

Redeemer *news*

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF REDEEMER BY THE SEA LUTHERAN CHURCH | FEBRUARY 2018 – VOLUME 6 ISSUE 2

GETHSEMANE, GIVING & GENERATION Z

When we were on our tour of the Holy Land a couple years ago, our visit to the Garden of Gethsemane on the Mount of Olives was one of the locations that had the greatest impact on me. There was something about standing on the same ground, in a grove of trees where Jesus spent some of his final hours on this earth that is incredibly meaningful.



Some trees in the Garden of Gethsemane have been dated to at least 900 years old! This picture was taken by Pastor Augie in October, 2015.

To some degree, that's what we try to accomplish every year during the season of Lent. We ponder what it was like for Jesus to love His children so much that He would endure suffering, shame and even death for them – for us... This year we will journey through Lent with two different

message series – one on Sunday mornings, and one on Wednesday evenings.

The Sunday morning series takes a look at how Jesus spent His final days. He was aware that His time on earth was coming to an end. How He spends His final days can give us keen insight into how we should spend each day. Our time on earth is coming to an end as well.

On Wednesday Evenings, we will again have a readers' theater that allows us to be visited by a cast of characters from the Bible. The setting will be that of a courtroom. Two thousand years have come and gone since Caiaphas and Pilate passed judgment on Jesus in Jerusalem. And though the verdict passed down at that trial was a miscarriage of justice, the result fulfilled God's purpose: to save the world by sacrificing His Son. During this midweek series, court will again be in session to determine who Christ is. And what does He mean for our lives on earth? The circumstances require a verdict. How will you find the defendant?

February is also our Stewardship month at Redeemer. Beginning on Sunday February 4th, and throughout the month, you are encouraged to make a commitment concerning your offerings at Redeemer.



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SUNDAY SCHOOL

It's hard to believe that we just finished celebrating Christmas, January is over and we are getting ready for Easter. To celebrate this joyous occasion, we are planning an interactive event "The Great Surprise – Jesus is Alive" that will be fun for everyone, so spread the word! Stay tuned for more details.....

In addition, we are in the process of adding some fun games and activities to the Sunday School starting with our Spring curriculum. Come and check us out!!

Each year, we take a group of 4th, 5th and 6th Graders to The Summit at Crean Lutheran High School in Irvine. This year the event called "Unshaken", will be held on April 14th and based on Psalm 62:6 – "He alone is my rock and my salvation; he is my fortress, I will not be shaken." The Summit is filled with active learning, fun, meaningful games and activities, singing, as well as service opportunities. Early Registration is now open until March 10th – see me for details and/or to register.

If you are interested in helping out in the Sunday School or The Summit in any way, please contact me at: rhonda@redeemerbythesea.org.

Until next time, keep serving the Lord!

- Rhonda Sutherlin
Sunday School Director

5TH & 6TH GRADE RETREAT

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



HIGH SCHOOL ESCAPE ROOM! JANUARY 20, 2018



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

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 dates are 2/4 and 3/4*

ESSENTIALS
201

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 date is 2/11*

DISCOVERY
301

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 2/18*

SERVE TEAM
401

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!

REMODEL PROJECT

Making headway! The raised floor area that will allow us to have separate areas for both the Choir and Praise Band is in place and we should have it carpeted / finished within the next couple weeks. The feedback so far has been positive and we are encouraged that this will reduce the preparation time and effort for our musicians; they can focus all there energy on singing to the Lord.

Work is also



underway in the Fellowship Hall and we will be seeing not only an improved look, but a big improvement in the functionality of the room. Entry doors are being installed, built in audio / video equipment will be added and the room will be capable of functioning as two independent meeting areas. We are always looking for another room, be it for classes or meetings, and this will help with that need.

We are still on target for the work in the Sanctuary, Narthex and the Fellowship Hall to be completed in less than six months. So while some disruptions will be a part of the project, they will be short lived. We appreciate your patience and understanding and, as practical, we will take steps to minimize the distractions.

