

Redeemer news

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REFORMATION 2017—IT'S STILL ABOUT JESUS

“For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest anyone should boast.” – Ephesians 2:8-9, NKJV

I distinctly remember sitting in a Lutheran Church in Arizona – well into my adulthood – when I first really grasped the Grace of our Lord’s Gospel. I remember the pastor preaching and it hit me right between the eyes: I was not saved by any amount of my good works... but wait! I thought that was the point of keeping the Commandments? ... No, while my obedience was good, it would never be good enough to earn me salvation or somehow to make me worthy of the eternal blessings of God. Those would only be received as a free gift – given by the Grace of God because of the completed and perfect work of Jesus Christ on the cross! I would never be able to be so good as to merit this favor, and I would never be able to be so bad as to be unforgiven of all my sins. Wow.

In that moment, I truly felt lighter.

And in that moment, this former Catholic perhaps had more in common with Martin Luther than do many life-long Lutherans. Why is that? Because what I experienced – being freed from condemnation of the Law through the Grace of God in Christ (Romans 8:1) –



is what Martin Luther personally experienced that sparked the Reformation some 500 years ago in Wittenberg Germany! I can relate to being under the same crushing effects of guilt and shame that drove Luther to spend hours in the confessional as he tried to lead a pure monastic lifestyle through which somehow to attain God’s Righteousness. But it was in that struggle, under the fear of condemnation, that Luther stumbled upon the merciful offer of comfort found in Paul’s letter to the Romans. The verse *“For in the gospel the righteousness of God is revealed—a righteousness that is by faith from first to last, just as it is written: ‘The righteous will live by faith.’”* (Romans 1:17) held special meaning for Luther. This verse used to plague him with fear, because he knew he was not righteous before God, due to his many sins. But one day, the light of the Gospel broke through to him and he saw clearly that Scripture points to the source of the righteousness we need. It is in fact God’s righteousness given to us by faith (faith alone!) not our own righteousness that saves us. And for the struggling sinner – me, Luther, you – this is music to our ears!

So with a heart full of renewed hope, Luther set out to release the Gospel from the obscurity it had known under centuries of the Papacy. Such atrocities had developed, that poor sinners were filled with fear believing that they would be condemned for their sin,

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GROWTH GROUPS

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 for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.

TOPICAL GROUPS

SUNDAY AM STUDY

This month the Classes will study some topics that enable us better understand God. The study of God is better known as THEOLOGY. God reveals Himself to us in His Word, the Bible.

He is revealed in the recorded acts that He performed and also in the Attributes that He displays in all His words and acts.

The topics that we will examine are some of the Attributes of God that are displayed to us in the Bible.

On October 1st, our class will open with the God's attribute of JUSTICE. A fairly exhaustive list of God's attributes will also be handed out so that the class can pick out which attribute of God they would like to examine during this month of October. Rev. Roy Faulstick will direct the study and encourage discussion of the Biblical material. The attributes of your God will both humble you and comfort you. Pick up a refreshment and join in and be further refreshed by our Awesome God and Savior, Jesus Christ.

- Pastor Roy Faulstick

SUNDAY NIGHT GROUP

Meets: Sundays, 6:30-8 PM at the Voertman home.
Topic is the book of Daniel.

- Jo Voertman

SALT & LIGHT

How does the Church fit into the civil arena? Where did the notion of a *separation of church and state* come from and what exactly was the intention? Importantly, this phrase is nowhere to be found in the Declaration of Independence, or the Constitution. Rather it comes from a **letter** then President Thomas Jefferson wrote to the Danbury Connecticut Baptists in 1802; they were concerned about the state prosecuting them for not

following a state sponsored religion. He assured them that their free exercise of religion was indeed an inalienable right and would not be meddled with by the government because there was a wall of separation between church and state that would prevent the government from interfering with or hindering religious activities.

Since that time the Supreme Court has vacillated from unanimously ruling that the Bible should be taught in public schools to the current notion that the First Amendment has erected a wall between church and state. Other laws have further restricted churches from advocating for a specific candidate, or spending a significant amount of their resources lobbying for legislation.

