

# '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!

## Three Things....One Request!

*From Rev. Paul Schult, Lead Pastor*

The Schult family transition from St. Louis, Missouri to Redwood City, CA is almost complete!

- Sell house...check!
- Farewell service and dinner....check!
- Celebrate Madeline and Corey's wedding...check!
- Say goodbyes to family and friends...check!
- Ship the van...check!
- Fly to SFO with 12 suitcases, 6 people, and a dog....check!
- Get picked up in the Redeemer bus...check!
- Arrive at our new home...check!

And now we are settling into our new home in Redwood City! The boys started school at Sequoia and really like it! Elise will start next week at Redeemer, and she is excited. Some close friends will join us Sunday for the installation. We are unpacking boxes and getting organized one day at a time.

Most of all, we are very, very excited and eager to get started in mission and ministry together. It's not all that complicated. This mission Jesus has given us is pretty simple and pretty clear. It's not always easy. And it is amazingly deep and profound. But it is very simple. It can be

boiled down to these three things:

- 1.Love – we will gather together in community and love each other as Jesus loves us.
- 2.Seek – we will gather in weekly worship, open God's Word and seek to know Jesus better.

- 3.Go – we will each go into the world and live for Jesus everywhere we go!

That's it – very simple, very clear, very profound. It's still the way God changes people and changes the world, through the wonderful good news of Jesus!

In the coming year we will get to know each other, and talk and pray about where God is leading Redeemer Lutheran Church into the future.

During that time I would like to ask everyone at Redeemer to have one priority above anything else.

Here is it is.... Are you ready?

Be in worship!

That's it. As much as possible, manage your time, your work, your life in a way that allows you to be in church on Sunday mornings as much as possible.

*Psalm 27:4 – One thing I ask of the Lord, this is what I seek, that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to gaze upon his beauty and to seek him in his temple.*

Nothing will bind us together more deeply, nothing will accelerate our progress more, nothing will revive our congregation

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more than being in worship together.

Please join me starting August 28 for a new ministry year....as we all make being in God's house together our highest priority!

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Upper Picture: Schult Family at their new California Home



Lower Picture: Madeline's Wedding party

## Thanks!

Thank-you to all who have pitched in during this period of transition. A lot of moving parts have been coordinated during the last two months, and it has taken many hands to get Redeemer and it's new pastor to its current condition of "partly settled".

First, advance apologies if anyone is missed in this thank-you note. It is nice for everyone to feel appreciated.

**Moving Party:** Thanks to John Geer for helping find a new home for the Schult family, to Mike Mancini for helping coordinate furniture moving, and to the volunteers who showed up to move boxes (see picture), and to Barry Kuhl for opening his home as a home away from home for Pastor Paul and the boys when they came to town in June.

**Construction:** Thank-you to Jim Gordon for his continuing efforts to coordinate the last legs of the construction and landscaping of the new building and for Steve and Rob Harper who disconnected the temporary trailer and setting up phone lines and other numerous details.

**Moving into the new building and Furniture:**

The new building furniture arrived in a flurry of activity early on August 19th. Thanks to Adam Wright and Mike Mancini for coming in at 4:30 am to move out old furniture and to Brian and Jake McCollum for preparing the church office in advance. Thanks to Steve Harper for quickly hauling the old items away so that the patio was clear for the installation reception.

**400 Grand Tidy Up:** Thanks to Paul Soule for coordinating a group of guys to tidy up the yard of 400 Grand Street which is the site of Redeemer's parsonage. We need to keep the yard maintained until the remodel of the house begins. Thanks to Glenn Hessler and Brian and Jake McCollum for coming by to help out.

**Installation Volunteers:** Thank-you to all who participated in the worship service. Lead ushers Chuck Hansen and Paul Soule, The Praise Team led by Mike Mancini, Crucifer & Acolytes, Jake McCollum, Lily Cerrillo, Samantha McCollum, Reader Lisa Mancini, Soloists Beth Schult & Allison Schult, The Celebration Choir, Soloist Barry Kuhl, Choir Director & Soloist & Eric Barlaan, Organist & Accompanist, Production Booth and Technical Support Steve Harper, Pam



Pictured Movers: Nancy and Randi Talistu, Brian and Jake McCollum, and Andy Kelm.

