

'Round Redeemer

FEBRUARY 2018

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!

Jubilee Sunday – February 25th

Paul Schult, Senior Pastor



Special Offering Goal - \$25,000 – to strengthen Redeemer's income through the summer months.

GENEROSITY – Money is a sensitive subject for most people, but God doesn't shy away from talking very directly about it in the Bible. God knows that giving offerings to Him in generous portion is the best way for his people to resist the temptations of greed and put God first. Very subtly our hearts begin to trust in worldly wealth instead of God. That's why every year we take time at Redeemer to stop, pray, and consider the offerings we are giving back to God for the work of his kingdom – we call it Jubilee Sunday.

What's Jubilee Sunday? Leading up to February 28th, the Redeemer community is asked to spend time praying, reflecting on God's Word, and seeking God's direction on your

offerings for the coming year. Then we ask you to consider two things:

A pledge card - with your planned offering for this calendar year. This card is presented by you at the altar in church. It's not used by anyone at Redeemer for budgeting. You won't get any letters about your pledge, or reminders. It's simply an exercise of faith and commitment between you and your Lord.

A Special Offering - Redeemer is a special place: a church home, a family of believers, a place to belong and be loved, a place to grow in faith, a place to join Jesus on his mission. We want Redeemer to be a place that is strong, healthy, and thriving. Your special offering will help close the income gap in the summer months when offerings are traditionally a little lower than usual.

To the right is a breakdown of how our goal might be reached:

Goal #2 = 50 pledge cards with an increase in annual giving.

♦ Currently at Redeemer: 25% of the households give 75% of the general fund offerings – 39 of the 156 households.

♦ 2.5% of the households are giving 34% of the general fund offerings 4 of the 156 households.

For Redeemer's financial well-being, we need to build a stronger base of Biblical stewards.

God's Word gives us the guideline of giving 10% of our income as a regular offering. Sacrificial giving to special mission projects, building funds, and other projects are those gifts above and beyond that 10%. That's how God built his temple in the Old Testament, and his church in the New Testament.

The generosity of Redeemer's members is the reason we are able to join together in God's mission. In a age when society

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continues to turn away from God, it is vital that our mission continue to thrive here in the Bay area.

Thanks for all of your generosity in giving to the Lord's mission at Redeemer! God is doing wonderful things through our new children's, youth and young adult ministries. We are excited to start building our small group/discipleship ministry again through the season of Lent and into next fall. Our worship attendance is increasing and mission partnerships are growing. God's spirit is moving! Let's keep building a strong foundation at Redeemer so people have a place to be LOVED and then SENT into a world that needs the light of Jesus.

# of gifts	Amount of gift	Total
2	\$2,500	\$5,000
3	\$1,000	\$3,000
10	\$500	\$5,000
25	\$250	\$6,250
20	\$100	\$2,000
50	\$50	\$2,500
50	\$25	\$1,250

Redeemer Vision and Planning Update

On Sunday, January 21 – Redeemer's planning consultant from TAG, Kevin Ford, presented an overview of the 6 month planning and visioning process.

The presentation included a summary of the 124 surveys, the focus groups, the three planning sessions, the internal and external demographic studies, as well as some important cultural trends that are affecting the church.

The outcome is an articulation of Redeemer's identity, purpose, vision for the future, and strategic priorities. More tactical plans for implementation will be completed in the coming months leading up to the annual congregational meeting in June.

Here are the key outcomes from the planning process:

CORE VALUES

Redeemer's personality, unique identity...

- *Believe Big*
- *A spirit of joy*
- *A culture of grace*
- *A place to belong and be loved*
- *Wisdom from the past, vision for the future.*

PURPOSE STATEMENT

Equipping people to join Jesus on his mission every day.

EMERGING FOCUS

To be among the most RELEVANT churches on the mid-Peninsula.

TAGLINE/BRAND/FACE TO THE COMMUNITY

You are.... LOVED and SENT

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- *Transformation* – Missional Living/Discipleship – to be a missional church that equips people to be on mission for Jesus.
- *Focus* – Young families – creating a church where kids want to bring their parents.
- *Facilities* – 3rd Place – to create spaces for people to gather for fellowship.