The goal for this project is maximizing the usefulness of our facility and the changes now underway incorporate the experience we have gained to date in using the building. Both the existing and future ministry programs will benefit from these enhancements.

- Dan Bitner

7TH & 8TH GRADE RETREAT



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

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

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

The speakers are:

Dominic Rivkin

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

Shelli Haynes

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

Kyle Blake

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

Registration materials are available in the Confirmation classroom or online.

GROWTH GROUP UPDATES

Our Growth Groups provide people an opportunity to connect with other believers and do life together in a supportive and faith-nurturing cluster of friends. Visit our web site at RedeemerbytheSea.org for a complete listing and information concerning our Growth Groups.

BIRTHDAY GROUP

We celebrated the birthdays of Jan Bishop and Erika Reising on FRIDAY, January 19 at Dini's Bistro. It was relaxing to watch the ocean waves even on an overcast day. Otis Haarmeyer and Eleven Meyer each received a bottle of Dini's wine. Congratulations to you both.

We donated one hundred thirty-five (\$135) dollars to Samaritan's Purse.

We next meet on FRIDAY, February 16 at 11:30 a.m. at Hunter Steak House to celebrate the birthdays of Rachelle Iadicicco, Buck Lehmann and Evonne Salyer.

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant donation which will go to help victims of California's recent wildfires.

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

- Jo Voertman

BRIDGE GROUP

The first game of the year in 2018 was a time to renew friendships and Alice Lehmann, hostess, was 'Queen For The Day' as she served America's favorite Apple Pie and coffee.

Carolyn Schmaltz had a good afternoon holding cards we all coveted, was top scorer, followed by Marie Voien's second place and Jo Voertman saw the fewest 'pretty faces' on all the cards she was dealt.

On February 23, 2018, play commences at the home of Evelyn Meyers and we all have another opportunity to hone our skills at the bridge table.

The Bridge Group meets on the 4th Friday of the month with the exception of November when we play on the 3rd Friday and December is dark. If you are interested please call me: 760-707-6677 or e-mail: baconfaye3@gmail.com. We begin the afternoon with dessert and coffee, served at 12:30 in a member's home and finish playing approximately 4 PM.

We welcome you as a member or as a substitute. The name of the game is "Friendship and Love" and we know who first loved us.

See you in church,

- Faye Bacon

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

Kris Urdahl	Feb 7
Ellen Sheive	Feb 10
Karen Heiser	Feb 12
Christopher Riendeau	Feb 12
Declan Donovan	Feb 12
Michael VanDuker	Feb 13
Alex Iadicicco	Feb 16
Buck Lehmann	Feb 17
Evonne Salyer	Feb 17
Cassandra Redl	Feb 17
Carol Tarka	Feb 21
T. Richard Evans	Feb 24
Rachelle Iadicicco	Feb 26
Barbara Johnson	Feb 28

AMAZON SMILE DONATIONS

When you shop at Amazon.com, remember to go to smile.amazon.com—make Redeemer by the Sea your charitable organization and 0.5% of your purchase is donated to us! Our last quarterly AmazonSmile donation on November 16th was \$29/54—thank you!



GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

SALT & LIGHT

The Salt & Light Ministry, believing we should participate in the civil arena regarding Biblical issues, participated in the San Diego Walk for Life on Saturday, January 20. It was a demonstration of support for the sanctity of life. This position, of course, is not the position taken by many in all levels of government that has resulted in the passage of laws, nationally, statewide, and locally that removes Godly principles from the public square. It was not always like that, not by a long shot. Remember that the Founders relied on the Bible in education; early text books quoted the Bible; Congress printed the 1st English language Bible for schools; innumerable quotes from governmental leaders who spoke openly about the

importance of living a Godly principled life. In other words, God's principles were central to the Founders actions. They believed in both individual and national accountability to God. As Founder, George Mason, known as "The Father of the Bill of Rights" said at the Constitutional Convention in 1787, "As nations cannot be rewarded or punished in the next world, they must be in this. By an inevitable chain of causes and effects Providence punishes national sins by national calamities." The Founders were emphatic that God would deal with nations in the present for the policies it enacts. That is why they wanted leaders who honor God's principles in office. But voters must embrace those principles and act on them when they vote. If they don't then Godless people become leaders and enact legislation that God cannot bless, hence the need to have "Walk for Life" demonstrations; opposition to the abortion policies of Planned Parenthood (to better understand this organization please read the Salt & Light

fact sheet on Planned Parenthood); voter guides focused only on the candidates position of Biblical issues; supporting *20 Week Pain Capable* legislation; promoting thought provoking videos, etc.

