



# Redeemer news

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## HOPE

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.” – 1 Peter 1:3*

If someone asked you what a person needed to live, what would you say? You might answer food, water, oxygen ... right? But would you answer “HOPE?” Certainly a human body needs food, water, oxygen and a number of other things to live. But I believe the human *spirit* needs something else to survive. It needs hope to live! But where is one to find this life giving, spirit feeding hope? O, *“praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ that in his great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope.”* The Apostle Peter says in his first epistle that God is the one to give us this hope. We don’t need to forage for it, purchase it, or produce it in any way. It is merely a gift – mercifully given. And he goes on to say that what seals this hope into a firm promise is the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. – that’s the Easter message we proclaim!

And who doesn’t need hope? Look

around you. The widow who has lost their life partner needs hope – and lots of it. The young couple just getting married is filled with hope – and rightly so! The family struggling with finances needs hope. The person who just got the news that they have a dreadful disease needs hope. And each of us, facing our own struggles and mortality needs hope. That’s why this message that God has given us hope for life in the resurrection of Jesus Christ is so powerful and so needed! We are all lost without hope.

What gives a person hope is to know that God is in control – His purposes prevail, even in the darkest of circumstances. I remember being in a car once when the driver lost control of the vehicle. We spun around and skidded through multiple lanes of traffic in both directions and safely off the road ... right in between two large trees! (We escaped without a scratch on us or a dent in the car!) It was terrifying to be out of control in that situation. Often our lives feel like that; like we’ve lost

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## Celebrate EASTER

Palm Sunday, April 9

8:30am Traditional Service  
10:30am Contemporary &  
Children’s Choir

Maundy Thursday,  
April 13

6:30pm - Worship with Holy  
Communion

Good Friday, April 14

6:30pm - A Service of  
Penitence and Remembrance

Easter Sunday, April 16

8am - Traditional Service  
9:30am - Blended Service  
11am - Contemporary Service

# COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Dear Members of Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church,

It is such an honor for me to have been asked to serve as your President for 2017-18. As a baptized Christian and life long Lutheran, it has been my privilege to serve in many capacities in the churches I have attended.

I pray that God has indeed asked me to serve in this role for such a time as this. As Esther was raised up by King Ahasuerus to be a queen of Persia and she was allowed to protect her people, the Israelites; I seek God's plan for my role in the leadership of Redeemer to protect and advance our mission to join Jesus in our community.

Jesus commissioned us to go into the community and make disciples of all people. I have often asked whether I have followed this command. Did I invite my friends and neighbors to church or Bible study to

introduce them to the Jesus I know. It seems so simple a task and yet so hard. Was I worried what they would think? Did I believe my church was big enough, beautiful enough, powerful enough, musical enough to attract them? Was I counting on postcards, marquis signs and Facebook pages to do the work I needed to do personally? Often I felt my simple invitation might be inadequate. How could I move them to attendance and membership, rather than trusting that I simply planted the seed and the Holy Spirit changed hearts.

So be bold. I know my neighborhood is a truly a mission field. We are one of a few families who worship on Sunday morning. People just do not do church like former days, when the choices are many and they can head to the beach, or run a 10k or go to brunch. Make certain you are active in making friends and cultivating relationships with neighbors at BBQ's and parties. Let them know where you worship. Share the Easter and Holy Week schedule with them. When they have questions, they just might come to you for answers.

- Kris Urdahl

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control and are careening aimlessly toward untold dangers. And yet, even in those circumstances, God is in control and fulfilling His promises to us.

