

# 'Round Redeemer

**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!

*Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor*

Have you been to the top of Twin Peaks in San Francisco? It's one of my favorite places to visit. Whenever we have out of town guests, I try to make it one of our first stops so our guests can get see the big picture of San Francisco.

For most people, having a sense of the big picture helps better understand how the pieces of the puzzle all fit together. I suppose that's why it says in the book of Proverbs, "Without vision the people perish." When you don't see the big picture it is easy to lose heart, to get bored, to lose excitement and energy. I'm a big picture kind of guy. I need to see the whole plan before I know what to do next. I prefer to have a clear sense of where I'm going, what the destination looks like.

For the past 6 months the people of Redeemer have been working on a vision for the future. A lot of work has been done. There has been a lot of praying, a lot of talking, a lot of thinking, a lot of studying, a lot of processing. That's how a visioning process works – a lot of people think about all the factors involved and do the work of boiling it all down. And now it is time for the next step – a big step.

On January 21, our lead consultant, Mr. Kevin Ford, will be at Redeemer to share a summary overview of the entire process so far. He will share the results of the surveys, the focus groups, the demographics study, and the planning sessions. He will summarize all the work so far, and ask you to discuss it, react to it, think about it, pray about it, and add your thoughts.

**Sunday, January 21 – 3:00 -5:00 PM – Congregational Update and Overview (with Dinner to follow)**

It will be a big and important day for Redeemer as God's vision for the future continues to be painted. Please do everything you can to be there and be a part of the process as it unfolds. And I would continue to ask this favor of you – pray! Please pray for the Holy Spirit to give the people of Redeemer a clear vision for the future, and the faith and courage to do whatever God asks of us in the work of his kingdom.

- ◆ Please RSVP for Dinner and childcare at
- ◆ [www.redeemerministries.org](http://www.redeemerministries.org)
- ◆ A free will offering will be collected to cover

the cost of dinner. Suggested donation \$10 per person or \$20 per family with young children.

Happy New Year to you and your family! I pray that 2018 will be filled with new adventures of faith that help you love and trust Jesus more and more every day. And I pray that 2018 will bring a clear vision of the future for Redeemer – that unites us in mission.

See you in Church!  
Pastor Paul Schult

## Upcoming Worship Series – Starting January 14

*Making Life Work - #proverbschallenge*

The book of Proverbs is one of the most practical books in the Bible! Jesus said the second most important truth in life is to love your neighbor as

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yourself. In the book of Proverbs God teaches us in very concrete and clear ways how to love our neighbors. It talks about critically important issues in life like:

Money and generosity, resolving conflict, living with integrity and honor, using power and authority to serve people, marriage and family....and plenty more.

#proverbschallenge = read one chapter of Proverbs each day for a month – and you will have read the whole book! As you do it, ask God to give you his wisdom.

**RESOURCE** – God's Wisdom for Navigating Life: A Year of Daily

## Lent 2018 – This is love....

*"This is love, not that we loved God, but that he loved us."*  
*1 John 4:10*

This year we are trying something new for Lent – a mix of small group and large group gatherings! The kick-off starts on Ash Wednesday with dinner and worship. For the next



Thank-you for all the prayers and generous contributions to Redeemer's Christmas Wish List. The goal has not yet been met, and there is still plenty of more that can be allocated to this special offering.

As a result of this giving, Redeemer is able to start the NEW LIGHTS Project in the Fellowship Hall which are scheduled to be installed over the Christmas Vacation!!

### What is the 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 (\$17,065 so far)
- 2) \$18,000 - Lighting for the Fellowship Hall. (\$12,200 so far)
- 3) \$2,500 - Uganda Missions. (\$2,572 Goal Met!!)

You can give online through Pushpay or by check with "Christmas Wish List" in the memo. Mail to Redeemer or place in the offering on Sundays. 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.

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## Lent 2018 – This is love....

four weeks, small groups of 8-12 will meet in people's homes two times. The small groups will do a Bible study with discussion questions and prayer. We conclude with another large group dinner and worship on Wednesday, March 21.

### What do we need?

**Small group facilitators** – this role will include contacting your small group to schedule two dates to meet, find a location, and facilitate the group.

- ◆ Please email Pastor Schult  
pschult@redeemerministries.org if you would like to serve as a facilitator. We need about 15 people.
- ◆ Small Group Facilitator meeting – Monday, January 22 OR Tuesday, January 23 – 7:00 PM.

