

'Round Redeemer

OCTOBER 2016

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!

Life Verse

From Rev. Paul Schult, Lead Pastor

What's a life verse? I'm glad you asked....it's a verse that you have chosen from the Bible which captures in a very personal way for you, what it means to follow Jesus every day.

Many people chose such a verse at the time of their confirmation. Others may land on a verse at a different time in life. Sometimes it might be chosen for a person, or maybe you found it yourself. Maybe the verse captured your heart and attention during a really difficult time in your life, that's pretty common! Or perhaps it came at a time when you felt overwhelmingly blessed by God.

My life verse is Micah 6:8 – it goes like this, "God has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

Sometimes I boil it down to this – **Act Justly, Love Mercy, Walk Humbly with Jesus.**

I remember the first time this verse hit me. A new attorney general of the United States was being sworn into office. During an interview a reporter

asked him how he would manage to do such a challenging job. He answered with this verse. For some reason it captured me. That was a long time ago.

Here is how it guides me each day. I am reminded about three things, which really are the most important things in life.

1. Know and do the right thing.

I know I'm a sinner, and I know I will never be able to do the right things with a pure heart. The first part of doing the right thing is admitting my own horrible sin. Every day I remind myself of St. Paul's words – "the worst sinner I know is me." Asking God's spirit to show me the depth of my sin and my deep need for a Savior is a part of following Jesus. And then I ask the Holy Spirit to help me hold to the truth of what is right in his eyes, to never water it down, to never make excuses for myself, to never rationalize and justify my sin.

2. Love mercy

I love how this verse says to ACT justly – but to LOVE mercy. It doesn't say to LOVE justice. Sometimes we can fall in

love with God's law, especially when we overzealously apply it to other people. God says we should LOVE mercy.

The Bible is pretty clear that the only way we will ever love mercy, is when we realize that God's mercy is first and foremost, for me! When I am overwhelmed by the undeserved kindness that God has shown to me, it softens my heart, and opens the door for me to be gracious and merciful to everyone. This is really another way of saying, love the gospel, love Jesus, love what he has done for you!

May nothing be more precious to me than the good news of Jesus!

3. Walk humbly

Humility – it is the beauty of the gospel. It levels the playing field. It puts every human being on the same level. No one is more deserving of God's love, no one is less deserving. No one gets to boast about themselves, only about Jesus.

No one gets to boast about their good deeds and holy life, because no one is good – so all the religious and moral people can't say they are better than the

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irreligious and immoral people.

No one gets to boast about being more compassionate, loving and accepting, never imposing unwanted rules and morals on anyone – so all the irreligious and immoral people can't say they are better than the legalists.

Do you see? No one wins on their own! We all need Jesus!

That's it. That's my life verse. I try to remind myself everyday of these truths from God. I ask Jesus to lead me in his paths – of justice, mercy and humility.

So – what's your life verse? And why?

I'd love to hear your story!

See you in Church.

Pastor Paul

Installation at Redeemer



Thank-you to all the clergy who came to Pastor Schult's installation at Redeemer in August.

Front row: Rev. Chuck Schlie, Messiah Lutheran Church, MO, Rev. Paul Hoffmann, Redeemer Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Paul Schult, Redeemer Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Dr. Harold Draeger, Emeritus, Redeemer Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Eric Robinson, Redeemer Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Aaron Putnam, Good Shepherd Lutheran Church,

CA.

Back Row: Rev. Jonathan Coyne, Bethany Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Dr. Robert Newton, CNH District President, Rev. Stewart Crown, Trinity Lutheran Church, CA, Vicar Bill Maggard, Trinity Lutheran Church, CA, Rev. Aaron Smith, St. Paul Lutheran Church, CA.