Promises like these:

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." – Jeremiah 29:11*

*And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. – Romans 8:28*

What also gives a person hope is to know that **God is powerful beyond measure** – that which seems impossible to us is possible for God. I think of that very popular "Footprints" poem. People take great comfort in knowing that in their weakest and most troublesome times, the Lord doesn't abandon them, but carries them! If you are going through a challenging time in your life right now, and are faced by problems of any kind, take comfort in knowing:

*I can do all this through him who gives me strength. – Philippians 4:13*

*being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, - Colossians 1:11*

*He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. – Isaiah 40:29*

Ultimately, whatever hope we have must be in someone or something strong. A hope that is placed on self is *misplaced*, because when we are weak or faced with insurmountable problems then our hope vanishes. A hope that is placed on something unknown, or yet to be, is really nothing but a "wish" – and is ultimately an empty hope. But a true and powerful hope comes from trusting in someone or something who is in control even in the most difficult circumstances, and who is powerful enough to accomplish that which we are unable to do. Some people are still searching for that hope ... but we know Him to have been revealed – Jesus Christ!

Why do we place our hope in Him? Because as the Apostle Peter testifies, and as we celebrate this Easter – Christ was crucified, but **He was raised from the dead and is alive!** Jesus' resurrection is proof that God is in control, and that He is all powerful! May your baptism (new birth) into His Name give you a *living hope* that the same power that raised Jesus from the grave, carries you through all circumstance of this life until one day you are raised to eternal life with Christ.

Proclaiming Christ,  
Pastor Augie



# GROWTH GROUPS

*Our Growth Groups continue to provide people an opportunity to connect with other believers and do life together in a supportive and faith-nurturing cluster of friends. Visit our web site for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.*

## EAT , PRAY, MAKE

Come and join us for Eat Pray Make on Tuesday at 4:00 on April 04 on Palomar Airport Road at Panera's Bring your crochet knitting and hand work See you then!!!!

- Ellen Bitner

## GRIEF GROUP

We will meet at my home on April 20th, 1:30 P.M.. Topic will be " Your Grieving Family" (Chapter 8). We will have special prayer time and some social time.

- Norma Russell

## BIRTHDAY GROUP

On THURSDAY, March 9, the Birthday Celebrants met at Saunders Social House at Shadowridge Country Club, to celebrate the March birthdays of George Ann Barnes, Dave Berrier, Louise Dockerty, Di Haarmeyer and Gayle Timken.

It was a beautiful sunny day and our table opened out onto the patio with the golf greens spreading before us. The food was delicious, the fellowship warm and loving. We contributed one hundred seventy-two (\$172) dollars to Pacifica Lutheran High School in Gardena, California.

On FRIDAY, April 7 at 11:30 we'll meet at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, (Carlsbad Community Golf Course), 5800 The Crossings in Carlsbad, to celebrate the birthdays of Tom Burke, Evelyn and Lyle Meyer and Kathy Seemann. Lunches run fifteen (\$15) dollars and up and the restaurant policy is one check per table of six or eight so be sure to have adequate cash to settle up with your table mates.

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant contribution which will go to Dogs for the Deaf, which trains dogs for the hearing impaired much as Seeing Eye Dogs are trained to help the visually impaired.

Everyone is welcome to join us but reservations are needed. To make yours, contact Jo Voertman, 1-760-721-6674, [jvbythesea@cox.net](mailto:jvbythesea@cox.net).

- Jo Voertman

# THE THEATER GROUP

If you love the Arts (Musical Theater, Plays, Music & Dance performances & interesting get-togethers (tours, dinners & outreach projects), please join us! Church members and Guests are welcome to activities.



With a common interest in the Arts as a small growth group, we share fellowship in a fun, social, and spiritual way. We schedule and attend theatrical performances, and other artsy events. It provides a way to celebrate Christian Fellowship, love and unity by means of strengthening friendships from within our church family. But most importantly, it gives us an opportunity as a group to invite new people from outside the congregation to expose and experience what it means to have fun with those who know Christ. Such introduction may be influential enough to bring them to Christ and his church. We also strive to participate in at least one community outreach/service project per semester.



Our meetings are every other month on the Fourth Tuesday@ 5:30 pm. We have a simple agenda; we schedule future events, and we critique as if through Jesus's eyes as the critic, previous performances we shared. We search for hidden lessons found from within the subject matter of the play. We try to support each critique with Scripture. We have fun in our discussions, and we share a light dinner together before each meeting by each bringing a 'salad to share'. Please contact Mary Ann Meinardus, Group Leader, if you are interested in attending this meeting. Call (760) 216-4922 or email [ma.meinardus@hotmail.com](mailto:ma.meinardus@hotmail.com).

