

Redeemer news

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ON A RESCUE MISSION FROM THE PASTOR

Back in my younger days I was a “junior” volunteer fireman. Which basically means that since I wasn’t an adult, I couldn’t actually fight fires, but I could assist and learn. I spent most of my time washing fire trucks, spooling hose, sweeping the truck bay, and participating in parades in the summer time. But when not doing that, I had begun to learn how to hook up hoses, operate the pumper truck, wear “turnout gear” and even how to use an air-pack if required to enter a burning building. College and career ended up taking me away from my hometown and moving me to communities that had professional firefighters. And while I never had to put my life at risk in order to rescue the life of another, I gained an appreciation for those who do!

To a certain degree, though, I am still on a rescue mission ... and so are you. To understand what I mean about that, take a look at these verses from Galatians chapter 1:

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, who gave himself for our sins to rescue us from the present evil



age, according to the will of our God and Father"
*(Galatians 1:3-4)**

Ours is primarily a **rescue religion**. This Scripture teaches that Christ rescued us from this “present evil age.” I take that to mean that He didn’t just rescue us from ourselves or our own sin, or even just from the attacks of the devil, but He rescued us from the sins and attacks of other people, and in fact from *all* evil that assails us in this entire present *age*. We are under the curse of sin brought on us by the first sin in the Garden of Eden, and that curse pursues until this very day. But Christ has rescued us from it. In fact, He not only rescues us from the curse of death, He promises us eternal life in a *new age*, in the eternal Kingdom that He Has ushered us into! By His death He has won eternal life for us undeserving sinners who would otherwise eternally perish. This is truly a rescue, is it not?

Christ has rescued us from the clutches of hell, and when we share this “Gospel” (that Paul so adamantly defends in his letter to the Galatians) with others we, in effect, rescue them. In fact, this has become the mission of every Christian – to share this Good News. By saving us from death, Christ has

Life on Mission

Find out about being a witness and loving people to JESUS!

April 8 Overview

April 15 Connect

April 22 Serve

April 29 Share

May 6 Grow

May 13 Pray

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Priscilla SHIRER

SIMULCAST

April 28, 2018

9 am—4:35 pm

\$15 includes a light lunch

Find out more and register online at:

RedeemerbytheSea.org

Childcare provided with pre-registration.



Women in Mission Ministry

Service Day

Tuesday
April 10 at 9:30am
Fellowship Hall

9:30 am -Short LWML meeting

*10:10am—Service project benefiting
Solutions for Change*

"If anyone serves, they should do so
with the strength God provides."

1 Peter 4:11



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

They are: Dave Berrier, Jim Brunner, Tom Burke, Matt Busch, Dan Bitner, Ed Meinardus, Jerry Meyer, Lyle Meyer, Joel Rabe, Ralph Wenstone, Charles Um

7TH & 8TH GRADE DISTRICT YOUTH GATHERING

MARCH 16-18, 2018, IRVINE, CA



Enjoying some 9 square before heading back to Carlsbad.



Congratulations to our students who took 1st Place in the Scavenger Hunt among the over 200 students in attendance!



Dinner on the road at Chick-fil-A!



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 25-29

Registration is now open at RedeemerbytheSea.org for Shipwrecked Vacation Bible School.

Venture to an uncharted island where kids will discover the truth that Jesus carries them through life's storms.

Children age 4 entering Preschool through 5th grade in the Fall 2018 are eligible for VBS.

Cost \$75 for first child / \$55 for each additional sibling.

New this year!! Lunch & Extended care available Monday - Thursday until 2:00 pm. \$60 for first child / \$50 for each additional sibling.

VBS NEEDS YOU!

Join the VBS team for a fantastic voyage to Shipwrecked island. We will learn how Jesus carries us through all life's storms.

We need enthusiastic people who can be:

- Castaway Sing & Play leaders
- Bible Discovery leaders
- Tropical treats creators
- Imagination Station leaders
- Kid video leaders
- Crew Leaders
- Set Decoration team



Contact Kris Urdahl
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PARENTING CHRISTIAN KIDS: BECOME STEWARDS OF THE EARTH

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it. The world and all its people belong to him."—Psalm 24:1

News about a changing climate and its onsequences can be scary for people of all ages. Protect toddlers and preschoolers from distressing images as much as possible. If you show concern and anxiety, children will become fearful, too. By kindergarten, children realize that outside events affect them and their families but still may have trouble distinguishing between reality and fantasy. Don't belittle their fears; instead, assure them of God's love and protection. By ages 7 to 10, kids are interested in news about the world around them. Answer their questions starting at a simple, basic level. Preteens begin to understand long-term implications of events, such as environmental issues. Present relevant facts, prepare for back-and-forth discussions, and remind kids that God is always in control.

The World God Made As you read aloud Genesis 2:15-20, have family members act out the account. Then ask: "What do you think the Garden of Eden was like? What job did God give Adam?" Explain that when people sinned, God made them leave the garden, and now we have God's whole world to take care of. Discuss how well you do that as individuals and as a family.

Favorite Things Hand out paper and crayons or markers. Read aloud Psalm 104:24. Have family members each divide their paper in half. On one half, have them draw a picture of their favorite thing from nature. On the other half, have them draw or write one thing they'll do this week to help take care

of God's wonderful world. Afterward, share what you all drew and wrote.

Hug a Tree Go to an area with several trees. One at a time, blindfold family members, spin them around, and lead them to a tree. Have them carefully feel the tree to learn about it. Then lead them back to the starting point, spin them again, and remove the

blindfold. See if they can identify the tree

they touched. Discuss how trees are a gift from God, who put them in the first garden he made.