Thomas Jefferson said, "I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just – that His justice cannot sleep forever." And Samuel Adams quoted scripture when he said, "Him that honoreth Me, I will honor; but he that despiseth Me shall be lightly esteemed." (1 Samuel 2:30)

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,
- Jerry Meyer



FELLOWSHIP

Hello Everyone, it has been a while since I did a report. We had a great year last year with some changes and many things staying the same. This year we are planning to our Three Annual Events: the Lent Dinners, Annual Picnic and Christmas Dinner.

And so to kick things off this year we have our Lent Dinners coming up. We are changing this up this year, and these will now be called the Lenten Family Dinner Nights.

Each night will have a theme for the food, and will always have a kid friends option.

If you are part of a growth group or a Bible Study and can host one of the available nights please let me know!

The dinners are

- 2/21 Italian Night
- 2/28
- 3/7 Taco Night
- 3/14
- 3/21. Spaghetti

Our First Dinner is on Wednesday February 21, 2018 at 5:30 PM and will be Italian Dinner, hosted by the Sunday School Teachers.

Contact Suzan via phone or email at 760-672-2249 or fellowship@redeemerbythesea.org

- Suzan Colgan



GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

THE THEATER GROUP

If you love the Arts (Musical Theater, Plays, Music & Dance performances & interesting get-togethers (tours, dinners & outreach projects), please join us! Church members and Guests are welcome to activities.

With a common interest in the Arts as a small growth group, we share fellowship in a fun, social, and spiritual way. We schedule and attend theatrical performances, and other artsy events. It provides a way to celebrate Christian Fellowship, love and unity by means of strengthening friendships from within our church family. But most importantly, it gives us an opportunity as a group to invite new people from outside the congregation to expose and experience what it means to have fun with those who know Christ. Such introduction may be influential enough to bring them to Christ and his church. We also strive to participate in at least one community outreach/service project per semester.

Our meetings are every other month on the Fourth Tuesday@ 1 PM. We have a simple agenda; we schedule future events AND, we have fun in our discussions while we 'Bring a Salad to Share'; light lunch together before each meeting.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 27, 2018 @ 1pm.

Place: MaryAnn Meinardus home (2061 Escenico Terrace, Carlsbad, CA 92009)

Agenda: To pick and choose plays & events for the year, their dates & times.



Please contact Mary Ann Meinardus, Group Leader, if you are interested in attending this meeting. Call (760) 216-4922 or email ma.meinardus@hotmail.com.

Proposed Possibilities for February, March, April & June 2018:

February 21-March 18: '*This Random World*' – No. Coast Rep-Solana Beach – Little humorous play. \$53 -\$36 (2pm matinees).

March 10-March 13: '*The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee*' – Musical comedy @ Mira Costa College. \$13 (2pm matinees).

March 2-April 22: '*The Men in Boats*' – Gender-bent adventure comedy all played by women. \$25 (2pm matinees).

March 7 – April 22: '*A little Night Music*' – Cygnet Theater in Old Town, San Diego. \$ TBA.

April 10-May 6: '*Jane Austen's Sense and Sensibility*' – Mira Costa College, Vista; \$13. (2pm).

Plan for June: '*Mama Mia*' – A Moonlight Theater Musical – Music by Abba- 8pm \$?.

- Mary Ann Meinardus

GRIEF GROUP

Our next meeting is on February 15, 1:30 P.M. at my home. We are going to repeat the book "Grieving with Hope" in order to accommodate the newer attendees. "Graduate" attendees are welcome to join us anytime. We will begin with Chapter 1: What to Expect in Grief. Contact Norma at 760-931-1947 for more information.

