

'Round Redeemer

MAY 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!

Think Different 2.0: The Post-Easter Challenge

Rev. Paul Schult, Senior Pastor

Leviticus 19:33-34 – When an alien lives with you in your land, do not mistreat him. The alien living with you must be treated as one of your native-born. Love him as yourself, for you were aliens in Egypt. I am the Lord your God.

Okay, on the Sunday after Easter I asked a big favor of the Redeemer folks who attend the 9:30 service – sit in different places in church from week to week. I know...it's inconvenient. I know...it's uncomfortable. I know...it's one more thing to think about. I know...your life is filled with change all week long, can't church be the one place where things stay the same?

Well – there are a few reasons why I'm asking you to play along with my little challenge. And I think they are important reasons. Here they are....

New perspectives

It's very easy to get into routine patterns of behavior. That's okay, but over time those patterns can turn into ruts – the inability to see things from different points of view. One way to stay young at heart as we grow and mature is to keep learning, keep trying new

things, keep seeking new experiences, keep meeting new people. Learning helps us keep growing!

Try sitting in a new seat in church – you may meet some new people, you may notice something you have never noticed before, you may experience some new things.

Empathy

Empathy is the ability to understand and share the feelings of another person. As you experience something new at church, you will be able to empathize with people who are new to Redeemer. You will feel the awkwardness of something unfamiliar, new, maybe even uncomfortable.

As you experience this empathy, I hope you will also become more aware of new people at Redeemer. They are easy to spot if you pay attention. Their body language, their eyes, their actions – you can't miss them!

If you can understand what they are experiencing you will be much more likely to greet them, welcome them, help them out.

Hospitality

Hospitality is not just an industry, a field of work, a major in college. No – it is a common theme in the Bible. Did you notice the passage at the top? The Bible is filled with passages when God asks his people to be radically welcoming to foreigners in their land.

God's people were supposed to constantly be aware of people who were away from home in a foreign land. They were to welcome them, embrace them, love them, feed, cloth and accommodate them.

God has always asked his people to be radically hospitable because it is a living expression of the gospel – a living testimony that God welcomes sinners, that he loves the outsiders and invites them in.

If every Sunday every Redeemer member is looking for a different seat – then every visitor will be on a level playing field. They will fit right in! When new people come to Redeemer they won't get the feeling that they are taking someone else's seat. They won't get the feeling there are assigned seats and they might be offending someone. They won't feel

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like second-class citizens.

Here's the deal – when people come to a new church for the first time, it is very uncomfortable. For many people it is frightening. All it takes to overcome that is for someone to notice, and someone to care.

Hospitality doesn't have to be a formal thing. You don't need to be an usher or a greeter. Just get to church a few minutes early and meet some new people, be on the look out for a mom with two kids who can't find the bathrooms, help someone in the parking lot find their way into church.

By doing so, you will be a living expression of God's love.

See you in Church,

Pastor Paul Schult

Redeemer Lutheran Church Ministry Plan 2017-18—First Draft

Mission Focus:

Seek Jesus - in His Word and in Worship.
Love each other - as Jesus loves us.
Go – into RWC and the world to share Jesus.

Congregational Ministry Priorities:

Philippians 1:9 – I Peter 3:15

- 1. Discipleship and missional living** –create ministries that equip people from kids to youth to adults to seniors – to be disciples and disciple makers.
- 2. Facility Improvements** – To make facility improvements, especially to fellowship hall and church: Fellowship Hall bathrooms, sanctuary roof, painting, HVAC, solar panels, etc.
- 3. Vision and strategic plan** - continue to create and refine long range vision, strategies and core process brand.
- 4. Hospitality** – Improve Sunday morning ushers and greeters to better meet the needs of guests, visitors and all worshippers.

Poland Mission: Sports Supplies

Redeemer is sending a group to Poland this summer on a mission trip to host a Vacation Bible School through Affiliated International Ministries. The group is soliciting gently used sports equipment for the camp. If you have any of the items in the sign-up, please bring them to church by June 15, 2017. Use the sign up to let us know what to expect.

If you prefer to make a financial donation, please make it directly to AIM.

Checks can be sent to

AFFILIATED INTERNATIONAL MINISTRIES

5767 HOFFMAN FORD CT
WELDON SPRING, MO
63304

Put "Poland-Redeemer Lutheran" in the memo to allocate it towards the costs of the trip.

Online donations can be made at: <https://www.team-aim.org/financial-support>

More information about the goals of the trip at

Welcome to Redeemer Mr. Corey Garrity - Minister to Youth and Young Adults

For the past few months, the people of Redeemer have been discussing the opportunity to hire Corey Garrity to serve as the Minister to Youth and Young Adults. On April 8 members of the Board of Directors and Board of Lay Ministry met with Corey to discuss this opportunity.

Based on feedback from the congregation, the board recommended offering Corey the position. After a few weeks of consideration, Corey has accepted the position and will begin serving at Redeemer in July.

It is our hope that Corey will eventually be admitted into a long distance education program that leads to ordination. That means that he will kind of have an “intern” status for a few years while he is serving at Redeemer. Concordia University in Irvine and Concordia Seminary in St. Louis both offer different long distance learning programs.

