

'Round Redeemer

DECEMBER 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!

Christmas is coming!!

Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor

I love the Christmas season! The food, the get togethers, the decorations, the lights, the worship -but most of all... the music! Oh I love Christmas music. In the history of the world, no other event has inspired more music, more beautiful music, than the birth of Jesus.

The Christmas hymns... Angels we have heard on high, O little town of Bethlehem, Silent Night, Joy to the world, Once in royal David's city, Hark! The Herald angels sing, What's your favorite??

The words are so rich, so creative, so deep and powerful. The melodies are burned into our hearts, so beautiful and majestic. It's no surprise that they are some of the most memorable songs ever written, because they capture the most amazing event in the history of the world. The almighty God of heaven and earth humbled himself and entered into human history. And the way God did it - quietly, humbly, gently. No fanfare. No displays of power. No show of force.

I remember the first time my daughter Allison sang the song "Winter Snow" on Christmas Eve. It was so simple, so beautiful, so

tender, so powerful. Here are a few words from it....

You could've come like a mighty storm, with all the strength of a hurricane.

You could've come like a forest fire with the power of Heaven in your flame.

But you came like a winter snow, quiet and soft and slow.

Falling from the sky in the night, to the earth below.

Oh, just the thought of it brings tears to my eyes! The simple beauty of our Savior Jesus. He comes to every person with such grace, such compassion, such gentleness. He knows our sorrows, our pains, our wounds, our defenses, our irrational behaviors, our sensitivities, our biases, our prejudices, our failures. But instead of coming with condemnation, with blame, with harsh criticism - he comes with tender compassion. He draws us to himself with his love. He amazes us with his grace. He captures our hearts with his beauty. And in that same gentle and sacrificial spirit, he lays down his life for us. Through his death and resurrection, he frees us from the bondage of our

sin, and gives us new life in him.

I pray that as you walk through this glorious month of December your heart will be captured again by the beautiful story of our Savior Jesus. I pray that your singing will be filled with deep joy, inexpressible gratitude, and abiding peace.

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Who knows, maybe I will get to hear "Winter Snow" again this year!

Merry Christmas,
Pastor Paul Schult

Christmas at Redeemer

Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24

(PLEASE NOTE - No Sunday morning services on December 24)

- ◆ 3:00 pm - Worship
- ◆ 4:00 pm - Christmas Party with Cookies and Santa Claus in the Fellowship Hall.
- ◆ 5:00 pm - Worship

Christmas Day - Monday, December 25

- ◆ 10:00 am - Worship with communion

Sunday, December 31

- ◆ ONE SERVICE ONLY -9:30 am
- ◆ NO RedeemerKIDS on December 24 and 31.

New this year! Cookies with Santa!!

◆ Christmas Eve - 4:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall
Take a few minutes to enjoy some Christmas fellowship with the people of Redeemer and our neighborhood. Immediately after the 3:00 pm worship service, there will be a time of cookies, hot chocolate, coffee, fellowship - AND.... SANTA CLAUS!

◆ Kids can visit with Santa, have a cookie and make a Christmas Craft. Families can have their picture taken! Stay after the 3:00 pm service or come early for the 5:00 pm service.

Everyone is invited!

Why not invite your neighbor?

- ◆ Redeemer Volunteers needed: see page 3 for details

Congregational Meeting: Dec. 10 at 12:15 pm

Location: in the church sanctuary

Agenda:

- ◆ Presentation and approval of recommended by-law revisions.
- ◆ Election of officers

Term has concluded and not up for reelection

- ◆ Bill Morris

Continuing current term on 2018 Board of Directors

- ◆ Brian McCollum
- ◆ Andy Kelm

Nominated and up for election for 2018 Board of Directors

- ◆ Erica Evans
- ◆ Ruth Finklestein
- ◆ Eric Reyner
- ◆ Chris May
- ◆ Brooke Leon—New nomination

The above have agreed to serve a 2 year term if elected.