- Norma Russell

HOLY HACKERS

HOLY HACKERS started the year with a round of golf at St. Mark's Golf Club. In spite of the cold windy day a good time was had by all. With fierce competition between the 3 teams, the winners were the team of Joe and Carol Tarka, and Jeff and Kris Urdahl. A unique record was set by one gentleman that hit from the men's tee box, hit the women's tee marker and ricocheted 20 yards back of his tee box. It set a new record for a -20 yard drive. He requested anonymity but his initials are DG. For information to join us for February's outing, contact Di Haarmeyer at di.haarmeyer@icloud.com.



- Di Haarmeyer

STUDY ON GALATIANS

Galatians is one of the Apostle Paul's earliest letters, addressed to a group of churches that he founded on his first missionary journey (Acts 13-14). Because of Paul's missionary work, there was an influx of new Gentile believers. This left the Jewish believers in Jerusalem wondering both what to do with the new converts and how to treat the Apostle's message. Answering both questions is the main purpose of Paul's writing, and in the process, he has encouraged generations of Christians in the bedrock of our faith. Join Pastor Augie for this verse by verse study through the book of Galatians on Thursday mornings at 8:30am in the Lounge. Each week we will meet until about 9:45, and spend time in the Word as well as prayer.

- Pastor Augie

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION



Come Join Us!

Both Men & Women of Redeemer interested in how others are being helped – A heart-warming service.

Tuesday, February 13th Women's Ministry Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Business meeting at 9:30 a.m.
Program 10:00-11:00 a.m.

Light refreshments provided.

Program: 'NEXT STEP SERVICE DOGS'

Service to: Veterans,
active military and first
responders

What: Bringing LIFE back
to those who
experience PTSD

Dogs: Over 500 working
service dogs nationwide

Program: Description of
treatment/training,
success stories and a brief meet & greet w/
the dogs



*You don't have to talk,
you just can be with your dog,*



*Life just becomes easier...a 'calming effect'.
As if saying, "Are you, ok?"*

"...therefore comfort one another..."
1Thessalonians 4:18

- Mary Ann Meinardus

"Undie Sunday"

February 11, 2018

Please bring a package of new underwear or socks for men, women, girls and boys to minister to the needy people within our Pacific Southwest District, in Mexico and beyond. There is a box by the LWML table in the lobby to place them in.

Cash donations can also be made directly to LWML.

What is the Orphan Grain Train Mission?

Orphan Grain Train is a recognized service organization of the Lutheran Church –Missouri Synod. It is headquartered in Norfolk, Nebraska with volunteers organized in 25 regional locations. Volunteers across America use their own cars, trucks and cash donations to collect and ship food, clothing, medical and school supplies to destitute people in the name of Jesus Christ. They make sure their relief supplies get where they are most needed by giving through Orphan Grain Train.

Orphan Grain Train's relief shipments are sent to our mission partners in Eastern Europe, Asia, Africa, North, South and Central American, our mission partners distribute the shipment where most needed.

In America, relief supplies are also sent to response to hurricanes, floods, tornados, fires and drought here in America. We send our relief shipments by the semi-load or smaller trailer- load, here in America, and by 50-foot ocean-freight containers overseas. Each shipment is sent to meet specific requests by our partners in mission. Since 1992, by God's grace and blessing, we have sent more than 2400+semi loads and containers full of hope and mercy worldwide.

Orphan Grain Train is made up of people like you...

Hundreds of volunteers prepare and pack the relief shipments. And, cash donations are needed to get the shipments where most needed. Our prayers, volunteer efforts, and cash donations can help meet the material, emotional, and spiritual needs of people around the world.

Help support this worthy cause by purchasing NEW, packaged underwear & socks and or cash donations (checks written to Orphan Grain Train enclosed in sealed envelopes) for those in need! Deposit your 'gifts' in the decorated box in the church lobby!