**Dinner Coordinators** -one for Feb 14, one for March 21. Tasks will include planning the dinner, soliciting helpers and facilitating/coordinating the night of the dinner.

Please email Stephanie McCollum if you are able to help.

After we have small group leaders, we will begin sign-ups for small group participants.

### Schedule:

- ◆ Wednesday, February 14 – Ash Wednesday  
Dinner 6:00-7:00 PM (Valentine's Theme)  
Worship 7:00 – 8:00 PM
- ◆ February 15 – March 20: Two Small Group Bible Studies (dates vary by group)
- ◆ Wednesday, March 21  
Dinner 6:00-7:00  
Worship 7:00 – 8:00 PM

**Help us spread the word about Redeemer School!**

You can earn a \$500 tuition credit for each new student who enrolls because of your recommendation!  
(New families must have no prior connection to RLS)

You're invited to an

## **OPEN HOUSE**

**Weds, January 17, 2018**

**6:30-8:00pm**

**Casual & Drop-In, Children are welcome, No RSVP necessary**

## **REDEEMER SCHOOL**

**468 Grand Street**

**Redwood City**

**Parking lot and school building are located  
on the corner of Hudson & Harrison Streets**

- **Grades Kindergarten – 8<sup>th</sup>**
- **Established in 1957**
- **Accredited by the Western Association of Schools & Colleges (WASC)**
- **Traditional School Year (August – June)**
- **Full Day Kindergarten**
- **Small Class Sizes (maximum of 25 students)**
- **Classroom Aides grades K-5**
- **We offer: Before and After School Care, Classroom Musicals, Hot Lunch, Exciting Field Trips, WBAL Sports, Music for Minors, Art in Action, PE, Technology, After School Enrichment Classes and much more!**

**2018-2019 KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION: Dec. 1, 2017 – Jan. 31, 2018**

**GRADES 1-8 REGISTRATION: Jan. 9 – Feb. 23, 2018**



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**[www.redeemer-school.org](http://www.redeemer-school.org)**

**or check out our Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/rlsrwc](https://www.facebook.com/rlsrwc)**

## 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.*

The Fellowship Hall was decorated in the Christmas Season, welcoming all the guests in the Christmas spirit, really beautiful! Many thanks again to Madel for organizing these events each month. It was also nice to see a couple of new faces in the group; Marilyn and Pete Tinderholt, welcome you two!

The fun began with Pastor Paul starting us off with some cute jokes again....so, so funny. Here are a couple of them. Knock knock. Who's there? Donut, donut who? Donut open til Christmas. Knock Knock. Who's there? Rabbit. Rabbit who? Rabbit up carefully, it's a present. Knock knock. Who's

there? Rudolph. Rudolph who? Money is the Rudolph all evil!

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 passed out 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 reminded us of the congregational meeting and brought us up to date on Street Life Ministries. She then had some good warming up exercises for us, felt so good, thanks

again Ruth.

Eric and Joan were back again this year with all of their Christmas songs. She played the piano and he sang. He started off with Deck The Halls and Holly Jolly Christmas it was so good, not only has he a great singing voice but he also has a great sense of humor; very entertaining.

Al Diaz prepared his famous beef stew and warm rolls for lunch, yum yum, and cupcakes for dessert.

\$42.00 was donated for the Street Life Ministries program. Thanks again for your generous support; this is a wonderful program; helping those in need.

## Next

**Life Enrichment Luncheon**  
**January 13 at 11:00 am**

Just a little 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.

Next month Clayton Duval will be preparing our lunch and Jim Stevens will be our entertainment. He is really good, hope you all will join us. God always gives us a good time together where we can talk, laugh and share our lives with each other. So see you in January and bring a friend if you can.

## Gone to her Lord

*Ruth Riddle*

December 15, 2017

Ruth's family notified Redeemer of her passing as she had been a member many years ago, and is remembered by many.





## Youth Ministries

*by Corey Garrity, Minister to Youth and Young Adults*

### AfterHours Has Launched!

I came across a quote from one of my favorite actresses, Zooey Deschanel, she said, “Nothing could be as hard as middle school.”

Having the opportunity to spend time with the middle school students at Redeemer has been

an honor! Being able to do life with the kids over the past 4 months has done remarkable things. It has reminded me that life is about the simple things—some being love, joy, laughter and loyalty. It’s has also forced me to be introspective and reflective on my own life, especially around the years I was in middle school.

