

'Round Redeemer

MARCH 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!

Reach Young Families!

Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor

Vision can be defined as a preferred hope for the future. Things can be different. We can make a difference.

Throughout the Bible God gave his people a vision of the future, to give them hope, to them direction, to give them faith. At Redeemer we have been talking as a congregation about a vision for the future. What will Redeemer look like in 2025? We have been talking about Redeemer's strengths and successes over the past 90 years. We have been talking about our community and our context. We have been talking about the resources, gifts and talents God has given to Redeemer. And we have been seeking God's direction and vision for the future.

Redeemer has a strong history of being innovative, willing to change, open to God's leading and trying new things. Redeemer has a strong history of being very concerned about people who are far from God. Redeemer has a strong history of caring about other people who don't know Jesus.

For the past 6 months the conversations have been



deep, meaningful, and consistent. The dominant theme that continues to rise to the top is the desire to effectively reach young families.

It makes a lot of sense. That is something Redeemer has done very well in the past. Redeemer's school ministry has grown larger and stronger in a time when most Lutheran and Christian schools are shrinking and closing.

It makes a lot of sense. The Millennial generation attends church less than any other living generation today.

It makes a lot of sense. Redwood City continues to draw many young people to the community because of the tech industry and revitalized downtown area.

It makes a lot of sense, when young parents have children they often begin to ask questions about faith and God.

It makes a lot of sense for a

lot of reasons. And it seems that God is leading Redeemer to a clear vision of the future of focusing on how to reach young families and draw them into relationship with Jesus Christ.

There is a powerful Bible passage, Judges 2:10 that says,

“After that generation died, another generation grew up who did not acknowledge the Lord or remember the mighty things he had done for Israel.”

There is a real sense of urgency for Redeemer. We are on the brink of two generations coming of age who don't know the mighty things God has done for them through Jesus.

So – if we really start to focus on effectively reaching young families – what does this really mean?

It means we need to rethink, reconsider, redesign. It means we need to look at things that God says it is okay to change for

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the sake of the mission. It means we need to be willing to do some things differently.

God tells us in the Bible there are some things that will never change – that cannot change: the Word of God, Jesus, God's love for all people, God's plan of salvation, God's desire for all people to trust in Jesus as their Savior, the truths of the Bible.

But there are many things that God says we need to be willing to change – for the sake of his mission: our programs, our methods, our style, our strategies.

It is an exciting time at Redeemer. Over the next few months, be sure to be a part of the conversations as we seek God's vision for the future.

God's peace!
See you in Church!

Pastor Paul

Redeemer Numbers

Giving and Attendance

Includes only weekly offerings

January 2017 Offerings Weekly			Attendance	Attendance	
	Giving	Actual	Projected	2017	2016
1 Total	6257	\$10,542		128	224
2 Total	21693	\$10,542		173	187
3 Total	6196	\$10,542		176	220
4 Total	12106	\$10,542		202	105
5 Total	4231	NA		177	280
Total					
January 2017	\$50,483	\$42,167		679	736

January Income vs Expenses

Includes all church sources of income

January Church Snapshot	Actual	Projected
Total All Income	\$87,599	\$49,437
Total Expenses	\$59,213	\$60,791
Income - Expenses	\$28,386	-\$11,354

Annual Income vs Expenses

Includes all church sources of income

Church Income vs Expenses

Fiscal Year to Date 1/31/17	Actual	Projected
All Income	\$387,976	\$348,017
Expenses	\$421,940	\$456,822
Income less Expenses	(\$33,964)	(\$108,805)

Lent Midweek Fellowship: You are Invited!!

Midweek Fellowship Schedule

March 1 – Ash Wednesday

- 7:00 PM Worship in the Sanctuary followed by dessert and coffee in the Fellowship Hall.