- Mary Ann Meinardus

PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS: EXPLORE THE POWER OF A NAME

"A good name is more desirable than great riches; to be esteemed is better than silver or gold." —Proverbs 22:1

The names we use for God affect children's perception of him. To some kids, God is a magical being or an old man with a long white beard. Kids'

questions at each age level offer insights into who they perceive God to be. Preschoolers may ask if God loves them and if he's like Daddy or another father figure. Talk about God in terms of your child's immediate experiences and activities. By age 4 or 5, children wonder where God is and how he made things. Share short essential truths, admitting that we can't know

everything about God because he's so great. By ages 6 to 8, children are curious about things beyond their environment, and by the preteen years, they want to know why bad things happen. Be prepared for skepticism, ask follow-up questions, and assure kids it's good to keep learning about Jesus.

Name Meanings Get a baby-name book or find a website that explains name meanings. Help family members find out what their names mean. Ask: "Why are names important? What's it like to be called the wrong name? Can you imagine having another name?" Read aloud John 10:1-5 as a reminder that God knows each of us by name.

Naming Game Read a child-friendly version of the Creation account (Genesis 1 & 2) and talk about the important naming job God gave Adam. Ask: "If you were

told to name all the animals, what names would you choose? Why?"

Seeing Stars Go outside at night and look at the stars together. Afterward, read aloud Psalm 147:4. Say: "The Bible says God knows how many stars there are *and* that he knows the name of each one. That's because God made all the stars. God knows our names, too—because he made us all. And he knows everything about us." Say a prayer, thanking God for naming and knowing us.

Good Name Game Stand in a circle to play this memory game. Say: "Let's take turns saying our names and something we like to do, while acting it out. Before saying your name and doing your action, you must repeat the names and actions of the people before you." Keep adding actions until recall becomes too difficult. Then read aloud Proverbs 22:1. Ask: "What does it mean to have a good name? How can you make sure your choices and actions give you a good name?"

Who's Who? Write the names of Bible people on index cards—one per card. Tape a card on each person's forehead and display a master list of names. Then ask yes-or-no questions to discover your identity. Start out broad, such as "Am I a boy? Am I a girl?" Then get more specific, such as "Am I in Jesus' family?" "Did I build something?" To provide fodder for formulating questions, include factoids about each person on the list.

Name Freeze Put a beanbag on each family member's head. Say: "Walk around. If your beanbag falls off, you must freeze in place—until someone says your name and puts the beanbag back on your head." After playing, talk about why it's important to know others' names and to use them in kind ways.

CHRISTMAS OFFERING

Thank you for your generosity! This year we collected \$4,315. for the Christmas Offering!

1. **Got Your Back San Diego (GYB)** (www.feedingkidsfirst.com) - received \$1,438.34
2. **Concordia Seminary "Adopt-A-Student"** (www.csl.edu/support/adopt-a-student/) - received \$1,438.34
3. **Redeemer's Benevolent Fund**—received \$1,438.32



STEWARDSHIP

"I am not commanding you, but I want to test the sincerity of your love by comparing it with the earnestness of others. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that you through his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:8-9).

Without commands or even arm-twisting, St. Paul encourages, even challenges, the Church in Corinth to demonstrate the sincerity of their faith by their generosity in giving. He does this because giving generously is a gift of the Spirit given to us through the Gospel.

St. Paul wrote: "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us—see that you also excel in this grace of giving" (2 Corinthians 8:7). In other words, just as we grow in faith and speech and knowledge of eternal things by the Holy Spirit through the Word of God, so also do we grow in giving from the same Spirit through the same Word.

The problem is that the grace of generosity often grows cold in us. It's not so much that we stop giving, but we don't put it first. We treat it like all the other bills that must be paid. It becomes a chore, just one more thing to check off a list of things to do. That empties it of its spiritual power and robs us of the joy that Christ and the Scriptures assign to it.

Bring your commitment card anytime in February and place it in the offering plate. There are extras in the pews. If you did not receive a Giving to His Glory packet, you may pick up one in the lobby.