Fosnes & WaiLi Wong, and Photographer John Geer. The Altar Guild for making sure the pews were clean, the candles prepped and that the altar was specially laid out for the installation service.

**Installation Reception Volunteers:** The beautiful reception was coordinated by Barbara Schroeder with advance set up help from Donna Beaman and Steve Harper. Also a large team of Redeemer volunteers helped out throughout the day: Arlene Storm, Maureen Krantz, Anna Shade, Amy Warnecke, Sharron Miller, Ruth Finkelstein, Nancy Talistu, Gale Olsen, Denise Maier, Gabriela Evans, Kurt and Fran Schreiner, Ella Morris, the Lewman Family, the

Wright Family, the McCollum Family plus many others who joyfully pitched in a helping hand at the last minute.

**Gift Basket:** Thank-you to all who generously contributed personal gifts to the gift basket for the Schult Family. This outpouring of support will help them get settled into the Redwood City community, and teach them to love California and all its treasures.

**Coffee Hour for Pastor Hoffmann:** Thank-you to Stephanie Yonker and family for making the August 14th coffee hour special with a cake in thanks for Pastor Hoffmann's service as Interim Senior Pastor.

# Thanks!

## Rival Eschatology

*From Rev. Eric Robinson, Pastor of Outreach*

These concepts of peace, justice, and freedom from enemies were summed up into a single Greek word: *sozw*, which we usually translate as *save*. Salvation didn't mean in a spiritual sense whereby I can float off into heaven when I died, but rather that this executed embarrassment of the empire, as he walked out of his tomb, began establishing peace from enemies and justice in the land here and now. God was finally doing in and through his followers what he always promised he would do.

There is a fancy word for this: *eschatology*. We usually hear this word in the context of the end of the world, but that isn't exactly right. It has more to do with creation being restored to the way it was meant to be - everything in its right place, and the ability for people to breathe a collective sigh of relief because everything is going to be ok.

The problem is that this promise had already been made about 30 years before Jesus was born. Caesar Augustus had ended the long and bloody civil war that ruined the Roman economy and fractured the entire world (from their perspective). When he did that, he ushered in an era of peace and prosperity,

keeping his citizens safe from their enemies and bringing justice to the land. He was proclaimed the savior of humanity - a title he didn't seem to mind. Under his reign, the people of the empire were presented with an *eschatology* offered by the state. All the elements of *sozw* applied, so long as you were on the side of the Romans. This was their *eschatology*. With Rome as the center of the universe, and its ruler proclaimed as divine, those who benefited from Roman rule saw that everything was well. Their savior, Caesar, brought peace.

This is what we call a 'rival *eschatology*.' Both the Christians and the empire had their own lord who saved them by bringing peace - one through violence and one through sacrificial love - and each ushered into the world a new reality.

As it turns out, this isn't just a nice historical tidbit. Assuming I can count, we get rival *eschatologies* pushed in our faces every 4 years, and I can't remember a time when fear and anxieties were as high as they are this election cycle. Both elephant and donkey are spending insane amounts of money to tell us that their *eschatology* -

what it means for America to be set right, have peace and prosperity, and be rid of our enemies - is the only way to go, and if they are not elected, then we are all going to be consumed in apocalyptic fire and poverty where the enemies of the US will trample us to death, puppies and kittens will be outlawed, we will only have one choice of toothpaste, and Christmas will be canceled.

But let me ask this: if the candidate you are so worried about gets elected, does the reality that God has and does raise the dead, both in bodies and our hearts, go away? Of course not. We are called to live by a different *eschatology*, where all kinds of possibilities open up when we, out of a sense of who God has made us to be, turn to the brokenness around us and live by a different reality. I get that this is a

crazy election, and that the presidential candidates are polarizing and playing into our deepest fears. Certain aspects of our lives could become harder or easier depending on who gets elected (and people can't seem to agree on what or whom will be better), but those are rival *eschatologies* that, while persuasive or terrifying depending on how you lean, are still being set up to rival the 2000 year story of resurrection and redemption (even if they try to co-opt it into their own campaigns).

