

# Redeemer news

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## WHY ARE WE DOING THIS?

*"You are the salt of the earth. ...You are the light of the world. A city on a hill cannot be hidden."*

*- Matthew 5:13-14*

Have you ever had 'one of those days' – perhaps as a parent, as a teacher or in your workplace? You know what I mean... a day when everything seems to be challenging you... or an entire season that seems like one step forward and two steps backward? It's times like that when you find yourself asking the question – "why am I doing this?" Maybe you even ask a friend or your spouse, "tell me again – why did we decide to do this?" It is times like that which test your resolve, your determination and your motivation.

Is it any surprise that ministry is challenging? Why wouldn't it be? Anytime that we, as Christians, attempt to do the Lord's work, we are stepping out on the battlefield. On that battlefield, Satan is our opponent; and he will stop at nothing to try and defeat us. And if he can't defeat us, he'll try to defer us, delay us and distract us. Distraction is perhaps one of his most powerful weapons. If Satan can take our minds and our hearts off of our God-given goals, then he has a foothold by which to begin chipping away at our effectiveness. Once the enemy has succeeded at distracting us, then he can move on to discouraging us. To avoid being delayed, distracted, discouraged and otherwise "derailed" by Satan, we need to regularly ask ourselves the question, "Why are we doing this?" and so return to our God-given purpose. We need to remind ourselves the

motivating and driving force behind our efforts, otherwise "when the going gets tough" as they say, we may lose heart.

So, why are we doing this? Why are we growing a Christian church in Carlsbad? Quite simply, because the community NEEDS us! That's right – whether they know it or not, we have what they need – God. I have read a number of articles that point out that we no longer live in a "church culture." In fact, they describe our era as "post-Christian." That means that on average, people no longer see the church as a relevant part of their life – they have little use for it. What these reports imply is that we cannot wait for people to "accidentally find us" (because they aren't looking). Instead, our role is to "bring light into a culture that is growing dimmer and dimmer." We are doing this because our Lord charges us to be the salt and light of the earth! (Matthew 5:13-14). We may have challenges in ministry. We may even have obstacles in front of us – those of the enemy, and those of our own making. But the Lord has made his call on our life clear – to pervade our world with the message of the Gospel. We cannot shrink back from the task he has given us – too many people are counting on us!

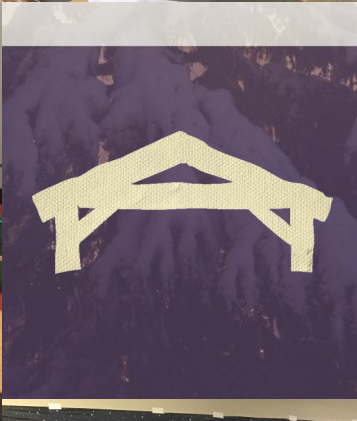
*Joining Jesus on His Mission with you,*

*Pastor Augie*





SUNDAY SCHOOL  
DECEMBER 16, 2017

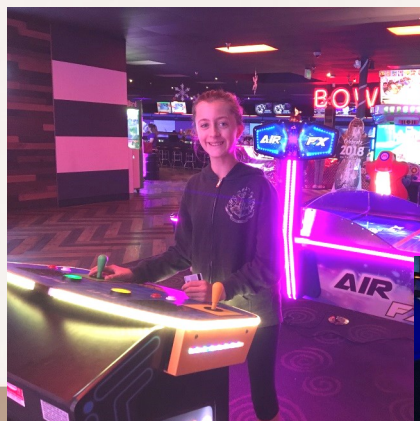




# YOUTH BOWLING!

DECEMBER 24TH,  
GRADES 5TH - 12TH

Playing the  
games after  
bowling!



Some parents  
even joined in  
on the fun!





# 5TH & 6TH GRADE RETREAT

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 14, 2018. This is a 1 day retreat that has teaching, worship, and a service project! It will be at Crean Lutheran High School again this year. Watch for registration details!



# COLLEGE AND YOUNG ADULT CHRISTMAS REUNION

Students returning home for Christmas break spent an evening at Pastor Augie's home. They re-connected with their friends in conversation around the fire, playing games, and of course eating food!



