’s Love through faith, have similar connections that often transcend human ties. For some, generosity steeps up from the conviction that all that they have is a gift. For others, the desire to share and give comes from deep within the heart. Sadly, decisions to act on such aspirations often don’t get made because of a lack of knowing how to proceed or the resolve to get started.

All of us have more options to structure gifts than is often understood. A relevant question to ask is, “What is the most effective way to give in each circumstance?” Answering this question often requires advisors who understand methods and vehicles that govern economic, tax and legal processes. But we find that many people don’t discuss this with their professional advisors. This means they may miss the best ways to match their generous intent with the optimal charitable vehicle.

Have you ever thought about seeking spiritual counsel on these gifting issues as a part of the process? Charitable advisors can help you align your hopes for blessing others with the most effective financial strategy for your particular situation.

**Jason Jones, CGP, CDE**  
Gift Planning Counselor  
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# Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45am Band-Led Service, Sunday30 (On Recess)

9:00am Adult Bible Study

9:45am Coffee Hour

10:30am Organ-Led Service

## December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<i>1</i> •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	<i>2</i> •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	<i>3</i>
<i>4</i> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	<i>5</i> •12am Life En- richment Board Meeting •7pm Confir- mation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<i>6</i> •6pm Cubscout Meeting •7pm Advent by Candlelight	<i>7</i> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<i>8</i> •7pm Women of Faith	<i>9</i> •8:25 am Chapel •4:30 Girl Scouts •7:30pm AA	<i>10</i> •11am Life En- richment Luncheon
<i>11</i> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<i>12</i> •7pm Confir- mation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<i>13</i> •7pm PSC Meeting •7:30 BSA	<i>14</i> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<i>15</i> •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •12pm Christ- mas Tea •7pm BSA	<i>16</i> •8:25 am Chapel •6:30pm RLS 2nd Grade Mu- sical •7:30pm AA	<i>17</i>
<i>18</i> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<i>19</i> •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<i>20</i> •6pm Cubscout Meeting	<i>21</i> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<i>22</i> •7pm Women of Faith •7pm BSA Meeting	<i>23</i> <i>School Christ- mas Vacation through Jan 10</i>	<i>24</i> <i>Christmas Eve</i> •5pm Worship •11pm Worship  Narathon on Campus
<i>25</i> <i>Christmas Day ONE SERVICE ONLY</i>  •10am Worship  Narathon on Campus	<i>26</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i> •3:30pm Street Life Ministries Meal Prep •7pm AA  Narathon on Campus	<i>27</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	<i>28</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	<i>29</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	<i>30</i> <i>Church Offices Closed</i>	<i>31</i>   Narathon on Campus

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### Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

#### 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

*Lead Pastor*

**Reverend Paul Schult**

*Visitation Pastor*

**Reverend Paul Hoffmann**

*Pastor Emeritus*

**Reverend Dr. Harold Draeger**

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