2017 Board of Directors

Executive Board

President: Bill Morris
Vice President: Eric Reyner
Treasurer: Andy Kelm
Secretary Brian McCollum

Directors:

- Chris May
- Ruth Finkelstein
- Erica Evans
- Nancy Talistu

Redeemer Ministry Plan Report and Debrief

JANUARY 21, 2018 – 3:00 pm – 5:00 pm, Sanctuary



Kevin Ford from TAG consulting will present the results of Redeemer’s planning process from the past 6 months.

Time for discussion, questions, interaction, prayer, and celebration!

Please make every effort to be a part of this important time at Redeemer!

Nalwire, Uganda Update

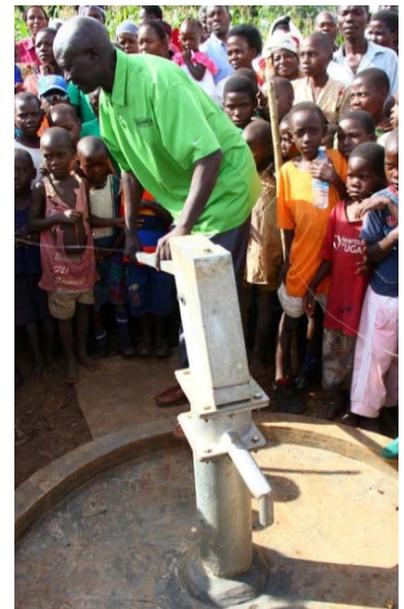
A mission team from Hearts and Hope for Uganda was in Nalwire in October. They reported that the land in Nalwire has been purchased and the well is complete and functioning. As you might imagine, it is going a long way to transforming the day to day lives of the people in the village.

What’s Next? That is a common question. Thanks for your continued interest. Here’s the answer – it takes some time. It takes time for the villagers to get used to having water more easily accessible. Now kids can begin thinking about school. The village will need to take a few next steps to construct temporary shelters and begin more organized efforts to educate the children

of the village. The process happens in steps – starting with volunteers, and community effort. As they demonstrate readiness for the next steps, Hearts and Hope will let us know what can happen next.

It is possible in 2018 that a latrine could be the next step. It is an essential part of health and hygiene for a school.

Pastor Schult and Beth will be in Uganda from January 29-February 6 – to teach the pastors and their wives the third year of Pastoral Leadership Institute. They will also have the chance to visit Nalwire and get an update on their progress.



Christmas Eve Volunteers

CONNECT our COMMUNITY to CHRISTmas!

—We need your help!

Are you crazy about Christmas? Then we have a spot just for you!! Join our Christmas Crew here at Redeemer! We are planning a Christmas Eve full of many special moments for our community. We need help in many various ways from baking cookies, singing in the choir, taking pictures, running craft stations, stuffing gift bags, to creating a set for Santa! Join in on the fun! Giving the gift of your time and talents this Christmas season will help connect others to the true reason for the season... our Savior, Jesus Christ!

Go to www.redeemerministries.org to **SIGN UP!!!**

Contact Beth Schult at beth.schult5@gmail.com for more info!



Redeemer's Christmas Choir: Join us!!

We pray that "Christmas at Redeemer" will warmly welcome our neighborhood and connect them to the true meaning of Christmas. We pray that our community will enter into our buildings and experience the love of JESUS in the center of their Christmas Eve...through each and everyone of you!

Come join the Christmas Choir to make our season bright! Regular practice every Monday starting Dec. 4 at 7pm in the conference room off the back parking lot. To accommodate those who cannot make Mondays, additional practices have been scheduled: attend when you can. Saturdays Dec. 10 & 17 at 10am and Thurs. Dec 21 at 7pm. The Choir will be singing at the 5 pm Worship Service on Christmas Eve and at 10 am on Christmas Day. Feel free to sing for one event or both! Contact Beth for more info at bethschult5@gmail.com.

Redeemer's Christmas Wish List

Please pray for and consider giving a special offering to the Redeemer Christmas Wish List. All funds given will be disbursed for these three items (excess will be allocated to the capital fund for future projects).

- 1) \$25,000 - for youth and young adult ministry
- 2) \$18,000 - Lighting for the Fellowship Hall.
- 3) \$2,500 - Uganda Missions.

