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FEASTING AND FASTING

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" – Matthew 4:4

"Feasting and Fasting" ... sounds like some of my diet plans! ☺ ... however, it's not a diet plan. It's an approach to your spiritual journey I'd like to suggest you consider for this season of Lent. "Feasting" on God's Word, and "Fasting" for spiritual growth and closeness to the Lord. In this article, I will give you some tools and ideas for each.

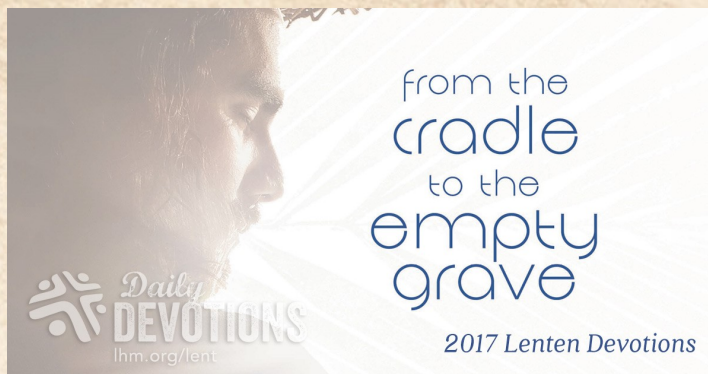
Feasting

The season of Lent is one of thoughtful reflection. During this time of the church calendar, Christians ponder the unfolding events that led to Jesus' condemnation and crucifixion: His triumphal march into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday; His firm words of warning about the events to come; His sham trial, brutal scourging, and horrific crucifixion. No day could be any darker; no travesty more calamitous than the slaying of God's own Beloved Son. And yet, that's what we find on Golgotha: our sins demanding His death on a cross to satisfy the Father's righteous judgment.

Taken from the cross, the lifeless form of Christ was placed in another man's tomb. With that action the world thought the ordeal complete, the savagery it had

witnessed something it could now put behind it. But God's work wasn't quite done. Three days later, out of a sealed tomb—guarded to prevent theft—Jesus rose from the dead. And with that thunderous crescendo, mankind's disgrace and ruin, which had destined it for eternal slaughter, is forgiven through the blood of Christ.

Lent is when we turn our eyes to the cross. It is there where Jesus, the sinless Son of God, suffered the indignity and shame of dying for our sins. And it is there where God's wrath was satisfied by His Beloved Son's supreme sacrifice, winning salvation for all who call Him their Savior. I'd like to suggest that you **Feast on God's Word** each day as you let the Scriptures walk you with Jesus as He goes to the cross. Lutheran Hour Ministries makes a great daily devotional available for free. It's called "from the cradle to the empty grave." You can read it online, get it in your email, listen to it as a podcast, or get it on your phone in the free phone app. Just visit www.LHM.org/lent/.



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FEASTING AND FASTING, *CONT.*

Fasting

Fasting is a spiritual discipline that has been practiced for centuries. In the Bible we learn that it was practiced by prophets, kings and apostles. Many significant Biblical characters were blessed by God through fasting – Moses, David, Elijah, Nehemiah, Ester, Daniel and Paul, for example. Even our Lord Jesus used fasting as a way to draw closer to the Father while He was being tempted by the devil in the desert (see Matthew 4).

What is fasting? But first, what is it not? Fasting is not a diet program. If you need to lose weight, a fast is not the way to do it. Fasting is not for personal glory; it's something that's between you and God. In fact, Jesus spoke out against those who drew attention to themselves when they were fasting. So what is fasting? A simple definition of fasting is abstaining from something for spiritual purposes. Usually it's food that we forgo when fasting, but really anything that we give our attention to is something that could be removed in order to create more room for God in your life. When you fast, your desire is to draw closer to God and to ask God to reveal himself to you. Sometimes our lives get so full of the blessings of God, that we crowd out the One that is doing the blessing – God Himself. Sometimes we have so much going on that if God wanted to speak to us there is so much noise and so much activity in our life that we couldn't hear Him if He said something to us. Remember, God often speaks in a whisper (1 Kings 19:12). The purpose of fasting is to increase your awareness of and dependence upon God.

