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ADVANCING THE MISSION OF REDEEMER BY THE SEA

"For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost." - Luke 19:10



The phrase "Joining Jesus in our Community" is sounding more and more familiar around Redeemer, isn't it? This is what we believe God wants us to be doing as we fulfill our mission to make disciples. But there is one question that still needs to be tackled – What will that look like when we are doing it? And so, on Saturday January 28th, we began a

planning process that will lead us to greater clarity and unity around this question.

We believe that for us to advance our mission and ministry together, we must have unity and clarity around not just vision, but around values and behaviors. In fact, the single greatest hindrance to mission advancement is what our consultant, Bill Walker, referred to as "Nodding Heads & Folded Arms." That's where well-meaning church members "nod" when they hear the vision (who doesn't want to join Jesus in His mission?) but then "fold their arms" while they wait for someone else to figure out what needs to be done. In other words, we not only need vision clarity, but we need *substantial* clarity – clarity that affects what we value and what we do.

Churches can suffer from "churn" (where people visit, but don't connect to the church), "competition" (where

ministries within the church vie for attention, resources, and volunteers), and "burnout" (what happens when everything is equally important). This happens when there are just too many game-plans in play.

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WE LOVE
OUR VOLUNTEERS

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

February 12th

After both services

Celebrate our 2016 Volunteers and say
Thank you to everyone who makes
Redeemer by the Sea the wonderful
place that it is!

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.

It's time for a new semester of Growth Groups. Perhaps God is calling you to connect with a community of



believers, cultivate a closer walk with Christ and grow a more resilient faith life. Explore our web site and the many Growth Groups currently spurring on one another to love and good works!

Perhaps you find God calling you to start a new Growth Group. You have a passion for a certain activity or a hunger to learn about a topic of interest. Don't wait for someone start a group with this affinity of yours, take initiative and start it yourself. Contact Family Ministry Director, Jeff Moeller for more information.

- Jeff Moeller

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS GROUP

On THURSDAY, January 12 at the Coyote Bar and Grill, we celebrated the birthdays of Jan Bishop, Jeff Moeller and Erika Reiswig. Warm and cozy, in a private section of the restaurant we enjoyed Southwestern Cuisine and each other's company, and contributed one hundred sixteen (\$116) to the Camp Pendleton Rotary club, which provides services to our service men and women.

Our next lunch will be on THURSDAY, February 2, 2017 at 11:30 a.m. at Dini's Bistro, 3290 Carlsbad Boulevard where we will celebrate the birthdays of Rachelle Iadicicco, Buck Lehmann and Evonne Salyer.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar contribution per celebrant which will go to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

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

- Jo Voertman

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.

Upcoming Theatrical Event: 'Oklahoma - Rogers and Hammerstein's Musical! Where: Mira Mesa College Theatre (Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056)

When: SUNDAY, MARCH 12 @ 2 PM

Ticket Prices: \$13 seniors; general admission \$18

Early Registration Begins: Sunday, February 5

Call MaryAnn Meinardus 760-216-4922 or email ma.meinardus@hotmail.com if interested.

Purchase (\$) Deadline: Sunday February 12, outside on Fellowship Patio between services. Pay me before or by deadline by cash or check, written to Mary Ann Meinardus in person or mail check to 2061 Escenico Terrace, Carlsbad, CA 92009 BEFORE deadline. (Do NOT put in Sunday Collection Basket). I'll be purchasing tickets on Monday, February 13.

Our Group's Possible Upcoming 'Picks', dates TBD:

Wednesday Evening @7pm 'The Neil Diamond Tribute', Welk's Theater

June 2-June 18: 'Damn Yankees', musical, Spreckles Theater, SD

Summer: A Musical production, Moonlight Amphitheater/ Vista

July 12- August 6: 'At this Evening's Performance', NoCoast Rep/Solana Beach

October 6 – Nov. 19: 'Smoke on the Mountain', LambsPlayers/Coronado

Nov. 17 – December 31: 'Christmas Carol', Welk's Theater

(Changes are possible).