Upcoming Events: Tickets Open to congregation & guests. Specifics TBA

**August** Andrew Lloyd Webber's 'Sunset Boulevard'- musical production, Moonlight Theater, Vista

**October** 'Smoke on the Mountain' - The Sanders Family Singers – musical show Gospel, Bluegrass and traditional hymns played largely by the cast on a variety of instruments. Lambs Players/Coronado

**November** 'Heaven Can Wait', Mira Costa College

(Tentative) **December** 'Christmas Carol', Welk's Theater

- Mary Ann Meinardus

## BRIDGE CLUB

God doth provide! It was another beautiful day of sunshine in Carlsbad when we met at the home of Alice Lehmann for our two tables of bridge play on March 24th.

It has seemed as if the rains would never stop but we thank God for the rains we have desperately needed for the parched lands in California and now the fields are blooming with colorful flowers. Springtime has arrived.

After a delightful and delicious dessert and coffee we played bridge and Lois O' Donnell was high scorer with stiff competition for second high from Jo Voertman.

This group meets on the 4th Friday of each month with the exception of November when we play bridge on the 3rd Friday and we do not play in December. Generally speaking we meet at 12:30 for dessert and coffee and finish approximately at 4 P.M.

If you enjoy playing bridge and would like to participate please contact me by e-mail: [baconfaye3@gmail.com](mailto:baconfaye3@gmail.com) or phone: 760-707-6677. We have a Substitute List which may interest you, as well.

Next play will be at the home of Lois O'Donnell on April 28th and we would enjoy having you join us at 12:30 for dessert, coffee and bridge.

God's gifts of friends are wonderful gifts and we would enjoy your friendship at the bridge table, too.

See you in church on Sundays and, in the meantime, may you and your family have a Beautiful and Blessed Easter on April 16th. He Is Risen Indeed!

- Faye Bacon, Bridge Coordinator

## SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

OUR SUNDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS 9:45 – 10:30 am have been familiarizing themselves with what Lutherans believe, teach and confess. Seeking to accomplish this we have been reading and discussing the CONFESSIONS THAT REFORMED THE CHURCH back to the foundation of the Apostles and Prophets. The book entitled CONCORDIA - The Lutheran Confessions contains all the confessional writings that bind together all of our Churches into that ONE FAITH. In this one very readable 762 page volume we HAVE the following confessional writings:

The Three Universal Creeds of Christianity

The Augsburg Confession

The Apology of the Augsburg Confession

The Smalcald Articles

THE SMALL CATECHISM

The Large Catechism

The Formula of Concord Part one & Part two

Plus - APPENDIXES:

Catalog of Testimonies

Christian Visitation Articles

This book is available from Concordia Publishing House on line at: [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)

\$30 for hard cover (item #531154WEB) and \$20 for paper back edition (item #531223WEB), plus tax & shipping.

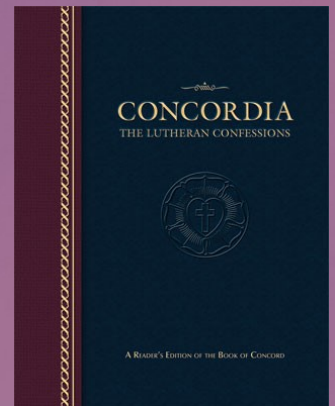
You are invited to attend this class. Questions and discussion are encouraged.

Rev. Roy Faulstick moderates the class and provides handouts for each class.

IN JUST SIX MONTHS WE WILL CELEBRATE THE 500<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION

That celebration on Sunday October 29<sup>th</sup> will take on even deeper meaning after becoming familiar with these confessions written and preserved at great cost of life and fortune over these five centuries. Again, you are invited, there is room.