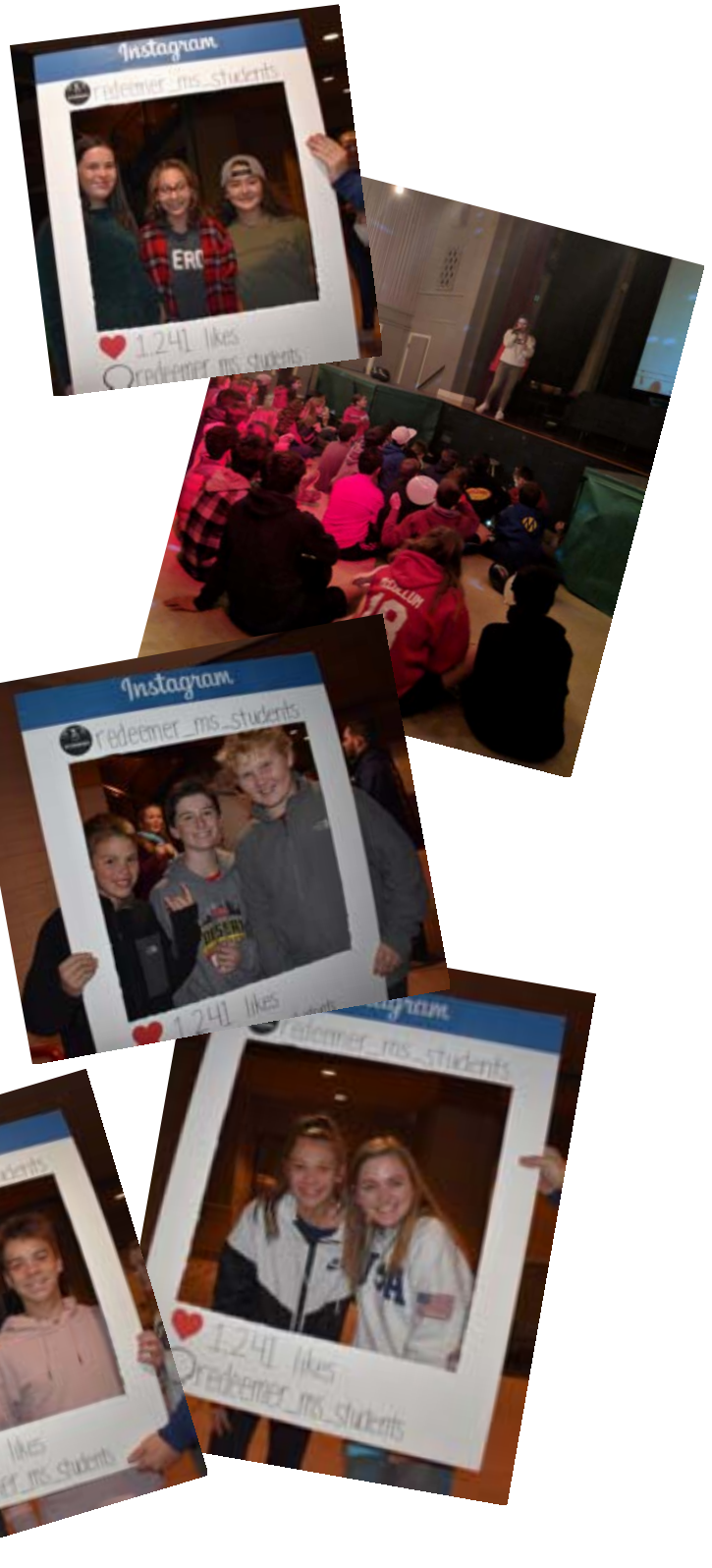
It was a trivial time in my life—debatably some of the hardest and darkest. Not only was I struggling with my identity and just trying to “fit-in,” but it was a time when my parents were separated, and left me with many questions. To Zooey Deschanel’s point—middle school is pretty darn tough. It’s filled with emotion, uncertainty, fear—and a lot of those being new to the students if you pick up what I’m putting down.

Getting to know the students and their stories, opened the floodgates of my heart and soul towards them. Through guidance and prayer—a group of high school, college and young adult leaders, decided to start a community for middle school students called “AfterHours.” We had a soft launch on December 10<sup>th</sup>, and will continue AfterHours on a regular basis in January.