You can give through Pushpay or by check using the envelope marked "Christmas Wish List". And if now is not the right time for your family to give more, fear not! Roof and bathroom renovations are being planned for the new year.

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.

Once again we had a wonderful time at our November luncheon, celebrating Thanksgiving and Veterans Day. Fellowship Hall was decorated so beautifully, many thanks to all the ladies that set this up each month, you are a treasure! Pastor Paul started off with some great jokes – here are a few. Knock knock, who's there? Gladys, Gladys w h o ? G l a d y s Thanksgiving, aren't you? Knock knock, who's there? Dewey, Dewey who? Dewey have to wait long to eat?

I saved the best for last. A little girl was talking to her teacher about whales. The teacher said it was physically impossible for a whale to swallow a human because it has a very small throat. The little girl stated that Jonah was swallowed by a whale, teacher said physically impossible! The little girl said when I get to

heaven I'll ask Jonah. The teacher said what if Jonah went to hell? The little girl replied, then you ask him. Last one – A Kindergarten teacher was observing her classroom while they were drawing. She asked one little girl what the drawing was, she replied "I'm drawing God." The teacher said but no one knows what God looks like. Without missing a beat and looking up from her drawing the little girl said, "They will in a minute." Pretty cute huh?

Grace played a family favorite, Jesus Loves Me, while we all sang along, just beautiful, thanks Grace.

Pastor then honored all our vets, and asked if there were any stories they could tell us. Grace said the complex where she lives celebrated Veterans Day on Friday. She said someone asked her what war were you in, she replied well I'm 94, which war do you think

Next
Life Enrichment Luncheon
December 9 at 11:00 am

it was, everyone laughed. There were many vets in our group and many more from Redeemer that wasn't at our lunch. Thanks to all of you who served our country, we are truly blessed.

Then Ruth led us in some stretching exercises, felt so good, thanks Ruth.

Julie gave a presentation on her trip to Poland, which is also Polish Freedom Day today. She told of the kids, the food and all the adventures of their trip. She had a great time, very worthwhile and highly recommends Poland to anyone who would like to visit.

Madel and 2 of her friends prepared a wonderful Thanksgiving dinner for us. We had turkey, mashed potatoes & gravy, baked carrots and fresh baked bread. So, so good, you gals can come back anytime, loved it! Then we

had apple & pumpkin pie for dessert. Many thanks to Madel in her leadership for these events, you are a treasure!

Today \$70.00 was donated for the Street Life Ministries program. Thanks so very much for your generous donations; we are helping a lot of people in this wonderful ministry.

Eric & Joan will be performing for us next month and Al Diaz will be preparing our lunch, doesn't get any better than that. It's so nice to have this time with each other to share our lives and God's love. See you next month and remember to bring a friend if you can.

Gone to her Lord

Irene McPherrin

November 17, 2017

A memorial service is being planned for Irene on December 9, 2017 at 2:00 pm at the Sequoias Portola Valley, 501 Portola Rd, Portola Valley, CA 94028.



Youth Ministries

by Corey Garrity, Minister to Youth and Young Adults

On October 7th, the Redeemer Community came together, collaborated and launched the Redwood City Live 3-on-3 basketball tournament. Over 200 people were on our campus and experienced a day filled with laughter, hard-fought basketball games, lots of cheeseburgers and a heightened awareness for Street Life Ministries.

Through incredibly generous donations and sponsorships, the day was an absolute success. We were able to raise \$2,146.31, which will go to Street Life Ministries to help contribute to the work they are doing to assist and love people without homes in Redwood City and The Bay Area.

We look forward to building off of the momentum of this event—and carrying it on in through the years to come alongside Dave Shearin and Street Life Ministries.

Thank you again to our volunteers and sponsors who made this day possible:

- ◆ Smith Dynamics
- ◆ Fazio Drywall, Inc.
- ◆ See's Candies
- ◆ Harper Construction.
- ◆ And Redeemer Church Member personal contributors!



Pictured:

Right: Adult Champions

Left: Youth players

Bottom: Street Life Ministries Staff



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

Breakfast & Devotions

We won't meet this month, too many other celebrations. We will meet again in January 2018.