So, how might you fast this Lent? One way is to simply give up something that you frequently crave, but is non-essential. Chocolate is a popular choice since, contrary to popular belief, you don't need chocolate to live! Every time you forgo the pleasure of chocolate, it reminds you of Christ's sacrifice for you and allows you to depend on God to get you through that craving. All our cravings are something that only God can satisfy anyway. You might give up something that is sapping your available time – television, video games or surfing the internet. Consider spending the time that you free up, not with some other distracting activity, but with family, or doing devotions, or enjoying God's creation while meditating on His greatness!

There are many ways you can fast. This year, I am going to encourage you to join me in doing a simple

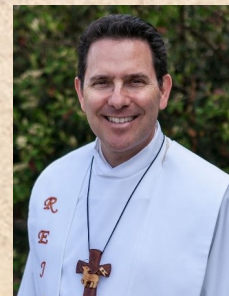
“juice fast.” It's a light fast and an easy way to start if you've never fasted before, yet it has the spiritual benefits of drawing closer to the Lord through abstaining from something. How you do a juice fast is to simply skip a meal or two and replace that meal with some liquid or juice. This will help you to keep your energy up (diabetics and others, please consult your physician if you have any concerns about this diet change) but it still represents a sacrifice. I suggest doing this fast each week during Lent. For example: have a good meal for dinner on Tuesday, then have juices for breakfast and lunch on Wednesday, breaking your fast with dinner (perhaps soup supper at church?) on Wednesday. That's a 24-hour juice fast!

Considering the challenging Spiritual work that our congregation is doing in preparing to reach many in our community with the Gospel, shouldn't we draw close to the Lord through fasting and prayer? And won't we each individually benefit from the time spent seeking the Lord? Let's do what we hear spoken of in Scripture, but seldom do – fast and pray.

Feasting and Fasting ... May they strengthen your faith and draw you nearer to Jesus as He draws nearer to the cross.

To God alone be the glory,

Pastor Augie



YOU'RE INVITED!

Spring Concert Series

SUNDAYS @ 3PM

FREE—Donations accepted at the door.

March 5

Sorelle Women's Chorus

May 7

Mission Vista High School Steel Drum Band

July 9

Paul Orsi
Jazz/Ragtime Pianist



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.

HIKING SAN DIEGO SATURDAY HIKES BACK IN ACTION!

Dust off your hiking boots and grab some trail mix and a friend. We meet at 9:30 AM for a scriptural inspiration, a prayer and directions. Our hikes include Torrey Pines, Potato Chip Rock, Our schedule is as follows, Cedar Creek Falls and more

- March 18- Torrey Pines Guy Flemming & Beach Trail
- April 1- TBD
- April 15- Potato Chip Rock/Mt. Mitchell
- April 29- TBD
- May 6- Cedar Creek Falls/Devils Punchbowl

- Jeff Haase

MEN'S NIGHT AT PIZZA PORT

Every Monday night at 5 – 7 PM it's Men's Night at Pizza Port at Bressi Ranch. Stop in for a slice as we encourage each other in our life's calling and in our faith walk with Jesus. Our style is drop in whenever, and bring the kids if needed. We will be hanging out upstairs with a seat saved for you.

- Chris Riendeau & Joel Rabe

GRIEF SUPPORT

The March meeting for Grief Support is on March 16, at 1:30 P.M. at Norma Russell's home, 5406 Don Luis Drive, Carlsbad. There will be a special prayer time, Chapter 7 of our "Grieving With Hope" (Finding comfort as you journey through loss) and some special social time.

- Norma Russell

BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS GROUP

We celebrated birthdays for Rachelle Iadicicco, Buck Lehmann and Evonne Salyer on Thursday, February 2, at Dini's Bistro in Carlsbad. It was fun to eat, socialize and watch the surf roll onto the shore.

We contributed one hundred thirty-six (136) dollars to Saint Jude's Children's Hospital.

Our next celebration will be THURSDAY, March 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Saunders Social House at Shadowridge Country Club, 1980 Gateway in Vista (right all of Shadowridge) and we will celebrate the March birthdays of George Ann Barnes, Dave Berrier, Louise Dockerty, Di Haarmeyer and Gayle Timken. Lunches range from fifteen to twenty (\$15 -20) dollars.

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant contribution which will go to Pacific Lutheran High School in Gardena, California. The school has grades 7-12 so is actually a junior high school and high school combined. The student body is one hundred and one and the school is struggling to continue to offer a Christian education.

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

BRIDGE GROUP

The RBTS Bridge Group met at the home of Faye Bacon on Friday, February 24th, and we were sorry that neither Alice Lehman nor Evelyn Meyer could join us but two Angels substituted and it was wonderful to have them. Even when playing bridge Angels play an important role!