No matter what happens this November, we must remember that placing our ultimate hope in the campaign promises of anyone will be to forget that we already have a lord and king who was executed as an enemy of the state and then conquered death itself. Even as I cast my ballot, Jesus is still lord.

## Married Couples Retreat

Refresh, Re-energize, Reconnect: Give your spouse the gift of your time and attention away from your daily routine. How you ask? Join us on a Lutheran Marriage Encounter Weekend!

When: October 21-23, 2016

Where: Holiday Inn in Rancho Cordova, CA.  
Info and application: [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org)  
Contact: Pastor Ted & Marty Hartman - [tnmheart@gmail.com](mailto:tnmheart@gmail.com) or 530-333-4628

Registration Deadline: September 21

## 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.*

There was no lunch in August but we meet again in September to enjoy more good times with the Redeemer Seniors. Mark your calendars for September 10th when we will be entertained by a magician, Phil Ackerly. He is very comical and very entertaining. I've seen his show twice and really enjoyed it and hope you will also.

I'm sure Pastor Paul will entertain us as well with his great jokes and Ruth will lead us in some warm up exercises.

Al Diaz is our guest chef for September and I'm sure whatever he prepares will be delicious as it always is. We are so blessed to have these people cook for us each month and very blessed to have each other to share our lives with.

God does an amazing job preparing all this for us and I'm sure smiles down on us as we gather for these lunches!

Also, would you to please sign up if you intend to come to the luncheon, so the chef will know how many to cook for. This will give our chef a more accurate count so we don't run short or have too much leftover. If you can't sign up you can either call or e-mail Loretta, Carole, Chuck, Ruth, Pastor Paul or me to let us know and we'll put your name down.

So hope to see you in September 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!

## Belong Tour: Tickets Available

Madel Duval has secured 25 tickets, and has 10 tickets left for October 7th – 8th at the SAP center in San Jose, CA. If you are interested in attending, please contact Madel at [maddelduval888@hotmail.com](mailto:maddelduval888@hotmail.com) or 650-339-1758.

### What is Belong Tour?

BELONG is a Friday night – Saturday live event

bringing women together in arenas across the country. Thousands of women will gather to hear remarkable communicators Jen Hatmaker, Shauna Niequist, Nichole Nordeman, Sharon Irving, Angela Davis, Patsy Clairmont hone in on how to live a fun, faith-filled, purposeful life. There will be plenty of personal stories, music, laughter and

## Next

### Life Enrichment Luncheon September 10 at 11:00 am

## Pastor of Visitation Once Again

From Rev. Paul Hoffmann, Pastor of Visitation

With Pastor Paul Schult's Installation as Senior Pastor I will now return to focusing on serving Redeemer's faithful Senior Saints. Thank you for your very thoughtful Monterey hotel gift certificate! Jane and I plan to go there soon.

The twice-a-month Thursday Bible Class will begin meeting again on

Thursday, September 15, at 10:15 AM in the Conference Room. We will be learning more about some of the Old Testament Prophets. We also look forward to our September 10th Luncheon which begins at 11:00 AM. A magician is going to join us and show us his tricks! All are welcome.

## Women of Faith Bible Study

The Women of Faith group will be starting again on Thursday, September 8, 2016. We meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month, from 7:00pm - 8:30pm. We will be exploring a new study called, "Golden Fruit". This nine-session Bible study helps the Christian woman put all of her roles, characteristics, and emotions into perspective.

Each session focuses on one Fruit of the Spirit and how the lives and stories of nine women in the bible convey that characteristic and you'll see how God is at work in your life too.

If you are interested in joining us, please contact Madel Duval for more details at [maddelduval888@hotmail.com](mailto:maddelduval888@hotmail.com) or 650-339-1758.

maybe even some tears in this open space where women can connect to one another, to see and know each other, and carry each other's burdens. JOHNNYSWIM, the husband and wife duo of singer/songwriters also known as Amanda Sudano and Abner Ramires are joining the party. They are

brilliant musical storytellers and their lyrics are rich, moving and full of heart.