Advent by Candlelight



Topic: Advent a time of Waiting
 When: Tuesday, December 5th
 Who: Women of Redeemer (family & friends High School age +)
 Time: 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm
 Where: Redeemer Fellowship Hall



Christmas Tea

When: Thursday, December 14th
 Who: Anyone and Everyone!
 Time: 12:30 pm – 2:00 pm
 Where: Redeemer Fellowship Hall
 Menu: Sandwiches & Desserts – everyone brings something
 Entertainment: Mrs. Maier's 3rd grade Singers

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

Redeemer Numbers

Here are is the financial statement for July-October of the fiscal year 2017-18.

- ◆ Church giving was \$183,437 which is 126% vs. last year but is 12% BELOW the budget of \$209,000 for the current period July-Oct 2017.
- ◆ School Tuition income was \$523,924 which is 1% above budget and is on track.
- ◆ Overall, church and school expenses are tracking towards our full year budget. The timing of some expenses is delayed from our original budget making the time period look better than budget, but for the full fiscal year are tracking as we expected.

"Out of the Ashes"

Thank-you Redeemer! The goal of \$10,000 was exceeded by your generous giving. The funds have been transferred to the CNH District Disaster Fund for use in the fire devastated areas in Northern California.



Income	Jul - Oct 2017	Jul - Oct Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
Church (Offerings & Other Income)	\$229,546	\$237,407	-7,861.00	\$787,200
School (Tuition & Other Income)	\$550,096	\$577,350	-27,254.41	\$1,829,300
Operations (Rents & Other Income)	\$60,457	\$61,380	-923.00	\$206,040
Total Ministry Income	\$840,099	\$876,136	-36,037.36	\$2,822,540
Expenses				
Church Expenses	\$191,334	\$233,469	-42,135.00	\$616,050
School Expenses	\$411,767	\$471,575	-59,807.84	\$1,352,900
Shared Ministry Operational Expenses	\$261,380	\$234,351	27,029.00	\$854,000
Total Ministry Expenses	\$864,481	\$939,395	-74,913.65	\$2,822,950
Net Income	(\$24,383)	(\$63,259)	\$38,876	(\$410)

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

December

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 •6:30pm RLS Dance •7:00pm AA	2 •9am Leader- ship Work- shop
3 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> <i>MITE Box Sun- day</i> •12:30 pm Leadership Workshop	4 •12pm Life Enrich- ment Meeting •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7:30pm AA	5 •7pm Advent by Candle- light	6 •6:30am Men's Break- fast	7 •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	8 •6pm RLS Movie Night •7:00pm AA	9 • •10am Choir •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
10 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •12:15 pm Cong- regational Meeting	11 •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7:30pm AA	12 •6pm Cub- scouts •7pm Board of Elders •7pm PTC Meeting	13 •6:30am Men's Break- fast	14 •12:30pm Christmas Tea •7:30pm BSA Meeting	15 •6:30pm RLS 3rd Grade Musi- cal •7:00pm AA	16 •10am Choir
17 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	18 •7pm Choir •7:30pm AA	19	20 •6:30am Men's Break- fast	21 •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7pm Choir •7:30pm BSA Meeting	22 •7:00pm AA <i>Christmas Vacation Be- gins</i>	23
24 <i>Christmas Eve NO Morning Services</i> •3pm Worship •4pm Cookies with Santa •5pm Worship	25 <i>Christmas Day Church offices Closed</i> •10 am Worship Narathon on Campus	26 <i>Church offices Closed</i> Narathon on Campus	27 <i>Church offices Closed</i> •9am News- letter Team	28 <i>Church offices Closed</i> •7:30pm BSA Meeting	29	30
31 <i>New Year's Eve</i> •9:30 am Wor- ship ONE SER- VICE ONLY Narathon on Campus						

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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

Lead Pastor

Reverend Paul Schult

Minister of Youth and Young Adults

Mr. Corey Garrity

Pastor to Seniors

Reverend Paul Hoffmann

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Dr. Harold Draeger

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