So what is our proper role? The Salt & Light group believes the church has the responsibility to interact in the earthly realm, showing godly love by provide unwavering support for Biblical principles. How do we do that? We believe that we are all responsible to understand the important issues of our times, to know where candidates for public office stand on those issues and then to vote as the Bible instructs us:

Exodus 18:21 *"Moreover you shall select from all the people able men, such as fear God, men of truth, hating covetousness; and place such over them to be rulers of thousands, rulers of hundreds, rulers of fifties, and rulers of tens."*

Deuteronomy 1:13 *"Choose wise, understanding, and knowledgeable men from among your tribes, and I will make them heads over you."*

Deuteronomy 17:15 *"you shall surely set a king over you whom the Lord your God chooses; one from among your brethren you shall set as king over you; you may not set a foreigner over you, who is not your brother."*

One example of getting informed is to take advantage of the opportunity we have to talk to our city leaders. The Salt & Light Group is pleased to host a community information visit by the Mayor of Carlsbad for that purpose. Please bring your questions and plan to join us on October the 15th at 3:00 PM to find out what's going on in Carlsbad.

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

GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

MEN'S MORNING STUDY

Meets: Mondays, 7-8:30 am @ Coco's Restaurant in Vista.
Going through the book of Genesis.

- Don Howard

MORE THAN MONEY MATTERS

Get the tools and resources you need to help you make informed choices about how you share, save and spend.

In this values-based workshop series, you'll explore:

- How your values and goals go hand in hand.
- How to manage the pressures to spend so you can save.
- Different ways to plan (budget) how you use your money.

Find out more about Setting Goals, Finding Money to Save, Credit and Debt, and Budgeting and Communicating. 2 sessions: Monday, Oct. 9th and Thursday, Oct. 12th from 6-7:30pm.

- Jess Reimnitz

LIFE JOURNAL & PRAYER

Using the Life Journal readings, this group works its way through the Bible in one year. Meeting in the Lounge at Redeemer on Wednesday mornings at 8 to 9:30 am. This group shares scripture from the weekly readings and prayer with each other.

- Pastor Augie

WEDNESDAY LADIES GROUP

This fall we are studying "Nehemiah" by Kelly Minter. Nehemiah's heart was so broken for those in need that he left the comfort of his Persian palace to help them. This study challenges women to let God break their hearts for a hurting, lost world and move them in compassion to lead people to Jesus. Are you ready to let God break your heart for a hurting, lost world and move you in compassion to be the hands and feet of Jesus? We started on Sept 13th and finish November 11. The books will be \$15.00.

- Evelyn Meyer

THURSDAY STUDY

This group is studying the book of Proverbs and meets Thursdays from 2-3:30pm alternating between the Meinardus' home and the church Fellowship Hall.

- Don Howard

MEN'S MENTORING

This men's study is built around the "12 Characteristics of a Godly Life." They meet Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm at Redeemer by the Sea. It will equip you to live and share your faith. The focus of this class is upon following Jesus Christ – the One who is the perfect model for all of our lives.

- Tony Whitmarsh

GRIEF GROUP

Grief support meets monthly. Our next meeting is on Thursday, October 19th, 1:30 P.M. at Norma Russell's home. Anyone who is grieving the loss of a loved one is encouraged to join with us. We have a special prayer time, discuss a chapter in our Book "Grieving With Hope" and then a time of sharing and caring. Contact Norma at 760-931-1947 for more information.

- Norma Russell

THURSDAY AT RHONDA'S

This group meets twice a month on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays from 6:30-8PM at Rhonda Sutherland's home. This group's study will be following the sermon series, Ctl-Alt-Del.

- Rhonda Sutherland

BIBLE ART JOURNALING

Will meet on Oct. 7th at 10:00am @ RBTS in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your Bible or journal and explore new devotional practices using creative techniques with simple supplies such as colored pencils, markers, stencils, stamps, and tapes. If you are new to Bible Art Journaling, come see what it's about and use a sample set of materials.

- Sarah Sherwood

FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

BOWLING

Teams gather to join other teams for the GR8R times league at AMF Eagle Lanes in San Marcos on Monday evenings 6-8:30pm. The next league starts on October 30th.

- Dorothy Doughty

GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

EAT, MAKE, & PRAY

Join us on the 1st Tuesday of the month at 4PM @ Panera on Palomar Airport Road (Lowe's area). Bring a portable handwork (knit, crochet, etc). We start with a devotion, share in prayer, and then fellowship as we enjoy our craft.

- Ellen Bitner

THEATER

Last 2017 Theatrical Event:
'Heaven Can Wait'- A
Fantasy-Comedy, directed by
Tracy Williams.