Lent 2018 – This is love....



Lent Midweek Worship and Small Groups

This year's Lent midweek series has a new format – beginning and ending with dinner and worship, with 2 small group Bible studies in between.

Sign up to be in a small group today!

Go to www.redeemerministries.org. More info online.

- ♥ **Ash Wednesday, February 14 – Dinner and worship (with communion)**
 - ♥ Theme - I John 4:7-21 – God's love and ours.
 - ♥ RSVP for February 14 Dinner at www.redeemerministries.org
- ♥ **Small Group gathering #1 -**
 - ♥ Theme - Matthew 22:34-40 – love God, love your neighbor.
- ♥ **Small Group Gathering #2 - I**
 - ♥ Corinthians 13:1-13 – A description of love
- ♥ **Wednesday, March 21 – Dinner and Worship**
 - ♥ Theme - Luke 6:27-36 – Love your enemies
 - ♥ RSVP for February 21 Dinner at www.redeemerministries.org

Planning Update Continued

- *Technology* - #redeemer24/7 – create a vibrant digital technology strategy to better connect people to Jesus.
- *Culture* – culture of engagement -to connect people to the community and mission of Redeemr.

More to come in the months leading up to the June congregational meeting!

Save the Date: April 21st at 6:30 pm Redeemer School Auction

Totally 80's Redeemer School Auction & Dinner

- ◆ Saturday, April 21st, 2018
- ◆ 6:30 - 10:30 pm
- ◆ Domenico Winery, San Carlos CA

Auction Donations Needed

If you would like to make a donation to the event please sign up (see link below) or contact Brooke Leon for corporate donations: sb1leon@yahoo.com

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0448a9a822a57-donations>



Thank-you to the many hands that played a part in making the Christmas Eve services and party at Redeemer an overwhelming success. Over 60 people took part in building, decorating, baking, serving, photographing, setting up and tearing down, singing and greeting our community and more!



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 great way to start out the New Year! It was such fun sharing time with friends again at our luncheon. Fellowship Hall was decorated so beautifully & so welcoming...thanks to Madel, Shelly, Donna, Linda and all the others who help out each month putting this all together, you truly are a treasure.

Again the fun began with Pastor Paul starting us off with some cute jokes ...this month it was signs on doors. 1)

Gynecologist's Office: "Dr. Jones, at your cervix."

2) Plumber's Truck: We repair what your husband fixed. 3) Another Plumber's truck: Don't sleep with a drip, call your husband. 4) A young couple invited their elderly pastor for Sunday dinner. While they were preparing the meal the pastor asked their son what they were having. "Goat," the little boy replied. Pastor said "are you sure about that?" "Yep" said the boy, "I heard Dad say to Mom "Today is just as good as any to have the old goat for dinner."

Pastor Paul led us in singing Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating a birthday this month. He then mentioned the Notes to My Loved Ones, and

reminded us of the Emergency Contact papers for us to fill out and submit to the office. This is very important for the office to have on file, if you don't have one please ask us and we will get you one.

Ruth brought us up to date on Street Life Ministries and then led us in some exercises, felt so good, thanks again Ruth.

\$57.00 was donated for the Street Life Ministries program. Thanks again for your generous support; this is a wonderful program; helping those in need.

Jim Stevens was back with us again and what a joy it was! He is so much fun to listen to and sing along with. Some of the songs he sang was You Are My Sunshine, Folsom Prison Blues, I'll Never Find Another You, It's A Sin to Tell a Lie. So, so much fun.

Clayton Duval prepared a chicken artichoke pasta lunch for us with a yummy green salad and the garlic bread was the best I've ever had. He always feeds us so well, thank you Clayton, you're welcome back anytime!

Chris Kempton is scheduled to be our chef next month and Phil

Next
Life Enrichment Luncheon
February 10 at 11:00 am

Ackerly, the magician, will be our entertainment so please be sure and mark your calendar for that day. Remember how much fun it was last year? He is so entertaining and lots & lots of fun.