- Pastor Roy Faulstick



**YOU'RE INVITED!**

**Spring Concert Series**

**SUNDAYS @ 3PM**

**FREE—Donations accepted at the door.**

**May 7**

**Mission Vista High  
School Steel Drum Band**

## SALT & LIGHT

The Salt & Light Ministry encourages Christian responsibility in the civic arena as a way to reverse the moral decline of this great nation. We look to the wisdom of our Founding Fathers in recognizing that we have certain unalienable rights given to us by our Creator and not by government. The early education system was reliant on the New England Primer that taught early language skills using Bible verse and stories along with American printed Bibles. Did you know that nearly all the 55 framers at the Constitutional Convention in 1787 were members of Christian churches? Also, of the 56 signers of the Declaration of Independence, nearly half of them had degrees from what today we would call seminaries or Bible schools. The signers were also responsible starting Bible societies; missionary societies; authored numerous religious works; published Bibles. The history of our founding is full of acknowledgements that God is to be recognized throughout our lives as the source of our Blessings and protection. From the very beginning the teachings of the Almighty were an integral part of America's early life.

Various incidents in our early history also related the ongoing presence of God in the shaping of America. Such as the accounts of George Washington in a battle during the French and Indian War where he nearly lost his life. After seeing his leader, Gen. Braddock, killed along with nearly all of the other officers, Washington found that his jacket had 4 bullet holes and yet he was not harmed. He acknowledged that he was spared by the hand of God. The accounts from witnesses to the battle, both friend and foe, acknowledged the same thing. Rev. Samuel Davies (considered America's greatest pulpit preacher of the time) gave a sermon, a few weeks after the battle, saying that God's intervention on behalf of Washington suggested that He had a plan for Washington. Later, he became the 1<sup>st</sup> President of the U. S. and we have benefitted from his influence to this day. His exploits in that battle were well documented and written into American textbooks for 150 years. But today, we hardly know of it at all.

So, what happened to a nation founded on biblical principles? In the 1960's the Supreme Court ruled against school prayer and the wall of separation between church and state grew in a way completely unrelated to its original intent. Today, we regularly see reports of Christian bashing; secular activists challenging the right of Christians to engage in the public debates; cities trying to subpoena the sermons

of pastors; restriction of school children praying on school grounds; and much more.

George Barna pointed out in a survey by the American Culture and Faith Institute called the Worldview Measurement Project that this divisiveness we see today did not happen overnight. He says it is the outgrowth of the principles and values that were taught to our children over the last 50 years. Now that they are adults, we are seeing the impact of those choices.

So, what can we, as Christians, do to reverse this moral decline? We can start by recognizing our Christian responsibility in the civic arena; informing ourselves about the candidates positions on biblical values and then vote accordingly.

### Proverbs 29:2

*"When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan"*

- Jerry Meyer

## THANK YOU!

Dear Pastor Augie, Rachele and members of Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church,

Thank you for your preparatory work and support and to all for your welcoming hospitality for my preaching and sharing about Bethesda on Sunday February 26th. Thank you for the generous honorarium for my preaching in worship. Also, thank you to those who gave financial gifts (some anonymously) to Bethesda, and including \$100.00 from the congregation mission fund, a total of \$1,117.00! Your generous and sacrificial contributions will be used by God to bless people with disabilities and their families and equip congregations for including them in Christ's Church! May God bless you as you have blessed the people and ministry of Bethesda!

Sincerely in Christ,

Rev. Steve Leinhos, pastor and ministry consultant, Bethesda Lutheran Communities

# FELLOWSHIP

Soup suppers have been amazing. Thank you to all the volunteers that made soups, desserts, helped setup and clean up. We could not have done it without you!

Our next even will be the Church's Summer Picnic. If you have any ideas regarding this even then please become part of our planning Committee, just email me (scolgan24@cox.net) or call me (760-231-8716) to join.

