

# CURRENT SERMON SERIES



**We live in a world that is full of myths!**

The most dangerous lies are the ones we believe because we don't even know they're not true!  
Sadly, our culture has bought into many lies from Satan that are downright destructive...

*The grass is greener on the other side. I'm not my brother's keeper. What's right for you is not necessarily right for me: you have your truth and I have mine. My scale is broken.*

**In this series, we deconstruct some of Satan's most popular lies so that God's Word may not only reconstruct the truth, but bring hope to many lives.**

April 30  
You Only Live Once  
May 14  
All Roads Lead to Rome  
May 21  
All You Need is Love  
June 4  
We Are Living in a  
Material World  
June 11  
It Won't Hurt a Bit  
June 18  
I'm Kind of a Big Deal

## WHO ARE YOUR ELDERS?

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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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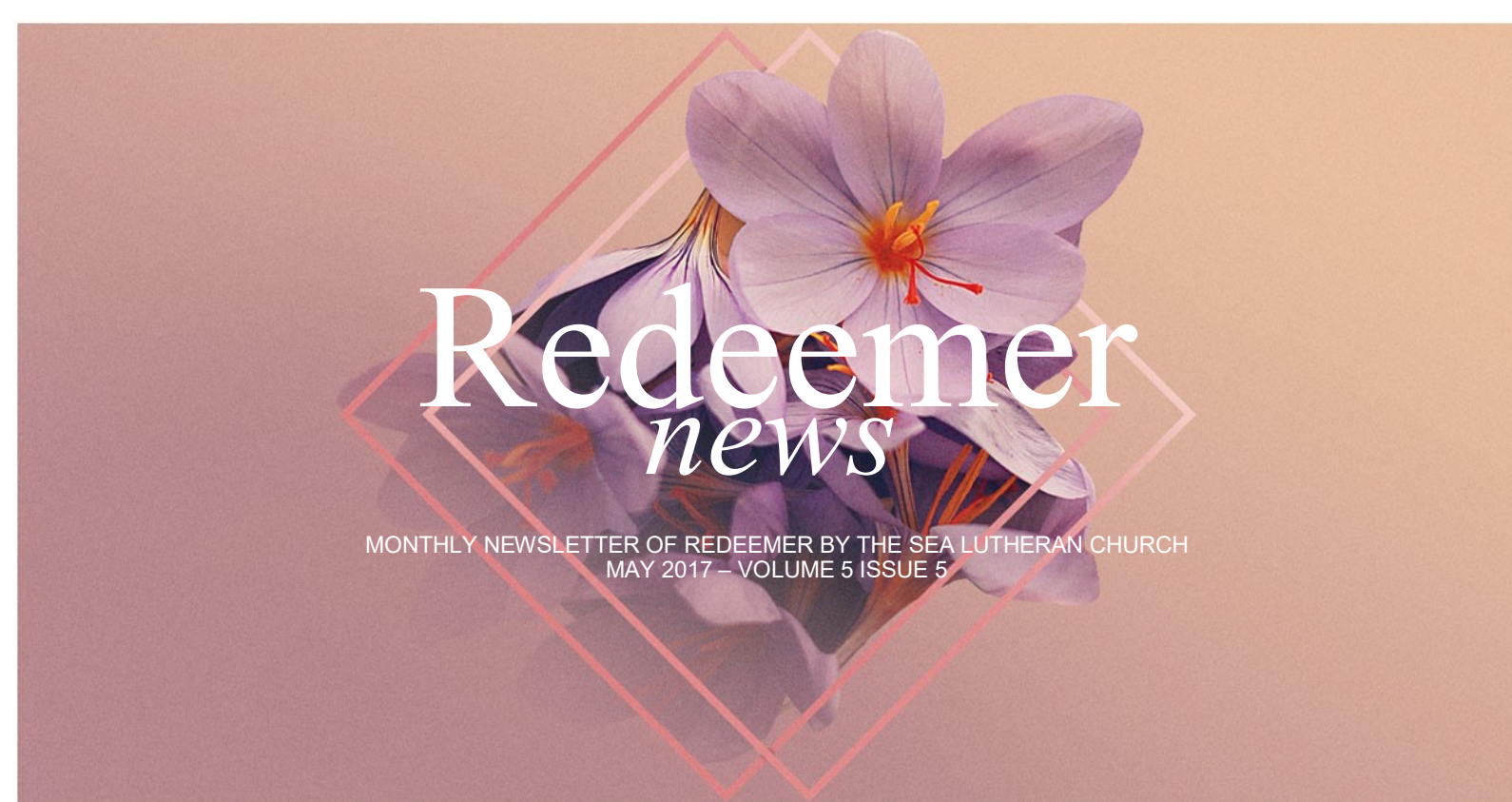
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## LOVED AND SENT!