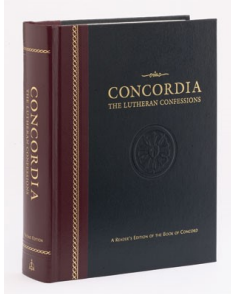
Group's Project: Volunteering to Help with Vacation Bible Study (VBS) Registration in June.

- Mary Ann Meinardus

SUNDAY AM BIBLE STUDY

ISN'T THE BIBLE ENOUGH? WHY HAVE CONFESSIONS?

Sunday Adult Bible Class - Beginning on February 19th as we celebrate the 500th anniversary of the CHRISTIAN REFORMATION we will examine the LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS.



ISN'T THE BIBLE ENOUGH? WHY HAVE CONFESSIONS?

The Bible IS enough, in fact it is the ONLY source of direct knowledge of and about God! Confessions are inseparable from the Bible. The Word of God, Jesus Christ said it, "whoever confesses Me before men, him I will also confess before My Father who is in heaven. (Matthew 10:32) Paul, the Apostle said it, "this I confess to you, that according to the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, believing everything laid down by the Law and written in the Prophets" Acts 24:14 Our eternal salvation is tied to our confession, "because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. Romans 10:9 Confessions are an integral part of our faith! Our Church is blessed with a marvelous collection of written confessions. Every doctrine (teaching) they contain ultimately confess that "Jesus Christ is Lord to the glory of God the Father". (Philippians 2:11) It goes without saying that it is very profitable for our individual faith to examine in the clear light of the Bible OUR LUTHERAN CONFESSIONS.

2017 IS THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION OF THE REFORMATION

YOU CAN OWN THE REFORMATION BOOK - CONCORDIA - The Lutheran Confessions

Available on line at: www.cph.org

(Type: CONCORDIA in the "Search bar" Item # 531154. It is also available through smile.amazon.com)

Regular price: \$34.99, on sale for a limited time for \$29.99

- Pastor Roy Faulstick

GRIEF SUPPORT

The February meeting of our Grief Support will be on Thursday, February 16th 1:30 P.M.. I would like to have this at my home, 5406 Don Luis, Carlsbad. This will be a more "homey atmosphere". We will have a time to visit, become acquainted with any new attendees, a time for special prayers and then our "Grieving with Hope, Chapter 6 discussion. I will provide directions to my home and I welcome everyone.

- Norma Russell

HOLY HACKERS

As I sit here writing this, the sun is finally shining! The rain has definitely interfered with our monthly golf outings. But hopefully February we will attempt to start up again. On the 3rd Saturday of the month we will be meeting to enjoy an afternoon of golf and friendship. To receive more detailed information, please send your email address to Dianne Haarmeyer(leader) at di.haarmeyer@icloud.com.

- Di Haarmeyer

BRIDGE GROUP

JANUARY 27th was a beautiful day as we gathered for dessert, coffee and play at the home of Jo Voertman at 12:30 PM, our usual time for meeting.

After an auspicious beginning one knew how the cards and bidding were going to continue for the afternoon. The bidding and fulfilling the contract was a close call for #1 and #2 high scores. George Ann Barnes wrested control for High Scorer, by 30 points, ousting Audrey Wickstrand who came in second place. The Coordinator came in with low point count for the afternoon.

This group enjoys the challenges of bridge games so it was another nice day shared by eight women who meet once a month in members homes and the hostess serves dessert, coffee and tea. Fellowship is an important factor. We extend an open invitation to anyone who may like to join us or perhaps be on the sub list because this is also a 'travelin'/cruisin' group of women; substitutes are always welcome.

If you are interested please contact the Bridge Coordinator, Faye Bacon, 760-707-6677 or email: baconfaye3@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you. February play will be at my home on February 24th, the 4th Friday of the month, at 12:30 PM. See you in church and/or at the bridge table.