It was nice to have Bobbie Ankenbrandt from Mission Viejo with us and we miss her smiles and kindred spirit on a regular basis.

Arlyn Schmad scored high followed closely by Carolyn Schmaltz with second high score. Guest, Beverly Gift, Carlsbad By The Sea resident, completed the necessary count for the two tables of bridge.

On March 24th, we will meet at the home of Alice Lehman at 12:30 and play following dessert and coffee. This Small Group meets on the 4th Friday of each month with the exception of November when we meet the 3rd Friday and December when we do not play.

If you would like to play bridge and are interested in regular and/or substituting please call me: 760-707-6677 or email me: baconfaye3@gmail.com. I look forward to hearing from you.

God Is Good! He blesses us with friends, His gifts to us!

- Faye Bacon

SALT AND LIGHT

Where are we at as a country? Are we turning back to God and witnessing the devil at work trying to stop that. Or are we seeing a country becoming hard hearted and the people are just pushing back. Over time we will see the true picture emerge, but for now the question is what can we do today. Your Salt & Light Group has at least part of the answer - We should take steps to educate ourselves about the important issues of the day that have Biblical relevance. We know God's Word doesn't change and that we should look at all issues with that as our filter.

Across the country there is a growing awareness that Christians need to be engaged when it comes to choosing or evaluating our leaders. Your Salt & Light group is committed to helping raise the awareness on the important issues, like abortion, and the position our Representatives take. The focus is always on the Biblical principal at the core of the issue and we strive to avoid the political aspects. Our mission is to increase awareness of our responsibilities as a Christian Citizen; to provide information necessary to understand the significant issues; and to stress the importance of carrying out our civic duty to vote.

So what lies ahead? There are hopeful signs we can point to, besides the recent election, where Christian beliefs can make a difference.

In the past, it was mostly religious leaders who insisted upon a strong moral formation early in life. However the scientific establishment is now weighing in. A major study by the National Academy of Sciences finds that beginning in the prenatal period and extending throughout the early childhood years the environment / experiences influence the foundation of the child (*the Bible has always been this country's foundation.*)

A study by the American Culture & Faith Institute was very revealing. In that study of spiritually active Christians they found only 10% felt their Church had been involved in the election process. Only 22% had information provided by their Church. However 58% said they **want** their Church to be more involved.

Even the Millennials are asking for help (*my conclusion*): In a recent article that Pastor posted - *"59 Percent of Millennials Raised in a Church Have Dropped Out—And They're Trying to Tell Us Why"* Item 9 reads - *We Want You to Talk to Us About Controversial Issues (Because No One Is) ...We don't*

like how the world is telling us to live, but we never hear from our church either.

As we strive to inform our congregation about Christian responsibilities in the civil arena, we encourage you to look for material from Salt & Light and if you have any interest, join in one of our meetings.

Exodus 18:21 (NIV) *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.*

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-Dan Bitner

GREETINGS FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

THE CHANCEL CHOIR continues to rehearse on Wednesday evenings at 7:30pm after the Lenten Services. We are currently rehearsing music for Palm Sunday and Easter. You are welcome to join us so you can sing with our combined choirs on these special Sundays in April. Why not come and sing with us for the Easter Season, through June. Our Chancel Choir will take the month of July off. We need more voices in our choir, and would love to have you join us.

THE CHILDREN'S CHOIR rehearses on Sunday mornings during second service as part of the Sunday School. This choir is planning to sing on Palm Sunday, April 9. Please have your child attend Sunday School for the next few weeks as we prepare for our Palm Sunday performance.



- Gary Wilson

FELLOWSHIP

Currently we are planning our Lenten Soup Suppers. We are looking for people to volunteer their talents in making soups, deserts and assisting during the dinner. Please remember to sign up for a supper; they start March 8th and run every Wednesday night through April 5th, set up is at 4:30 PM and Dinner starts at 5:30 PM.