Lenten Dinners - March 8, 13, 22, 29, April 5

- 6:00 – 6:45 - Dinner in the Fellowship Hall (**RSVP for Dinners at www.redeemerministries.org**)
- 6:45 – 7:00 – Clean up
- 7:00 – 7:45 – Lenten Reflection in Fellowship Hall
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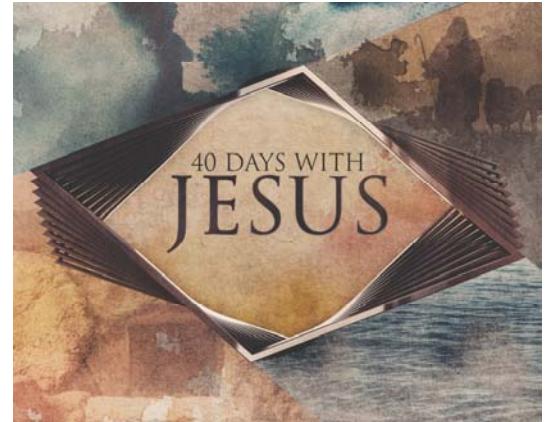
Dinners

Please RSVP so that the hosts know how much food to make!!!! Go to www.redeemerministries.org If you don't have a computer, sign up in the church narthex or call the church office. Suggest donation \$7 per person or \$25 per family.

- March 8 : Burgers and Dogs
- March 15 : Pizza
- March 22 : Pulled Pork
- March 29 : Tacos
- April 5 : Lasagna
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THEME – 40 Days with Jesus – Featuring Skit Guys videos!

Hear eyewitness accounts from important moments in the life of Jesus that led up to his crucifixion – Simon Peter, John the Baptist... and more!



Getting to Know Jesus A 5-Week Bible Class !

DATES – 5 Wednesdays – 7:00 – 8:15 PM

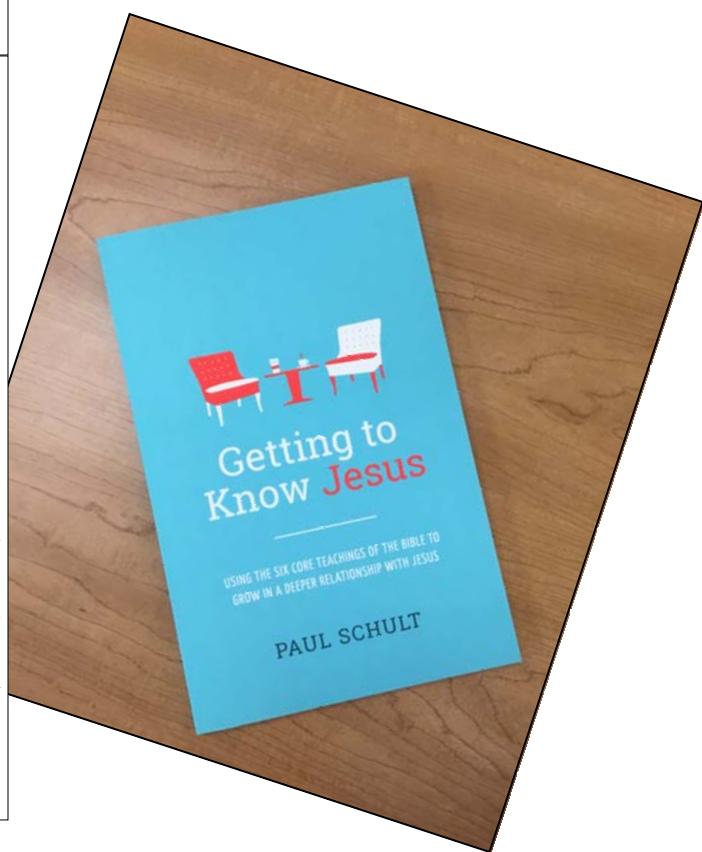
April 26, May 10, 17, 24, 31

- Are you interested in learning the foundational teachings of the Christian Faith?
- Are you interested in joining Redeemer Lutheran Church?
- Are you looking for answers to life's biggest questions like who is God, who am I, what is God's purpose for my life?

