

# Redeemer news

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER BY THE SEA – JUNE 2016 – VOLUME 4 ISSUE 6

## A Sent People

We have just finished a message series on The Beatitudes called **“Bless This Home.”** The Beatitudes are the first twelve verses of Matthew chapter 5 in which Jesus begins The Sermon on the Mount. Immediately after concluding The Beatitudes, Jesus says (*emphasis mine*):

<sup>13</sup> *“You are the salt of the earth. But if the salt loses its saltiness, how can it be made salty again? It is no longer good for anything, except to be thrown out and trampled underfoot.*

<sup>14</sup> *“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden.*

<sup>15</sup> *Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to*

*everyone in the house.* <sup>16</sup> *In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.” – Matthew 5: 13-15*

What do salt and light have in common? Answer: They just *are*. Salt is salt. It is not complicated. It is what it is, and it does what it does. Light is **Light. It shines. That’s just what it does.** What this means is that Jesus **simply calls us to be what we are ... what He has made us ... salt and light.**

And what does that look like? Salt seasons things. It makes food taste better. It preserves and adds flavor. It can even heal. What about light? Light brightens dark places and

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## FATHER’S DAY

Celebrate Father’s Day with a chocolate milkshake or a strawberry smoothie courtesy of our youth on Sunday, June 19 and enjoy our world famous pancakes, a side of bacon and fruit. Service begins between services and continues after the late service. A free will donation will benefit the youth attending the National Youth Gathering. - Jeff Moeller

## Upcoming Events

- Jun 5 Essentials 201
- Jun 12 Voter’s Meeting
- Jun 13 Ladies Night Out
- Jun 13 VBS Training
- Jun 18 VBS Training
- Jun 19 Father’s Day Smoothies & Shakes
- Jun 22 Preschool Graduations
- Jun 26 Spirit Awareness Workshop
- Jun 27-Jul 1 Vacation Bible School

# Redeemer Serves Day in May



30+ people contributed over 75 hours of community service Saturday, May 14. Projects included landscaping and prep work around a teen center in the Barrio, **cleaning up South Carlsbad Beach**, painting a women's shelter and sorting donated food items. Servants met at

9 am for some coffee and donuts and devotion and there were dispatched to their sites. Servants of all ages were the hands and feet of Jesus in our community. Afterwards they returned for a luncheon and debriefing. Serve Days are great fun and a special way we can join Jesus in our community.

# Chick-fil-A Military Appreciation



May 25th was Military Appreciation Day at Chick-fil-A –thank you to all who helped make this a great day!

## Annual Church Picnic

The Annual Church Picnic will be held  
**Sunday August 28th at Aviara  
Community Park from 12-3PM.**



# Family Ministry Corner

Parenting serves much more than the present. Kids grow and mature, and all the interventions, disciplines, love, affection and affirmations we give as parents, prepare our children for their future. Much of this parenting comes naturally. I was recently confronted with this question, what do you do that is intentional in **preparing your child for their future?** It's natural to parent the present without thinking of the future. We parents typically deal with the current challenges and hold our breath concerning the future. If we would

## Camp Out

*Idyllwild Camp Out was CLASSIC!*

Doug Cyphers and Dom Ford took our HS youth group camping up in Idyllwild in May. Highlighting the weekend



was the climb up to Suicide Rock, over 7000 feet. Each evening our cooked our own meals, had a Bible study and prayer partner time around a campfire. *Camp Out in Idyllwild was classic.*

- Mitch Batherson.

## Chocolate Shake & Smoothie Sunday is Here!

Our last fundraiser for the National Youth Gathering is making smoothies and chocolate shakes to celebrate Fathers Day, Sunday, June 19.

reflect, we each might see the boundaries, rituals, and relationship we have fostered over the years with our children. We might see that parents really fulfill 3 main roles:

- Guardian
- Manager
- Source

As a guardian, parents are legally responsible for a child and in that capacity protects, provides and preserves their child. In the role of guardian, parents keep their child safe, growing and healthy. By setting limits to freedom, parents provide a safe environment for their child to grow into adulthood.