For more details about event go to:

[www.belongtour.com](http://www.belongtour.com)

**Street Life Ministries**

Interest in serving in Street Life Ministries is growing at Redeemer, from cooking the meal on the fourth Monday of the month or preparing freezer meals to actually going and serving the meal at either site is fantastic! It is especially wonderful to see how many young people, middle school and high school,

along with parents have taken part. I would love to see Redeemer have a serving group in place every fourth Monday when we prepare the meal. It would be nice to cover all the areas for that night.

Street Life is always looking for people to drive their van and deliver the

warm meal to the site. This would be a great area to serve as well, especially for a couple. Please contact me at [ntalistu@comcast.net](mailto:ntalistu@comcast.net) if interested in helping in any of these areas. You can also make casseroles and side dishes at home and drop them off at Peninsula Covenant Church in Redwood City. They always need reserve in the freezer for nights when inventory gets low. And they will also accept canned

fruit, vegetables, water, etc. Their kitchen is usually open during the week, especially in the evening when they are prepping for delivery. Thank all of you who have already served, continue to serve and are considering serving!

Blessings on this ministry!  
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**Events for Women & Friends of Redeemer**

**God's Surprises:**  
**Gleaning from Ruth,**  
Women's Retreat held at Redeemer on July 16th. A W E S O M E , WONDERFUL, FUN, SO GLAD I CAME, THIS WAS MY FIRST RETREAT. Some of the comments from the Women's Retreat. Thank you, Jane Hoffmann, for a great message! We wrote Poetry, a Song, a News Article, drew a picture of Ruth's love for her God, and on stage acted out - Ruth lying at Boaz's feet.

**BREAKFAST & DEVOTIONS**

When: Saturday, September 3rd  
Time: 8:30 am – 9:30 am  
Where: Redeemer Conference Room 1  
Menu: Egg bake, fruit, breakfast rolls, and coffee

**\$17,000 is the Mite goal for this project:**

For the past six years, Grace Lutheran, Grass Valley has been operating an after school program, "The Hangout" for high school students. They average 20-40 students each day with over 25,000 visits since inception. They have provided students with a welcoming environment and parents with the secure knowledge their children are safe and participating in appropriate activities. This grant would provide the opportunity to increase their base to include college students and young adults, add nutritional support.

**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR UPCOMING EVENTS -**

Oops, dates have been corrected.

**Breakfast and Devotions (8:30 am – 9:30 am)**

•October 1 & November 5

It's a great way to start your weekend. Hear and discuss God's Word, visit with friends, prayer time and breakfast.

**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 In Mission - Opportunities for the Women of Redeemer to encourage one another, hear God's Word, meet old and new friends and have fun!



## Principal's Report

From Michael Mancini, Principal

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!

### Melissa Davis

**Experience:** I am currently in my 16th year at Redeemer. Prior to teaching at Redeemer, I was a preschool teacher at Menlo School, CCSC Children's Center of the

Stanford Community, and our very own Redeemer Child Development Center. I have worked with infants-toddlers, preschoolers, elementary and middle school students.

**Hobbies:** I love spending time with my family, Tim and our 3 daughters –Ella, Caroline and Kate. We love to camp, read, and spend time with family and friends.

## Home and Hope

Once again, Redeemer has risen above and beyond in their ability to show hospitality and love for our Home and Hope guests. It is so heartwarming to hear comments such as "You guys are fantastic and have made us feel so at home". It still amazes us, and yet we hear it year after year! We want to thank each and everyone who helped in various ways.

Sharron Miller, The Davis Family, Chris and Carter May, Shelly Alba, Donna Herzog, the Graham Family, Sonia, Parker and Ava Lough, Madel Duval,

Donna Beaman, Robin Besser, Vickie Justice, Kim Gordon, Kim Perez, the Sherman Family, Kurt and Fran Schreiner (and granddaughter), Chris Kempton, Holly Wittman, the Woodside Methodist Church Youth Group, the McCollum Family, Janet and Glenn Matsuda, Monica Linnell and Geri and Kurt Boegner. Many of you served multiple times in multiple areas and we are so thankful!