Did you learn about the Christian faith as a child or teen and would like to dig into them again as an adult?

This 5 week class will be taught by Pastor Schult. Anyone is welcome. Feel free to bring a friend, a spouse, a High School or college student who did not go through 6-8th grade confirmation instruction. Together we will dig into the 6 core teachings of the Christian faith, which are revealed to us in the Bible for one reason – so that you might know Jesus!! At the heart of the Christian faith is a personal relationship with Jesus Christ – putting your faith and trust in Him.

Go to www.redeemerministries.org to sign up.



Sunday School

We apologize for the delay in getting Sunday School started. Redeemer's Sunday School is being re-designed, and is planned to begin on April 2nd.

Concert March 19 7:00 pm

Band of Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, WI will be performing a concert at Messiah Lutheran Church on Sunday, March 19th. At 7:00 pm Messiah Lutheran Church, 2305 Camino Tassajara, Danville.

The Concert Band of Lake Country Lutheran High School, Hartland, WI will be performing as part of their Spring Concert Tour. The 37-member ensemble is under the direction of Mrs. Becky Garlock, and will perform works by W. Francis McBeth, David Holsinger, Frank Ticheli, James Barnes, J.S. Bach, Michael Sweeney, and William Owens. The ensemble is excited to share their music and the joy of the Gospel with you! Everyone is welcome!"

Mark your calendar Leadership Community Meeting

March 26th

Join Pastor Paul on Sunday, March 26th 6:00 pm-7:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall to continue the discussion on developing Redeemer's future. NOTICE: no dinner is being served.

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.

Another fun day was had by all. We gathered again with friends to celebrate our God and each other.

After Pastor Paul opened us in prayer, he again gave us some really funny jokes based on Valentine's Day – 1) Boy: Do you have a date for Valentine's Day? Girl: Yes, February 14th. 2) What do squirrels give for Valentine's Day? Forget-me-nuts. 3) If your Aunt ran off to get married, what would you call her? Antelope...cute, cute, cute. Thanks Pastor.

It was nice to see Grace with us again. She gave the story about the hymn "In The Garden," and played it on the piano as we all sang along. Beautiful...

Ruth led us in some warm up exercises to limber and warm us up. Thanks again Ruth for all you do.

Eric & Joan were here to entertain us today. Joan played the piano and Eric sang songs in memory of some celebrities who died recently. First was "You're Gonna Make it After All," celebrating Mary Tyler Moore. Then "Tammy" for Debbie Reynolds. Zsa Zsa Gabor also died and he told one of her jokes. She said I'm a very good housekeeper...everytime I get divorced I keep the house! We then sang some oldies such as "Where Is Your Heart", "I'll Be Loving You Always" and many, many more. It was good to see everyone

singing along.

Kurt Schreiner prepared us a delicious lunch consisting of Salisbury Steak, potatoes, broccoli and salad. We had chocolate cake for dessert. Boy are we blessed or what?? Many, many thanks to Madel for her leadership in this lunch each month!!

Today our guests donated \$56.00 to Street Life Ministries. They are so grateful for your help and support, thank you again; you are a real blessing to them.

March will be another fun time to honor our God for all he gives us and does for us. We once again will be given a delicious lunch prepared by Al Diaz, so I'm

Next

Life Enrichment Luncheon

March 11 at 11:00 am

looking forward to seeing all of you again next month, and remember, bring a friend if you can.

Human Care Conference March 25th

Register Now for the New Human Care Conference: Facing the Challenges to Mental Health. Go to <http://www.cnh-lcms.org/>

Dr. Darrell Zimmerman asks, "How are you doing? And by the way, how am I doing?" For the answers, come to the CNH-LCMS District Conference "From Darkness into Light- Facing the Challenges to Mental Health".