*"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." – 1 John 4:10*

At this year's Best Practices for Ministry conference in Phoenix, one of the keynote speakers was pastor Jeff Cloeter from Christ Memorial Lutheran Church in St. Louis, MO. His session was titled "Loved and Sent." These two words really struck a chord with me and I think they represent much of what "Joining Jesus in our Community" means to us.

As Christians we are first loved by God. This is what draws us to Him, and what gives us our foundation. In essence, being loved by God answers the question – that all of humanity has always asked – "who am I?" It is a question of **identity**. All too often, we let the world define who we are. We let popular media, or the opinions of others set the stage, and establish the playing field. We buy in and we begin to ask the questions the world asks ... Are we pretty enough? Strong enough? Smart enough? Successful

enough? And whether we find the answers we like to those questions, we still feel uncertain about who we are, so we continue to search for our identity in terms of our jobs. Have you ever done this – you meet someone new and so you ask them, "what do you do?" ... as if our jobs are our identity. But we are human "beings" not human "doings." Our identity is established by whom we belong TO – we are a loved child of the Most High God! Once we understand this, we gain great strength, confidence, and hope.

With the question of identity firmly settled, and in relationship with Jesus, we move on to the question of **purpose**. For insight into that, we look to Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith (Hebrews 12:2). When we do, we discover His purpose and why He came into

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## A MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH!



Celebrate Mom on Sunday, May 14 and world famous pancakes, a side of bacon and fruit. Between services from 9:30-10:30am. Sponsored by the youth.

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## LOVED AND SENT, *CONT.*

the world – to seek and save the lost. (Luke 19:10). What we further learn, is that He is still seeking and saving the lost through us. How is that? He was sent by the Father, and now He sends us to continue His mission. The Father's Love compelled Him to sacrifice His one and only Son. The Son's love compelled Him to take on flesh and die a brutal death. And our love for God compels us to go and make disciples. Love cannot sit still.

And so we as **loved** people are **sent** to our community for important work. We continue the work of our Lord in our homes, offices, neighborhoods, classrooms, stores, restaurants, bars, clubs, auto shops, hair salons, gyms and generally wherever we are. We do this to bring Christ's love to a lost and hurting world. This answers the other great question of humanity – “why am I here?” If you want purpose in life, there can be no greater purpose than to continue on the mission and ministry of Jesus Christ!

We are more loved than we ever imagined, and sent with more purpose than we ever thought possible!

Loved and Sent,  
- Pastor Augie

## MOPS

We have had a fun year at MOPS getting to know other moms and supporting each other. Our last few

meetings for the year are coming up. Even though these are the last few meeting, please feel free to join us at any time. Our schedule is: May 19<sup>th</sup>, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, and June 16<sup>th</sup>, all meetings start at 9:15 AM in the fellowship hall.

- Suzan Colgan



## LWML

A “Chat with Miss Dee” our new Preschool director. RBTS Kindergarten classes will serenade us at 10:30am.

Tuesday, May 9th at 9:30am

If you need childcare or transportation, email or call Barbara Gehring

*Coffee and snacks provided*

Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendar for the June 12th Spring Dinner at 5:30pm at the El Camino County Club.