Corey and his wife, Madeline, plan to move from Chicago to Redwood City sometime in July.



<https://www.team-aim.org/poland>

www.SignUpGenius.com/go/20F0944A4A92EA3F94-poland

Thank-you for your support and prayers as the group embarks on this exciting adventure in Christ!

Find donation list at

www.redeemerministries.org

Home and Hope 2017

July 23 through August 5, 2017

Volunteer Now! Sign up at
www.redeemerministries.org

**HOME
& HOPE**
INTERFAITH AND COMMUNITY
SUPPORT FOR HOMELESS FAMILIES

"If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ. To him be the glory and the power forever and ever. Amen" 1 Peter 4:11

Once again, we are privileged to serve our community by hosting Home and Hope this summer. I have made a Sign Up Genius online to make volunteering in all areas easier for everyone. You can find it at www.redeemerministries.org

If you are already on my email distribution list, I will be sending you the link. Also, please look for me between services on Sundays to sign up that way as well. We need Dinner Hosts, Overnight Hosts and Activity Hosts as well as set up and take down on the first and last Sundays of our participation.

We also can use blankets, donations of food as we get closer. We even had a birthday party last year, that many of you donated presents and decorations for! I am also in great need of a nightly welcome host (s) to greet our guests and also to assist the dinner host with access to the hall if needed. I will not be able to be the nightly host this year and Julie Sowa has stepped down as well. This could very easily be split between a couple hosts. I am planning on facilitating the ministry with scheduling, etc. Please feel free to contact me Nancy Talistu ntalistu@comcast.net or my cell # 650/759-0842 with any questions or to be added to the emails. Thank you all for your faithful and constant participation every year. I believe this is our tenth year of hosting. Such a blessing!

Events for Women & Friends of Redeemer



BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONS

May 6, 2017 at 8:30 am
Conference Room 1

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



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!

Uganda Mission: Next Steps

Sponsoring the village of Nalwire

When Redeemer's mission team drove up to the small village of Nalwire, we all sensed something special. The singing and dancing inhabitants were filled with life. The words of welcome were warm and genuine. The women's group was strong and ambitious. In other words, the spirit of Nalwire was a lot like the spirit of Redeemer! It was a perfect match for a partnership.

So what's next? Anything the people of Redeemer will do in Nalwire will be a huge help, but here is the full vision for the next 10 years.

- ◆ Buy property
- ◆ Put in a bore hole well
- ◆ Help them start a school.
- ◆ Build a school
- ◆ Help the school and church become self-sustaining.

That's the Hearts and Hope for Uganda business and ministry model.

FIRST STEP

Raise \$18,000 for land and well.

However long it takes, this is the vital first step to helping this village be able to improve their health and quality of life, and ultimately to help kids go to school and open doors for the gospel.

What can I do?

Give a one time gift, or recurring gifts over the coming 6 months to help reach our goal.

You can use pushpay – or get a special UGANDA MISSION ENVELOPE in the back of church.

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.

We celebrated Easter this month, joining each other in entertainment, great food and information.

Madel and the ladies decorated Fellowship Hall in the spirit of Easter. In the center of each table was a little Easter Bunny sitting in grass with eggs surrounding him. So cute, many thanks to Madel for all she does for us each month.

Pastor Hoffman had some great jokes again this month. Here are a couple of them.

1 – The oldest computer can be traced back to Adam & Eve. Surprise, surprise it was an Apple, but with extremely limited memory – just 1 byte, then everything crashed! 2 – Morris, an 82 year old man went to the doctor for a physical. A few days later

the doctor saw Morris walking down the street with a gorgeous young woman on his arm. A couple of days later the doctor said to Morris, “You’re really doing great, aren’t you?” Morris replied, “Just doing what you said Doc, ‘Get a hot mamma and be cheerful’. The doctor said, “I didn’t say that, I said “You’ve got a heart murmur, be careful.” Thanks again Pastor!

Grace gave us a history of the hymn “How Great Thou Art” and we sang along as she led us on the piano. Thanks Grace.

We warmed up with some of Ruth’s exercises, thanks Ruth for leading us with these great exercises each month.

Dave Shearin shared all the workings of Street Life

Ministries. Currently they are feeding people in Redwood City and Menlo Park and are working on getting it up and running in Palo Alto soon. There are so many people that need our help and thank God He shows us how we can all help those in need. He told us a little about his own life as well; sober for 12 years so he understands and knows how he can help some people, but others need help from professionals such as those who suffer with mental issues such as PTSD. He said a lot of the men have PTSD due to the experiences of war; most have been in the service for our country in the past. He acknowledged and praised how much Nancy Talistu does for this cause and thanked us for our contributions. He was very interesting to listen to. This month we contributed

\$93.00 to this ministry; thank you all for your continuing help for so many people.

Julie Sowa and Loretta Kehler prepared a great chicken, rice & green beans lunch for us. It was delicious and the dessert; bread pudding with berries and caramel sauce was spectacular!! Thanks ladies and thank all the other ladies who helped in the kitchen.