The soft launch had around 60 students in attendance, and we are hoping to continue making room for more students to find purpose and solid identity through Jesus’ deep and unconditional love.

As we prepare for January and what’s ahead for AfterHours, I want to say thank you for your support and encouragement. Each of you hold a special place in my heart as you have given me the opportunity to know you, your families and students. May you find rest this Christmas in the reality of how deeply loved you are.

All for Love,  
Corey Garrity





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

## Breakfast & Devotions

Topic: Celebrating Epiphany

When: Saturday, January 6th

Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1

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



## Advent by Candlelight



Thank you for brining your friends and family to Advent by Candlelight, what a joyous evening. Our guest speaker, Priscilla Newton reminded us about the joy we have in our Savior, Jesus Christ and Violeta Evans led us with Christmas carols. There were women from Bethany Lutheran Church, Menlo Park and Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Pacifica attend. Our coffee servers were outstanding, Jim Bradley, Paul Soule, and Mike Mancini, you each made us feel so special. To those who brought cookies, hosted a table, helped with cleanup, thank you.

## Christmas Tea



CHRISTMAS TEA- We dined on delicious sandwiches and cookies. Dorothy Patterson served us coffee or tea using the beautiful silver tea set. Mrs. Maier's 3rd grade class entertained us with Knock-Knock jokes while the AV people were working on the sound. We were totally entertained. The children presented "All About That Baby". The music & singing was great! This class enjoys each other as you watched them passing around the mics, reminding each person other where to stand, they seemed to enjoy the play as much as we did

# Redeemer Numbers

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

♦ Church giving was \$227,000 which is 118% vs. last year but is 15% BELOW the budget of \$268,000 for the current period July-Nov 2017.

♦ School Tuition income was \$523,924 which is 3% below 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.

Income	Jul - Nov 2017	Jul - Nov Budget	\$ Over/Under Budget	Annual Budget
Church (Offerings & Other Income)	\$301,862	\$305,019	-3,157.	\$787,200
School (Tuition & Other Income)	\$772,924	\$793,300	-20,375	\$1,829,300
Operations (Rents & Other Income)	\$65,848	\$66,250	-401	\$206,040
Total Ministry Income	\$1,140,635	\$1,164,569	-23,933	\$2,822,540
Expenses				
Church Expenses	\$250,089	\$280,668	-30,578	\$616,050
School Expenses	\$534,282	\$582,088	-47,805	\$1,352,900
Shared Ministry Operational Expenses	\$338,463	\$293,959	44,504	\$854,000
Total Ministry Expenses	\$1,122,836	\$1,156,715	-33,878	\$2,822,950
Net Income	\$17,799	\$7,854	\$9,945	(\$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

## January

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	<b>1</b> <i>New Year's Day</i> <i>Church offices closed</i> <i>School on Vacation until Jan. 9</i> •Narathon •7:30pm AA	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> •6:30am Men's Break-fast	<b>4</b> •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	<b>5</b> •7:00pm AA	<b>6</b> •8:30 am Women's Break-fast
<b>7</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	<b>8</b> •12:00pm Life Enrichment Committee Meeting •7:30pm AA	<b>9</b> •6pm Cub Scouts •7pm Board of Elders •7pm PTC Meeting	<b>10</b> •6:30am Men's Break-fast	<b>11</b> •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>12</b> •7:00pm AA	<b>13</b> •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon •4pm Cub Scout Activity
<b>14</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<b>15</b> <i>MLK Day</i> <i>Church and School Closed</i>  •7:30pm AA	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> •6:30am Men's Break-fast	<b>18</b> •10:15am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>19</b> •6:30 pm RLS Variety Show •7:00pm AA	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •12pm AHSGR •3pm Congregational Update Meeting •5pm Dinner	<b>22</b> •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm H2H Class •7:30pm AA	<b>23</b> •6pm Cub Scouts	<b>24</b> •6:30am Men's Break-fast •9am Newsletter Team	<b>25</b> •7:30pm BSA Meeting	<b>26</b> •7:00pm AA	<b>27</b> •10:00pm Decorate FH •7pm Daddy/Daughter Dance
<b>28</b> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	<b>29</b> •7pm H2H Class •7:30pm AA	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b> •6:30am Men's Break-fast			

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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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