- Barbara Gehring



## LUCK VS. LONG TERM STRATEGY

On Wednesday May 10<sup>th</sup> at 10am and Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at 1pm or 6pm we will be hosting an Economic Update presented by Thrivent Financial.

Topics discussed include:

- Should I react to economic headlines?
- Could my investments be doing better?
- Is it time to change my financial strategy?

Jonathan Doering will be the guest speaker. Free childcare is available upon request. Register online at RedeemerbytheSea.org.

- Otis Haarmeyer



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- Sara Oliver

## RAISING CHEERFUL GIVERS

### *Part 2—The Value of Work*

This is the second in a series of articles on “Raising Cheerful Givers”. Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money, but also become joyful stewards.

According to a 2003 study, students who worked in high school are much more likely to achieve their financial goals and be knowledgeable about money than those who did not. Working in high school and college, to the extent that it doesn't interfere with schoolwork, seems to pay off later in life. Children can begin to understand the value of reward for work at a very young age. The fact of the matter is that the value of work is much more than just monetary.

Teaching your child the value of work builds character. Children will grow up with more respect for the value of money and what is required to earn it. It also teaches diligence. Diligence is a work ethic that means you do the task set before you to the best of your ability in a timely fashion. Diligence encompasses honesty, purpose, energy, excellence and working heartily. “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” (Colossian 3:23)

When they are too young to “work”, children need a source of money that enables them to learn how to

save, spend and share. One such source is an allowance. Sometimes there is debate among parents of whether an allowance is good. Some may feel that children need to understand that as part of a family, they do chores simply for the benefit of the family community. While contributing help to the family unit is very important and right, parents may miss the opportunity of a valuable teaching tool if there is no allowance.

Have you ever been in the store when your child eyes the toy that represents the latest hot “toy craze” or technological gadget that he really needs and he needs it now? Do you hold your ground and simply respond, “No” as you prepare to once again do battle with the crankiness that follows? Or, do you smile and ask your child, “How soon will you have enough money to buy it?”

Whether the money is given or earned, the money is theirs. If they choose to blow the money on the ugliest (in your eyes) and most expensive shoes in the store, let them do it. When they are short on cash, they will realize the benefit of a wiser decision. Keep telling yourself that the reason your children are receiving money is because you want them to learn to manage it. In our next issue, we will further discuss the idea of allowances.

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## REDEEMER SERVES

Perspective...Joy...Experience...Skills...Knowledge...

We bring you together with good places who need you!

- preparing and serving breakfast at the new Interfaith Community Services center in Carlsbad
- cleaning, painting and organizing the resale store for the Community Resource Center
- helping out at Solutions for Change
- cleaning at the Sunrise Senior Living Center and visiting with residents!
- preparing work supply bags for unemployed men—at Redeemer by the Sea
- preparing goodie bags for bed ridden seniors—at Redeemer by the Sea
- Leo Carrillo Ranch trail clean up

Redeemer Serves! will be June 3rd - 8:45 we will gather and get instructions, serve on location from 9:30-11:30 am and then return to the church to debrief and enjoy some pizza from Noon—1pm. T-shirt provided if you need one! Register at RedeemerbytheSea.org today!!

*Don't forget to log your hours on our website—not just on June 3rd but every day in our community!*

- Kerry Vara





# YOUR FAMILY'S FAITH JOURNEY

*“Train yourself to be godly. For...godliness has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come.”*

—1 Timothy 4:7-8, NIV

At-home faith talks are vital for nurturing children spiritually. In *Shift* (Group), Brian Haynes offers these guidelines for family times with Jesus:

Faith talks should occur regularly and be age-appropriate. Each week, set aside time to focus on biblical truth in a relational way.

Faith talks should focus on God's Word. Read the Bible together, celebrate it, and apply it to all aspects of your daily lives.

Faith talks don't have to be difficult or formal. Make them fun! For example, go outside on a hot day and compare standing in the sun and shade. Then read and discuss Psalm 121:5-6.