What: From Darkness Into Light

When: March 25, 8:30 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Where: St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1635 Chester Ave. Tracy, CA

Cost: \$25 (includes lunch and snacks)

Info: Marilyn Harri; email: harri2@comcast.net or call 925-426-8628

Presented by: CNH District Human Care Ministries Committee; Lutheran Social Services of Northern California; CNH District Task Force on Disabilities

Home and Hope 2017: Volunteer Now!

Once again Redeemer has the opportunity to host families in need for two weeks in 2017! Our congregation is always so faithful in serving in this ministry. Julie Sowa and Nancy Talistu have lovingly headed up this opportunity for the past five years. Julie has decided to step down as a chairperson and nightly host. We thank her for all that she has given to Home and Hope. Nancy is willing to organize and schedule volunteers to fill the two weeks of our hosting.

What is needed this year is someone(s) to be blessed in being the nightly host. This is the person(s) who are there every night to greet our families. This is not a requirement by Home and Hope guidelines, but it is a blessing that Redeemer began and one that our families so appreciate. This allows them a familiar face and contact for every night they are with us. They don't have to introduce themselves every night to the dinner hosts or children's activity person or overnight host, etc. Our Redeemer host can be the connection that makes these families feel like they come "home" every night. Plus, the fact that we host them for two full weeks means they don't have to pack up and move to another church and jockey for position for tents, cots, blankets, etc. which can be stressful for them when they have enough of that already. It is possible that the nightly host position could be

shared by a couple people, in that, one week you host every night and then the next week another person hosts every night. We realize two full weeks of this is a big commitment. (Ask Julie and Nancy, wink)

Below is a description of opportunities to serve. Praying God touches your heart as He did Nancy and Julie's, among others, to serve and be blessed!



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

JULY 23rd - AUG.5th 2017

OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE:

Overnight hosts-You are asked to show up by 7:30 p.m. (but arrangements can be made for later arrival) and you leave after the guests depart by van in the morning around 7 a.m. You straighten up the kitchen if needed and lock up. A key can be provided, or Julie or I can come by in the morning and lock up. In the past, sometimes there is an extra tent for overnight hosts to sleep in, at times it has been set up on the stage in Luther Hall. We also have a double air bed or two that we can loan to our overnight hosts that can be set up in the nursery or other room. You need to bring your own pillow and blanket or sleeping bag. Lights go out by 10 p.m., so you are not up late.

Children's Activities- is totally at your discretion and talents! We will get a list of our guests a week or so before , so I can let those who sign up know the ages and amount of children. I have found this to be the most appreciated part we provide. Many of the parents are overwhelmed by their situation and to just have someone entertain their child for an hour or so, is a much needed break. I will add though that we are not to be alone with anyone's child, so just keep that in mind. In the summer, the tables outside are a great place to gather for this.

Dinner Hosts: This is also at your discretion. Sometimes there are food allergies, but I will let you know as I find out. The meal should have a main course, side dish and dessert. Drinks are provided. You are asked to have the meal ready to serve by 6:15 – 6:30 as the guests arrive by van at 6:00 p.m. The meal may be prepared in your home and brought to the hall or you may use the Redeemer kitchen or bbq area. You are asked to stay until the overnight hosts arrive or the children's activity person. Most people tend to stay and talk and play with the kids, interact. It depends on the recipients, each group/family is different.

Set Up and Take Down: We will need some help setting up the tents on Sunday afternoon July 24th probably around 3pm when they are dropped off. We will also need help taking them down on Sunday morning August. 7th. This can be done after church service or really anytime after 7 a.m. when the guests leave.

NANCY TALISTU 650/369-0299 OR 650/759-0842 CELL NTALISTU@COMCAST.NET

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 & DEVOTIONS



We not be meeting this month. See you April 1st!

