

# 'Round Redeemer

**JANUARY 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!

## **Happy New Year 2017**

From Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor

Lamentations 3:22-23:

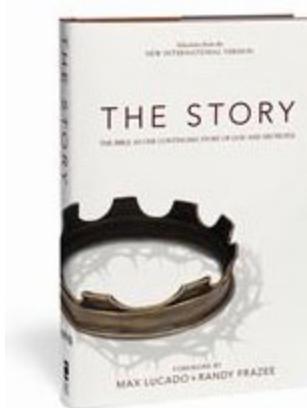
"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness."

A fresh start! It always feels nice to have a fresh start – a chance to start over, a chance to wipe the slate clean, a chance to forget the past and make a new beginning.

God is a big fan of second chances, new starts. In the words of the prophet Jeremiah, the mercy of the Lord is new every morning! Every day, every week, every month, every year – is an opportunity to start over in God's mercy. Isn't that a beautiful thing??!

Beth's Dad, my Father-in-law loved that old hymn "Great is Thy Faithfulness." It was based on this Bible verse. He was a big influence on my life, my faith, and my ministry; the best preacher I ever heard. The good news of Jesus just flowed out of his preaching. He was a big fan of a fresh start, a chance to start over; a big fan of God's mercy.

So – what will this New Year hold for you? What will you leave behind?



What will you do with your chance to start fresh, covered in the mercy and grace of Jesus?

You probably have lots of ideas. But just in case you don't, let me give you one to think about.

How about you join me in making 2017 "The Year of the Bible" at Redeemer?

That's right – the Year of the Bible! Starting on January 8 we will begin a new worship series based on a resource called "The Story." It is a fantastic resource. It is the text of the Bible organized in the form of a novel.

From January through June we will be preaching through each chapter of this book, covering the Old Testament. You can read along each week. Each chapter is only 10-15 pages. The books are available at church and only cost \$5.

The Bible is God's means of speaking to you, connecting with you, making himself known to you. It's the way for His Holy Spirit to shape and mold your heart, mind and soul. It's God's way of opening your eyes and heart to the glory and love of Jesus.

I love, love, love this Bible verse:

Jeremiah 33:3 – Thus says the Lord, "Call to me and I will answer you, and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

Open God's Word this year, and ask God to show you great and unsearchable things you do not know!!

It will be a year to remember, a year you will never forget.

See you in Church!  
Pastor Paul Schult

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**New Service  
Times Start  
January 8, 2017**

**9:30 a.m.  
Contemporary  
Worship Service**

**11:00 a.m.  
Traditional  
Worship Service**

## Redeemer Numbers

### Giving and Attendance

*Includes only weekly offerings*

November 2016 Weekly Giving	Offerings			Attendance	
	Amount	Projected	Attendance	Last Year	
<b>1 Total</b>	\$11,288	\$10,542	249	141	
<b>2 Total</b>	\$8,859	\$10,542	180	139	
<b>3 Total</b>	\$13,993	\$10,542	158	196	
<b>4 Total</b>	\$6,458	\$10,542	152	166	
<b>5 Total</b>		NA	NA	142	
<b>Total Aug 2016</b>	\$40,598	\$42,167	739	784	

### November Income vs Expenses

*Includes all church sources of income*

November Church Snapshot	Actual	Projected
<b>Total Income</b>	\$47,246	\$49,437
<b>Total Expenses</b>	\$57,928	\$60,791
<b>Income - Expenses</b>	-\$10,682	-\$11,354

### Annual Income vs Expenses

*Includes all church sources of income*

#### Church Income vs Expenses

Fiscal Year to Date 11/30/16	Actual	Projected
<b>Income</b>	\$235,838	\$249,143
<b>Expenses</b>	\$304,078	\$332,797
<b>Income less Expenses</b>	(\$68,240)	(\$83,654)

### Leadership Planning Meeting:

### All Congregation Meeting January 20, 2017 6 pm—9 pm

**PLEASE RSVP** for the All Congregation Session on  
Friday, January 20 6pm-9pm Go to [www.redeemerministries.org](http://www.redeemerministries.org)

#### Fri., January 20 6-9pm

All Congregation Session  
(Light Refreshments will be served)

#### Sat., January 21 9am-5pm

Strategic Planning Team Session (lunch and refreshments will be served)

One of the top priorities for this ministry year is to draft a new strategic ministry plan. This process will begin in January, be drafted and processed by the congregation for several

months, and voted on at the congregational meeting in June.

The process will begin the weekend of January 20-21. Here's what will happen.

FACILITATOR – Mr. Jim Galvin – Jim is from Chicago, IL and has a background in education and publishing. He has been consulting with churches and organizations in the LCMS for the past 25 years and brings a wealth of experience and knowledge

to Redeemer to help us think and plan strategically.

Friday, 6-9 PM - everyone is invited to join from 6-9 PM for the opening session. Please RSVP so we can assemble enough materials. Go to the church website at

[www.redeemerministries.org](http://www.redeemerministries.org)

Saturday 9am-5pm – This session will begin the process of strategic planning. A group of 15-20 members of Redeemer will work to process key issues

and identify strategic priorities. This group will be a representation of the entire congregation and include members of the Board of Directors, the Sr. Pastor Call Committee, the staff, and the congregation.