Schult Family Picture: Elise, Samuel, Beth, Pastor Paul, Nathan and Allison

Redeemer Numbers

Giving and Attendance

August 2016 Weekly Giving	Offerings		Attendance	
	Amount	Projected	Aug 2016	Aug 2015
1 Total	\$14,848	\$10,542	120	157
2 Total	\$5,360	\$10,542	137	170
3 Total	\$5,201	\$10,542	171	212
4 Total	\$10,778	\$10,542	197	149
5 Total	NA	NA	NA	204
Total Aug 2016	\$36,187	\$42,167	625	892

What are Redeemer's Numbers? Churches and pastors look at a variety of metrics to determine the direction of the organization as well as to strategize for the future. Below are some of the Redeemer Numbers to help congregants have a better picture of where Redeemer has been and what Redeemer needs to think about for the future.

Here is some information:

- Fiscal Year is July 1 to June 30.
- Membership Year is a calendar year

August Income vs Expenses

August Church Snapshot	Offerings and Other Income	
	Actual	Projected
Total Income	\$46,415	\$50,272
Total Expenses	\$59,357	\$82,487
Income - Expenses	-\$12,942	-\$32,215

Annual Income vs Expenses

Church Income vs Expenses

Year to Date 8/31/16	Actual	Projected
Income	\$97,542	\$100,833
Expenses	\$107,095	\$148,014
Income less Expenses	(\$9,553)	(\$47,181)

Attendance and Congregation Membership

	Weekly Ave Attendance	Congregation membership total Reported on Dec. 31 of the previous year
2014 Weekly Ave	193	492
2015 Weekly Ave	179	473
2016 to date Weekly Ave	173	426

Classes and Activities at Redeemer

Celebration Choir: Practice Starts Monday, Oct. 3 at 7pm

Join Beth Schult for choir practice as the Celebration Choir prepares for Reformation Sunday. All singers are welcome. Meet in the conference room.

Confirmation Ministry - First Student Meeting Oct. 3 at 7pm

Join Pastor Paul at the first student class which will be Monday, October 3rd at 7:00 in the school Extended Care Room. Feel free to contact the church office for a registration form at redeemer@redeemerministries.org .

Adult Membership Class: First session Wed. Oct 5 at 7pm

"Getting to Know Jesus" is the title of the class for new members at Redeemer. Pastor Paul will lead the 5 class sessions on Oct 5, 19, 26 and Nov 9, 16. More details to come. **Sign up at** www.redeemerministries.org, Select the link on the right side of the home page. Note: if you aren't interested in membership, it is ok to attend this class as a bible study.

Leadership Community Meeting Tuesday, Oct 18 (6pm & 7pm)

Come join Pastor Paul and members of Redeemer for a conversation about ministry priorities and plans for the coming year! Dinner will be served from 6pm-7pm and the event will start at 7pm. Childcare will be provided. RSVP: go to www.redeemerministries.org and select the link on the right side of the home page. Tell us how many will be attending and how many children.

Children's Ministry Position

Children's Ministry Coordinator

Part time, paid position leading and managing the Sunday morning Christian children's ministry at Redeemer called Sunday30 for children ages 3 to 11. Education degree and experience preferred, but not required. Contact Stephanie at the church office for more information and an application.



October 2016: Gift Planning Newsletter Article

Generosity in Your Own Words

How did you learn about being generous? Was it your parents who taught you or did you learn it by experience? Did you know that generosity is a gift from the Holy Spirit?

The Apostle Paul references it in his epistle to the Romans, chapter 12.¹ He dictates these words from God, starting with verse 6. *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them."* Verse 7c informs us that *"the one who contributes, should do so in generosity."*

Generosity is a gift of the Spirit of God and we are to practice it. Whether you learned from a model or not, generosity is a gift that God gives to His Church for our own good and for the good of others.

However you express your generosity, if you had to put it into words, what would you write or say? What would you tell others?

Actions of generosity often speak for themselves. There is another gift that is associated with generosity. In Romans 12:8a God's Word tells us about the benefit of exhortation (encouragement) in generosity. Putting generosity in your own words helps accomplish this encouragement that often, if not always, precedes God's gift of generosity in others.

Have you talked with your family or friends about generosity? This is not to suggest that you brag about it but rather that you *'encourage'* or *'exhort'* those under your care or influence to hear your own witness.