The play's plot is full of twists
and turns. Professional
boxer, Joe Pendleton, is
taken from his body by an
ever-eager angel, sixty years
before his death date.

Unable to return to his own body,
he is given the
body of Jonathan Farnsworth, a
recently murdered
millionaire tycoon, until a more
suitable one can
be found. There are lots of
laughs, sighs, and an
ending full of heart and even a
touch of sadness.

Where: Mira Costa College Theatre
(Barnard Drive, Oceanside, CA 92056)

When: SUNDAY, November 12, 2017 @ 2 PM

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

Early Registration Begins: SUNDAY, October 1,
2017. Registration sheets are found in church
lobby. Call MaryAnn Meinardus 760-216-4922 or
email ma.meinardus@hotmail.com if interested.

Purchase (\$) Deadline: SUNDAY, October 8, 2017.

Pay before or by deadline via cash or check,
written to Mary Ann Meinardus in person or mail
check to 2061 Escenico Terrace, Carlsbad, CA
92009 before deadline. (Do NOT put in Sunday
Collection Basket). I'll be placing the order and
purchasing the tickets on Monday, October 9 @
1pm.

- Mary Ann Meinardus



BIRTHDAY GROUP

Our next lunch will be on FRIDAY, October 13 at 11:30 A.M. at the Green Dragon Tavern and Museum, 6115 Paseo del Norte in Carlsbad (across from Tip Top Market). We will celebrate the September birthdays of Suzanne Hanthorn, Bettye and Don Howard along with the October birthdays of Jo Brandt, Erika Burke, Ann Doering and Paul Lahr.

Lunches at the Green Dragon run from thirteen to twenty (\$13-20) dollars. In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant donation which will go to help the victims of tropical storm Harvey.

Everyone is welcome to join but you do need a reservation with the Birthday Coordinator, Jo Voertman, jvbythesea@cox.net, 760-721-6674.

- Jo Voertman

BRIDGE GROUP

This was a first! On September 22, 2017, the Redeemer ladies met for lunch at the home of Audrey Wickstrand and a One Table for Bridge followed. Apparently, this is also the season for traveling.

High scorer for the afternoon was Audrey Wickstrand and Marie Voien followed closely behind, at second place.

The Two Table Bridge Group meets in members homes on the 4th Friday of the month at 12:30 and we welcome anyone who is interested in the game to join us.

George Ann Barnes will host the next "Play Day", on the 4th Friday of the month, October 27th, at 12:30 and we look forward to stories from those who have been on the 'travelin' circuit'!

Please contact me if you are interested in the game of bridge, the fellowship of friends and a social afternoon par excellence. Phone: 760-707-6677 or e-mail: baconfaye3@gmail.com.

- Faye Bacon

HIKING GROUP

You are invited to join us on Oct 14th at 9am for a Hike at Calavera Hills. We will start with a short devotion and then take in the beautiful surroundings of God's creation! Contact Brian at 757-576-1747 so we don't leave without you! A map with directions for where to meet will be emailed to you.

- Brian Ecarius

GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

SEWING TOGETHER

This fellowship group gathers to encourage each other while getting those projects done! Bring your sewing machine and join us. It doesn't matter what kind of project - quilts, pillowcases, bags, dolls, walker bags, etc. We meet on the 2nd Saturday of the month from 9 to noon. Hot iron, cutting mats and cutting tools are provided. And by the way, there is usually a light snack as well. We meet at Kay's home. Call or e-mail for more information. Kay: Kay@redeemerbythesea.org or 817-929-2034.

- Kay Boland

HOLY HACKERS

HOLY HACKERS - The golf lovers meet the 3rd Saturday of each month for an afternoon of golf. The format is a scramble format so all levels of expertise are welcome.....beginner to expert. It's all about meeting and establishing new friends. Afterwards many enjoy a meal together where spouses/significant other non-golfers may join the group. For more detailed information of time and location email di.haarmeyer@icloud.com to be added to the email list. Come join us, we have a lot of fun!

- Di Haarmeyer

SERVICE GROUPS

BELL CHOIR

We have room for you in Redeemer by the Sea's beginning adult bell choir. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 6 to 7 in room 3. This group of ringers could use your help! We are currently ringing only 12 bells but we have 12 more. Imagine that glorious sound if all the bells could ring! In August we rang "I Am Trusting Thee Lord Jesus" and next month we will be ringing "Here I Am to Worship! We usually ring once a month, alternating between traditional and contemporary worship services. This is a beginning group so reading music is a plus, but experience is not required. Come on out and give it a try! Call Kay Boland 817-929-2034 for more information.