**A manager makes sure things get done. Children aren't born** with self-discipline, therefore they need other-discipline to enable the growth tasks and experiences. Parents provide the encouragement, the control of resources, consequences of discipline.

Children come into the world without resources. They are totally dependent on their parents for their material and immaterial needs. Food, shelter, love, faith and hope are all basic needs to life. All of these are out of the reach. Parents are blessed to be the source of all good things for their children.

Future articles will expand on these roles and how we as parents can intentionally prepare our kids for their future. **The future is now. A child's character is their destiny.**

In Christ,  
Jeff Moeller, DCE  
Family Ministry Director

Ephesians 6:4

*Fathers do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.*

## God's Richest Blessings to Our Graduates!

Join us Sunday, June 12 as we bless the lives and celebrate the accomplishments of Lord's blessings.

- Mitch Batherson
- Tori Hemphill
- Rachel Moeller
- Amelia Rutan



# Downton Abbey Tea

I have fond memories of mother/daughter fashion shows and good old fashioned Lutheran church potlucks from my childhood. When my daughter was young, I had the opportunity to participate in what became a cherished family tradition of attending the Ladies' Christmas Tea and Mother's Day Tea at my Aunt's church. This was a three generation event that captured the heart of my young daughter. Fast forward to current times – I was hopeful when I attended the LWML Downton Abbey Ladies' Tea at our church. I wasn't sure if it would be the type of event that my daughter would be up for since she is 13 and....well, she's 13 so I attended alone. Tough age.

I was charmed and delighted by the entire event! I wasn't 15 minutes into it before I completely regretted not having my daughter with me. What a fantastic effort these ladies made! From the moment I arrived I was immediately transported back to a more genteel time starting with the whimsical greeting by the head butler at the door of the church! He greeted me

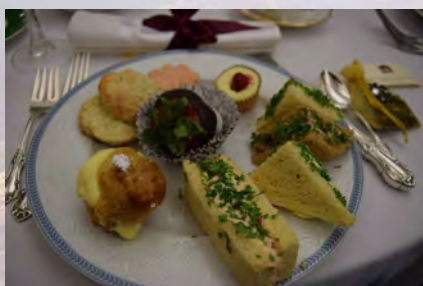
and provided the appropriate instructions all with a delightful English accent and white gloves!

Beautiful decorations and ambiance greeted me in the luncheon room. All the attendees were festively dressed and the menu was amazing and delicious. We



were served by handsome, gracious male attendants who all stayed in character and really were charming. I will definitely be participating with this incredible event in the future and can't wait to continue the tradition with my daughter! Everyone involved with putting this event on did a top notch job. I encourage every lady in the church to attend next year and bring your daughters and granddaughters. These are the types of events that will be carried in the heart for years and years to come.

-Kim Glassman



## LWML Spring Dinner

LADIES OF REDEEMER AND FRIENDS

It is time for you to have a **"LADIES, NITE OUT"**. Join us, Monday June 13th 5:30 PM at El Camino Country Club

For a delicious buffet dinner (\$25/person).

Joe Flatt and musicians will entertain us during dinner, plus a mini-concert during dessert and coffee. Surprise raffle gifts, too!!!

Sign up in the lobby.

Check the poster for additional details & payment info. Driving directs to ECC on the table.

**"Enjoy the Power of Music & a Gathering of Friends"**

- BJ Campbell-Lahr, [bjclahr@cox.net](mailto:bjclahr@cox.net)

# Salt & Light

CAN YOUR VOTE REALLY MAKE A DIFFERENCE?