# 7TH & 8TH GRADE RETREAT



The Jr High DYG will be at the Irvine Ranch Outdoor Educational Center. This center has it all: worship space, activity space, great hiking and camp activities, and sleeping accommodations.

The theme for this year's Jr. High Gathering is "Follow" based on three lessons from the books of Daniel and Esther. Three speakers will walk us through three narratives, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego from Daniel 3, Daniel and the Lion's Den from Daniel 6, and Esther's story from Esther 1-8. All three narratives will center on the verse Daniel 3:29b "There is no other god who is able to rescue in this way."

Our Jr High kids are being led in so many different directions in this day and age, by peers, our culture, even family, they are being told to "follow" so many different things, people and beliefs. This year our three speakers will help our kids discern who they are following, and who they are allowing themselves to be led by, and will learn why they should be following the One True God rather than things that don't last.

The speakers are:

## **Dominic Rivkin**

Pastor Dominic. Rivkin serves as the Executive Director of LINC Los Angeles, a mission organization dedicated to empowering local leaders to start new ministries that impact communities for the Gospel.

## **Shelli Haynes**

Shelli Haynes has been a DCE in Southern CA for 21 years. Currently she is serving children and high school students at Red Hill Lutheran in Tustin. She is a graduate from Concordia Irvine and has a MA from Concordia Seward, NE.

## **Kyle Blake**

Pastor Kyle Blake serves as the pastor at The Gathering Lutheran Church in Long Beach. He has been in the ministry for 17 years. Once at a youth event, Pastor Kyle chewed a wad of gum that was comprised of ABC (already been chewed) gum from about 50 kids.

Registration materials are available in the Confirmation classroom or online with payment due by January 28th.



# GROWTH GROUP UPDATES

*Our Growth Groups 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 at [RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://RedeemerbytheSea.org) for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.*

## BIRTHDAY GROUP

FRIDAY, December 15 at Macaroni Grill, was the birthday celebration for John Bacon, Cordelia Degner, Otis Haarmeyer, Suzanne Hughes, Norma Russell, Carol Scoffin, Jo Voertman, Frank Wallner and Joan Wilson. A wonderful fellowship time was had by all, overseen by Norma Russell.

FRIDAY, January 19 will be the birthday celebration for Jan Bishop and Erika Reiswig. 11:30 a.m. at Dini's Bistro, 3290 Carlsbad Boulevard. Parking directly behind the restaurant. Lunches range from twelve (\$12) to eighteen (\$18) dollars

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant donation which will go to Samaritan's Purse, which helps the poor and needy throughout the country.

Everyone is welcome to join us but you do need a reservation with the Birthday Coordinator, Jo Voertman, [jvbythesea@cox.net](mailto:jvbythesea@cox.net), 760-721-6674.

- Jo Voertman

## BRIDGE GROUP

Happy New Year To Everyone!

If you consider yourself a part of "Everyone" that is good, very good.

If you would like to join the Bridge Group, please let me know so I may include you in the notices I send out. My phone #: 760.707.6677; e-Mail: [baconfaye3@gmail.com](mailto:baconfaye3@gmail.com).

You will be most welcome when we play once a month in member's home for dessert, coffee and bridge at 12:30 PM, on the 4th Friday of each month, with the exception of November when we play on the 3rd Friday and December is dark.

We will begin the New Year of play on January 26th, at the home of Alice Lehman, at 12:30 PM.

- Faye Bacon

## HOLY HACKERS

We will be starting up again after taking a break for all the holidays. This group of avid golfers meet on the third Saturday of each month for a round of fun and competition. A scramble is the format so all levels of expertise are welcome. To join the group and receive more detailed information, please send a request to Di Haarmeyer at [di.haarmeyer@icloud.com](mailto:di.haarmeyer@icloud.com).