Agape Diaconia- "Christian Love and Mercy". As each has received a gift, us it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace . . ." The women from Grace Lutheran Church in San Mateo ask that you join them for Bible study and to learn about The Hangout in Grace Lutheran, Grass Valley. A place where teenagers and young adults can come and be safe, hear about our Savior, Jesus. Saturday, March 18th from 9:30 am – 1:00 pm. Contact Shelly for information of if you would like a ride to the Gathering.

THE MITE BOX



We are still in the process of collecting "Mites" for the HMong Language School. It's great to fill the purple box with coins and dollars. Contact Shelly if you would like a mite box.

GRANT #9 for \$10,000 - HMONG LANGUAGE SCHOOL

Ministries has been at St Paul's Lutheran Church, Merced for more than 10 years. Their longtime dream

delivery system to reach into multigenerational family units is through the children. The school is encouraged by the older generation who want the younger to know their mother tongue.

Two important goals are met:

- 1) To bring back the Hmong language.
- 2) To plant the seed of the Gospel. All lessons are Biblical material and deliver the message to other generations in the home when the children share it

through their homework. The pilot program was every Saturday morning in spring of 2015, and every evening for two weeks in summer. To continue the Saturday morning schedule and expand to 2-3 evenings per week, plus summer events, the ministry needs materials, supplies and support, funded by this grant.

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



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CALIFORNIA~NEVADA~HAWAII ZONE 8 SPRING 2017 GATHERING

March 18, 2017 ~ 9:30am-2:30pm
Grace Lutheran Church
2825 Alameda de las Pulgas, San Mateo, CA

Agape Diaconia – "Christian Love and Mercy"

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace..."

--1 Peter 4:10



Guest Speaker: Deaconess Elizabeth Froh
Grace Lutheran Church, Grass Valley, CA

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Jeff Schufreider
Trinity Lutheran Burlingame & First Lutheran, SSF

Registration: \$10.00

All women are invited!BYOB Lunch***Dessert provided***

Love Gift Offering and Ingathering for "The Hangout"
Grace Lutheran of Grass Valley:

We humbly request that donations for The Hangout be in the form of Costco gift cards or kind monetary donations.
Checks made payable to LWML CNH Zone 8, memo: The Hangout.

Questions? Email Barbara G. at tisbarb@sbcglobal.net

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

March

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			<i>1 Ash Wednesday</i> •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Worship and Dessert	<i>2</i> •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	<i>3</i> •8:25 am Chapel •5pm Pinewood Derby Set up •7:30pm AA	<i>4</i> •All Day Pinewood Derby
5 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> MITE Box Sunday	6 •12pm Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	7 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting •7pm Board of Elders	8 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •6pm Lent Midweek Fellowship	9 •7pm Women of Faith	10 •8:25 am Chapel •6:30 RLS 3rd Gr Musical •7:30pm AA	11 •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
12 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> DAYLIGHT SAVINGS •9:30 Wang Baptism •12pm Cubscout Activity	13 •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	14 •7:30pm BSA Meeting	15 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •6pm Lent Midweek Fellowship	16 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting	17 •8:25 am Chapel •4:30 Girl Scout •7:30pm AA	18 •9am LWML Spring Rally •All Day Daughters of the American Revolution Meeting
19 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •12pm AHSGR	20 •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	21 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting •7pm PSC Meeting	22 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •6pm Lent Midweek Fellowship	23 •7pm Women of Faith •7:30pm BSA Meeting	24 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	25 •4pm Girl Scouts
26 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •6pm Leadership Community Meeting	27 •3:30 Street Life Meal Prep •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA	28	29 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team •6pm Lent Midweek Fellowship	30 •6:30 RLS Culture Week Open House	31 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL
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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 (On Recess)
- 9:30 am Adult Bible Study
- 10:30 am Coffee Hour
- 11:00 am Traditional Service

Pastoral Staff

Lead Pastor

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Visitation Pastor

Reverend Paul Hoffmann

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Dr. Harold Draeger

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