Next steps – Several meetings will be held to discuss, process, and refine the strategic plan until it is ready for approval in June.

Please pray for the Holy Spirit to guide and direct us as we serve Jesus in Redwood City!

## 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

I hope your experience was one of delight and joy!



Every year our hostess out do themselves with the most beautifully decorated tables. Such delicious cookies were provided, we were able to make 12 cookies boxes to take to Redeemer's shut-ins. Beth Schult was inspiring and challenging. Are you ready to be in mission? Thank you to everyone who helped behind the scenes.

### Christmas Tea –

Celebrating all the gifts God has given us. The sandwiches were delicious and cookies were almost to pretty to eat. The silver tea set was so beautiful and special, I think the tea and coffee taste much better when served from this set. Mrs. Bishop's students were such a delight. We are so blessed!

### BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONS



**Topic:** "Another Year – What Joy"

**When:** Saturday, Jan. 7th

**Time:** 8:30 am – 9:30 am

**Where:** Redeemer Conference Room 1

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

## Women's Retreat February 24-26, 2017

Are you interested in attending a Christian Women's Retreat this February with women of all ages and backgrounds? Sign up to be part of a table of 10 women from Redeemer for a weekend of growing in your faith. We will stay overnight at the Marriott, San Ramon, truly "away from it all," yet right where the speakers and other activities take place. There's no limit to the attendees, so bring a friend! Contact Anne Taddey at [annetaddey@att.net](mailto:annetaddey@att.net) for any questions or to join the Redeemer table(s) and coordinate carpools. CAWR offers a limited number of scholarships.

The California Women's Retreat is an interdenominational gathering for women to grow in fellowship with others and in their personal relationship with the Triune God. For more information, go to [www.cawr.org](http://www.cawr.org) or contact Anne.

## Sunday School

We apologize for the delay in getting Sunday School started. Redeemer's Sunday School is being redesigned, and is planned to begin on April 2<sup>nd</sup>.



## 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 was another fun day with our Redeemer friends. Grace was at the piano leading us in some Christmas Carols, she plays so beautifully and we don't sing so bad either. We ended with Silent Night, so peaceful. Thanks Grace!

Helen Botnarescue was here visiting from Oregon, it was so nice to see her smiling face again. Manfred Ohm was also able to join us today, welcome back, Manfred.

Pastor Paul entertained us with some really cute Christmas jokes. Everyone was laughing so hard, they were really funny. Here are a few of them. 1 – What do you call people who are afraid of Santa Claus? Claustrophobic. 2 – Why does Santa have 3 gardens? So he can go ho-ho-ho. 3 – What did Adam say on the day before Christmas? It's Christmas, Eve. 4 - Why is Christmas like your job? You do all the work and the fat guy with the suit gets all the credit! Pretty cute huh??

Pastor Paul asked if anyone would need a ride or could provide a ride to our evening events and if so just let one of us know and we'll set it up.

Pastor also asked for prayers for others and

several guests spoke up. We prayed for the victims of the Oakland fire and several other people. He then asked about December birthdays and everyone sang happy birthday to Doreen, Manfred, Me and Les Voll who couldn't be here for his 100th birthday due to an illness.

Pastor announced that worship services will change to 9:30 and 11:00 beginning in January. This will be on a trial basis.

Ruth warmed us up with some great exercises. Thanks Ruth!

Jim Stevens was here to entertain us singing some Christmas songs as he played the guitar. He has such a great voice and a great sense of humor.

Madel and Shelly had Fellowship Hall decorated so beautifully in the spirit of Christmas. Thanks to all that helped out, it was just beautiful. Sharron Miller and friends fixed a delicious tortellini lunch for us today; yum, yum. Thank you very much, it was delicious!!

Thanks again to our God for giving us this time together each month to laugh and share our lives with, we are truly blessed. Today \$117.00 was

donated to the Street Life Ministries. Thanks to all of you for your generosity to ministry! Street Life Ministries really is a God send to a lot of people and for us to be able to help them is a real blessing.

Brooke Leon, NP will be here to speak to us about allergies & asthma next month. We will be able to ask her questions and get some professional

feedback. And once again I remind you to bring a friend if you can. See you next month for more of God's blessings!

**Next**  
**Life Enrichment Luncheon**  
**January 14 at 11:00 am**

## Gone to be with their Lord

**Frieda Gress**

**December 15, 2016**  
**A memorial service is being planned**  
**for January 21, 2017 at 1:00 pm.**

**Les Voll**

**December 17, 2016**  
**A date for a memorial service has**  
**not been determined as of this**  
**printing.**

# 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**

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## 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.
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- 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.

Redeemer's goal is to have 50 PushPay participants by January 1. Currently, there are 27. Help us reach our goal!!!