- Faye Bacon

SALT AND LIGHT

Your Salt & Light Ministry, as well as other similarly minded groups throughout this nation, organized in order to encourage Christians to vote in the 2016 elections. Our group came up with a voters guide that informed you of how candidates for office (federal, state, and local) stood on several Biblical issues. As a result of this 'united in purpose' effort, 26% of voters in this election were Evangelical Christians, according to Time.com and others. They voted for preserving the sanctity of life for the unborn, traditional marriage, and recognizing our constitutionally protected religious freedoms. How does this fit with the historical context of the United States?

Today, the U. S. is the longest ongoing constitutional republic. There were other countries who had revolutions at the time of the American Revolution such as France, Russia, Italy, Haiti and Greece. While the U. S. has had 1 government, France has had 15, Russia had 4 in the 20th century alone, Afghanistan 5 and Poland 7. They all had access to the same political philosophies as did the U. S. So, what did our Founding Fathers select that other nations did not? It is found in our Declaration of Independence with the acknowledgement that our rights come from God, not man.

In an effort to account for the original sources from where our governmental foundations came political science professors got together to analyze over 15,000 historical documents and 3,000 quotes. The findings were documented in "The Origins of American Constitutionalism" by Donald Lutz. They found that well known philosophers and political thinkers like Montesquieu, Blackstone, and Locke

were significant contributors but accounted for less than 10% as sources for the structure of our original government. The leading source was... the Bible at 34%. For instance *Isaiah 33:22 sets forth 3 distinct branches of government. Jeremiah 17:9 establishes the logic for the separation of powers. Ezra 7:24 gives the basis of tax exemption for churches.*

Many of our historical giants have recognized publicly the importance of religion to our well-being. John Adams said "The general principles on which the fathers achieved independence were...the general principles of Christianity." George Washington in explaining why the American political system had been so successful said "Of all the dispositions and habits which lead to political prosperity, religion and morality are indispensable supports. In vain would that man claim the tribute of patriotism, who should labor to subvert these great pillars." John Jay, Abe Lincoln, Theodore Roosevelt, Danial Webster, Federick Douglass and many others had similar feelings. Finally, in 1892 the U. S. Supreme Court wrote as part of a unanimous decision "No purpose of action against religion can be imputed to any legislation, state or national, because this is a religious people...This is a Christian nation" and they went on to cite 80 precedents proving that the U. S. was a Christian nation.

Does this sound like our nation today to you? Why not join our Salt & Light Ministry and join us in protecting and restoring the Biblical values on which this nation was founded and has been so richly blessed?

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" Psalm 33:12

- Jerry Meyer

MOPS

Our winter break is over and we are back at MOPS. Connecting with other moms with children age birth to kindergarten. Our upcoming meetings are on Friday February 17th and March 3rd at 9:15 A.M. We will be discussing topic Becoming...Creative – A Conversation about finding creativity in the dark; and Becoming... Parents Who Say Yes – Inspiration for the parenting journey. Join us, and let moms you know about our group.

- Suzan Colgan



SERVANT LEADER WORKSHOP

Everyone has a talents, gifts, and a calling from God. Your gifts and calling impacts your home, workplace, community and world. This is the plan, how God designed it. Come and explore what Servant Leadership is in your home, workplace, Growth Group, community and world on Saturday, February 11, in the Lounge at 9 to 11:00 am. Brunch is included! You were born to cultivate faith and health in the lives of individuals and groups that God brings into your life. This workshop will open up this reality to you and gear you up for a Christ-like servant leadership. To register or need more information, contact Jeff Moeller jeff@redeemerbythesea.org.



Fostering & Multiplying
Christ-like Servant Leaders

- Jeff Moeller

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE COMES TO SAN DEIGO



ASPIRE is a 1 night, 3-hour event just for women, full of laughter, learning, stories

and music. It is a weekend retreat packed into one evening, Friday, April 21 at City View Church. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Admission is \$20. Nationally known speakers, musicians and comedians will grace the stage for an inspiring evening and celebration of God's calling to Christian women of all ages. For more information see our family ministry web page or contact Kay Boland or Jeff Moeller at the church office. We would love to gather a group of women to experience Aspire together! Register on connection Card or online!