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¹ Romans 12: *"Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: . . . the one who (encourages) exhorts, in his (encouragement) exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal . . .*

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 magical time we had at our Sept 10th luncheon! So, so much fun! We had not only great jokes from Pastor Paul but great exercises led by Ruth, a fabulous time with Phil Ackerly and a delicious meal by Al Diaz!

Pastor Paul started with some of his great jokes. Here are a couple of them:

I visited the National Air and Space Museum, but I believe that is a misleading name since it is actually full of stuff.

Harry walked over to his Pastor after the Sunday

service and said, "You know Pastor, I am really stuck in a quandary... I would like to attend church next Sunday, but I just can't miss the big football game." The Pastor put his arm around him and replied, "Oh Harry, Harry, don't you know what recorders are for?" Harry's face lit up, "You mean I could record your sermon?"

Ruth then warmed us up with a few exercises to stretch and strengthen our muscles. Great job Ruth.

Then Phil Ackerly took the stage and performed some magic for us. He was very

comical with his act. He had Ruth help him out with a trick with a bottle and a quarter, how did that quarter get into the coke bottle? Vince Barbaria helped him out with the flags and Pastor Paul assisted him with a \$20.00 bill which was shredded and later turned up in a Twinkie from a bag that Adeline had been watching during the show....so much fun!!

Then Al Diaz prepared a delicious lunch consisting of chicken enchiladas, refried beans and rice. It was sooooooo goooood!!!

How blessed we are to have such a great time each month. Thanks to all who participate in this program; giving of their time and efforts. God is smiling down and enjoying it too, just as we enjoy each other! The guests generously donated \$98.00 to the Life Enrichment Program, thank you so very much!!

Hope to see you in October for another fun time and also want to remind you that if you see someone or know someone who might like to join us, please feel free to ask them, the more the merrier!

Gone to be with our Lord

John McPherrin
August 5, 2016

Eddy Kehler
August 21, 2016

Bob Hoffman
August 31, 2016

Transfers

Les Morris
First Lutheran Church
South San Francisco, CA

Ken and Lori Paxton
Trinity Lutheran Church
Gardnerville, NV

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!

B R E A K F A S T & DEVOTIONS

When: Saturday, October 1

Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am

Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1

Advent by Candlelight (7:00 pm – 8:30 pm) December 6

A time to set aside the hustle and bustle of holiday preparation and focus our minds and hearts on the birth of Christ. Join us for fellowship, conversation, Christmas carols, and of course, dessert.

Christmas Tea (12:00 pm – 2:00 pm) December 15

Women and men are invited to attend this potluck luncheon. One of the traditions during the Christmas Tea, hot beverages are served from the silver tea set. Redeemer students provide the entertainment, sometimes we are the audience for their upcoming play or listening to some wonderful singing.



LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE CALIFORNIA-NEVADA-HAWAII ZONE 8 FALL 2016 GATHERING

October 15, 2016 ~ 9:30am-2:30pm

Bethany Lutheran Church
1095 Cloud Avenue, Menlo Park, CA



Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

“For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's
womb.

I praise you because I am fearfully
and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.”

--*Psalm 139:13-14*

Guest Speaker: Jackie Yancy

Executive Director – New Creation Home Ministries

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Aaron Smith

St. Paul's Lutheran, Mountain View

Registration: \$10.00

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

Love Gift Offering for Kenyan Sewing Ministry
(checks payable to LWML CNH Zone 8, memo: Kenyan Sewing Ministry)

Ingathering:

New Creation Home Ministries

- Diapers for all ages (especially sizes 4-6 and newborn)
- Shampoo and conditioner
- Hand and body lotion
- Bar or liquid soap
- Unscented baby wipes
- Children/adult medicines (Tylenol, cough medicines, etc...)
- Gift cards: Grocery & department stores such as Safeway, Target, Walmart, and Home Depot (for resident facility upkeep and programs)

Any questions? Contact Barbara G. at tisbarb@sbcglobal.net

RLS Staff Article

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

Redeemer Lutheran School is continuing to introduce the staff in a series of biographical articles. Enjoy meeting the teachers!