Faith talks shouldn't depend on children's choices or attitudes. God instructs parents to be intentional about leading their kids spiritually.

## MISSION TRIP

This summer's mission trip (Grade 6 thru Adult) will be July 9-14 in San Diego (note the change in location) where we will have the opportunity to partner with a variety of different social service organizations. These include service partners who serve the marginalized—the elderly, the homeless and the hungry. We will also be able to experience the Latino culture of San Diego through some of these partners as well as our housing site at a bilingual church. This will include a bilingual church service and a cookout with the community around the church. You will go right up to the border of Mexico and will learn about the history of the border from an organization that works with immigrants. Cost is \$50 and due now to hold your spot. This includes transportation, food and lodging! Contact Rachelle at [om@redeemerbythesea.org](mailto:om@redeemerbythesea.org) to register!

**Celebrate New Life** After seeing a baptism, talk to your children about their own baptisms—or their desire to be baptized. Tell them Jesus washes away our sins. As a family, make handmade cards for newly baptized people.

**God's Relevant Word** Show children how the Bible applies to their lives. Talk about biblical heroes and how they both stumble and grow in faith. Tie Bible verses into kids' interests, from music and poetry to travel and adventure.

**Lifelong Learners** Preteens often feel as if they've outgrown Sunday school. Provide age-appropriate Bibles and devotionals for older kids who are forming their identity in Jesus. Help them anticipate the future, and assure them that Jesus is always with them as they grow.

**Family Timelines** Tape a long piece of paper to a wall. Together, create a timeline of your family's journey with Jesus using words, drawings, and Bible verses. Add marriages, birthdays, and milestones such as when a child started preschool or you moved. Include fun memories as well as challenges that affected everyone. Then discuss: “What are our best memories? What difficult events have we faced? How did those make us closer to each other and to Jesus? How have we seen God's faithfulness? What dreams do we have as a family?”

**Special Sheep** Draw a sheep shape on paper. Set out cotton balls and glue sticks. Have family members take turns holding up cotton balls and saying why each person is special. Then dip the cotton in glue and stick it on the sheep. Continue until you have a fluffy reminder that you are all God's special sheep. Read Luke 15:3-7 and say Jesus is a good Shepherd who loves us, his sheep.

**God's Path** On a map of your hometown or neighborhood, mark important spots such as your home, school, church, friends' houses, and more. Highlight the roads your family uses most often. Read aloud Psalm 139:1-3. Say: “God always knows where we are, what we're doing, and where we're going. He has big plans for us as we grow and get to know him better. Jesus loves us and will always be with us.” With a red marker, draw a large heart around all the sites you've highlighted. Display the map as a reminder of God's promises.

- Your GROW Team

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

In early April, a group of 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> & 6<sup>th</sup> graders (10 children) and 2 adults attended The Summit at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine. The breakout sessions were all about making the right decisions and turning to God for help. I was very proud of our kids as they joined in and shared their thoughts. Our outreach project this year was making bandages out of bedsheets to ship to Uganda – the kids loved it!

Our Easter Program – “Rise Up with Jesus” – was a huge success! Thanks to a very special group of ladies, we re-



enacted Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Tomb for the children to experience the journey Jesus took on the final days leading up to His crucifixion and resurrection. They then celebrated in the Jesus Café with some special treats and are still talking about!!



As summer approaches, we will adjust our program to include some fun projects as we prepare for Rally Day in August!

In addition, we will be promoting our children in June to align with the public school promotions. The schedule will be sent home with each child in June – keep an eye out for it or see me for details!

If you are interested in being a part of the Sunday School program, please let me know.

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

- Rhonda Sutherlin  
Sunday School Director





# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

June 26-30

9am—12pm

For children entering  
**Age 4 Preschool**  
through **Grade 5** in Fall  
2017

Cost is \$50/1st child  
\$35/2nd sibling and  
\$25/additional sibling

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

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

Registration is online at [RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://RedeemerbytheSea.org).