- Suzan Colgan

## APRIL BIRTHDAYS

Jeremy Richey	Apr 2
Patricia Kroutil	Apr 2
Sarah Whittenton	Apr 3
Michael Redl	Apr 3
Pam Wehking	Apr 6
Rachel Swick	Apr 6
Conor Shanahan	Apr 6
Matt Busch	Apr 8
Dorothy Doughty	Apr 8
Kathy Seemann	Apr 8
Brooke Morris	Apr 10
Nathan Whittenton	Apr 13
John Richey	Apr 13
Lyle Meyer	Apr 14
Evelyn Meyer	Apr 15
Dawn Suhr	Apr 17
Connor Lynaugh	Apr 19
Joan Wilson	Apr 20
Heidi Busch	Apr 22
Ashley Dittmer	Apr 25

## APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Jonathan & Janet Woods	Apr 4
John & Lisa Richey	Apr 9
Nathan & Sarah Whittenton	Apr 13
Tom & Erika Burke	Apr 27
Donald & Bettye Howard	Apr 30
Gary & Joan Wilson	Apr 30

# RAISING CHEERFUL GIVERS

## Part 1 – INTRODUCTION

Today's kids will need all the help they can get to thrive financially in this world, while fully understanding the connection between faith and finance. Our children and young people are under assault with messages to spend, be greedy and grab immediate gratification wherever possible. Our culture is teaching our kids how to handle money. It is not God's way. Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money but also become good stewards. In these next few issues, we will look at what parents can do to help grow generous, joyful givers who will continue to impact Christ's kingdom for years to come. Teaching our kids good financial values while they are still under our authority will give them the tools they need to do well in the real world. The goal is to establish a strategy for independence so they can handle their own finances successfully before they leave home. It will also provide a rich opportunity to share with them the important understanding that everything we have belongs to God, and we are to handle our possessions in a way that is honoring to Him.

It is important to provide our children with the proper environment to practice the discipline of handling finances, to monitor their activity so that we can maximize teachable moments, to help them set attainable goals, and finally, be sure to offer them encouragement and praise for their effort. Of course, teaching kids good financial values can begin at any age, but the younger we start, the better. Research has found that children ages 7 and younger remember about 90 percent of what they do, but less than 10 percent of what they hear. They learn best by doing, feeling, hearing and seeing. Older children also learn best by doing, but have the capacity to begin making personal decisions and learn from them. Teens are able to think abstractly and logically, but are heavily influenced by peer pressure. They are beginning to integrate attitudes and behavior with the principles we have taught them. If by this time we have not taught good financial values, it is unlikely that those values will win over the values of contemporary culture. Our kids need to learn about stewardship, and what better place to learn these lessons than at home, right here and right now.

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# SUNDAY SCHOOL

April is a very exciting month at Redeemer Sunday School! A group of 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders are attending The Summit at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine on April 1<sup>st</sup>. The Summit is filled with active learning, fun, meaningful games and activities, singing, as well as service opportunities. We will explore wisdom and learn what it means to seek Christ and in doing so seek wisdom from God and how to honor Him in their choices!

The children will sing at the 10:30 service on Palm Sunday, led by Gary Wilson our Choir Director and assisted by Kim, Kendall & Jonah Glassman. They are working really hard so come and see hear them sing!!

On Easter Sunday, the children will "Rise Up with Jesus"! They will walk through a series of stations and experience the events leading up to the Resurrection beginning with Maundy Thursday followed by Good Friday and then enjoy snacks in the Jesus Café. Come and join us for the fun and activities.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord....

- Rhonda Sutherland  
Sunday School Director

# DATE NIGHT

Saturday, April 29th

5.00-9.00pm

Date Night is a chance for parents to have an evening out on their own while their kids enjoy dinner, crafts, games and a movie.

## Cost:

\$10 for one child, \$20 for 2 children

\$30 for 3 or more children

*\*Minimum age is 1 years old*

For further information or to reserve a place please contact:

Clare— [clareanddeclan@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:clareanddeclan@yahoo.co.uk) or 760-496-8088

- Clare Donovan

# MOPS

We are still trying to grow our MOPS Group. We had one new mom visit our group at our last meeting.