Of course it can! The great American author Mark Twain wrote in *Collier's Magazine* (Sept. 2, 1905) *It will be conceded that a Christian's first duty is to God. It then follows, as a matter of course, that it is his duty to carry his Christian code of morals to the polls and vote them... If Christians of America could be persuaded to vote God and a clean ticket, it would bring about a moral revolution that would be incalculably beneficent. It would save the country.*

The same is true today. There are somewhere between 60-90 million voting age Christians in the United States. Over the past 25 years, presidential elections have been decided by less than 10 million votes. Yet, generally about 50% of those Christian voters actually vote. In past articles we have documented that when Christian voters are motivated to increase their voting participation, Godly men and women are elected and biblical values are supported. When Christian voters decrease, the results are that biblical values are all but forgotten. Therefore, Christians need to ALWAYS VOTE even when you are troubled that neither candidate is your first choice. When a Christian votes, he or she is **either voting for God or against Him. Shouldn't God's** Truth rate higher than foreign, domestic, economic, or party loyalty considerations?

The importance of this citizen participation was understood by our Founding Fathers and we need to understand the need today is just as great. The Salt & Light group is committed to helping members at Redeemer understand the impact Christians can have by staying engaged in our civil governance. To do that, we operate along these guidelines [PETER]:

PRAY – (outlined in last month's newsletter)

EDUCATE – (outlined in last month's newsletter)

TAKE ACTION

We take action on topical issues and proposed legislation that have the most potential to influence our society for good or evil. We visit our elected officials and get involved in civic affairs.

ELECTIONS

We distribute nonpartisan election information so that our members will be equipped to vote in accordance with their biblical values. We register new voters, and we encourage candidate training.

RESTORATION

We repent and call upon God to bring healing and restoration to our nation, in accordance with 2 *Chronicles 7: 14-15* *if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land. Now my eyes will be open and my ears attentive to the prayer that is made in this place.*

- Jerry Meyer

## GRIEF GROUP

Thursday, June 16 in the fellowship hall 1:30 P.M. our Grief Support group will be meeting. Our topic for this month and the following months will be "Grieving with Hope", finding comfort as you journey through loss.

## HOLY HACKERS

Holy Hackers will be meeting on Saturday, May 21, with the first tee time starting at 12:28 PM. Format is a scramble with all levels of ability welcome! We are playing at St. Marks Golf Club in San Marcus. Cost is \$49 including cart. Signup deadline is Monday, May 16. Contact [Di.haarmeyer@icloud.com](mailto:Di.haarmeyer@icloud.com) for questions or to sign up.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRANTS

We celebrated the May birthdays of Stella Berrier and Audrey Wickstrand and the June birthdays of Russ Hanthorn, Kim **Moeller and Mickey Scoffin at Dini's Bistro, helping them launch** their new Friday Brunch. Congratulations are in order for Audrey Wickstrand and Evelyn Meyer, who each won a bottle of wine.

In addition to a scrumptious lunch/brunch there was a joyous fellowship, making the gray, rainy day a little brighter.

We contributed one hundred forty (\$140) dollars to the Camp Pendleton Rotary Club.

Watch this space next month for news of the upcoming July Birthday celebration

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).

# Vacation Bible School

June 27—July 1

Contact Mary Meyer or Jill Rutan for more information

**Gear up for an adventure!** This summer's VBS will ground kids in the rock-solid foundation of Jesus love. Children entering age 4 preschool through the 5<sup>th</sup> grade are invited! Register online today.

CAVE QUEST needs Cave Crew Leaders, and Super Spelunkers. If you have a passion for children, love Jesus and **want to make a difference in someone's life then we need you** to help with our VBS experience!

Cave Crew Leaders: Facilitate a Cave Crew, a mixed group of 8 children through the Cave Quest day. Chief responsibility is to manage the children and their safety.

Super Spelunkers: Must be at least entering 6<sup>th</sup> grade and provide assistance to Cave Crew Leaders and Station Leaders.

All volunteers need to attend a training to be scheduled and be available each Cave Quest day from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.