- Di Haarmeyer

## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

Daniel Bitner	Jan 3
Emily Michel	Jan 4
Ann Schulz	Jan 7
Kay Boland	Jan 12
Mariela Hofer	Jan 13
Christian Redl	Jan 14
Chris Hofer	Jan 15
Clare Donovan	Jan 16
Paige Gourley	Jan 17
Jan Bishop	Jan 17
Joan Machado	Jan 18
Kenneth Swick	Jan 20
David Morris	Jan 22
Michael Batherson	Jan 22
Bonnie Shanahan	Jan 22
Mitch Batherson	Jan 29
Ken Boland	Jan 29
John Prior	Jan 30
Ken Rockwell	Jan 30

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Paige Schaefer	Jan 4
Gregg & Cynthia Boone	Jan 16
Matt & Heidi Busch	Jan 16
Daniel & Ellen Bitner	Jan 30

Christmas Party,  
December 2, 2017





# GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

## SALT & LIGHT

There is much good in America - We are the most generous and giving country in the world, ranking number one on the World Giving Index. America is the world's defender of freedom. Yet with all the good, there are also things that need attention: Religious Liberty, the very foundation of America, continues to be under attack right here at home; people are punished for not participating in events or activities that go against their religious beliefs; traditional marriage is mocked; abortion is supported, or even promoted, by any number of activist courts; young children are being told they can decide what gender they would like to be; and people of faith, against their will, are forced to pay for abortions. What are we to do?

Scripture gives us the starting point for our mission - Exodus 18:21 *"But select capable men from all the people—men who fear God, trustworthy men who hate dishonest gain—and appoint them as officials over thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens."*

Participating in the selection of our leaders is the duty of all Christian Citizens. At Salt & Light, our vision is for a future America where the leaders we elect, in all areas of government, will be judged in a significant part based on their adherence to Biblical principles. The Founding Fathers developed our Constitution for a religious a people and it is our role to return to that judgement when we go to the voting booth. Only when the Christian Community in America gets informed on the issues important to the Church; when they know the

position held by candidates for office; and when they vote, will our country turn back to God.

So, how is the Salt & Light group at Redeemer, going to make a difference? We start by providing educational studies that discuss and inform regarding religion in the establishment of American and how it intersects with the proper role of government. We will be developing objective information on the issues important to the Church (from a voter's guide to a fact sheet on Planned Parenthood) and when appropriate we will ask for your help, such as the postcard campaign supporting the 20 week pain-capable abortion ban. We know that "with God all things are possible" and reclaiming America needs to be our collective mission.

2 Chronicles 7:14 *"if my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land"*

If you are curious about our group, all are welcome to join in. Currently we meet twice a month at 10:30 AM to noon on the 2nd and 4th Monday. You can contact me or Jerry Meyer for more information.

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,  
- Dan Bitner

## GRIEF GROUP

Thursday, January 18th at 1:30 P.M. is our monthly Grief Support meeting. We will be discussing the last chapter of our book "Grieving with Hope and Joy." Look forward to sharing our support and comfort with you. Contact Norma at 760-931-1947 for more information.

- Norma Russell

## REMODEL PROJECT

**We are underway!** You may have noticed we are beginning to experience some sawdust or other things that go along with the improvements the Congregation authorized in September. The goal for this project is maximizing the usefulness of our facility and the changes now underway incorporate the experience we have gained to date in using the building. Both the existing and future ministry programs will benefit from these enhancements.

The first thing you will see will be in the Fellowship Hall and will include a nicer wallcovering over the block wall and as things progress the lighting will

change to down pointing lights; the ceiling will be sound insulated and the rough beams across the ceiling will get a wrap of drywall. After that, entry doors will be installed and with the audio and video additions it will make the room capable of functioning as two independent meeting areas; effectively adding a room to the Church.

The expectation is that the work in the Sanctuary, Narthex and the Fellowship Hall will be completed in less than six months, so any disruptions we may experience will be short lived. Also Church Design and Construction (CDC), our vendor, has committed to take the necessary steps to minimize any distractions.

- Dan Bitner



# GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

## BELL CHOIR

The Bell Choir rang "The Best Christmas Medley Ever" in services in December. It was a piece that required both the bells and the chimes. Redeemer By the Sea owns a 3 octave set of handbells and a 2 octave set of handchimes. Each has a distinct sound. I am grateful for the 6 people who are currently ringing in this choir. We have been able to ring during both services and are looking forward to new challenges this spring. We have more bells than we can play so we have room for you! Reading music is very helpful, but this is a beginning bell choir. If you'd like to try it out, come out on Wednesday afternoons at 5:15 in room 2 at Redeemer By the Sea. Contact Kay Boland, 760-431-8990, for more information.