So if you are a mom of a child age infant to kindergartener then come join us.

Our next meetings are on April 21<sup>st</sup> and May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:15 AM; Come Join Us!

- Suzan Colgan



## NEW MEMBER WELCOME AND BAPTISM SUNDAY, MARCH 26, 2017

MAXFORD MATLOCK  
WOODARD



GILBERT, CHRISTINA, QUINN,  
PAIGE AND COLE FUGITT

Gilbert and Christina are from Monrovia, CA and moved to San Clemente in 2015. Gilbert has lived in CA for 17 years, and is originally from Kansas. Christina was born and raised in Arcadia. They love to go to the beach as a family and enjoy watching the kids ride bikes and play with the neighbors.



# CHRISTIAN PARENTING

*“Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.” — Philippians 4:8, NLT*



Ever feel as if you're living in survival mode? Many parents are pulled in all directions, juggling never-ending responsibilities at home, work, and school. That can make it tough to keep

our perspective on what matters most: the eternal future of your children and yourself.

The celebration of Jesus' Resurrection reminds us we have a forever home in heaven. But how do we stay mindful of that good news from day to day when we're busy trying to keep the fridge stocked, meet deadlines, and get everyone to school and activities on time?

According to the Barna Research Group, 85 percent of parents with children under age 13 believe they're primarily responsible for teaching their kids about religious beliefs and spiritual matters. (Just 11 percent say it's the responsibility of the church.) Yet according to related research, a majority of parents don't spend time during the week discussing religious matters or going over religious materials with their kids. For many parents, it's not so much that they won't spend time having spiritual conversations with their kids. It's simply that they don't know what to do or where to begin. Parental involvement is vital to children's spiritual growth. With that in mind, try these

**Before & After** Prepare for worship by softly playing Christian music in your house and car beforehand. After worship or Sunday school, ask children what they learned and how they can apply the lessons in the week ahead. Also display and refer to any take-home papers they received. **What's Our Mission?** Place Jesus at the center of your home and family by working together to craft a family mission statement. Decide what your purpose, vision, and values are, and have everyone commit to live by them—both privately and publicly. Then pray together, asking Jesus to help you live them out.

**Pray Without Ceasing** Move prayer beyond the dinner table and bedtime routine. Pray for and with your children as they leave for school, when they're

discouraged or facing a challenge, and when they have something to thank or praise Jesus for. Try using a prayer calendar, filling in every day with the name of someone your family can pray for.

**“Wordly” Wise** Play a word association game by standing in a circle and tossing a ball around. When someone throws the ball, have them say a word, such as food, clouds, tree, etc. Then have the person catching the ball respond with the first word that comes to mind. After everyone has had a turn, say, “Jesus died on the cross, but he didn't stay dead. Jesus came back to life and is living in heaven. By believing in Jesus, we can join him in heaven someday.” Play the game again, calling out the same words, but this time challenge family members to respond with words associated with heaven—such as feast, angels, or life—because Jesus is alive in heaven. Afterward, ask, “Which was easier: thinking of earthly or heavenly words? What encourages you when you think of heaven?”

**Running as a Team** Run a three legged race in which you add runners to the group each round. Play until everyone is tied together. Afterward, sit down (with ankles still attached) and ask: “What was it like to work together this way? Why was it important to work as a team and communicate as we ran?” Read aloud Hebrews 12:1-3. Say: “We have another race to run—the race of life. The Bible encourages us not to give up when we're running this race. When we help and support one another—and rely on Jesus—the race will be much easier. And we'll all win the best prize ever: life forever with Jesus in heaven!”

When you make faith the top priority for your family, it'll help your children make it their top priority as well.

## TEACHABLE MOMENT

### Jesus Is the Key

You'll need a bunch of old keys, plus a padlock and key set. Hide all the keys throughout your house. (Remember where you've hidden them!) Have family members go on a hunt for the keys, telling them how many to find.