- Kay Boland

CHOIR

September was a busy month for our Chancel Choir. We sang exciting anthems for Sunday services for the first Service. Cindy Um sang the last Sunday in September, sharing one of my favorite songs, "People Need the Lord." Thank you Cindy for sharing your talents and beautiful voice with us.

The Chancel Choir is busy learning new songs and working on our annual Christmas Cantata, "Night of Miracles," by John Peterson. Our Christmas Cantata will be presented on Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00pm, for our Candle lighting Service. The Choir, Praise Band singers, and community members will join us for this exciting rendition of the Christmas story. Why not come and sing with us for this special occasion?

If you would like to join the choir, our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings in the sanctuary at 6:30pm. We have a short devotion at 6:15, then rehearse from 6:30-7:15pm.

We then rehearse the Christmas Cantata from 7:15-8:00pm. You are welcome to come join in the choir rehearsal or the Cantata rehearsal.

On October 29, members of our choirs are singing in a special Reformation Service at Community Lutheran Church in Escondido, at 4:00pm. We will join our voices

with other Lutheran Church choirs to sing for this 500 year anniversary of The Reformation. We all will join in singing "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God," by Martin Luther.

Our choir will also sing this exciting anthem for our Sunday morning service on October 29, at 8:30am. We are rehearsing this special anthem for the next four weeks on Wednesday evenings as part of our regularly scheduled rehearsal. We would love for you to join us.

If you have additional questions, call Gary Wilson at 858 864-3491, or email him at gary@RedeemerbytheSea.org.

The Sunday School children will begin practicing in mid October for our annual Christmas Pageant. Bring your children to Sunday School so they too can sing praises to the Lord through song.

In His Service,

.- Gary Wilson

GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

MISSIONAL COMMUNITY

Do you want to make a difference by bringing the love of Christ to your neighborhood and our community? Join us once a month on Thursday evenings from 6:30-8pm we will gather to share our experiences from community service and Christian witness. We'll enjoy each other's company, encourage each other, open God's Word and pray for what God is doing.

- Pastor Augie

PRAISE TEAM

Thursdays at 7:30 pm in the sanctuary at Redeemer by the Sea, we gather to practice for the musical leadership for the 10:45am worship service.

- Joe Flatt

HIGH SCHOOL HUDDLE

We are very excited to continue our study in Courage with the High School students. We are looking into current, real-world issues that face young people today and are looking at how we can continue to walk with Christ amidst all of the temptations in this world. Contact Melanie 760.828.8420

- Melanie Burkholder

MONDAY MEDITATION

Come and pray in the Sanctuary on Mondays any time from 9-10am – come for a few minutes or stay for the hour! We will have recorded worship music, so bring your Bible and spend some time meditating on the Word

- Rachele Iadicicco

MOMS IN PRAYER

Join us on the 1st Thursday of the month at the Starbucks inside Vons at La Costa Town Center. We meet at 8:30am to pray for our kids and schools.

- Elizabeth Denton

MOPS

We had our first meeting on September 15th, we had 7 women in the group. We had fun making necklaces,



learning and discussing our lives and walk with Jesus. We meet every 1st and 3rd Friday of the month from 9:15 AM to 11:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall. Child care is provided for moms that need to bring their children with them, just call Suzan at (760) 672-2249 or email MOPS@redeemerbythesea.org to learn more .

Register for Fall Growth
Groups at
RedeemerbytheSea.org

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

Jerry Meyer	Oct 2
Erika Burke	Oct 3
Barry Machado	Oct 4
Arlyn Schmad	Oct 5
Charles Um	Oct 8
Sylvia Sanchez	Oct 8
Ann Doering	Oct 9
Gilbert Fugitt	Oct 11
Lisa Richey	Oct 12
Joanne Brandt	Oct 18
Susan Almond	Oct 19
Marie Russell	Oct 19
Paul Lahr	Oct 20
Lauren Riendeau	Oct 20
Paige Schaefer	Oct 25
Karen Whitmarsh	Oct 25
Ruth Strigle	Oct 26

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Declan & Clare Donovan	Oct 1
Kim & Joel Glassman	Oct 9
Mickey & Carol Scoffin	Oct 15
Michael & Tammy Redl	Oct 15
Ken & Jo Voertman	Oct 17
Dave & Ellen Sheive	Oct 24
Eric & Tracy Prior	Oct 26

PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS: LIVING AND LEARNING

"I pray that...you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding. For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives." —Philippians 1:9-10

As children grow and learn, they must solve problems along the way. Here's how that happens—and how you can help as a parent.