## Crew Leaders Needed for VBS!

Parents continue to comment how wonderful Crew Leaders **our young people are each year at VBS. It's that time of year.** Cave Quest VBS is Monday through Friday, June 27- July 1. Crew Leaders serve each day from our morning devotion at 8:30 am to our daily debriefing ending at 12:30 pm. Two training sessions are offered, of which 1 must be attended. Your options are Monday, June 13 at 7 PM – 8:15 PM and Saturday, June 18 at 9- 10:15 am at church.

- Jeff Moeller



## Camp Voyage

Join the Adventure!

Redeemer is hosting a 4 week summer day camp beginning June 20-July 15. Children ages 7 to 12 will enjoy summer fun, academic enrichment, awesome friendships and encounters with Jesus. Our rate is \$150/week or \$50 daily. Our registration fee is \$100.



Your kids will be excited each morning to return to Camp Voyage for the fun that is in store for them! Each day is guided by high school and college counselors who love kids, and have a lot of energy, attention and care **to give to your child!** Whether it's painting a mosaic, playing Capture the Flag, or pondering a renewable energy science challenge, your child will be engaged and active! Kids ages 7-11 years old are invited to make awesome memories, special friendships, and a new self-confidence each day at Camp Voyage. Registration and more information is available at [www.redeemerbythesea.org/camp-voyage/](http://www.redeemerbythesea.org/camp-voyage/)

- Jeff Moeller

# From the Choir Loft

Greetings from your Choir Director here at Redeemer By the Sea Lutheran Church:

Our Chancel Choir has been busy learning new music for our Sunday morning anthems for May and June. On May 1, members of our choir joined other Lutheran Choirs from Faith Lutheran and the High Desert to sing in a combined concert. Each choir learned three anthems to sing and over 80 voices performed for a combined concert at Faith Lutheran Church in Vista. This was a great sharing experience and we hope to do another combined concert next year.

The Chancel Choir will take the month of July off and we will be featuring guest soloists and small groups for our Offertory anthems each Sunday in July. Our choir sings for 11 months of the church year and takes the month of July off for vacation. We thank all our dedicated choir members who give service to the Lord through music each Sunday morning, and rehearse every Wednesday evening. We also provide beautiful music for the Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter services during the year. Chancel Choir will resume rehearsals again on August 3, from 7:00-8:30pm. Why not plan to join us when we return? The Choir will begin working on our Christmas Cantata, as well as new anthems to sing on Sunday mornings. For more information, call Gary Wilson at 858 864-3491.

The Sunday School Children's Choir sang in church on Sunday, May 29. Gary Wilson works with them each Sunday during Sunday School downstairs during second service. We always enjoy listening to our children "sing praises to our Lord." We are building future choir members who can enjoy music their entire life while serving God through their voices and their talents.

Our new Bell Choir has now played three times in church during May and June. Under the direction of Kay Boland, our Bell Choir rehearses on Wednesday nights. If you would like more information, you can reach Kay here at church during the week at 760 431-8990. If you always wanted to learn to ring bells, here is your opportunity to join our growing Bell Choir. They will be ringing during the summer on selected Sunday mornings for the first service.

## Community Bulletin Board

The bulletin board located at the bottom of the stairs to the Fellowship Hall will be used as a community information board. If you have something to promote—please stop by the office and check the posting guidelines.

## In Appreciation

The Board of Elders along with the Council, Pastor Augie and Jeff expressed their appreciation for our outstanding office administration during their national recognition week.

A lot goes on behind the scenes to make our ministry successful and much of that success depends on our **administrative staff's** effectiveness.

Redeemer is so blessed to have such an efficient team of Rachelle and Kay handling our day to day administration tasks.

**A big "Thank You" is in order.**



- Board of Elders



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## Kindergarten & Preschool News!

