

'Round Redeemer

AUGUST 2016

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!

From the Interim Senior Pastor

From Rev. Paul Hoffmann, Interim Lead Pastor

INSTALLATION

We give thanks to God that Pastor Paul Schult has been led by God's Spirit to accept Redeemer's Call to serve as the new Senior Pastor. He will be installed as Pastor on Sunday afternoon, August 21, at 2:00 PM. Welcome to Pastor Paul and Beth and their family!

GROWING IN CHRIST

"Encourage one another and help one another, just as you are now doing." (1 Thessalonians 5: 11)

How's your spiritual

health? In our fast paced and stress-filled lives it is easy to forget that our spiritual health and well being are nurtured by staying close to Jesus Christ and His Church. In a world that all too often tries to keep God at arm's-length, we need to encourage one another to stay close to Jesus Christ, who introduces us to our heavenly Father and His Eternal Home.

"Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since

you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer." (Hebrews 10:25) Weekly worship is especially important for families with children. The greatest inheritance we can give to our children is that they know Jesus died and rose for them, forgives them, helps them daily, and has prepared for their eternal future.

"Encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you." (2 Corinthians 13:11)

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ON A PERSONAL NOTE:

This month's Round Redeemer article is my last one as Interim Senior Pastor. Under Pastor Paul Schult's direction I will continue to serve Redeemer's Senior Adult Saints as I have for the past

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From Rev. Paul Schult, Future Senior Pastor

One of my favorite songs ever is written and sung by Michael Card titled "My Shepherd – Psalm 23." I'm looking forward to hearing this song at two very special days in the next month, my daughter Madeline's wedding on August 13 and my installation at Redeemer on August 21.

There is one line in the song that is particularly meaningful to me right now. Near the end of the song is this line,

"I'll make my home place in the house of the Lord."

I can hear a concept and understand it. But it always seems that when I experience something I come away with a much deeper understanding. Right now I am experiencing the emotion of leaving a house, a community, and a church that have been my home for 18 years. It is not easy because there are so many people here that we love.

As we walk through this journey of making a new home in Redwood City, CA, God is teaching me

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Special Occasions in August

Sunday, August 14 Coffee Hour 9:45 am

Special opportunity to thank Pastor Hoffmann for serving as Interim Senior Pastor. Come to church that day and thank him personally during a special coffee hour. Cards of thanks may be sent to the church office.

Sunday, August 21 at 2:00 p.m. Installation Service and Reception

Join Redeemer in a special service to install our new Senior Pastor, Reverend Paul Schult, and a reception to welcome him and his family to Redeemer.

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from Pastor Schult*

through this experience what it means that my only true home is with Him. One day that will mean being in heaven, our eternal home. On this side of heaven, the closest we can come to that is in Church, in God's house.

A few years ago I preached at my Grandfather's funeral and my text was Psalm 27:4 where it says,

"One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek him in his temple."

Those words remind me that the only place my soul will ever truly feel at home,

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From Pastor Hoffmann*

five years. I look forward to continue working with our excellent Life Enrichment Committee members (Ruth Finkelstein, Loretta Kehler, Virginia Nelson, Carole Farnum, and Chuck Hansen) in planning ministry opportunities for Redeemer's Seniors.

I am very grateful to be a part of the Christian ministry and mission of this great congregation. I have been blessed to serve among so many dedicated and Christ-inspired people in the church and the school

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is in the presence of God. That is why I love church. That is why I love worship. That is why I love being a Pastor. When God's people gather together around Jesus, his Word and Sacraments, it is a taste of heaven, a taste of our true home.

There is something about being home that feels good. That's why our homes are such sacred places. God

and their staffs. I know that God will continue to bless the ministry of Redeemer Church and School. Thank you for letting me serve Jesus with you!

"Since you have accepted Christ Jesus as Lord, live in union with him. Keep your roots deep in him, build your lives on him, and become stronger in your faith... and be filled with thanksgiving." (Colossians 2: 6-7)

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house and hit the road!

And so through this transition God is giving me a much deeper understanding and appreciation for home. As I struggle with letting go of one home I am finding the wonderful grace of Jesus who opens his house to me, and I am looking forward to a new home in Redwood City, and new spiritual home in the sanctuary at Redeemer. And in the seasons ahead, I look forward to many special moments with all of you in God's house where together we will experience the glorious presence of Jesus who invites to make our home with him.

God's peace!

Pastor Paul Schult

Volunteers Needed Aug. 21

In honor of Pastor Schult's installation on August 21, 2016 Redeemer Lutheran Church is hosting a reception. Barbara Schroeder has graciously consented to plan the reception, but she needs HELP!!!

Consider signing up for set up, bussing and replenishment during the reception, and/or clean up or help the whole time.

Sign up on sheets in the church entry or use the online form at:

[http://www.signupgenius.com/
go/20f0944a4a92ea3f94-installation](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0944a4a92ea3f94-installation)

Thanks in advance for helping make this a special day for all!!!