Birth to Age 2 Young children are sensory-oriented and learn by imitating. Offer choices and model different basic problem-solving techniques.

Ages 3 to 5 Preschoolers are multisensory, solving as they touch and do. Allow time and space for problem-solving. Praise children's efforts.

Ages 6 to 8 Kids this age begin to learn in specific ways (visual, auditory, tactile, etc.), which also affects how they tackle problems.

Ages 9 to 12 Preteens observe how peers solve problems. They want to be independent but may lack confidence. Tell kids you trust their abilities. Let them know failure is okay. Also be available to discuss problems.

Mobile Learners Researchers agree that some of the most productive mental processing occurs when children are active and involved. So get up and discuss Jesus and faith while doing other activities as a family.

The "I Can't" Jar When children say they can't do something, write down the problem and pray about it together. When the obstacle has been overcome, put the slip of paper in a jar as a reminder of what Jesus helps us accomplish.

Apply Always While reading the Bible together, ask questions with specific applications; for example, "How can we serve our neighbors today?" and "What's one thing you can do this week to show love?"

Calm & Collected Model for children how to react to bad or scary news. Don't use worst-case scenarios or exaggerate risks to make a point. Instead, provide accurate, age-appropriate information. Brainstorm solutions together to empower kids and to give them a sense of control.

Wise Guys (and Gals) Ask family members what they'd wish for if they were granted one wish. Then read aloud 1 Kings 3:5-9. Make booklets out of folded paper, stapling the folded edge. Fill them with wise sayings (or drawings) you can teach one another—anything from "Treat others the way you want to be treated" to "Don't shake a bottle of soda before opening it." Browse through Proverbs for ideas. Add pages and ideas throughout the school year.

Twenty Questions Encourage interruptions and pause often while sharing biblical concepts with your kids. Let them share their thoughts and ask questions. You'll discover whether they have adequate "mental hooks" (see page one) on which to hang new information.

Be Strengthened Read aloud Isaiah 40:31. Say: "If we trust in God, he will give us new strength." As a reminder to trust God when problems arise, take turns trying a cool trick. Stand in a doorway and press the backs of your hands against the door frame as hard as you can. Count to 25, then step away, relax your arms, and see what happens. Say: "You found new strength! When you stopped pressing so hard, your arms wanted to fly up. God renews our strength when we're tired and when life gets tough. Always trust God!"

ASK JESUS:

1. To help your children trust God, not themselves, for answers.
2. To help you be a faithful example of how to learn, evaluate, and problem-solve.
3. To guide your kids to make wise, God-honoring decisions.

- Your GROW Team

DATE NIGHT FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13TH, 5-9PM

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

After you have dropped off your children we'd like to invite you to join us in the sanctuary for a short video on the relationship between the church/Christianity and society.

Min. Age - 1 year. Cost: \$10 for one child, \$20 for 2 children, \$30 for 3 or more children

For more information, or to reserve a place, please contact Clare Donovan: [760-496-8088](tel:760-496-8088) Email: clareanddeclan@yahoo.co.uk

- Clare Donovan

NEW WORSHIP TIME

8:30 am Traditional
Worship

9:45 am Education Hour
(1st grade-Adult)

10:45 am Contemporary
Worship

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



OCTOBER 10TH AT 9:30AM

Please join us on Tuesday Oct 10th at 9:30am in Fellowship Hall. We will have fellowship with a light brunch, a short meeting. Our guest speaker is a local author, Laura McNeal, who wrote The Practice



House. She will discuss the creation of a young women's home that was built in 1933 next to Fallbrook High to teach the arts.

- Barbara Gehring



PRESCHOOL NEWS

The 2017-18 School Year is officially off and running! We have several fun events & activities planned for the year, so stay tuned for more details. With that being said, we are looking forward to the 2nd Annual all school field trip to the Pumpkin Patch this month. In addition, we can't wait to see how creative you all are for "Costumes on Parade Day"!