## VBS GIVING TREE

If you would like to make a do-  
nation of items needed for VBS ,  
we will have a “giving tree”  
available in the lobby in Mid  
May. This will include items such  
as:

- Rice Chex cereal
- Animal crackers
- Goldfish
- Pretzel sticks
- Mini-marshmallows
- Regular marshmallows
- 2 oz plastic condiment cups  
with lids
- Graham crackers
- Semi-sweet chocolate  
chips
- Gummy worms



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## Kindergarten & Preschool News!



### Miss Dee's Corner

May is the month of blossoms and  
our Redeemer Kindergartners have  
done just that! During the  
“Redeemer Reads” program from  
February—April, they read 5,400  
books! WAY TO GO!! We are so  
proud of them.

During the month of May, we will  
honor our teachers and our Mom's  
for all they do. Be sure to tell them  
how much you appreciate them.

Just a reminder to check out the  
website for the Summer Programs  
as registration is now open!

Until next time.....

Miss Dee



## Dates to Remember

- 5/1 Tuition & Enrichment Due
- 5/1-5/5 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 5/11 Mom's & Muffins (AM3's 8:30-9:00, PM3's 3:30-4:00)
- 5/12 Mom's & Muffins (AM4's & Kindergarten 8:30-9:00,  
PM4's & Bonus 3:30-4:00)
- 5/22 Chapel: 9:30 AM4's / 1:30 PM4's & Kindergarten
- 5/23 Chapel : 9:30 AM3's / 1:30 PM3's & Bonus
- 5/24 Butterfly Fields (AM4's 9:30-1:30, PM4's & Bonus  
1:30-3:30)
- 5/29 Memorial Day - SCHOOL CLOSED

## CREW LEADERS NEEDED FOR VBS

Would you like to share the gospel with kids  
this summer? Then be a crew leader at VBS! By  
leading children from station to station you will  
watch them as they experience the  
awesomeness of God's love through the  
morning as they learn Biblical truths.

There are 2 crew leaders assigned to a group  
of 10 children of similar age. If you have 5 days  
or even 1 day—there is a place for you! The  
dates are June 26-30 and the time is from  
approximately 8:30pm —12:30pm.

You are asked to attend one of two training  
sessions:

- Wednesday, June 7th 6:30pm OR
- Saturday, June 10th 9:30am

Contact Kris Urdahl at [jkurdahl@aol.com](mailto:jkurdahl@aol.com) or 562  
-673-7346.

## SUMMER PICNIC PLANNING

Summer Picnic Planning — we will hold our first  
meeting of the planning committee on May 21, 2017  
at 12:00 PM after church in the Lounge.

If you want to be part of the committee feel free to  
join us. Also if  
you just have  
some ideas that  
you would like  
to share, but  
don't want to be  
an actual  
member of the  
committee also  
feel free to  
attend the  
meeting, we



would love your input. If you cannot attend but would  
like to help please email me @ [scolgan24@cox.net](mailto:scolgan24@cox.net).

- Suzan Colgan



- 3 Dynamic Camps/2 week sessions
- 6 Art Camps/1 week sessions
- Lunch Bunch Options
- Extended Day Opportunities
- Early Birds Available

**\*Check out our website for details\***

**REGISTRATION IS AVAILABLE!**



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

Jennifer Jacoby	May 1
Kathy Morris	May 1
Andrea Fulton	May 4
Geoff Boone	May 5
Linda Staehr	May 5
Allison Rutan	May 5
Garrett Boone	May 5
William Fulton	May 5
Adam Whitmarsh	May 7
Joe Flatt	May 7
Luke Whitmarsh	May 7
Tanya Finnerty	May 10
Ani Bunce	May 11
Noreen Wenstone	May 13
Andrea O'Brien	May 14
Suzanne Crockett VanDuker	May 14
Dan Braden	May 15
Gregg Boone	May 15
Kris Schulz	May 17
Kevin Lynaugh	May 18
Audrey Wickstrand	May 18
Vicki Christensen	May 18
Jen Moitoza Johnson	May 19
Eric Prior	May 19
Laurel Michel	May 21
Stella Berrier	May 24
Kim Moeller	May 24
Hilda Kalaidjian	May 26
Carol McGeary	May 26
Terra Teat	May 27
Joel Rabe	May 27
TraceyKiernan	May 28
Cheri Huenergardt	May 31