- Suzan Colgan

MARCH BIRTHDAYS

Sandra Burger	Mar 1
Shawn Burkholder	Mar 1
Nikki Meyer	Mar 4
Marcus Shaw	Mar 4
Jeff Haase	Mar 6
Di Haarmeyer	Mar 12
Rachel Fulton	Mar 13
Dallas Shaw	Mar 14
Kathy Sobek	Mar 15
Greg Swienton	Mar 15
Gayle Timken	Mar 15
George Ann Barnes	Mar 16
Matt Johnson	Mar 17
Louise Dockerty	Mar 18
Tammy Redl	Mar 19
Dave Berrier	Mar 20
Bonnie Elliott	Mar 20
Matt Batherson	Mar 20
Cynthia Boone	Mar 24
Joyce Faulstick	Mar 26
Cindy Um	Mar 26
Laura Hanson-McFeaters	Mar 26
Heather Ambrose	Mar 29
James Prior	Mar 30
Doug Sandow	Mar 30

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Dave & Stella Berrier	Mar 1
Darrell & Nancy Golnick	Mar 3
Ken & Kay Boland	Mar 12
Doug & Pam Sandow	Mar 13
Bryan & Sara Oliver	Mar 27
Kevin & Shelley Lynaugh	Mar 30

LWML

Come learn all about Mission Aviation Fellowship at our March 21st 6pm meeting.

Please come and here all about MAF good works. RBTS member Elizabeth Taylor and Kathy Johnson will present information and a video. We will have a light dinner, short meeting in the fellowship hall. Contact Barbara Gehring for childcare or transportation.

- Barbara Gehring



www.maf.org

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

ELDERS

Elders expressed appreciation for Dan Bittner's leadership in helping Redeemer establish an emergency plan. Redeemer would have emergency team managers, an AED on each floor, a transfer wheelchair available on main floor, and have two separate training programs. The Elders also performed Pastor's annual evaluation and review regarding the 2016 ministry year. Pastor scored in the ninety-percentile (Excellent) on the fifteen leadership areas that were evaluated. He also shared his goals for 2017. The Elders thanked Pastor Augie for his ongoing enthusiasm and work ethic. Redeemer's annual planning focus continues with the selection of the Mission Advancement Team selection within the next month.

- Otis Haarmeyer

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Today's 4th, 5th & 6th graders have knowledge at their fingertips, but wisdom is how to use that knowledge. Wisdom is living life God's way. It's not just knowing the right thing to do, but actually doing the right thing, through strength given to us in Christ. As we explore wisdom, and in contrast, foolishness, we will learn what it means to seek Christ and in so doing seek wisdom from God and how students can honor Him in their choices!

For the past few years, RBTS has taken a group of 4th, 5th & 6th graders to The Summit. Last year was a record year for us – 16 children attended! This year's amazing program will be held on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine. The Summit will be filled with active learning with dynamic speakers, fun, meaningful games and activities, as well as service opportunities for each student. Additionally, there will be a service project that all participants will be able to help with.

The children are busy putting on the "Armor of God" by learning the Books of the Bible, reciting Bible verses, bringing their Bibles and offerings to Jesus each Sunday, to name a few. They are also practicing new songs to perform for the congregation during the Easter Season and 5th Sundays.

Once again, I am reaching out to our members 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

Until next time, keep serving the Lord.

God bless.

- Rhonda Sutherlin
Sunday School Director

BE A MAKER-IFIC STATION LEADER AT MAKER FUN FACTORY VBS!

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 26- 30. Maker Fun Factory will help kids see Jesus and to look for God's creativity in the world around them. We are praying for 150 children from our community and church to encounter Jesus every day. Your help is essential.

- Fun Factory Registrar- registers 150 kids and assigns crews.
- Sound Wave Sing & Play Leader- opens each VBS day for all crews.
- Imagination Station Leader-leads crews in science experiments and crafts
- KidVid Cinema Leader-presents video and leads crews in discussion
- Snack Factory Leader- prepares and delivers snacks to each crew.
- Song Factory Leader- leads crews in singing VBS songs after Snack Factory.
- Game Makers Leader-leads crews in fun through active games.
- Bible Discovery Leader-teaches Bible Point and story to crews.
- Spotlight Photographer- takes pictures of crews and places them in a presentation.
- Tinker Tots Preschool Director- help station leaders develop preschool rotation.
- Funshop Finale Leader- closes our day with review and singing!



Contact Jill Rutan at rutanclan@hotmail.com or Jeff Moeller at jeff@redeemerbythesea.org to volunteer or for more information.