We are adding a "Monthly Events" tab to our website this month to keep you up-to-date on school events!

Until next time...

- Miss Dee

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Summer is officially over, children are back in school, and the new Sunday School year has begun!

We are continuing the "Hands On Bible" Curriculum during the 10:45 Sunday School and just started the "Hands On Kids Church" Curriculum on September 24th for the 9:45 Sunday School. The children will be learning the same lesson each week, no matter which time they attend, it is just presented in a different manner. They can even attend both if they like!

Christmas is right around the corner and we have an exciting program planned for December 16th, so stay tuned for more details. I am putting together a team to help with the planning from beginning to end, so if you are interested, please contact me as soon as possible.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord...

- Rhonda Sutherlin
Sunday School Director

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Fall is in the air and the pumpkins are getting ready for All Hallow's Eve. It is also time to begin the nominating process for the Church Council for the 2018-19 term.

We are excited to announce the appointment of Melanie Burkholder to the Council, as she steps in to fill the Vice-President slot left vacant by Greg Swinton's departure.

We currently recognize pending nominations and seek new candidates for the following positions:

Vice-President—Pending Nomination: Melanie Burkholder

Stewardship

Financial Secretary

Education

Recording Secretary—Pending Nomination: MaryAnn Meinardus

Please prayerfully consider serving on the Council for the 2018-19 term. You may contact Kris Urdahl, Melanie Burkholder or Pastor Augie with questions and willingness to serve.

In His service,

- Kris Urdahl

REFORMATION

The Reformation was not about anything new, but about returning to the unchanged and unchanging truth. So it is still today. The celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation is not a time for novelty. It is a time to return: to the truth, to the basics, to the foundation.

Do you remember the Small Catechism? Many of us were made to memorize the catechism (or at least part of it) during our Confirmation classes. Some of us might have even suffered through a public examination over its contents.

How much do you remember? Say it with me: "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in Jesus Christ, my Lord, or come to Him..." Can you finish? Do you remember where that is found? (It's in Luther's explanation of the Third Article of the Apostles' Creed.)

It's time to return. Luther wrote the Small Catechism for the instruction of laypeople. Luther intended the Small Catechism to be used at church and in the home to instruct children in the faith and to reinforce the faith in the hearts and minds of adults.

There is no better time than in this year of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation to review the catechism.



**THE TRUTH
HASN'T CHANGED
GOD STILL LOVES YOU!**

500 years ... Still proclaiming salvation.



REFORMATION
2017 It's *Still* All About
Jesus

Sins forgiven.
Life given.
By Jesus.
Through the cross.

lutheranreformation.org

Read it for yourself. Refresh the theology in your mind. Pray the catechism daily. Memorize it.

But even more, teach it. If you are a parent, teach it to your children. As you have opportunity, share it with your friends and peers.

The catechism teaches the fundamentals of the Christian faith: the Ten Commandments, the Lord's Prayer, the Apostles' Creed, the Sacrament of Baptism, the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys and Confession. This small book is well worth your time and study.

May this celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation be a time when we return to the Word and Sacraments, when we turn to Christ and His love. It's *still* all about Jesus.

REFORMATION FESTIVAL

OCTOBER 29TH ...NEED A RIDE?

The Festival is at Community Lutheran in Escondido. It starts at 4pm and involves a combined choir. Fellowship dinner will follow the service. Elders are asking that anyone that does not want to drive there, or can't drive, contact the church office. The elders are getting members that will do carpooling from the Church or if the members are conveniently located. Church departure time will be provided later.

- Otis Haarmeyer

MAYORAL VISIT-OCTOBER 15TH, 3PM

The pursuit of care and compassion for those in our community is something that comes to mind when we look at the Church. The question is how do we arm ourselves to help in that quest? A good start is to know what is happening in our community and what our elected leaders are doing to address the important issues of the day.

We welcome the opportunity to talk to our elected leaders when they reach out to us and the Salt & Light Group* at Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church is pleased to host a community information visit by the Mayor of Carlsbad for that purpose. As citizens of this wonderful North County City, we want to know what our leaders are doing and what events are on the horizon.

Please plan to join us to hear about current issues and also a chance for you to respectfully ask those questions you have about our City governance.