-Kay Boland

# LADIES WEDNESDAY BIBLE STUDY

Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning the Voice of God" begins Jan24, 9:15 in Fellowship Hall

Child Care provided, Study Books are \$15. Please check sign up sheet in lobby.

"If hearing God has seemed challenging, we are exploring a more intimate relationship with Him, one that can make hearing Him - His will, His Heart and His Voice- your going experience. Discover how you can listen with greater confidence, clarity, and discernment." contact: evelyn10meyer@gmail.com.

-Evelyn Meyer

## STUDY ON GALATIANS

Galatians is one of the Apostle Paul's earliest letters, addressed to one of the churches that he founded on his first missionary journey (Acts 13-14). Because of

Paul's missionary work, there was an influx of

new Gentile believers. This left the Jewish believers in Jerusalem wondering both what to do with the new converts and how to treat the Apostle's message. Answering both questions is the main purpose of Paul's writing, and in the process, he has encouraged generations of Christians in the bedrock of our faith. Join Pastor Augie for this verse by verse study through the book of Galatians on Thursday mornings at 8:30am in the Lounge, beginning on February 1st. Each week we will meet until about 9:45, and spend time in the Word as well as prayer.

- Pastor Augie



Trolley Tour  
December 9, 2017



## ALTAR FLOWERS

Thanks again for everyone who donated to make 75 poinsettia plants possible for decorating for Christmas. It was beautiful! If you haven't made your contribution yet, please make check payable to RBTS and note for poinsettias. And SIGNUP NOW for contributing to the altar flowers for 2018. The Flower Chart is at the bottom of the steps. The cost is \$17.50 for one arrangement or \$35 for both. Thanks for your support!

- Di Haarmeyer

## ANGEL TREE 2017

Love, Hugs and Thanks was received by Hilda and Barbara from the Camp Pendleton Representative Andrea, who picked up the gifts. We provided 157 children gifts this year! The regiment that we support is a logistics team. Andrea told us that a Mother came to her this year with tears in her eyes as she picked up the gifts for her children. She just couldn't believe that someone who didn't know her or most likely was never going to know her would be so generous and caring. In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ we spread love to our warriors and families. Hilda and I thank you for the bottom of our hearts also, for all RBTS support in this most cherished project.

- Barbara Gehring



# LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



## The Meaning of our logo says it all!

The heart of God is behind all that we are and do.

He has loved us so; seen in his only begotten son, His cross and sacrifice.

His cherished blood which was shed for us and for the forgiveness of sins.

Therefore, we lift high the Cross of Christ, guiding our thanks and praise and service, so that His heart is impressed upon our own.

And, by the Spirit, we all are blessed with joy and peace.

## Let us begin this new year, 2018 as Lutheran Women in Mission!

We are a national organization of Lutheran Women who support missions, our community, and our church, RBTS. All women members of our church are automatically a member of LWML. We meet in the Fellowship Hall at 9:30am till around 11pm. We have a different speaker or demonstration at each meeting which are geared towards community outreach service, here, and missionary work abroad. We also, enjoy fellowship while serving our God, and we have a lot of fun, socially. Our prayer is to find ways to make a difference!

## What does LWML do?

We support missions with mite boxes and donation to missionaries. In 2017, we gave to Lutheran Bible Translators, Mission Aviation, Gift from the Heart, Orphan Grain Trans and many more. We aid RBTS church services by preparing Communion and altar flowers, disseminate the prayer chain emails, send cards to members, present gifts to new members, baptisms and confirmands. We organize receptions for funerals/memorials, sewing club which makes walker bags and things for convalescent homes. We have a 'Coupon Program' that serves the military at some of the bases, abroad. And, we provide food and transportation for short term needs within the congregation. to name a few. In 2018, we will continue these services, as well as, increase our support towards community outreach with small projects and so forth.



## What are Mite Boxes?

It is a small paper box, which you deposit your loose coins. LWML oversees collections and sending the money to the National Lutheran in Mission (LWML) organization, who in turn use the 100% of the monies for missions. Mite boxes are located on the LWML table in the Narthex. The large wooden collection box on the same table is where you deposit mite box when full. It is amazing how much money we collect!

On Tuesday, January 9, 2018; our first Women's Ministry meeting of the new year, is entitled, "Finding the Last Piece of the Puzzle". The speaker will be, Debra Sallaz from Solutions for Change, which is a non-profit organization in Vista. She will be speaking about "Solving Family Homelessness". Recently, their program was recognized by the federal office of Family Assistance as a template for organizations nationwide to address family homelessness.