August 2016: Gift Planning Newsletter Article

For Gift Planning Counselors and Associates

Generosity Adds Value to Life

The dictionary defines generosity as "the quality of being kind and generous . . . that often overwhelms friends and neighbors." It's no wonder why Jesus said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Whenever someone contributes to the needs of others because they are motivated by a care and concern for that need, God's love is clearly and powerfully conveyed with an authentic witness.

Christian songwriter Michael Card says it this way: "With Christ as your only possession, then giving becomes our delight." For sure, there is a sense of satisfaction in giving that only the giver can know.

The dictionary also lists parallel words for 'generosity.' These synonyms include concepts that many hold as positive values: liberality, lavishness, free-handedness, magnanimous, unselfishness, abundance and plenitude all describe a 'fullness' that our Father in Heaven wants for His children.

God established an ancient system to care for the poor, the foreigners, widows and the orphans. Mercy and justice in dealing with others, especially those on the margins of society, was an instruction with a promise of great value. Over time, acts of charity demonstrated by many cultures differentiated Christian charity, because it did not seek its own benefit. Its motivation stemmed from the needs of others.

The value from generosity is not limited to recipients, whether poor, marginalized or otherwise. Anyone who has experienced the kindness of others can affirm that the principal impact of generosity's value is experienced by the one who shares.

Social and psychological sciences have ample evidence that happiness correlates to taking advantage of the opportunities to live outside of one's self. The value of generosity surrounds life with joy and meaning.

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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.

Our annual 4th of July celebration was a great time. More than 28 people came to enjoy lunch and good times with good friends. Such a great day!!

Loretta introduced Todd Hochstater from the Veterans Memorial Senior Center who played several patriotic songs for us on the piano. There were song sheets so we could all sing along. We sang America The Beautiful, God Bless America and a few more.

Pastor Paul led us in prayer and regaled us with several jokes, so cute. Here are a few of them:

Why did Paul Revere ride his horse from Boston to Lexington? Because the horse was too heavy to carry. Did you hear the one about the Liberty Bell? Yeah, it cracked me up! What did one flag say to

the other flag? Nothing. It just waved.

Ruth led us in a few exercises to warm us up. Thanks Ruth!

A big thanks to Clayton Duval for preparing our 4th of July lunch. He barbecued hamburgers...so, so good!!! We also had chili beans and a pasta salad. A big thanks also to Donna, Madel, Shelly and all who contribute to our lunches each month.

Then we played BINGO! Everyone seemed to enjoy it a lot. Chuck Hansen announced the different games we played and Etta called the numbers for us. Thanks you two, you did such a good job, you're hired! Some of our winners were Dorothy Patterson, Carolyn Pyle, Loretta Kehler, Grace Schnereger and my friend Helen.

Next

Life Enrichment Luncheon

September 10 at 11:00 am

SPECIAL NOTE

We have found it imperative to ask you to please sign up if you intend to come to the luncheon, so the chef will know how many to cook for. We have run short (and some folks have gone without) and we also had to find ways to dispose of food when too much has been prepared.

I thank you again for your donations to Street Life Ministries. There was \$95.00 collected for this worthwhile ministry this month. Thank you so much!

So hope to see you in September for another fun time and also want to remind you that if you see someone or know someone who might like to join us, please feel free to ask them, the more the merrier!

Campbell's Soup Labels

Program Extended

The Campbell Soup Label project has been extended another year. Barbara Schroeder will continue to collect any labels dropped off at the church in the bins by the restrooms, and she will forward them on to the

Navajo Indians. Many thanks to everyone who has brought them in over the many years we have had this project.

Street Life Ministries



The following was run in the Street Life Ministries Newsletter in July. It was written by our friend, Joyce Macway, who attends Redeemer, and co-coordinated the Clothing Drive at Redeemer with Chris Kempton in June.

My Benefits of Volunteering

"Each one should use whatever gifts he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." 1Peter 4:10

I learned, first hand, that the benefits of volunteering is good for your mind as well as your body. I got very depressed after a move to Reno NV in 2007 and started volunteering at a faith based Clothes Closet.

After being there a while, my problems didn't seem to big any more, and the store became my "Happy Place". I soon was offered a job to run the front of the store and had to step out of my comfort zone of the "worker" and become the "manager".

My husband of 43 years and 3 children have lived in one foreign country and four states. I volunteered each place. One of my children gave me the title of "Professional Volunteer". I am new to Redwood City; the benefit for volunteering here is making new friends that are like-minded. I am learning my way around town and making connections with this community. I found Street Life Ministries (SLM) by happy accident with God's

intervention. The Clothes Closet is allowing me to share and use my knowledge from my experience in Reno, and I am learning how SLM runs its Clothes Closet.

Another benefit of volunteering is the fun, fulfillment and work it brings to my life. I went to a SLM volunteer BBQ before I ever did any work for them and had great fellowship and wonderful food. Chris Kempton and I have worked hard to organize a clothing drive. I have never written nor received so many emails - or had so many meetings to make contacts, inform people and local churches, and find volunteers---It's coming together nicely. I will tell you how it went in the August Newsletter.