ALTAR FLOWERS

DON'T MISS YOUR CHANCE!!! Have you checked the calendar? There are still opportunities to sign up to sponsor the altar flowers for a Sunday. This is your chance to do it in memory of a loved one, to celebrate a special event i.e. a birthday, anniversary, a holiday. The calendar is at the bottom of the steps by the fellowship hall. Each bouquet is \$17.50 so you can sign up for one or both for \$35.00. After the service they may be taken home, or if left, they will be used for those who are sick or homebound. Also, Easter is around the corner so watch the weekly bulletin for the opportunity to purchase Easter lilies. Thank you for your support!

- Dianne Haarmeyer, Team Leader

PRESCHOOL AND KINDERGARTEN

Get ready...Get set...

It's our **Second Annual**

JOG-A-THON



Redeemer
BY THE SEA

Lutheran Kindergarten & Preschool

March 30th & 31st

- Online Donating Available
- Sponsorship Opportunities
- Corporate Matching Available
- Check out our website for full details at www.redeemerkp.com & click on the Jog-a-Thon link, or contact Rhonda Sutherlin
- Thank you in advance for supporting our kids!

You can be a sponsor!

Our sponsorship opportunities are:

Diamond Donor - \$500

1-6 below, as well as:

7) ad space in COLOR student take home program

Platinum Donor - \$250

1-4 below, as well as:

5) link to website on Redeemerkp.org website

6) logo in COLOR student take-home program

Gold Donor - \$100

1) verbal mention to parents and staff on race day

2) logo on posters in parent viewing area on race day

3) mention in COLOR student take-home program

4) mention on Redeemerkp.org website

PRESCHOOL JOG-A-THON HOSPITALITY CREW

Our preschool and kindergarten will be holding their annual fundraiser on Thursday and Friday March 30 & 31. Your help is needed to share a smile, greeting, refreshments and a cup of coffee with parents and relatives who have come to cheer on their preschooler. We have 4 shifts in which volunteers are needed. Thursday- 9:15- 11 AM; 1:15-2:15 PM. Friday- 9:15- 11 AM; 12:45 - 2:45 PM. Sign up online or indicate on your Connection Card.

- Jeff Moeller

MOPS

We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday's of the month at 9:15 AM in the fellowship hall. Our next meeting is on March 17th.

We will be focusing on Becoming...Universe Minded. We will be hearing from Deborah Haarsma, Ph.D. We will learn more about the harmony between science and biblical faith. She encourages us to reach out and embrace the wonder of our universe..



- Suzan Colgan

FAMILY MINISTRY CORNER

HURT vs. HARM

We all have a discomfort for pain. I had sprained my ankle playing basketball. It was rather painful to walk on it. My body was communicating through the pain that I need to stay off the foot and allow my body time to heal. The hurt of my ankle prevented me from further harm to this joint and encouraged me to rest and allow for healing. After caring for my ankle and staying off it for a while, the ankle healed. The end result was I could resume playing basketball and engage life in a more normal manner.

I think all parents know that growth involves pain. They also know that not all pain produces growth. The challenge for parents is be able to distinguish between the two. Hurt is pain and discomfort. Harm is physical, mental injury. The parent that understands every cry or complaint of their child as significant or needing urgent attention will never develop boundaries or character in their child. Allowing children to suffer pain and not harm enables them to be self-sufficient.

Dr. Henry Cloud and Dr. John Townsend in their book, **Boundaries with Kids**, offers the following are guidelines to help parents evaluate their child's pain.

1. Don't let your child's pain control your actions.
2. Keep your pain separate from your child's.
3. Help your child see that life is not about avoiding pain, but making pain an ally.
4. Confirm pain of maturing and not from a physical injury or need.

God does not rescue us from learning discipline or perseverance. When children experience discomfort and pain from the demands of life, they learn empathy, problem-solving, personal management and develop character. The Lord bless your discernment between hurt and harm.

- Jeff Moeller, DCE
Family Ministry Director

For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.

Hebrews 12:11

STUDENT MINISTRIES

JR HIGH CLIMBING WALLS!

10 students and their friends in our Jr. High group did some climbing at the Wall Climbing Gym last month. After learning and demonstrating how to fall properly these young people climbed the walls and ceilings of the gym. They encouraged one another as they faced challenges. They were living 1 Thessalonians 5:11- Therefore encourage one another and build one another up! It's good to be around friends that encourage instead of criticizing. We can overcome fears and perceived limitations with just a little encouragement. Young people are good at that when given an opportunity!



DAY RETREAT TO PALOMAR MOUNTAIN

Hey Jr. High and High School youth join the day adventure to Palomar Christian Conference Center on Saturday, March 11. We leave at 7 AM for an adventure that includes zip lining, horseback riding, high rope challenges and team building. Cost is \$35 which includes a fabulous lunch and a marvellous dinner. We will be back by 8:30 PM. Deadline to register is Monday, March 6 at noon.



HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH BOWLING

Add some excitement to a Saturday afternoon and join our High School youth for some bowling. We are connecting on Saturday, March 25 at 3 to 6 PM at Eagle Lanes in San Marcos. Cost is \$15 for at least 3 games, shoes and bowling alley nutrition. Your friends are always welcome.

THE HUDDLE IS LOOKING FOR SERVANT LEADERS

We are a group of High School youth that are working to develop student ministry service projects and experiences. Doug Cyphers coaches us in developing leadership skills we will use throughout our lives. Join us each Sunday morning in the Lounge at 9:45-10:25.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS CONNECT AT PROJECT EPHESUS

Tuesday nights at 7 -8 PM make for a great break or escape from homework. This group of high school students connect at Starbucks on W. Loker for a time to decompress, laugh, pray and open up God's Word. Take a test drive, Jeff will buy you a coffee or hot chocolate!

-Jeff Moeller

7 HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE STEWARDS

Habit 7: Give Treasure

When we submit our hearts to Jesus Christ, we are to heed the instruction of Prov. 3:9, Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. We are to give God the first part of all we earn, not the leftovers. This area of generosity is a test of our loyalty to Christ. Do we really love God more than money? When we give, we are demonstrating the depth of our understanding of the grace of God. Everything we have is a gift from God. If we are grateful Christians, we will be giving Christians. You can give without being thankful, but you cannot be thankful without giving. The polling data has been clear. Gallup and Barna have tracked giving as it relates to income. The more money Christians make, the less likely they are to tithe: 8% of those making less than \$20,000 a year tithe, while 4% of those making \$40,000-\$59,999 tithe, and only 1% of those making \$75,000-\$99,999 tithe (Barna Research Group, Ventura, CA 1999). We have the ability as our income goes up to be financially involved in greater ministries. God is not against prosperity, but He is for the advancement of His Kingdom. Are we consciously and prayerfully making wise spending decisions so our income will positively affect the Lord's work? Our relationship with God is influenced in great part by our attitudes and by our actions. Our giving is an outward expression of a deep spiritual commitment and is an indication of a willing and grateful heart..

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NAVAJO NATION MISSION TRIP!

High School and Jr. High youth are invited to serve and experience the wonderful Navajo culture and community, July 9-14. 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 and serving a beautiful culture and people. Each day we will work at a VBS, Kids Club, nursing home, city park and at various homes. We will be painting, 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. A \$50 deposit is due Sunday, March 12.

- Jeff Moeller

B.C. MISSION BOAT— 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

NEW MEMBER WELCOME—SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2017

KRIS AND ANN SCHULZ

Kris and Ann grew up in Indiana and met at Indiana University.

Ann received her degrees in music and education and worked at ABC-TV Chicago and Leo Burnett Advertising before marrying Kris. After they were married and moving to California and founded the Coast Kids Theatre and the Star Theatre Co. She loves Jesus, Kris and family.

Kris's first career was working in the advertising industry in Chicago. They then had an opportunity to start their own business in North County San Diego. They have been truly blessed.

They recently moved to Carlsbad.



BEST PRACTICES FOR MINISTRY—FEBRUARY 23-25, 2017

The Best Practices for Ministry Conference in Phoenix just finished its 6th year. In that time it has grown to over 2,000 attendees from around the country. It is hosted by an LCMS congregation for LCMS ministry leaders. The event boasts more than 300 breakout sessions and several keynote addresses. The most amazing thing about this event, however, is that it's entirely free - including conference registration, materials, shuttle and seven full meals - complete with live bands for entertainment! We saw a polka band, mariachi band and a great jazz trio. It was wonderful!

The keynote addresses included a pre-conference workshop on communication, a session on interpersonal relationships of vulnerability, a session on how Christ dwells among us and therefore others see Christ in us, and perhaps my favorite the topic of "Loved and Sent." The idea is that witnessing about our faith is easier if we remember these two things - we are loved by God and we are sent to reach and serve others. This answers two of life's biggest questions: "who am I?" and "why am I here?" For the Christian, these are settled questions.