June 1, 2016



**June 22, 2016**

**AM Classes:**

Room's 1, 2, 3, 4, 7

At 9:30am in the church

**KINDERGARTEN:**

Room's 5 & 6

At 11:00am in the church

**PM Classes:**

Room's 1 & 3

At 1:30pm in the church

**BONUS Class:**

Room 7

At 2:30pm in Room 200



**Please remember to  
pick-up your child's  
medication from the  
office!**

**donuts**  
with Dad

Thursday, June 16:

8:30am for AM3's

3:30pm for PM 3's

Friday, June 17:

8:30am for AM 4's & Kindergarten

3:30pm for PM 4's & Bonus



You donut  
want to  
miss it!

### For the month of June

**ALL EARLY BIRDS,  
LUNCH BUNCH & ENRICHMENT**

**must be paid in advance:**

(LB & Enrichment)

**& as you go** (Early Bird).

If there is a balance due on your account, your child will not be able to participate in the programs.

**Accounting Questions?** Please email the school accountant  
Amy Irving [accounting.redeemerpreschool@yahoo.com](mailto:accounting.redeemerpreschool@yahoo.com)



**No Lunch Bunch & Enrichment :Monday 6/20-Wednesday 6/22  
{ Early Birds excluded }**

- Thursday and Friday, June 16 and 17 ~ Dad's and Donuts: In your child's classroom
- Friday, June 17: Last day of Lunch Bunch and Enrichment ~ School Wide
- Tuesday, June 21 ~ Last day of school for TTH classes: NO LUNCH BUNCH/ENRICHMENT ALL SCHOOL
- Wednesday, June 22 ~ Graduation & last day of school for Kindergarten, Bonus and MWF classes: NO LUNCH BUNCH/ENRICHMENT



Training for:

# Spirit Awareness

## FOUR TOPICS

1. Recognizing Christ's Spirit at Work Today
2. Growth in Receiving the Spirit's Gifts and Fruit: Two GROWTH Practices
3. Growth in Closeness to God: Three GROWTH Practices
4. Growth in Fellowship of the Spirit: One GROWTH Practice

## PURPOSE

Learn to NAME your encounters with Christ's Spirit  
Learn to SHARE spiritual experiences that encourage each other

## OUTCOME

Have more stories of personal spiritual experiences.  
More God talk to replace small talk at church.  
Improved witness to others beyond the church.

**June 26, 2016 ~ 2:30–6:30pm**

Light dinner included. Register online for FREE by June 23rd  
at [RedeemerbytheSea.org](http://RedeemerbytheSea.org) or pay \$10 at the door.

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He is convinced that cultivating the work of the Spirit in our midst is the key to turning around the multi-decade decline of traditional Protestant churches.



# 7 Habits of Highly Effective Stewards

Much has been written about the habits it takes to be a highly effective person, or a highly effective family or a highly effective teen. This seven-part series will reflect on the habits of a highly effective steward. Since stewardship is a part of discipleship, and discipleship is a journey for each of us, we hope that these habits will help us reflect on this area of our Christian life.

## Habit 1: Be Thankful

**“In everything give thanks; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (I Thess. 5:18) Talk about an attitude of gratitude! What does giving thanks in “everything” mean for daily living? Do we thank God for the blessings of life—the big things and the small things, the obvious and the not so obvious? Food and shelter are basic necessities. Family and friends provide meaning and fellowship. Good health is important to our general well being. Though we enjoy these gifts each day, it is easy to take them for granted and not express our appreciation. What about your job? Do we view it as our vocation? The word “vocation” literally means “calling”. We usually think of a calling as being related to some kind of ministry. But God calls and equips all of us so that, by the quality of our work in our vocation He is honored and we reflect His image...no matter what our “work” is. Col. 3:23-24 says, “Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men.... You are serving the Lord Christ.” If we could see Jesus Christ as our boss, would it change our attitude about our job? Let’s face it: some of us have a kind of love/hate relationship with work. We spend roughly a third of our adult lives making a living and what is our attitude about that? Work is not just a means to a paycheck. It is a gift from God to help develop**

character. It is an opportunity to be a Christ-like example to those with whom we work. It motivates us to be productive and to achieve a sense of accomplishment and value. As **Christians we can say, “All this, and a paycheck too”! A steward’s heart is a thankful heart. Someone has said it well: “Thanksgiving, to be truly thanksgiving, is first thanks, then giving.” You can give without being thankful, but you cannot be thankful without giving. When you give, you not only are acknowledging that everything you have is a gift from God, but you are expressing your gratitude to Him.**