And just another reminder;

if you have any needs such as small jobs around your house or need a ride to any events please let us know and we'll try to help. We are here for you. Also if there is anything special you want to see at our lunches please let us know, we love to hear any ideas you may have.

Gone to her Lord
Elizabeth Askins
January 8, 2018
Elizabeth was laid to rest on January 15, 2018 at Skylawn Cemetery surrounded by family and friends.

Board of Directors News

In accordance with the new by-laws approved by the congregation of Redeemer, the election of the Board of Director's Executive Committee has been elected:

"By unanimous secret ballot, the following Board Members were selected to the Executive Committee:

- ◆ Chair: Andy Kelm
- ◆ Vice Chair: Eric Reyner
- ◆ Treasurer: Erica Hullmen
- ◆ Secretary: Brian McCollum"

Home and Hope 2018 Redeemer Coordinator Needed

An opportunity for tremendous blessing could be yours!! After serving as coordinator for our Home and Hope ministry the past six years, Nancy Talistu is going to focus her serving in other areas. We are looking for one or two individuals to head up this ministry in 2018. You will find a description of the coordinator position below. Contact Nancy Talistu with questions or to volunteer and schedule training at ntalistu@comcast.net

Home and Hope Coordinator(s) Position Description

- ◆ Oversee and sign up for yearly schedule(s) for hosting Home and Hope on Sign Up Genius.
- ◆ Future Dates already scheduled 7/29/18-8/4/18 (1 week only) & 7/21/19-8/3/19 (2 weeks)
- ◆ Communicate Needs and Volunteer opportunities to Redeemer Church and School members.
- ◆ Can be done through mass emails, announcements in church and in bulletin and newsletter.
- ◆ Coordinate and schedule the volunteers to complete the one to two week hosting in the areas of meal provider, children's activity after dinner, and overnight hosts.
- ◆ Oversee and take inventory of bedding, toys, towels, etc. that are in Redeemer storage to make sure there are enough
- ◆ The week of guests arrival, check batteries and install in lanterns, smoke detectors and such.
- ◆ Volunteers are needed to set up the tents on the first Sunday and take them down on the last Sunday. If there are no volunteers from Redeemer, Home and Hope can help with that. There is Young Men's Service League that has helped in the past. It is a group of teens and parents doing community service hours.
- ◆ Home and Hope also can provide extra volunteers if we run low.
- ◆ Appreciated, but not absolutely necessary, is that you are there every night to welcome the guests and introduce them to the other volunteers who cook, play and spend the night. This is usually from 5:30 until 7:30 at night when the overnight hosts arrive. This can also be a shared opportunity with another coordinator or volunteer. A familiar face every night is very comforting to our guests, especially the children.
- ◆ Grocery shop for our guests dietary needs. It is helpful to let them add items to a grocery list every few days and then shop for what they prefer. (i.e. breakfast items, desserts, drinks) You may submit receipts to the church office for reimbursement.
- ◆ IF necessary, schedule a door offering one Sunday to raise funds for Home and Hope, when monies get low. Just let church administrator know the date.
- ◆ You may also attend Coordinator's Meetings that Home and Hope offer a couple times a year. They contact you through your email. This is not required, but can be very helpful and is an opportunity to hear other coordinator's experiences and suggestions.

Street Life Ministries



Exciting News for Street Life Ministries!! They are preparing to launch Street Church Palo Alto, a weekly church service geared towards meeting the practical and spiritual needs of the local homeless population. Street Church, currently operating in Redwood City and Menlo Park, is a program of Street Life Ministries (SLM). SLM is excited to partner with churches across Palo Alto to raise up visionaries, volunteers and financial supporters to launch Street Church at Palo Alto First Christian Church, Spring 2018! Wow! Such a blessing to our bay area community and such a blessing for our the Redeemer community to be a part of.

We are always looking for volunteers for the various opportunities available. Helping prepare a meal, either in your own home or help on the fourth Monday of each month in the Redeemer kitchen. Street Life has a van that will pick up your meal from your home and deliver it to the recipients. They also need van drivers and servers to serve at the meal site and accent cooks that help prep the van for delivery up at Peninsula Covenant Church kitchen. They also would more than welcome any students/adults who would want to lead praise/worship time. They offer a devotion and worship songs before the meal is served. These opportunities are M-Thursday evenings every week, all year long! Looking to the near future, we are hoping to get started involving the middle school students in preparing meals for the Street Life freezers. So, if you like working with young people and have a Saturday morning to spare, contact me , we would love your help!