I attended a number of breakout sessions, on starting new outreach ministries, preaching, discipleship and missional living. Perhaps my favorite was getting to talk to the author of the book, "Joining Jesus on His Mission" which a number of our leaders went through together last year. The idea is that Christ continues His work of seeking and saving the lost through you and me. Let's Join Him on that mission - right in our own community!

- Pastor Augie Iadicicco

I had the privilege of attending the Best Practices Conference the other week. It was a great experience. I learned a lot about Biblical Fellowship and Event Planning. It was great and gave me a lot to think about. I hope from the conference I will be able to implement some of the lessons to ensure our events create real connections for people and lead them to true biblical fellowship.

- Suzan Colgan

This year's Best Practices Conference had over 300 breakout sessions as well as Keynote sessions with prominent speakers — something for everyone! I was also able to take part in the special lunch that they had that was focused on Pastor's wives.

I attended a variety of sessions from Social Media and Marketing, Planning Online Communications, Community in Women's Bible studies, Stage design and Sermon Series Theming on a Budget, Wellness, and one entitled "S'Mores" (it was not about food!).

All of the sessions are recorded and posted online. If you are interested in finding out more about any of them—then let me know and when I am notified that they are available, I will send you the information!

- Rachelle Iadicicco



Best Practices held in Phoenix each February continues to be one of the most exceptional conferences. The breakout options a participant has to choose from are incredible. There is something for everyone, whether lay person just taking on a new role or a veteran pastor, there is so much opportunity to grow in knowledge, skill, or attitude.

The highlight for me was seeing a mentor of mine from Concordia University Seward.

Professor Marvin Bergman, who now is retired in his late 70's early 80's, is researching and promoting faith transformation ecosystems. This is a new concept and paradigm for the church that offers a perspective that recognizes all the different platforms in one's life that deliver God's Word and the Sacraments. Dr. Bergman's work seeks to discover the knowledge, attitudes and skills necessary for church leaders to adopt an ecosystem approach to faith transformation.

I am grateful for the opportunity to attend the conference. I would encourage all our church leaders to consider attending next year.

- Jeff Moeller

VOLUNTEER APPRECIATION

February 12th

During both our services we thanked all the wonderful volunteers on our 2016 Council. Then after both services we had some extra treats to say **Thank you** to everyone who makes Redeemer by the Sea the wonderful place that it is!



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Your elders are a resource to you for your spiritual and ministry needs. Feel free to contact them with any needs or concerns – or just to say hello!

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CURRENT SERMON SERIES' FOR LENT

WEDNESDAYS AT 6:30 PM/5:30 SOUP



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.

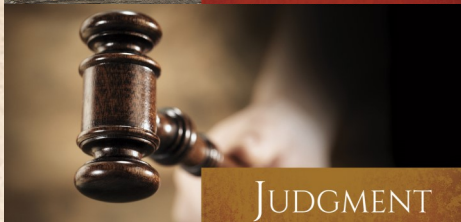
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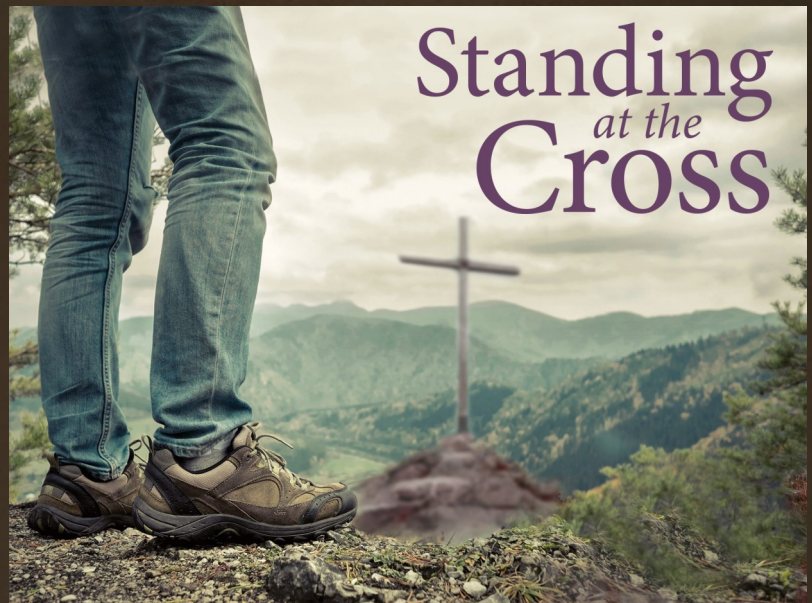


April 6



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