Volunteering has a happiness effect for all involved. It fills my need to

serve others, to do something for myself, to keep busy, to feel needed, to feel appreciate and to socialize. I like the feeling that I am making a difference in people's lives because I gave them some clothes, a sleeping bag or a hygiene kit. I like thinking because. I spoke with them, shook hands with them, hugged them, made them smile, or laugh I am bringing them happiness, It gives makes me happy. I also love the interaction with the other volunteers on Monday nights.

I challenge each of you to think about the benefits you receive from volunteering.

When I get to Heaven I'm looking forward to hearing "Job well done good and faithful servant" Matthew 25:23

Lutheran World Relief Local In-gatherings For Quilts and Kits

The 9th Annual Northern California Lutheran World Relief (LWR) Ingathering of Quilts and Kits is this October, and you and your church are invited to participate in this collecting of quilts and kits. There's still time to get started!

There are two locations locally to drop off:

- Vallejo (New Location!) Ingathering: Saturday, October 1, 2016 from 9am-

1pm. Location is St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1300 Tuolumne Street, Vallejo CA. No RSVP is necessary.

- Morgan Hill Ingathering: Saturday, October 15, 2015 from 9am-1pm. Location is Advent Lutheran Church, 16870 Murphy Avenue, Morgan Hill, CA. No RSVP is necessary.

Information on how to

collect and pack the items needed can be found at

www.buildkitsofcare.org

Or

Donations to help ship the kits and quilts can be made at: www.lwr.org

For questions contact:

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Principal's Report

From Michael Mancini, Principal

We Exist to Build a New Generation of Christian Leaders
Prepared to Thrive in a Rapidly Changing World

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

Sarah Bishop

"Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it."

Proverbs 22:6

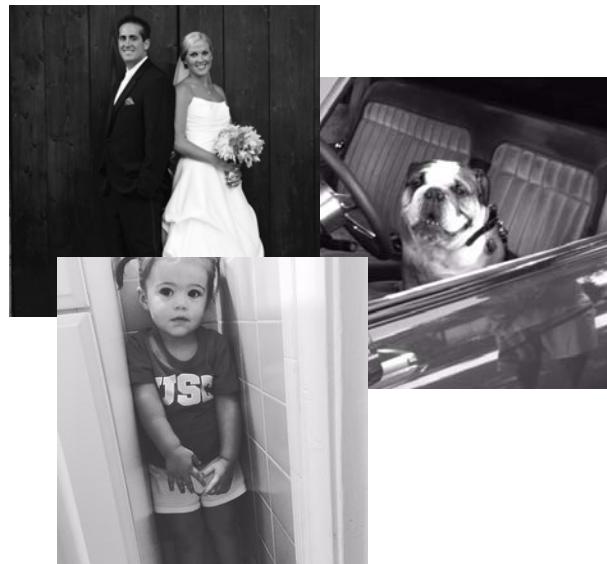
Experience: I will be starting my fourteenth year teaching at RLS in August. I began my professional career at RLS teaching in the middle school, taught fourth grade

for ten years, and am starting my second year as a second grade teacher.

Hobbies: I love spending time at home with my husband, Adam, our daughter, Tristan, and our English bulldog, Hurley. As a family we enjoy watching USC football games, playing in the backyard, going on walks around San Carlos, and eating delicious BBQ. In the little free time that I have, I enjoy exercising and getting pedicures.

My Mission:

To love, nurture, and support children in their journey as they grow educationally, physically, socially and most importantly, spiritually.



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 and Devotions

(8:30 am – 9:30 am)

September 3, October 11, November 15

It's a great way to start your weekend. Hear and discuss God's Word, visit with friends, prayer time and breakfast.

Advent by Candlelight

(7:00 pm – 8:30 pm)

December 6

A time to set aside the

hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. Join us for fellowship, conversation, Christmas carols, and of course, dessert.

Christmas Tea

(12:00 pm – 2:00 pm)

December 15

One of our senior LWML (Lutheran Women In Mission) ladies serve coffee or tea from their lovely

silver tea set. Redeemer students provide the entertainment – sometimes we are the audience for their upcoming play or listening to some wonderful singing. Women and men are invited to attend this potluck luncheon.

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

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

August

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 •7pm AA <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	2 <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	3 •6:30am Men's Breakfast <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	4 <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	5 •7:30pm AA <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	6 <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>
7 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> <i>MITE Box Sunday</i> <i>Home and Hope on Campus</i>	8 •7pm AA	9	10 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	11	12 •7:30pm AA	13
14 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •5pm Choir Practice	15 •7pm AA	16	17 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	18 •All Day: FH Floors being waxed •7pm Choir Practice	19 •7:30pm AA	20 •Installation Set up •All Day: RLS Floors being waxed
21 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •2pm Installation Service and Reception	22 •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm AA	23	24 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8:00 am Newsletter Team •8:15 am First Day of School •8:25 am Chapel	25	26 •7:30pm AA	27
28	29 •7pm AA	30	31 •6:30am Men's Breakfast			

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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

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