MEN and WOMEN at Redeemer are invited to attend this program at 10:15 a.m. on January 9th in the Fellowship Hall. A brief business meeting will be held from 9:30-10:00 a.m. Our meetings usually end around 11am.

Remember, "People need people and people who need people often need the Lord."

We will be interested in hearing how the congregation at Redeemer can do a service project in April with Solutions for Change.

Looking forward to having you join us!

- Mary Ann Meinardus

## LWM CHRISTMAS PARTY 2017

What a wonderful time was had by all! We sang, drank and indulged in a Italian meal.

Afterwards we exchange gifts with our Secret Sister. Each year RBTS women can choose a name and pray for your Secret Sister, at the Christmas Party we reveal who we are! Its always such a fun, surprising time. If you would like to get involved in Secret Sister, please contact BJ Lahr.

- Barbara Gehring





# PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS: SPARK THE JOY OF DISCOVERY

*“O Sovereign LORD! You made the heavens and earth by your strong hand and powerful arm. Nothing is too hard for you!” - Jeremiah 32:17, NLT*

Spending time with children can be unpredictable—and can lead to many God-moments. Through their vivid imaginations, children become part of God’s unfolding story with a sense of innocence and trust that we lose as adults. There’s no rush to confront little ones with reality; that happens soon enough. Set aside criticism, competition, structure, and comparisons. Instead, emphasize praise, acceptance, freedom, insights, and smiles. Rushing squelches curiosity, so allow plenty of time for your children to make and share their discoveries. Welcome their questions, even if you don’t have all the answers. And remember to show curiosity yourself, because that mindset is contagious! Try these ideas for revealing biblical truths through imagination and creative exploration.

**It’s a Draw** Set out art supplies and draw, paint, or sculpt Bible events. Celebrate children’s creativity, and find opportunities to link their abstract art with God’s creation and his Word.

**Action!** Encourage children to engage with Bible events by acting them out together. After reading aloud from a children’s Bible or Bible storybook, dress up, role-play, and improvise dialogue. Allow embellishment and laughter.

**Creative Creation** Together, brainstorm things God

created. Read aloud Genesis 1:27. Say: “Because we’re made in God’s image, we’re creative too!” Set out shapes cut from different colors of construction paper. Have family members design pictures of God’s creation (animals, flowers, people, and so on).

**Curious Questions** While reading the Bible together, encourage children’s curiosity by asking questions such as “How might [Bible person] tell about this event? What do you think he or she saw? smelled? tasted? touched? What other choices did this person have? What in these Bible verses do you want to do? What do you *not* want to do?”

**Make Merry** Create homemade tambourines and then make joyful noises of worship to God. Sing and dance, waving ribbons for extra effects. Older kids can write songs about a Bible passage.

**STEM Stimulation** Incorporate other subjects into Bible time. Use math to demonstrate 40 days of the flood, 40 days of temptation, or forgiving 70 times 7. Do research to find out what’s in a drop of pond water. Use blocks to build the Tower of Babel or the Temple.

**Snacks Make Things “Stick”** Research shows that snacks affect children’s memories because food connects to emotions. So make and enjoy Bible-themed snacks that tie into lessons. Use animal crackers, goldfish crackers, blue gelatin (for water), marshmallows (for sheep), and so on. Search online for easy recipes related to each lesson.

**Everyday Examples** Use a variety of household items to reinforce Bible truths. For example, place a dried-up sponge in a pan of water and discuss the changes that take place in us when we know Jesus. Pull some tissues out of a box and explain how the church is a bunch of people holding up one another.

## CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity! This year we collected **\$4,315.** for the Christmas Offering! It will be divided equally so that each area will receive **\$1,438.35..**

1. **Got Your Back San Diego (GYB)**  
([www.feedingkidsfirst.com](http://www.feedingkidsfirst.com))
2. **Concordia Seminary “Adopt-A-Student”**  
([www.csl.edu/support/adopt-a-student/](http://www.csl.edu/support/adopt-a-student/))
3. **Redeemer’s Benevolent Fund**

*If you were not able to make a donation and would still like to contribute, just indicated “Christmas Offering” on your envelope or check .and it will be directed to these 3 areas.*

## CHRISTMAS DECORATION TAKE DOWN



Will be on **Saturday, January 13th at 9:30 a.m.** We need lots of hands, including younger and taller men as our senior members cannot/ should not go up the tall ladder. We need at least 12-15 people to help. The more hands, the quicker we will get done!