- Kay Boland

LWML

Apple of Your Eye

February 14th

9:30am

Fellowship Hall

Cooking Demonstration on Apples
with Luann Goerdert
& Women's Ministry Meeting
Taste the yummy treats!
Nursery Provided upon request—
Contact Barbara Gehring at
barbgeh@sbcglobal.net.



Also in February—



Orphan Grain Train

California—Arizona—Nevada Collection Center
and the Pacific Southwest District LWML is sponsoring
a Gifts from the Heart collection of

Hygiene Kits

Assemble an entire kit and place it in the collection bin
in the lobby by

February 12, 2017

Hygiene Kit Items (pick up a flyer):

- 1 Bath Towel
- 1 bath size bar of soap
- 1 sturdy comb
- 6 band aids (1/2" or 3/4" secured together)
- 1 wash cloth
- 1 adult size toothbrush
- 1 stick of deodorant (optional)

Wrapping instructions: Spread towel flat, fold over about 5" on each long side of towel, place everything in the center between folds, rollup towel, use strong ribbon or cord and tie at both ends.



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Southwest Indian Foundation, Gallup, New Mexico*

- Barbara Gehring

SUNDAY SCHOOL



2017 is off to a great start! The children have received their passports and are “putting on the armor of God”! The classrooms are being transformed into “Faithcraft” (based on the popular game “Minecraft”) as they grow in their faith. Why not take a few moments and cross the bridge into their world?

Changes are also taking in our team of teachers. One of our Prek-K teachers, Nikki Meyer, will be leaving us in April and moving to Kansas. While we will miss the Meyer family very much, we also wish them the very best. In addition, we welcome Sherrie Campbell to the 8:30 team of teachers and Sara Whittenton as the Snack Coordinator for the 10:30 Sunday School.

As it takes many hands to run our Sunday School, we are always looking for more servants. We are currently looking for the following:

- 8:30 Registration & Check-In (2-3 times per month)
- 10:30 Registration & Check-In (2 Sunday's per month)
- 8:30 Teachers (2)
- Classroom Assistants – both services (4-6)

All of the above needs are on a rotation basis. If you have an interest in being part of our team, please contact me at 760-518-7449 or via email at rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.

We are planning a special event for the children on Easter Sunday and can use extra hands to make this a memorable experience. Let me know if you can help.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord.

God bless.

- Rhonda Sutherland
Sunday School Director

MEET THE NEW STAFF!

KERRY VARA— CAMPUS ADMINISTRATOR

Kerry is full Scottish (but was born in Jamaica), and moved to the United States when she was five. She graduated from UCSD in 1998 with a degree in Communications. After that, she worked for the Holiday Inn & Hilton hotels in Event Management before having three boys, Aidan, Cameron & Logan. Kerry started working at Redeemer in 2017, but her children have been going to the preschool since 2012. They enjoy their 2 miniature Dachshunds, Guinness and Red Dog, and T-Rex, the Crested Gecko. Both her and her husband Scott enjoy traveling, reading and sports: Kerry manages an adult kickball team, & enjoys watching her boys play baseball, soccer, basketball & flag football. Kerry is in the office Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings.



SARA OLIVER—OFFICE ASSISTANT

Sara moved with her family from Cave Creek, AZ last summer, and became a member of the church shortly thereafter. She resides in Carlsbad, with her husband, Bryan and her son, Jax. Before becoming a Mom, she worked in Store Design/Project Management in New York. She enjoys spending time with family, going to the beach and creating artwork. She is happy to be serving as part of the team at Redeemer. Sara works in the office on Monday and Thursday afternoons.





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Kindergarten & Preschool News!



Dates to Remember

Miss Dee's Corner

It's hard to believe that January is already behind us & the school year is half over!

February is a very busy month as we begin registration for the upcoming 2017-2018 School Year.

Stay tuned for our Summer Program schedule to be released in April!

We are also gearing up for our 2nd Annual Jog-a-Thon the end of March, so watch your email for all the details.

Until next time.....

Miss Dee

Happy
Valentine's
Day

And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.