Nancy Talistu, ntalistu@comcast.net, 650/759-0842 cell (text)



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

Breakfast & Devotions

Topic: We the Church. The Priesthood of All Believers this video focuses on the origin and development of the Lutheran Church. How are we challenges as disciples by sharing the message of hope we have in Christ Jesus.

When: Saturday, February 3

Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1

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



MITES

Vacation Bible Experience – \$2,084.00

Our Savior and Waikoloa Lutheran Churches, Hawaii

The town of Waikoloa has a high percentage of recently arrived residents from the Marshall Islands. For the past 9 years, Our Savior Lutheran and Waikoloa Lutheran churches have partnered in a week-long Vacation Bible Experience (VBX) in which 75% of the enrollment is children from low income Marshallese families. This is the only time these students will hear the Gospel taught with purity as it is conveyed accurately through daily opening and closing worship, singing of hymns and praise songs, Bible study, prayer and thematic arts/crafts/recreation activities. Currently enrollment has plateaued at about 40 students due to lack of transportation and adequate publicity. To address these challenges and prepare for larger attendance the VBX is requesting funds for renting an extra van, running ads on the radio and newspaper, printing of flyers and additional arts/crafts, Bible study, etc. supplies

Shelly Alba – shelly@cnh-lcms.org or 650-574-0485

Morning of Prayer



Who am I? What is my identity?

When: Saturday, February 17, 2018

*Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church
1075 El Monte Ave., Mountain View
Rev. Aaron Smith— Prayer Leader*

*Time: 9:30 am Coffee and Pastries
10:00 am Prayer Service*

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

Many factors come to mind when we think of who we are — our identity. In his first letter, Peter continually reminds his readers of their identity. Rather than focus on inane worldly details, he zeroes in on what's most important: our standing in the eyes of God or our place in His kingdom.

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, . . ."
1 Peter 2:9-12



LWML CNH Zone 8

Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

9:30 am Contemporary Service, Sunday School (RedeemerKIDS)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Traditional Service

February

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				<p><i>1</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting 	<p><i>2</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm AA 	<p><i>3</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •8:30 am Women's Breakfast
<p><i>4</i></p> <p><i>See Worship Schedule</i></p> <p><i>MITE Box Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm After-Hours 	<p><i>5</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •12:00pm Life Enrichment Committee Meeting •7pm H2H Class •7:30pm AA 	<p><i>6</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6pm Cub Scouts 	<p><i>7</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30am Men's Breakfast 	<p><i>8</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm BSA Meeting 	<p><i>9</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm AA 	<p><i>10</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
<p><i>11</i></p> <p><i>See Worship Schedule</i></p> <p><i>Scout Sunday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm After-Hours 	<p><i>12</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7pm H2H Class •7:30pm AA 	<p><i>13</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7pm PTC Meeting 	<p><i>14 Ash Wednesday</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30am Men's Breakfast •6pm Dinner •7pm Worship 	<p><i>15</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting 	<p><i>16</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm AA 	<p><i>17</i></p>
<p><i>18</i></p> <p><i>See Worship Schedule</i></p>	<p><i>19 Presidents Day</i></p> <p><i>Church & School Closed</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm AA 	<p><i>20</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6pm Cub Scouts 	<p><i>21</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30am Men's Breakfast 	<p><i>22</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:30pm BSA Meeting 	<p><i>23</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •10am Altar Guild Meeting •6:30 pm RLS 4th Grade Musical •7:00pm AA 	<p><i>24</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •All Day Pine-wood Derby
<p><i>25</i></p> <p><i>See Worship Schedule</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •7:00pm After-Hours 	<p><i>26</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm H2H Class •7:30pm AA 	<p><i>27</i></p>	<p><i>28</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> •6:30am Men's Breakfast •9am Newsletter Team 			

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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
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Traditional Service

Pastoral Staff

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