After all the keys are located, say: Only one key will open this padlock. Let's take turns to see which one it is.

When the lock is opened, read aloud John 14:6. Ask: In what ways does the key that opened the lock remind you of Jesus? How did Jesus “unlock” the way to heaven for us?

Say: Because Jesus died for our sins and rose again, we can live with him forever in heaven. He opened the door and gave us new life. That's great news to remember all year long!

Close in prayer, thanking Jesus for giving us new life.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**June 26-30**

**9am—12pm**

For children ages  
4-11

Cost is \$50/1st  
child

\$35/2nd sibling  
and

\$25/additional  
sibling

(scholarship fund is available, contact Rachelle in the office for more information)

If your kids are attending, consider helping out! If you have young children, we will have childcare available for full time helpers!

Registration will be online at [RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://RedeemerbytheSea.org) in Mid—April.



## EASTER LILIES

It's time to start planning for Easter. You can help decorate the sanctuary by purchasing Easter lilies. The cost is \$7.50 each. Contact Di at [di.haarmeyer@icloud.com](mailto:di.haarmeyer@icloud.com) or mark your connection card on Sunday with the quantity. Make checks out to Redeemer by the Sea and note for Easter lilies. Deadline for purchasing is Sunday, April 9.

- Di Haarmeyer



## CHURCH DATABASE ONLINE TRAINING WORKSHOPS

This April and May, the software company that we use for our online church database will be holding some FREE workshop training classes. They are on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday at 9am for 1.5-2hours .

You can sign up for one or all of them! The following training classes will be offered: Overview, People Profiles, Searches/Custom Reports, Groups, Events/Attendance/Resources, Check-In, Schedules & Positions, Finances, Forms, Process Queues, and Communications.

You can sign up at [tinyurl.com/CCBtrain](http://tinyurl.com/CCBtrain) to take advantage of this unique opportunity.

- Dorothy Doughty

## LWML

On April 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am in  
fellowship hall,  
come learn  
about the  
wonderful 1st  
Lutheran

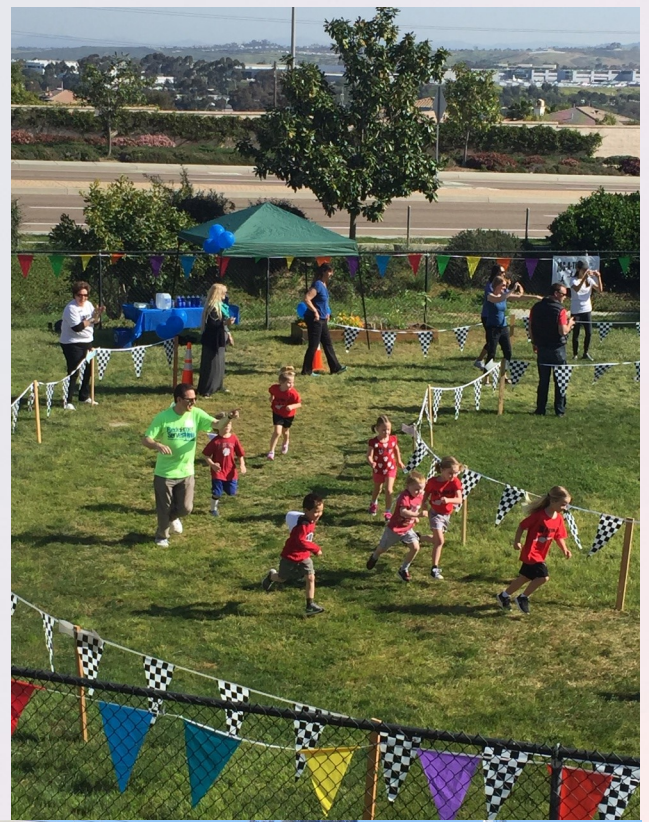
Church, local charity that helps the homeless in San Diego. We will have a speaker from TACO (*Third Ave. Charitable Org*) to share their history, what they do for the homeless and how it works. How can you help? Bring in *new white crew socks* for either *men & women on Sunday April 9th*. They need about 160 pair of socks a week. The homeless can't wash their socks, so many are needed. A collection box will be in narthex. *Presented by the women's ministry-LWML*