[1 Corinthians 13:13](#)

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| 2/1 | Tuition & Enrichment Due |
| 2/16 | Registration 3 Day Program (A-M) |
| 2/20 -21 | President's Break—SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 2/23 | Registration 3 Day Program (N-Z) |
| 2/22 | Chapel : 9:30 AM3's / 1:30 PM3's & Bonus |
| 2/23 | Chapel: 9:30 AM4's / 1:30 PM4's & Kindergarten |
| 2/24 | Conferences for MWF, Kindergarten & Bonus -
SCHOOL CLOSED |
| 2/27-28 | Speech, Language & Hearing Screenings |



PLEASE CHECK YOUR EMAIL for upcoming information regarding registration for the 2017-2018 school year.

For families currently enrolled in the 2 Day Program: Registration for the 3 Day Program is on 2/16 & 2/23 ONLY.

Don't forget to add your younger child/ children to the Wait List for when they are ready to attend.

FAMILY MINISTRY CORNER

THE LAW OF MOTIVATION

In my household it's the dishes. My wife and I struggled to motivate our kids to do the one chore for which they were responsible. Kids can be more than just defiant, they can be argumentative, manipulative and at times out of control. I can hear you know saying, what does this have to do with motivation? Motives drive our behavior. The problem is the behavior gets our attention. The behavior is the urgent matter. If there is a fire in our kitchen, we are more concerned with putting it out and not how it started. Once we have our children's attention, motivation can be developed.

Love and the demands of reality play the significant role in the stages of motivational development. They establish the boundaries and limits of behaviors. We each in our life time have gone through these stages. Rooted in love and grace, each of the stages are experienced and not skipped over. Children only internalize boundaries within a grace-filled and loving relationship. Otherwise they experience rules and limitations as a judgement or something to hate or resent. I'm not saying that kids will then enjoy their limitations or responsibilities. The end result parents strive is a self-controlled child who accepts their boundaries willingly and for the right reasons.

Parents help children develop motivation by navigating them through the following stages;

1. Fear of Consequences- Set boundaries with clear consequences for your children when a boundary is violated. Children will test the limits, complain and express the unfairness of the boundary or consequence. Don't budge, be consistent, love them and empathize with the flood of emotions from your child. You have their attention. They are learning they are not the center of the universe.

2. An Immature Conscience- In this stage children develop a healthy understanding of consequences. Often they are critical of themselves and may even mimic your words or those of other authorities or significant relationships. They are internalizing their experience with consequences. Internalization is a critical component in everyone's ability to love, be self-controlled and aware of set of values and ethics. It shapes our conscience.

(Jesus) said, "What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person."

Mark 7:20-23

3. Values and Ethics- At this stage the criticism changes from self to the behavior or action. This indicates maturity and a system of values in the child. The boundaries are now an extension of themselves and not an imitation of authority figures. Guilt and shame become real and so does the desire to be good.

4. Mature Love, Mature Guilt- At this stage children have a well-developed framework of values and ethics. Right and wrong don't motivate as much as love does. Concern for relationships becomes the greatest motivation.

Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend in their book Boundaries with Kids explain these stages and the mistakes to avoid. They encourage us to be subject to these motivations and stages and provide experiences for our children to own and internalize boundaries and limitations.

- Jeff Moeller, DCE
Family Ministry Director

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you to everyone who made a donation to the Christmas Offering in December. We collected \$9,326. This will be divided between these three areas:

1. Redeemer's Benevolent Fund – This will help replenish our fund to assist those in need (both within our congregation and outside). Additional funds enable us to assist more people.

2. Mission Fund – This will support short term -mission trips from Redeemer. Two trips are currently planned for next summer: 1.) a youth trip to the Navajo Nation in Arizona, and 2.) the BC (British Columbia, Canada) Mission Boat. Additional funds will be used to support worldwide mission organizations.

3. Semper Fi – This is a non-profit organization that provides support to wounded soldiers and their families throughout all branches of the military. Our funds will go directly to the Camp Pendleton local Oceanside office.