On top of that, since this generosity is linked to faith and knowledge of divine things, a lack of excelling in giving is a sure sign that our faith and knowledge of God are under attack as well.

Thus St. Paul points to the foundation of generosity: the generosity of Christ Himself. Even though He was rich, He became poor so that we who are poor might become rich. Thus, the incarnation, suffering, and death of our Lord on the cross is the reason, source, and driving force for our generosity in giving to the church.

And since Christ who was rich became poor so that we might be rich in His grace—of which generous giving is part—so we also who are rich in His grace can excel in pressing His grace into service toward the gracious work of the church.

Pay attention to what you give to the church so that you may excel at it. And if you find that your heart has grown cold or indifferent toward it, immerse yourself in God's Word. Read it at home. Attend Bible Class. Hear and listen to it preached in the Divine Service.

Be reminded of what Christ has done for you in His incarnation, suffering, and death. For this will strengthen your faith and knowledge. And where that excels, so will the grace of giving excel also.

NEW MEMBER WELCOME SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

BILL WISENER

Bill grew up in St. Marys, Ohio. A town in western Ohio, halfway between Dayton and Toledo.

Bill moved to CA in 1974. He has also lived in Dallas, TX, Atlanta GA, and FL. Then in 1998 he moved back to Santa Barbara and in 2000 he moved to Carlsbad.

He met his wife, Barbara when he was in the army. They were married for 52 ½ years.

He has a Bachelors and MBA degrees in accounting from Rutgers.

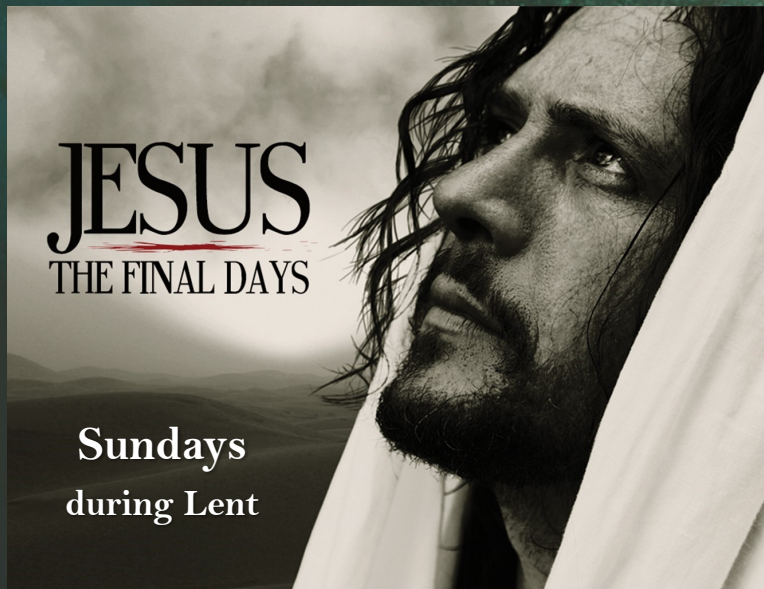
He was a logistics executive for Pfizer and other large companies.

He enjoys sailing, hiking, gardening and doing handyman jobs.



UPCOMING LENT SERIES'

Lent is a time of reflection and repentance before the celebration of Easter. For centuries, Christians have recalled the significance of Jesus' crucifixion on Good Friday and his subsequent resurrection from the grave on Easter Sunday. Join us for these two special series' on Sundays and Wednesdays as we take these 40 days and remember Christ's sacrifice for us.



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

Jesus: The Final Days

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



Wednesdays
during
Lent



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

Christ on Trial

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

FEBRUARY 11TH!

GENERATION

Who are they?