FELLOWSHIP

What a Great Picnic!! Thank you to all the people who helped it was amazing. I hope everyone had fun and you were able to fellowship with other members. I hope you had a great time and great food.



Now even though the picnic is over there is no time for rest, we need to start planning the Christmas Progressive Dinner. Tentative Date for the dinner is December 2, 2017, stay tuned for more information. If you like to be involved in planning events and would like to help with the dinner please email Fellowship@redeemerbythesea.org or call Suzan at (760) 672-2249



NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2017

DAVE AND ELLEN SHEIVE

The Sheive's are from Rochester NY, Warris Plains NJ, San Diego and now Carlsbad, CA.

They have been in CA full time since 1975. They travelled full-time from 1998 to 2012 and spent some winter months in Carlsbad. They have lived in Carlsbad since 2014.

Dave is in computer software systems for colleges and universities. He is a "jack of all sports but master of none."

Ellen is a housewife and mother, office manager and holistic health practitioner. Her hobbies include hiking, kayaking, reading, crossword puzzles and picture puzzles.

They have 3 children and 5 grandchildren.



STEWARDSHIP

We are nearing the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of the Reformation, All Saints' Eve, 1517, when Martin Luther posted the Ninety-Five Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. So, let's hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. They are these:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel" (1 Corinthians 9:14).

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows" (Galatians 6:6–7).

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages'" (1 Timothy 5:17–18).

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

When Paul says "all good things," this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. . . . The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: "God is not mocked." . . . All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one's hearers.

Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers.

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Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: "Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages"; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): "Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel." It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages . . . it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office. (LW 27:125–126).

In other words, pastors are not to suffer from low wages just because they are servants of Christ and the Word. They are to share in the livelihoods of all to whom they preach the gospel and instruct in the faith, so that the Word can be proclaimed and the faith carried from one generation to the next.

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with no hope other than to pay for “indulgences” with money, or suffer punishment in purgatory – a spiritual sort of waiting room before entrance into heaven. Unfortunately, man loves the darkness, and the Good News of freedom in Christ that Luther shared was not well received by his contemporaries. The rest is “history” as they say. There are a number of good documentaries and even a new movie coming to a theater in our area (see www.luthermovie.link/SanMarcos) that teach about the Lutheran Reformation that began five centuries ago in late October 1517.

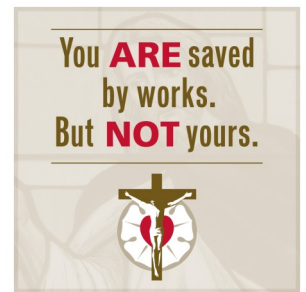
Our church body, the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod, even a website (<https://lutheranreformation.org>) dedicated to providing all sorts of resources regarding the Reformation. I particularly like the phrase they use for this quincentennial celebration: **“Reformation 2017 – It’s Still All about Jesus.”** Yes, it has been 500 years since the Reformation; and while many things in our culture have changed in that timespan, one thing has not changed, and that is what the Reformation was about: Jesus. It was about freeing lost, condemned, guilty and burdened souls with the life-giving and freeing Gospel of Jesus Christ then ... and it still is now! So as we celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation at Redeemer by the Sea, we do so not only looking backward – but looking outward toward the lost and hurting people who need Jesus and His Grace as much today as they did 500 years ago!

You hear me talk a lot about “mission” ... that we are a people who are “Joining Jesus on His mission” to seek and save the lost. It truly is mission-critical work that we are always about – sharing the message of the Gospel with those who need to hear it. Luther did it in his day, in his way, and we do it today, in our way. The people that we encounter today may not be worried about whether they will spend years in purgatory... but they are worried and weighed down with a great many things. And they need to hear about Jesus. As Luther said, “God doesn’t need your good works. Your neighbor does.” Please put the freedom and joy that you experience as a saved soul, certain and firm in your salvation, into action loving and serving your neighbor as the hands and feet of Christ.

Even Paul’s great words of comfort in the much-loved -by-Lutherans verses of Ephesians 2:8-9, are followed by this very important verse: *“For we are God’s handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do”* (Ephesians 2:10). Fear of God’s judgment doesn’t spur us into mission. No, our freedom in the Gospel does! I believe the best way that we can celebrate the Reformation is to carry on Luther’s work of sharing the Truth of God’s Word with lost and hurting people, relieving their consciences and freeing their souls.

It’s Still All About Jesus,

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