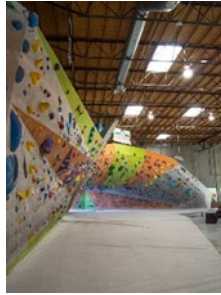
Thank you for your generosity in supporting these ministries!

STUDENT MINISTRIES

Our Youth Ministry is a wonderful opportunity for young people to connect with a community of believers and to make friends. The many fellowship, service and spiritual growth experiences are designed to equip young people for life of faith in Jesus Christ.

CLIMB ON!

Jr. High students will be having a climbing party on Saturday, February 18 at 4-6 PM at the The Wall Climbing Gym, 1210 Keystone Way in Vista. Cost is \$14 and includes pizza afterwards in their party room. It's a challenge by choice but what a fun afternoon learning how to climb, belay and encourage one another. Friends are always invited! Register online or Connection Card! Parents can drop off and pick up students at the gym.



MOONLIGHT CLEANS UP NICELY!

We have some wonderful student leaders in the Huddle on Sunday mornings. Doug Cyphers who facilitates done a remarkable job coaching them. Ben and Anna Bradley, Laura Cyphers, Tessia Iadicicco, Emy Kiernan, Natalie Moeller organized a servant event for High School and Jr. High youth at Moonlight Beach. Splitting up into 4 teams, working for 2 hours, these young people collected 4 garbage bags of debris the winter tides had brought to shore.

NAVAJO NATION MISSION TRIP!

July 9-14 are the dates for an awesome mission trip experience to Navajo Nation Arizona. High School and Jr. High youth are invited to serve and experience the wonderful Navajo culture and community. These tremendous people have strengths and challenges from which we can learn, grow and enjoy as we walk alongside them in the love and light of Jesus Christ. Cost is \$259 and it is all inclusive. Lodging, food, transportation, materials and supplies for the various projects are all included. We will be joining church youth groups from all over the USA. Each day we will work at a VBS, Kids Club, nursing home, city park and at various homes. We will be painting, fre[airing playing with kids doing crafts with memory care residents, building wheelchair ramps and cleaning the environment. Each evening we will experience the culture of the Navajo people and local interest sites. An informational meeting will be held Sunday, February 19 at 12-12:30 in the Lounge. Register online at both our Jr. High and High School pages.



- Jeff Moeller

FELLOWSHIP

It is time to start thinking about our annual Soup Suppers during the Lent Season. We need volunteers to make soups, bring desserts, set-up, serve, and clean up. So if you are part of a group or individual that wants to serve please pick a Wednesday evening starting March 8th through April 5th, to help support us in these great evening dinners and service. You can sign-up on the sheets in the lobby or you can email Suzan at scolgan24@cox.net or call or Text (760) 672-2249.

- Suzan Colgan

ALTAR FLOWERS

Each week we have altar flowers prepared to honor loved ones, birthdays, anniversaries, etc., and give glory to our Lord. The cost of these is covered by individuals making donations to cover the cost of the flowers. The altar flower team volunteers their time in purchasing and preparing the arrangements. There are still many weeks available to sign up to donate. This is done by signing the flower chart at the bottom of the steps in the fellowship hall. Please consider helping in the cost of this ministry. You have the option of taking home the flowers after both services are finished. Otherwise they are used to take on hospital and other pastoral visits. Thank you for your consideration.

- Dianne Haarmeyer, Team Leader.