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



Join us at Redeemer by the Sea

Sunday, February 11 at 9:45am

Fellowship Hall

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

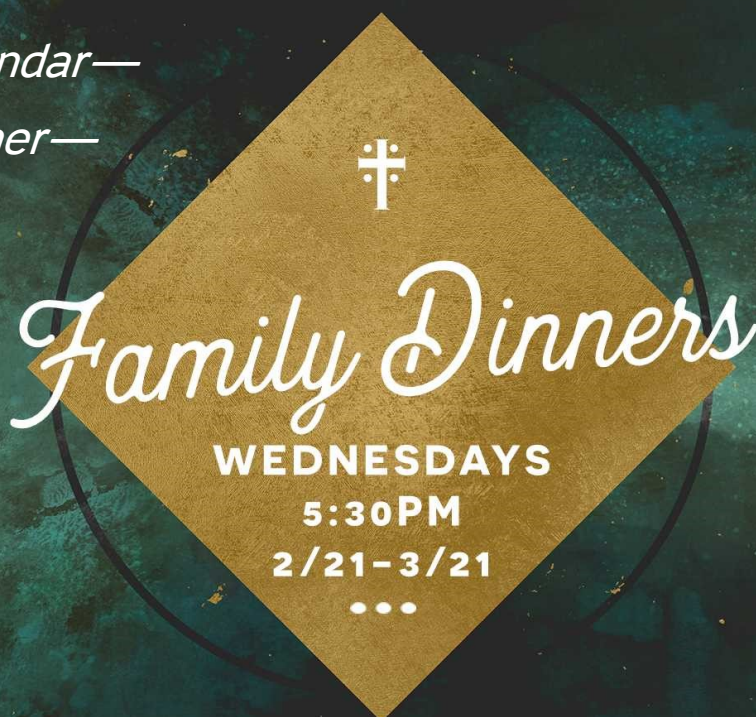
REGISTER ONLINE AT REDEEMERBYTHESEA.ORG

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

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



*Mark your Calendar—
don't make dinner—
Join us!*



*Watch for more
information about
the theme for
each evening -
Italian, Taco', and
more!*

GETHSEMANE, GIVING & GENERATION Z, *CONT FROM PG 1.*

Why do we do this? It is not so that we can “raise” enough funds to carry out ministry – though funds are required to carry out ministry in this place. It is not so that we can “corner” our members into making a guilt-driven response – though Christ does commend the practice of tithing when He upholds it as valid in Matthew 23:23

“Woe to you, teachers of the law and Pharisees, you hypocrites! You give a tenth of your spices—mint, dill and cumin. But you have neglected the more important matters of the law—justice, mercy and faithfulness. You should have practiced the latter, without neglecting the former.”

The difference for New Testament Christians is that giving is a matter of the heart, not one of the Law. In other words, we give in *response* to God’s goodness, we don’t give in an effort to *earn* His goodness. Quite simply, because of Christ, believers are no longer under the Law. That means that the requirement of tithing is not a rigid one. However, out of love for God and in recognition of His goodness and blessing, Christians regularly make generous, first-fruit, proportional and sacrificial offerings. And since the Apostle Paul taught the Christians at Corinth to “*set aside a sum of money in keeping with your income,*” (1 Cor. 16:2) we have a practice of making a plan (setting aside) to give regularly throughout the year to the Lord’s work through His Church. The Commitment Card is a tool used in that process. And so, regardless of what

you decide in your heart to give, we would love to have you participate in this practice of “setting aside a sum” in advance.

Finally, this month we will have an opportunity to learn about “Generation Z.” This term refers to youth who were born between 1995 and 2010. They are the next “cohort” or generation that sociologists have defined. But what makes them special? What do they think about the world, and about the church? And how can we work with them to help them see God and His World the way that the Bible teaches? It’s a tall order – especially in today’s post-Church post-Christian era.

The workshop presenter is Gilbert Fugitt, member of Redeemer by the Sea and the Dean of Students at Concordia University, in Irvine. Dr. Fugitt has worked for many years as a Director of Christian Education at our Savior Lutheran Church in Arcadia, California, and now in his role as Dean of Students, works with student leaders to help Concordia produce wise, honorable and cultivated graduates to serve the Lord in their professional and personal lives.

The “Generation Z” workshop will be presented in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday February 11th at 9:45 am. Childcare is provided, and students are encouraged to attend.

I look forward to seeing you in ministry this month at Redeemer!

Pastor Augie

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