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## GIVING STATEMENTS

Did you know that access to your giving statement is available online? Go to our website, RedeemerbytheSea.org, and under the About tab, go to Member Login. After you login (if you do not have a login, please contact the office), follow these instructions to access your statement:

- on the upper right of the screen, click on your name and choose “Profile”
- click on the Financial Tab under your phone and address information.
- under the heading “Printable Statements,” click “Giving Statement”
- choose the date range “Year to Date” (by clicking on “Quick Date Range ...”)
- click the check-box “Show pledges on giving statement” in order to compare your pledge
- click the “Run Report” button
- click “OK” after you specify how to view or save the file.

## June Birthdays

Ralph Hemphill	Jun 2
Elizabeth Taylor	Jun 2
Marilyn Winslow	Jun 3
Victoria Bennett	Jun 3
Mickey Scoffin	Jun 3
Jenny Swick	Jun 4
Matt Schaefer	Jun 7
Emy Kiernan	Jun 7
Mario Gomez	Jun 17
Kathy Hemphill	Jun 17
Darrell Gólnick	Jun 18
Doug Cyphers	Jun 19
Julie Norby	Jun 19
Jason Colgan	Jun 20
Tracy Prior	Jun 20
Suzan Colgan	Jun 24
Ellen Bitner	Jun 27

## June Anniversaries

Kenneth & Jenny Swick	4-Jun
Doug & Angela Cyphers	6-Jun
Bryan & Laura Cline	6-Jun
Chuck & Elizabeth Denton	7-Jun
Glenn & Vicki Christensen	8-Jun
Jason & Suzan Colgan	10-Jun
Chris & Mariela Hofer	11-Jun
Mario & Carole Gomez	15-Jun
Jerry & Mary Meyer	17-Jun
Rob & Windy Esperti	22-Jun
Chuck & Karen Krause	24-Jun
Pat & Valerie Lynch	24-Jun
Peder & Julie Norby	25-Jun
Tanya & Michael Finnerty	25-Jun
Jeffery & Kim Moeller	29-Jun
Tom & Bonnie Shanahan	30-Jun

# LCEF

## *Earning opportunities for those who are invested in the Young Investors Club—*

As your look toward the last day of school and **summer vacation, don't forget to send in your report card** to get your Extra Credit. For every A on your report you will get \$1.00 deposited into your Y.I. Account (up to \$25 per calendar year).

Summer is a great time to do community service that will also earn you Extra Credit. Complete 10 hours of community service and \$25.00 will be deposited into your Y.I. Account (per calendar year).

Extra Credit forms can be found at [lcef.org](http://lcef.org) on the Y.I. page.

Financial needs are part of life. LCEF can help you be ready. Learn more at [lcef.org](http://lcef.org), call 800-843-5233, or **contact Redeemer by the Sea's LCEF Representative Paul Lahr 760-945-3750**



## JOYFUL RESPONSE

Looking for an easy way to make your donations? Stop by and pick up an electronic donation form in the brochure rack and have your donations automatically deducted from your bank account — at no cost to you or the church. You can make changes at any time!

## SAVE AND RECYCLE

Ink/Toner Cartridges – at the office to purchase supplies

Amazon Smile: When you make purchases on [amazon.com](http://amazon.com), go to [amazonsmile.com](http://amazonsmile.com). Login normally and choose Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church as your charity! They then send us a check!