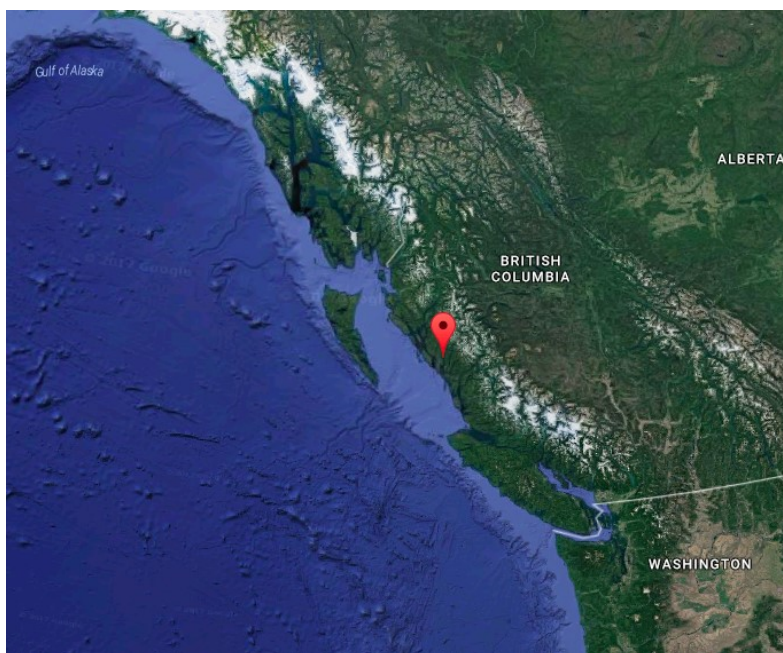
B.C. MISSION BOAT

Mission Trip—August 2017

Have you ever thought about going on an international mission trip? We are teaming up with the B.C. Mission Boat, to plan our first Redeemer by the Sea international missions trip to serve the Great Commission by sharing the Gospel and God's love to the people in a remote coastal community in British Columbia, Canada! The trip will be in August, 2017, with specific dates to be determined based off team availability. If you have any interest in joining this mission team, please request an information and application packet from cashourds@gmail.com or om@redeemerbythesea.com. Please also feel free to browse the B.C. Mission Boat's website for more information about their ministry: <http://www.bcmissionboat.org/?view=mobile>. We hope to confirm our missions team by March 15, 2017, so please don't delay in requesting and submitting an application if you are interested!

- Christina Shourds

Klemtu, B.C. (one of the potential communities we would visit)



FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Bryan Cline	Feb 4
Declan Donovan	Feb 12
Christopher Riendeau	Feb 12
Karen Heiser	Feb 12
Michael VanDuker	Feb 13
Alex Iadicicco	Feb 16
Cassandra Redl	Feb 17
Cassandra Cyphers	Feb 17
Buck Lehmann	Feb 17
Evonne Salyer	Feb 17
Carol Tarka	Feb 21
Richard Evans	Feb 24
Rachelle Iadicicco	Feb 26

NEW MEMBER WELCOME— SUNDAY, JANUARY 29, 2017

LINDA S.

Linda was born and raised in Hawthorne, CA which is in LA county. She moved to Vista in 1999. She was a systems analyst at a medical device company before retiring. She has volunteered at the Vista Detention Facility for 7 years. She is a program coordinator for the 12 Step Program Co-dependents Anonymous. She enjoys swimming, exercise, and contemplative prayer and study.



UPCOMING SERMON SERIES' FOR LENT

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM



Many of those involved in the story of the Passion of Christ came to a crossroads and had to decide which way to go. Some chose well, some did not, and the stories of each of these experiences at various crossroads help us to know what to do and what not to do when we encounter similar crossroads in our own lives. In the end, each service in the series reveals in some way how Christ and his cross lead us to decide the path of God's will for us.