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

Ken & Kim Rockwell	May 1
Carol & Joe Tarka	May 2
Tony & Norienne Saign	May 6
Greg & Kellie Granito	May 6
Kris & Ann Schulz	May 8
Dale & Mavis Ward	May 10
Shawn & Melanie Burkholder	May 27
Jim & Bonnie Brunner	May 31

## SUNDAY MORNING - ADULT BIBLE CLASS 9:45 – 10:30 AM

The Bible is the most studied and written about book in the history of mankind! The three major religions of the human race [Judaism, Christianity, Islam] mark their beginnings in the pages of this book. Countless sects, cults, and superstitions claim the Bible as the source of at least part of their teachings and beliefs. While the Old Testament was written by the inspired prophets, many other religions and gods were created and worshiped and are still with us today. Some teachers in Christian Churches incorporated some of these beliefs into their teachings. Church councils (Apostles, Nicene, Athanasian) produced creeds to combat these heresies. During the Dark Ages requests for a Church Council were rejected! THE CHURCH IN EUROPE NEEDED A REFORMATION! The Reformation of the Christian Church began 500 years ago in 1517! That Reformation continues to the present time. The writers of the CONCORDIA – The Lutheran Confessions over a 60 year period from 1517 to 1577 provide us with Rock solid Biblical proof for our Christian faith now in 2017 - 500 years later. These wonderful confessions provide us with the means to constantly reform our faith into conformity with what the Word of God reveals to all mankind. The vast array of Religions, sects, and cults not only remain today but have actually proliferated and increased in number. If you can spare the time join us on Sunday. Questions and discussion is encouraged, hand outs are provided. The class is moderated by Reverend Roy Faulstick. You are encouraged to purchase a copy of the CONCORDIA on line [www.cph.org](http://www.cph.org)

For the weeks in June, we will switch topics and be viewing some segments from “The Truth Project” — see page 7 for more information.

- Rev. Roy Faulstick

## MONDAY MEDITATION

Come and pray in the Sanctuary on Monday, May 8th and 15th any time from 9-10am — come for a few minutes or stay for the hour! We will have recorded worship music, and supply materials for individual prayer and devotion, such as prayer coloring, Lectio Divina and Life Journals. Bring your Bible and spend some time meditating on the Word!

- Rachelle Iadicicco

## 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.*

## THE THEATER GROUP

Andrew Lloyd Webber’s musical production of ‘Sunset Boulevard’ @ The Moonlight Amphitheater, Vista, Saturday August 19, 2017 @ 8pm



(Group Rate: \$39 per person, only if 20 or more sign up!)

Story Line: Sunset Boulevard weaves a magnificent tale of faded glory and unfulfilled ambition. Silent movie star, Norma Desmond, longs for a return to the big screen, having been discarded by tinsel town with the advent of “talkies.” Her glamour has faded in all but her mind. When she meets struggling Hollywood screen-writer Joe Gillis in dramatic circumstances, their subsequent passionate and volatile relationship leads to an unforeseen and tragic conclusion. Based on the film noir classic by Billy Wilder that starred Gloria Swanson and William Holden, it received seven Tony Awards, including Best Musical and features some of Andrew Lloyd Webber’s most soaring melodies including, With One Look and As If We Never Said Goodbye.

ADVANCE RESERVATIONS FOR ASSIGNED SEATING – NOW!

Sign-up Sheet in Church Lobby or call Mary Ann Meinardus @ 760-216- 4922; [ma.meinardus@hotmail.com](mailto:ma.meinardus@hotmail.com).

PURCHASE DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2017 between services.

Pay exact cash or check, written to Mary Ann Meinardus. (Tickets 2b purchased following day).