## Principal's Report

Mike Mancini

### REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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

#### Enjoy His Arrival...Don't Miss It!

I pray as Christmas approaches that each of you finds the true celebration of Christmas and what peace the Christ child brings to all on His earth. Let us not allow other events in our lives to attempt take our mind off the birth of Christ!

"The Arrival" by Max Lucado

One's imagination is kindled thinking about the conversation of the innkeeper and his family at the breakfast table. Did anyone mention the arrival of the young couple the night before? Did anyone ask about the welfare of the young pregnant girl? Perhaps. Perhaps someone raised the subject. But, at best, it was raised, not discussed. There was nothing that novel about them. They were, possibly, one of several families turned away that night.

No, it's doubtful that anyone mentioned the couple's arrival or wondered about the condition of the girl. THEY WERE TOO BUSY! The day was upon them. The day's bread had to be made. The morning's chores had to be done. There was too much to do to imagine that the impossible had

occurred.

God had entered the world as a baby.

At this point in history, the human being who best understands who God is and what he is doing is a teenage girl in a smelly stable. She can't take her eyes off him. Somehow Mary knows she is holding God. So this is he. She remembers the words of the angel. "His kingdom will never end."

He looks like anything but a king. His face is prunish and red. His cry, though strong and healthy, is still the helpless and piercing cry of a baby. And he is absolutely dependent upon Mary for his well-being.

Majesty in the midst of the mundane. Holiness in the filth of sheep manure and sweat. Divinity entering the world on the floor of a stable, through the womb of a teenager and in the presence of a carpenter.

She touches the face of the infant-God. "How long was your journey!" This baby had overlooked the universe. These rags keeping him warm were the robes of eternity. His golden throne room had been abandoned in favor of a dirty sheep pen. And worshiping angels had been

replaced with kind but bewildered shepherds. Meanwhile, the city hums. The merchants are unaware that God has visited their planet. The innkeeper would never believe that he had just sent God into the cold. And the people would scoff at anyone who told them the Messiah lay in the arms of a teenager on the outskirts of their village. They were all TOO busy to consider the possibility.

Those who missed His Majesty's arrival that night missed it not because of evil acts or malice; no, they missed it because they simply weren't looking.

Little has changed in the last two thousand years, has it?

During this Christmas season, let's make sure we all focus on the arrival of our awesome God. This is a time for family, friends, laughter and love. But most importantly it is a time to remember the greatest gift each of us was given; Jesus!

May each of you have a blessed Christmas and a very happy New Year. May the God of yesterday, today and tomorrow guide each of us this New Year to come closer to Him!

#### TELL A FRIEND!

We could use YOUR help! Make it apart of your "resolution" to hand a flyer to a friend and tell them about Redeemer. Together we can make a difference in a child or family's life.

You are all very special to our community and WE thank our great God each day for your love and commitment to Redeemer Lutheran School.

Make it apart of your gift of LOVE to Jesus, to introduce a friend to the wonderful ministries of Redeemer Lutheran School. Together we can make a difference in a child and family's life.

#### OPEN HOUSE DATES

Invite a friend to come by our final open house and show them the great things that are happening at RLS! Your word is more valuable than any advertising we can do!

Jan. 17, 2017 (6:30 - 8:00pm)

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#### DATES TO REMEMBER:

Dec. 22 – Jan 9 Christmas Break

Dec. 24 - Christmas Eve Services 5:00pm & 11:00pm

Dec. 25 - Christmas Day Service 10:00 am

Jan 1 New Years Day Service 10:00 am

Jan 16 - MLK Holiday

**Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule**

9:30 am Band-Led Service, Sunday School (on recess)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Organ-Led Service

**January**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day Worship at 10:00 am One Service Only</i>  <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	<b>2</b> •7pm AA  School Out Modified	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<b>5</b> •7pm BSA Meeting	<b>6</b> •7:30pm AA	<b>7</b> •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion
<b>8</b> <i>New Worship Times Start</i>  •9:30 am Worship •9:30 am Adult Bible Study •10:30 am Coffee Hour •11:00 am Worship	<b>9</b> •12pm Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<b>10</b> <i>School Resumes</i> •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>11</b> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<b>12</b> •7pm Women of Faith	<b>13</b> •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	<b>14</b> •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
<b>15</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  •12:00 pm AHSGR	<b>16</b> <i>MLK Day</i> <i>Church and School Offices closed</i>  •7pm AA	<b>17</b> •5pm Cub-scout Meeting	<b>18</b> •6:30am Men's Breakfast	<b>19</b> •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>20</b> •8:25 am Chapel •4:30 pm Girl Scouts •6pm Leadership Meeting •7:30pm AA	<b>21</b> •9 am Planning Meeting •1pm Gress Memorial
<b>22</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<b>23</b> •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team	<b>26</b> •7pm Women of Faith •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>27</b> •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	<b>28</b>
<b>29</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<b>30</b> •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	<b>31</b>				

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## Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

### Sundays at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

- 9:30 am Contemporary Service
- 9:30 am Sunday30 (children)
- 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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[www.redeemerministries.org](http://www.redeemerministries.org)

### Redeemer Lutheran School

*School Principal*

Mr. Michael J. Mancini

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