- BJ Campbell Lahr



# STEWARDSHIP

It's a new year. It's a time when we take stock of the year past in order to improve the year to come. It's a time when we sit down to plan and implement what we want to accomplish and even change. Part of that is planning our stewardship for the coming year.

Often we find this difficult and daunting and even joyless. But it doesn't have to be. In fact, it is really quite simple and full of joy. So here are some tips to make that planning less stressful. You begin by answering these three questions: Who are you? To whom do I give? And how much?

So, who are you? The Table of Duties in the Small Catechism informs us. Are you a hearer of God's Word? Are you a citizen of society? Are you a member of a family? Stewardship covers these three estates: church, society, family. We don't particularly struggle to give to society or family. Our struggles, our difficulties and our questions arise in giving to the church.

So, what is our duty as members of the church with regard to giving? The Table of Duties, again, gives us a guide. If you are a hearer, a member of the church who receives instruction, St. Paul taught: "Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor" (Gal. 6:6). This means the local congregation is primary.

Your pastor is the one called to preach the Gospel to you and administer the Lord's blessed sacraments to

you. Your congregation is the place where those things happen. Thus, when God calls us to give to the church, He has the local congregation in mind. For "the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Cor. 9:14).

How much do we give to the local congregation? Our only instructions are these: to give regularly (1 Cor. 6:1–2), proportionally (1 Cor. 16:1–2; 2 Cor. 8:12), and generously (2 Cor. 8:20) of our first fruits (Gen. 4:4; Prov. 3:9; Lev. 27:30) with a spirit of eagerness (2 Cor. 9:2), earnestness (2 Cor. 8:7), cheerfulness (2 Cor. 9:7), and love (2 Cor. 8:23).

In other words, giving to the church is not to be an afterthought, given after everything else is spent. In this way, it is deliberate. We give regularly – weekly, bi-weekly, monthly, quarterly, or yearly – keeping in mind our own strengths, weaknesses, and limitations. We set it aside beforehand – before anything else is spent.

From those first fruits, we set aside a proportionate and generous amount. Ten percent was the standard for the Israelites. This was a command for the ancient Israelites. We can give as much as we want, but ask yourself: do we really want to be less generous than was commanded of the Israelites? Is the job of the New Testament Church bigger or smaller than the job given to Israel?

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## UPCOMING SERMON SERIES

For our culture, the topic of money and giving is one of the most difficult things the Bible addresses, yet the Bible speaks clearly and frequently on it. This mini-series explores what the Bible has to say about how we as Christians are called to steward and use our finances for our joy, for God's glory, and for the expansion of His kingdom on this earth. Join us! What God has to say may surprise you.



January 28th

*Generosity: Experiencing joy through serving God and others in His Name.*

February 4th

*Abundance: Trusting in God's present, perfect, and plentiful provision.*



# STEWARDSHIP, *CONT.*

And how are we to give it? We give it with eagerness and earnestness. We give it cheerfully and with love, not out of compulsion. For through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, God has made us His children, forgiven us all our sins, given us grace upon grace, promised us life everlasting with Him in His kingdom, and filled us with His own Spirit, the