- Mary Ann Meinardus

## LADIES SUMMER BIBLE STUDY



Join us Wednesdays starting June 7th at 9:15am. “All Things New” — a study on 2 Corinthians by Kelly Minter. Learn how your suffering can help you comfort others, gain wisdom for relationships, and strengthen your church and community, leave your old self behind as you celebrate the new life of a believer.

- Evelyn Meyer

## BIRTHDAY GROUP

It was an intimate group that settled into a quiet corner of the Canyons Restaurant (quiet? The Canyons? Well it was on Friday April 7!) to celebrate the birthdays of Tom Burke, Evelyn and Lyle Meyer and Kathy Seemann. Lunch was delicious, the fellowship enjoyable and the cheesecake dessert that we had at our table was superb. The waiter surprised us all by giving us separate checks, contrary to the usual policy of the restaurant. Besides the fellowship, we contributed one hundred ten (\$110) dollars to Dogs for the Deaf.

May and June seem to have a dearth of birthdays for our group and the combined May/June celebration will be on FRIDAY, June 9 at 11:30 a.m. at Dini’s Bistro, 3290 Carlsbad Boulevard, where we will celebrate the May birthdays of Stella Berrier and Audrey Wickstrand along with the June birthdays of Russ Hanthorn and Mickey Scoffin. Lunches range from twelve (\$12-18) to eighteen dollars.

In addition to your lunch we request a one dollar per celebrant contribution that will go to “Solutions for Change”, a Vista operation since 1999 that assists homeless families. You can check their website at [solutionsforchange.com](http://solutionsforchange.com).

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

- Jo Voertman



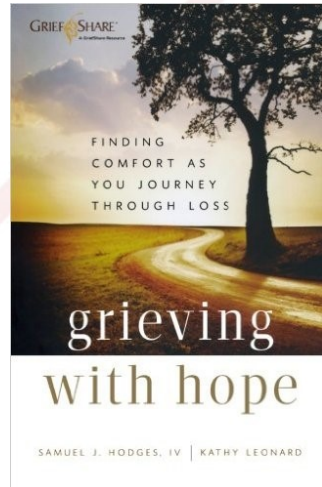
# GROWTH GROUPS

## GRIEF SUPPORT

Our Grief Support group will meet Thursday, May 18th at 1:30 P.M. at my home.

Special prayer time, Chapter 11 and some reaching out to those in grief.

- Norma Russell



## BRIDGE GROUP

April 28, 2017, was a beautiful day when the RBTS Bridge Group met at the home of Lois O'Donnell for dessert and bridge. This was also the day when one table was comprised of members and the second table was a table of Substitute Players. We thank these special guests for joining us.

Arlyn Schmad was high scorer, Ruth Russell was 10 points short of matching high score and Beverly Gift came in with the low score.

The fourth Substitute Guest was Alice Sprung and these gracious guests are welcome back at any time.

We will play again on May 26th at the home of Audrey Wickstrand. If you like to play bridge regularly or as a substitute please

let me know because we are a group of women who enjoy the challenge of a good game, the camaraderie and we like to travel, too, hence the need for substitutes.

We meet in member's homes at 12:30 for dessert and refreshments on the 4th Friday of the month, with the exception of December, and in November we meet on the 3rd Friday. Please call me at 760.707.6677 if you are interested or email: [baconfaye3@gmail.com](mailto:baconfaye3@gmail.com). I look forward to hearing from you.

- Faye Bacon



## FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

*You are invited to participate!*

Greetings from the Choir Loft! We are in our last two months of Chancel Choir rehearsals for the months of May and June. The Chancel Choir takes the month of July off, so this is the time to come and sing with us for the last two months of the season. We will be rehearsing familiar anthems and favorites of our congregation, so it's a great time to come and enjoy singing with our choir for the first service.

Please come this Wednesday evening, or any Wednesday evening in May and June from 7:00pm-8:30pm and try us out. We want to build our choir and we need your voice. Many of our members rehearse on Wednesday evenings, and sing with us on Sunday for the first service. Everyone of us is busy and sometimes skip a rehearsal or a Sunday morning. Our choir sings for the first three Sundays in May and June, and take the fourth Sunday of each month off.