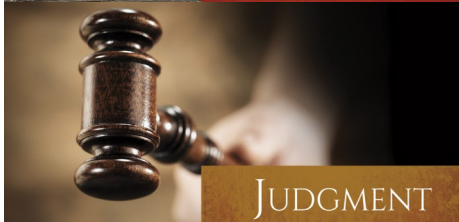
March 1
Ash
Wednesday



March 8



March 15



March 22



March 29

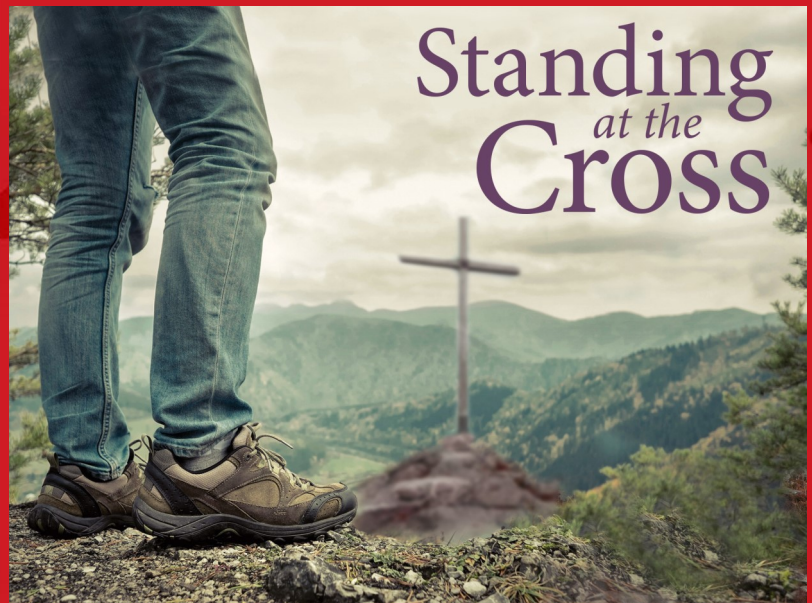


April 6



SUNDAYS AT 8:30 AND 10:30 AM,
MAUNDY THURSDAY AND GOOD FRIDAY AT 6:30 PM

As a Lenten lead-in to the 500th anniversary of the Reformation, Standing at the Cross will focus on portions of sermons Martin Luther actually preached during Lent and Holy Week and Easter in the parishes where he served. As we stand with Luther at the foot of the cross each week, we contemplate the ways in which we stand firm in the faith as followers of Christ during this holy season.



March 5

Standing in Prayer

March 12

Standing Unafraid

March 19

Standing in Suffering

March 26

Standing through Persecution

April 2

Standing in Truth

April 9 Palm Sunday

Standing in Humility

April 13 Maundy Thursday

Standing in Faith

April 14 Good Friday

Standing in Forgiveness

ADVANCING THE MISSION, *CONT.*

Think of any sport you like – got one in mind? I bet that game has rules and boundaries; and those teams that excel at that sport have a game-plan that they're all working toward, together.

What this means for the church is that we don't have to try and find the "right" way of doing church. In fact, there is probably no single right way to do church. But we do need to do church *one* way - together. Consider a boat full of people with oars. Everyone can be paddling their hardest ... but if they aren't paddling in the same direction they'll make a big splash, but will go nowhere fast.

As such, we are setting major milestones for this planning effort. They are:

1. **Clarity** – We are forming a "Mission Advancement Team" that will put a clarifying & compelling case for unity before the Church Council. If the Council approves, Redeemer will adopt that approach.
2. **Movement** – The mindset of the leadership, staff and volunteers shifts from "doing whatever is right in my eyes" to "how does my area of ministry support and increase the efforts we are all working toward?" In this stage, we will see grassroots changes begin to take place.
3. **Alignment** – At this point, meetings and activities are organized around how to do what is absolutely essential and eliminating distractions, redundancy and sideways effort.

We will not arrive at all of these milestones at once, but these are the indicators we will look for before moving on to the next phase or milestone.

See, God wants unity in His Church. Why? Because it reflects His being ... God is internally and perfectly united in the Trinity. The world longs for unity, and therefore seeing unity of mind and purpose within the Church of God is perhaps our most attractive outreach! The Old and New Testaments agree on God's desire for this among His people:

"How good and pleasant it is when God's people live together in unity!" – Psalm 133:1

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." – 1 Corinthians 1:10

Jesus even prayed in the Garden of Gethsemane, "... May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me." – John 17:21. In other words, the more united we are – with each other, and with God – the more the world will see Jesus in us, and put their faith in Him!

It's a tall order, and it means that we all need to be in prayer – asking God to give us that burden to do what it takes to reach people with the Gospel and to Join Jesus in His Mission to seek and save the lost in our community. Are you ready? Let's go! ... May the Name of Jesus be lifted high among us, and may the world be drawn to Him through our words and deeds.

Joining Jesus in His mission with you,
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