May will be another fun month, we can share God’s love and laugh and talk with each other. It’s a really enjoyable time together. I hope to see you next month and bring a friend if you can.

Next

Life Enrichment Luncheon
May 13 at 11:00 am

Baptism

Kaitlyn Studt

April 3, 2017

Daughter of

Charles Studt and Cindy Chen

Gone to her Lord

Lockwood Thexton

April 11, 2017

Memorial Service at
Redeemer Lutheran Church
June 3, 2017 at 1:00 pm



The PSC and the Advisory Committee are excited to share that Redeemer is hosting a showing of Screenagers: Growing up in the Digital Age on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm.

This documentary, which has been featured on PBS News Hour, Good Morning America and in the New York Times, addresses the most pervasive parenting issue of our time—depicting teen struggles over social media, video games and the internet. The film's intent is to help kids navigate the digital world and provide practical resources to help them do it.

The evening will include a showing of the documentary as well as a moderated panel discussion with some recent Redeemer student alumni for additional perspective.

The event is free and all are invited, but please register to attend the evening screening at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/join-rls-for-a-special-screening-of-screenagers-growing-up-in-the-digital-age-tickets-33286603126>

Congratulations Confirmation Class of 2017



Back Row: Kiley Graham, Lauren Krueger, Kaylinn Shade ,Zachary Stanghellini, Boden Morey
Pastor Paul Schult, Kaitlin Studt Ella Davis ,Caitlyn Smith , Elise Schult

Redeemer Number§

Giving and Attendance

Includes weekly church offerings only

March 2017 Weekly Giving	Offerings Actual	Projected	Attendance 2017	Attendance 2016
1 Total	17,042.00	\$10,542	190	190
2 Total	6,787.00	\$10,542	178	133
3 Total	13,122.25	\$10,542	162	191
4 Total	7,520.21	\$10,542	178	196
5 Total	NA	NA	NA	NA
Total March 2017	44,471.46	\$42,167	708	710

Church Finances§

March Church Income v§ Expense§

Includes all church sources of income

March Church Finances	Actual	Projected
Total All Income	\$48,464	\$49,437
Total Expenses	\$62,319	\$60,791
Income - Expenses	(\$13,855)	(\$11,354)

Year to Date Income v§ Expense§

Includes all church sources of income

Fiscal Year to Date 3/31/17	Actual	Projected
All Income	\$492,289	\$446,890
Expenses	\$572,776	\$647,912
Income less Expenses	(\$80,487)	(\$201,022)

School Finances§

Year to Date Income v§ Expense§

Includes all school sources of income

Fiscal Year to Date 3/31/17	Actual	Projected
All Income	\$1,395,156	\$1,343,875
Expenses	\$1,197,370	\$1,249,529
Income less Expenses	\$197,786	\$94,346

Overall Ministry Finances§

Year to Date Income v§ Expense§

Includes all church and school sources of income

Fiscal Year to Date 3/31/17	Actual	Projected
All Income	\$1,887,649	\$1,790,765
Expenses	\$1,770,147	\$1,897,440
Income less Expenses	\$117,502	(\$106,675)

RedeemerKIDS

Join us 9:30 am-10:30 am
Sundays April 23-May28



Remember parents: drop your kids off in the Fellowship Hall
BEFORE you go to church at 9:30 am and don't forget to pick
them up at 10:30 am. 😊

Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

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9:30 am Contemporary Service, Sunday School (May 7-28th)

9:30 am Adult Bible Study

10:30 am Coffee Hour

11:00 am Traditional Service

May

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 •7pm Choir •7pm Confirmation Class •7pm AA All Week RLS Art In Action Show	2 •7pm Board of Elders	3 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm PSC Meeting	4 •6:30 RLS Author's Night •7pm BSA Meeting	5 •8:25 am Chapel •7:30pm AA	6 •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion
7 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> MITE Box Sunday	8 •12pm Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm Choir •7:30 AA	9 •5pm Cubscout Meeting •7:30pm BSA Meeting	10 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Getting to Know Jesus •7pm Parent Education: Screenagers	11 •7pm Women of Faith	12 •5pm Girl Scouts •7:30pm AA	13 •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
14 <i>Mother's Day</i> <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	15 •7pm Choir •7:30 AA	16	17 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Getting to Know Jesus	18 •10:15 am Adult Bible Study •7:30pm BSA Meeting	19 •6:30 RLS Middle School Musical: the Little Mermaid •7:30pm AA	20
21 <i>See Worship Schedule</i> •2pm RLS Middle School Musical: the Little Mermaid	22 •3:30 Street Life Meal Prep •7:30 AA	23 •5pm Cubscout Meeting	24 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team •7pm Getting to Know Jesus	25 •7pm Women of Faith •7pm BSA Meeting	26 •7:30pm AA	27
28 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	29 <i>Memorial Day</i> Church & School Closed •7:30 AA	30	31 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •7pm Getting to Know Jesus			

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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

Reverend Paul Schult

Visitation Pastor

Reverend Paul Hoffmann

Pastor Emeritus

Reverend Dr. Harold Draeger

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School Principal

Mr. Michael J. Mancini

School Office 650.366.3466

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www.redeemer-school.org