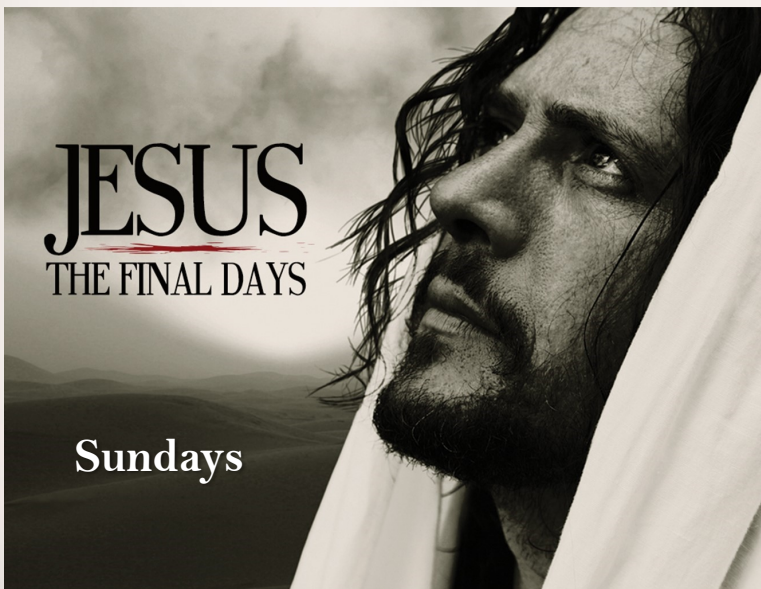
Holy Spirit. This makes giving a joy, as Jesus said, “it is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

It's that easy. And it is joyful. For in stewardship, our gracious and giving Lord invites us to take part in the work that He accomplishes here on earth, providing for the ongoing preaching of the gospel as well as those who are in need. Taking part in that makes all our work holy – work that is done in service to the Lord as priestly members of His kingdom.

## UPCOMING LENT SERIES'

the significance of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and his subsequent resurrection from the grave on Easter Sunday. Join us for these two special series' on Sundays and Wednesdays as we take these 40 days and remember Christ's sacrifice for us.

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance before the celebration of Easter. For centuries, Christians have recalled



The country star Tim McGraw once encouraged his fans in a song to “Live Like You Were Dying.” Too often, we trudge through life paying little to no attention to the sobering reality that our time here is not eternal. Our days have an end. In His final week, Jesus was fully aware that his days on earth were coming to an end. How He spends and celebrates His final days can give us keen insight into how we would spend and celebrate every day.

### **Jesus: The Final Days**

- 2/11 Celebrate Good Times
- 2/14 *Ash Wednesday*: Salvation 101
- 2/18 For a Good Cause
- 2/25 Prophetic Premonitions
- 3/4 Famous Last Words
- 3/11 Truth Be Told
- 3/18 One Last Chance
- 3/25 Palm Sunday: Back to the Future



Christ most certainly IS on trial. His saving act, His being in the world, His radical teachings all demand a reaction. Every human heart must wrestle with questions like: Who is this Christ? Is He who He claims to be? If so, what does He mean for me and my living? Christ demands a reply. Daily, Christ is on trial; as He is again this Lent, Holy Week and Easter. Christ On Trial is a series of worship services in which court is in session to determine who Christ is. See what these eye witnesses have to share about their encounters with Jesus.

### **Christ on Trial**

- 2/21 Matthew
- 2/28 A Woman Healed
- 3/7 Nicodemus
- 3/14 An Adulterous Woman
- 3/21 John
- 3/29 *Maundy Thursday*: Simon Peter
- 3/30 *Good Friday*: Closing Arguments



# IN FEBRUARY!

## GENERATION

Who are they?

How can we engage them in  
Church, School, Family, etc?



Join us at Redeemer by the Sea

**Sunday, February 11 at 9:45am**

**Fellowship Hall**

- You will learn what Generation Z students (born 1995-2010) are thinking about church and their overall worldview.
- There will be practical tips on working Generation Z to prepare them for their vocation in life.
- You will also be able to share best practices on what has worked with these students along with learning how to impact Generation Z in their family, work, school, etc.

**REGISTER ONLINE AT [REDEEMERBYTHESEA.ORG](http://REDEEMERBYTHESEA.ORG)**

*Presenter: Gilbert Fugitt, Ed.D. worked for many years as a Director of Christian Education at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia, California. In this context, he developed servant leaders within the church and the youth ministry. At Concordia University, Gilbert serves as the Associate Vice President and Dean of Students. He works with Student Leadership and Development and is passionate about creating wise, honorable, and cultivated students. Also, he deals with at-risk students and helping them find the resources they need to be successful. He received a Bachelor's in Theology from Concordia University in Seward, Nebraska and also attained his DCE Certification. He obtained a Master's in Psychology and a Doctorate in Organizational Leadership from*

*Pepperdine University. Gilbert, his wife Christina, and 3 children are members at Redeemer by the Sea.*



## WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

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