Denise Maier

For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you confess and are saved. Romans 10:10

Experience: This is my second year as our third grade teacher and I have am blessed to be in my

nineteenth year of teaching at Redeemer. I taught eight years in second, six years in seventh, and three in fifth. I am very happy to be back at home in the lower elementary grades.

Hobbies: I'm a nature girl at heart. I love to be doing any activity outside, whether that be hiking, biking, reading, or shooting hoops and playing catch with my 8 year old son, or jump roping and riding scooters with my 7 year old daughter.



My Mission:

My mission is to guide, encourage, lead, and care for my students to be the best they can be academically in the classroom, as well as nurturing the unique qualities that each student has been given.



RLEAF Ladies Team:
Lisa May, Carolyn
May, Fran Schreiner,
Lisa Mancini

Principal's Report

From Michael Mancini, Principal

A Great Start!

What a great start to the new school year! There is a new energy on campus with all the new faces! Our community has been truly blessed with the arrival of the Schult family! It is awesome to have Pastor Paul leading our team into the next chapter of our ministry together! He truly enjoys being out in front meeting all of the parents and kids each morning.

We have been incredibly blessed from our great God with all the new families at Redeemer. We welcome all of you to our family. The attitude around the campus is incredibly positive. Once again everyone is smiling! It is such a great feeling to stand out in the parking lot

in the morning and greet parents. Everyone is filled with such energy and always has a smile and hello to offer. ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS... STAY POSITIVE!

Can you believe that we are over four weeks into first trimester? Where did all the time go? It is amazing how time flies when you having fun! Before you know it we will be preparing for graduation.

Please continue to spread the word about our school and the great things that are happening around Redeemer. Our greatest recruiting tool is word of mouth. You are our most important spokesperson. Make a difference in a child and their family's

educational experience. Have them come by or give us a call.

R.L.E.A.F:

What a wonderful blessing our RLEAF (Redeemer Lutheran Educational Assistance Fund) program has been throughout the years. We have been able to grant over \$240,000 dollars of aide to families in the past 14 years. Each year we have fundraising events and opportunities to support this fund. Be a part of the great ways to help bless a child!

Did you know???

Because Redeemer Ministries is a 501(c)(3) organization (non-profit) you can set up with your company a matching gift program toward RLEAF. If you are interested in knowing more how you and

your company can be a part of this wonderful outreach please feel free to contact me.

Outdoor Ed. In The Mountains!

The 6th grade class just returned from a fun filled week at Missions Springs Christian Outdoor Education facility in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mr. & Mrs. Wright were this years "teacher" chaperones. They all had another fabulous experience at Outdoor Ed. Each student learned about how our amazing God created the beautiful world around us and how each of them is responsible for taking care of God's creation!

Ask one of the kids or the Wrights what their favorite memory was of the trip!

Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

8:45am Band-Led Service, Sunday 30 (On Recess for Summer)

9:00am Adult Bible Study

9:45am Coffee Hour

10:30am Organ-Led Service

October

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						1 •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion •1pm Memorial for Ed Kehler
2 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	3 •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	4 •6pm Cub-scout Meeting	5 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Adult Membership Class	6 •10am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	7 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	8
9 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	10 <i>Columbus Day: Church and School Offices Closed</i> •11am Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Choir •7pm AA	11 •6:30pm BSA Meeting	12 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	13 •7pm Women of Faith •6:30pm BSA Meeting •7pm BSA Meeting	14 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	15 •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
16 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •12pm Girl Scout Ceremony	17 •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	18 •6pm Community Dinner •7pm Community Meeting	19 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Adult Membership Class	20 •10am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	21 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	22
23 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	24 •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm Choir •7pm AA	25	26 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team •7pm Adult Membership Class	27 •7pm Women of Faith •7pm BSA Meeting	28 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	29 •6pm School Dance
30 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	31 •7pm Choir •7pm AA					

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Redeemer Lutheran Ministries

Sundays at Redeemer Lutheran Church

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod

- 8:45 am Band-Led Service
- 8:45 am Sunday30 (children)
- 9:00 am Adult Bible Study
- 9:45 am Coffee Hour
- 10:30 am Organ-Led Service

Pastoral Staff

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