Box Tops for Education – in the box in the lobby for the K & Preschool



Cans & Bottles (CRV) – by the trash containers in the parking lot to support the art program at the Kindergarten & Preschool

Grocery Coupons—drop off your clipped coupons at **the Ladies' Table** — they are sent to military bases overseas

# Discovery Class

Redeemer by the Sea wants to help you walk closer with Jesus Christ. The four sessions of our Discovery Track offer the tools necessary to make this happen in your life. All the way from membership to life-changing ministry, we will lead you step-by-step from discovery to growth into a fulfilling ministry role. Enjoy a light lunch before each session. Held Sundays from Noon—1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall.



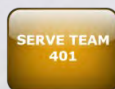
**Church 101** - This session is an introduction to the ministry of Redeemer and will help you understand our core beliefs and what church membership is about. Offered the first Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 7/3.*



**Essentials 201** - This session discusses prayer, small groups and Bible study, and provides the necessary tools every Christian needs to grow in their walk with Christ. Offered the second Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next dates are 6/5 and 7/10.*



**Discovery 301** - We want to help you realize what makes you so unique. This session will help you discover your personality, gifts, and purpose in life and see how God combines them for the best fit in ministry. Offered the third Sunday of the month from Noon-1:30pm. *Next date is 7/17.*



**Serve Team 401** - This final step of the discovery process gives you the opportunity to be informed about ministry projects and to get connected in specific ministry areas that **interest you. It's easy, and fun!**

## Amazon Smile Donations

When you shop at [Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com), remember to go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com)—make Redeemer by the Sea your charitable organization and .5% of your purchase is donated to us!



## A Sent People, cont.

illuminates our paths. Light is good. By being present in the world and pointing people to Jesus we are being salt and light where God has placed us - in our neighborhoods and communities. We bring the counter-cultural Kingdom of God (**The Beatitudes show how different God's Kingdom is**) into the culture of our world.

At Redeemer by the Sea we have a long history of viewing God's mission as being a lighthouse. The challenge with a lighthouse, however, is that it is stationary. We are now beginning to understand that our Lord calls us not to hide our light, but to make it visible. Even though our building itself is situated on a on a high hill, we must admit that it can remain obscured, covered, and even invisible to much of our community. That is why we are beginning to recognize that God is calling us to move out into our community, joining Him in His mission there. I heard this expression that **explains it well ... "God's Church doesn't have a mission - God's mission has a Church."** We as God Church, His people, join Him in His mission and we do that by being salt and light wherever we go.

Matthew chapter 28 is well known for Jesus commissioning His people to make disciples as we are going through life. However, it can often be difficult to move into new territories and into new places. That is why we take comfort in the prophets and the people of God that have gone before us. Consider Abram in Genesis chapter 12. God simply sent Abram. He did not give Abram all the details. There were some big unknowns, and certainly Abram had to leave his comfort zone. But he did, because it was God who was

sending. **And what was God sending Abram to? ... A new land and a new people; to make his life in that place and in so doing to become a blessing to those who would follow.** God wanted Abram to transform the community to which **God was sending him. Through Abraham (God's new name for the transformed Abram) God would make for Himself a people: a holy nation dedicated to His glory.**

We can also take comfort in the prophet Isaiah, who when called by God (Isaiah 6) was terrified. Isaiah did not believe he was equipped for the role that God was giving him. He was worried about his ability to speak and represent a holy and righteous God. And yet as the angel takes the coal from the altar and places it on Isaiah's lips, God communicates that He is doing for Isaiah what Isaiah **cannot do for himself. He is atoning for Isaiah's sins. And** while it may sound cliché, God does not call the equipped, He equips the called.

And so it is with you and me. God has called us not to simply remain holed up inside our sanctuary; inside the familiar comfort of our church family. We certainly enjoy that family, and we rejoice to be refreshed by Word and Sacraments, with praises filling the house of the Lord. But we realized that those are the tools given us to equip us for our mission to be *a sent people* joining Jesus on His mission to seek and save the lost. Those are the marks of a people being salt and light wherever God sends us.

May you be blessed to be a blessing, Pastor Augie.



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