We need you and want you to become apart of this dynamic group of volunteers who give service to the Lord through their voices. We promise you will have fun singing together, and enjoying fellowship with our choir members.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at [858-864-3491](tel:858-864-3491). Blessings to you, and I hope you except my personal invitation.

The RBTS CONCERT COMMITTEE says, "Don't forget to mark your calendars for our last two Outreach Concerts on May 7, and July 9." Mission Vista Steel Drum Band performs Sunday, May 7, from 3:00-4:00pm in our Sanctuary. Bring the entire family, friends, and relatives. This is a free concert, and you all will enjoy this exciting group of over 80 musicians.



Sunday, July 9, PAUL ORSI will be in our Sanctuary from 3:00pm-4:00pm to perform Ragtime and Jazz Piano, and is sure to entertain the entire family. This also is a free concert and open to our members, friends, relatives, and the community. This is one you won't want to miss.

- Gary Wilson, Choir Director

## SALT & LIGHT

Someone asks you if you practice Christian Citizenship - What do you say? Would you answer yes, just because you don't deliberately break the law, or does the title Christian Citizen convey action to you? *(How about this as a minimum: 1. Get informed on the important issues; 2. Know the candidates position on those issues 3. Vote).* The bible tells us we should select capable men from all the people—men who fear God as judges and officials. Our challenge is knowing who to select? At Salt & Light we believe this is at the core of the troubles we are seeing today in America. We have *(selected)* elected people who do not fear God. These ungodly representatives have passed laws and appointed judges who share their strictly secular beliefs. The result is that the Bible, which provides the only complete set of rules for how we should live together in peace, has been removed from the civil arena. What has replaced that 'rule book'? The answer is relativism, or said more clearly – 'whatever feels good'. No thought is given to the consequences of this behavior and as we watch families in America disintegrate, many wonder if it is too late to turn back to God. The good news is we know God will give us another chance, as is written in Revelations 2: 4-6 *"Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place—unless you repent."*

A Focus on the Family - Truth Project lesson titled 'The American Experiment: Stepping Stones' speaks clearly to this subject:

*"America is unique in the history of the world. On these shores a people holding to a biblical worldview have had an opportunity to set up a system of government designed to keep the state within its divinely ordained boundaries. Tour #10 follows the history of this experiment and explores what happens to freedom when God is forgotten."*

Your Salt & Light group has broken this lesson into three parts to fit within the Sunday morning Bible study time and we will be presenting that to you on three Sundays in the near future. Keep an eye on the weekly bulletin.

We are also looking at another aspect of Christian Citizenship and that is how do we get informed on

today's important issues? To help out, we are researching Planned Parenthood (PP) and intend to produce a one page fact sheet that provides clarity on the main question of how abortion fits into the PP enterprise. As a Christian Citizen we should know about things like this, but we are drowning in conflicting information that seems to tell the story with two completely different answers. Is abortion just a small percent of their business? Would women lose access to comprehensive health care if PP closed? These and other points will be clarified and for those who would like to do further research, we will include our source information.

What is the next step for us as Christian Citizens? Although we just completed a very difficult election cycle, the political parties are already beginning their campaign for 2018. Remember the simple formula – get informed; know the candidates; vote. We plan to help with all three steps.

Thanks and if you are ever interested, feel free to join in our twice a month meetings.

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,  
- Dan Bitner

## THE TRUTH PROJECT

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& Light group will host a three week review of 'The American Experiment: Stepping Stones' from the Truth Project that will review the history of this experiment and explore what happens to freedom when God is forgotten. This study will address the design of the state and take a brief look at the questions, "What should God's minister on earth (Romans 13:4) look like? What is a proper form for this agency that is divinely appointed and commissioned to administer justice, punish evil, and encourage goodness among its citizens or subjects?"

- Dan Bitner