It really makes a difference for our guests to not have to move to a new shelter for two weeks. Most churches

only host one week. Again, we hear how non stressful it makes their stay to not have to introduce themselves again or become acquainted. It was also such a positive experience for them that so many of you returned multiple times to be with them. I loved hearing Hey, Chris! Hey Carter! Hey Davis Family, etc, etc. Nice to see you are back! Redeemer is certainly blessed to be a blessing! Love our church family!

Also thank-you to all who generously donated to the Home and Hope program.

\$482 was raised during a door offering on July 31st. This helped with purchasing staples for the week and funded a birthday party for eight-year-old Chris. We were able to buy presents and ice cream cake and decorations prizes big thank you!

*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*

Blessings! Nancy and Julie

### My Mission:

My mission is that each of my students leave Redeemer knowing that they are loved and cared for by an Amazing Savior, that their individual gifts and talents are valued and appreciated, and that they can accomplish all things!





## **September 2016: Gift Planning Newsletter Article**

For Gift Planning Counselors and Associates

### **Giving Twice Provides Double Impact**

Ever wondered how someone could give all their wealth to the family they love, while at the same time giving all of it to ministries that are special to them?

Such planning is not only possible but affordable! It's often more beneficial than you might realize.

Giving twice can be arranged in several ways. One method is to take out an insurance policy that would pay a death benefit to family members on the life of a donor, or in the case of a couple, on the life of the survivor. The insurance premiums could come from discretionary assets that are often not used by people during earthly life. At death, estate assets are given to ministry while the insurance proceeds replace that entire amount of the estate and goes to family beneficiaries. They are left with cash, free of tax and probate costs.

Another way to experience the impact of "giving twice" is to set up a charitable trust that pays income to family for a period of up to 20 years and then distributes any remainder in a lump sum to ministry. The corpus is invested over that twenty-year period in order to replace the income payments. For example, a five percent income distribution over 20 years will distribute the total amount set aside in a charitable trust and, assuming an annual five percent earnings rate, will preserve the entire original amount for distribution to ministry.

As an additional benefit, the "life income" arrangement detailed above offers a repeating income stream for beneficiaries who may be disposed to spend everything right away. Providing an income flow for certain beneficiaries may bless them rather than bringing the "curse" that their own management could produce.

Whether with created lump sums or structured income over time, charitably minded people have options that result in an opportunity to give twice, doubling the impact of love to family and support for the Gospel.

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# Weekly Sunday Worship Schedule

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8:45am Band-Led Service, Sunday30 (On Recess for Summer)

9:00am Adult Bible Study

9:45am Coffee Hour

10:30am Organ-Led Service

## September

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 •RLS Back to Middle School •7pm BSA Meeting	2 •7:30pm AA	3 •8:30 am Women's Breakfast Devotion
4 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  <i>MITE Box Sunday</i>	5 <i>Labor Day</i> <i>Church and School Offices Closed</i> •11am Life Enrichment Board Meeting •7pm AA	6 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting	7 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	8 •RLS Back to School •7pm Women of Faith	9 •TBD Wedding Rehearsal •7:30pm AA	10 •All Day Wedding •11am Life Enrichment Luncheon
11 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	12 •7pm AA	13	14 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	15 •10am Adult Bible Study •7pm BSA Meeting	16 •7:30pm AA	17
18 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>  •1pm AHSGR	19 •7pm AA	20 •5pm Cub-scout Meeting	21 •6:30am Men's Breakfast	22 •7pm Women of Faith •7pm BSA Meeting	23	24
25 <i>See Worship Schedule</i>	26 •3:30 pm Street Life Meal Prep •7pm AA	27	28 •6:30am Men's Breakfast •8am Newsletter Team	29	30	



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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

*Lead Pastor*

**Reverend Paul Schult**

*Outreach Pastor*

**Reverend Eric Robinson**

*Visitation Pastor*

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