- Barbara Gehring



# PRESCHOOL JOG-A-THON

What a fun time was had by all at this year's jog-a-thon! The preschool and kindergarten children ran to raise funds, while the parents watched from the fellowship patio and enjoyed coffee, pastries and fruit, sponsored by Thrivent and the Evangelism



# DISCOVERY CLASS

Redeemer by the Sea wants to help you walk closer with Jesus Christ. The four sessions of our Discovery Track offer the tools necessary to make this happen in your life. All the way from membership to life-changing ministry, we will lead you step-by-step from discovery to growth into a fulfilling ministry role. Enjoy a light lunch before each session. Held Sundays from Noon—1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



**Church 101**- This session is an introduction to the ministry of Redeemer and will help you understand our core beliefs and what church membership is about. Offered the first Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next dates are 4/2 and 5/7*



**Essentials 201**- This session discusses prayer, small groups and Bible study, and provides the necessary tools every Christian needs to grow in their walk with Christ. Offered the second Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 4/9 and 5/14*



**Discovery 301**- We want to help you realize what makes you so unique. This session will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry. Offered the third Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 5/21*



**Serve Team 401**- This final step of the discovery process gives you the opportunity to be informed about ministry projects and to get connected in specific ministry areas that interest you. It's easy, and fun!

## SAVE AND RECYCLE

Ink/Toner Cartridges – at the office to purchase supplies

Amazon Smile: When you make purchases on amazon.com, go to amazonsmile.com. Login normally and choose Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church as your charity! They then send us a check!

Box Tops for Education – in the box in the lobby for the K & Preschool



Cans & Bottles (CRV) – by the trash containers in the parking lot to support the art program at the Kindergarten & Preschool

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## ELECTRONIC GIVING

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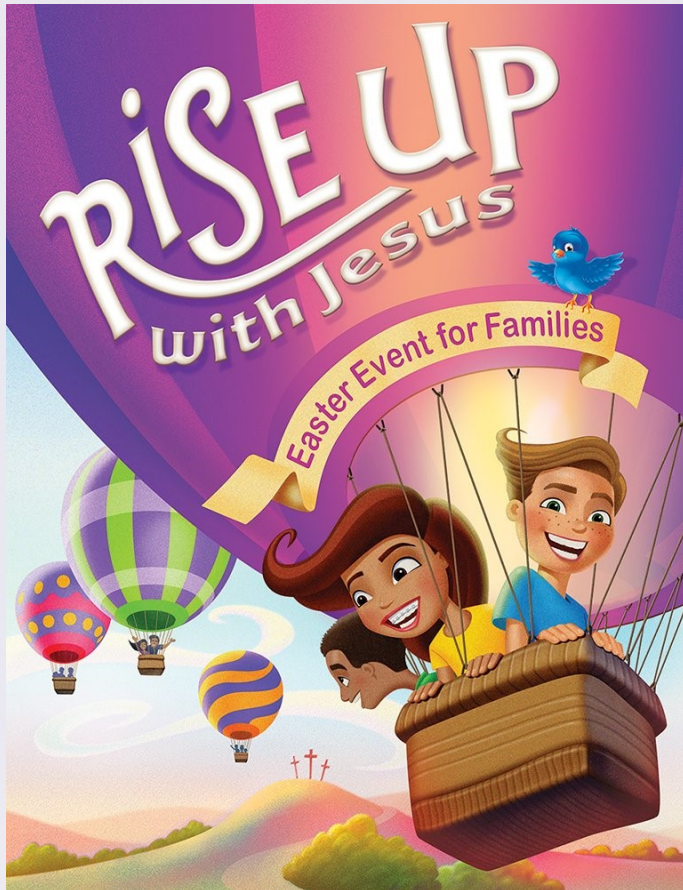
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