Nature Seekers Prepare a nature-related scavenger hunt, and have family members and friends pair up to search for all the items.

Litterbug Chase Visit a littered field or park. Race to collect the most cans, the oldest paper item, and the biggest piece of trash. Create wacky stories about how a piece of trash ended up where it did. Then choose a few unique items to create a garbage sculpture. Display it as a reminder to keep God's earth clean.

Crafty Recyclers As a family, make fun crafts using a variety of recycled items. Get started with the five ideas posted here:

childrensministry.com/articles/5-earth-day-crafts-using-recycled-material/

Read All About It For family devotions or bedtime reading, choose some books about God's world and how to care for it:

All Things Bright and Beautiful by Cecil Alexander (ages 0-5)

Let's Explore God's World by Debby Anderson (ages 3-5)

God Made It for You! by Charles Lehmann (ages 4-8)

I Love God's Green Earth by Michael Carroll (ages 9-12)



TEACHABLE MOMENTS

Crystal Creation

Find a recipe online for making rock candy, and start growing sweet crystals on sticks. (Adult supervision is required.) When the sugar solution is set up, have a devotion about God's presence—and impact.

Read aloud 2 Corinthians 3:18. Say: **God influences our world and our lives in very powerful ways. He helps us grow and change, or "transform," over time. God also changes our hearts, showing us how to love him, other people, and ourselves. He gives us wisdom and strength to care for everyone and everything he made.**

Say: **This solution we made has two items we use every day: sugar and water. It looks pretty plain now, but let's put it in a safe place in the kitchen. Each morning, we'll check to see what changes are happening.**

Within a week, dramatic changes will occur. The longer you let the crystals grow, the larger they'll get. You can eat the candy if the container is kept in a clean, dry area.

As part of our Christmas Offering in 2017, we adopted a seminarian at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. Below is his recent letter to us. If you would like to see more. Check out the bulletin board on the lower level by the stairs for other thank yous we receive throughout the year.

Sorry it has taken me so long to write!
This Semester has kept me quite busy as I'm working to finish my first year, my how time flies! Rachel, my wife, and I have really enjoyed our time here at the Seminary and we are both humbled and overjoyed at the outpouring of support we have received in our short time here. Know that we covet your prayers and may God bless you!

In Christ,
Miguel

April 22nd - save the date for a fun church activity. Thrivent will be here to give a talk on Action Teams, then we will be using an Action Team to assemble 100 Smile-Pak Hygiene Kits. What is an Action Team? It is seed money that Thrivent members have available to use for volunteer activities. Seed money for feeding the homeless, education events, and join in at our table with toothbrushes, soap provided by Smile-Pak countries effected by announcements for

PRESCHOOL JOG-A-THON

MARCH 22-23, 2018

This was the 3rd Annual Jog-a-thon. The event this year was to raise funds for maintenance and technology. The



goal was \$30K! The church provided refreshments for the families that were cheering on the students, as well as a Chick-fil-A lunch for the volunteers on Thursday.



Even the wet weather didn't stop these kiddos...



...or these parent volunteers!



Pastor Augie, Miss Dee and Carlsbad Mayor Matt Hall

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.

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

Entrusted, a Study of 2 Timothy, by Beth Moore
Wednesdays, May 9 – June 13th 9:15 a.m.

We were never meant to take this journey of faith alone or in secret. God has entrusted us with the great and mighty gift of the gospel, something too precious and life-giving to keep to ourselves.

In this 6 session Bible study, Beth will encourage you to guard what God has entrusted to you, further His kingdom by sharing Christ with others, and pour into future generations just as Paul once mentored Timothy. Because in this journey of joy and hardship, we need each other to stay the course and live lives of faithfulness.

- Evelyn Meyer

PRAYER FOR THE LOST

In this new growth group, we will be praying out of love for others who do not know the power of Jesus' presence and life with us. We will support each other in faith and prayer, according to the Word of God and in the name of Jesus, inviting God to intervene for the lost. "For the Son of man is come to save that which was lost," Matthew 18:11.

We will meet on Sundays between services on the farthest patio table to the east.

- Linda Staehr

BIRTHDAY GROUP

We gather again on THURSDAY, April 5 at 11:30 a.m. at the Shadowridge Country Club, 1980 Gateway Drive in Vista to celebrate the March birthdays of George Ann Barnes, Dave Berrier, Louise Dockerty, Di Haarmeyer and Gayle Timken. Lunches range from fifteen (\$15) to twenty (\$20) dollars.

In addition to your lunch, we request a one dollar per celebrant contribution which will go to Solutions for Change. This group provides housing and rehabilitation for homeless families. They require work and drug testing to participate in the program.

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

.....and so it finally happened!

RBTS's Two-Tables-of-Bridge Group became One-Table-of-Bridge when they met for lunch and bridge on Friday, March 23rd, at the home of Carolyn Schmaltz. This is a group of world traveling wanderers and so it was on this regular day of play, some wandered and four played.

Alice Lehman had a great afternoon scoring high and following, not too far behind, was Marie Voien, in second place. Report is that it was a nice afternoon for this foursome. Thank you, Carolyn, for hosting the group.

April 27th, the fourth Friday of the month, the Two-Tables-of-Bridge Group will meet at the home of Faye Bacon at 12:30 for dessert. We invite anyone interested in playing bridge to join us either as a regular or as a substitute; please let me know your interest.

We meet the 4th Friday of the month at 12:30 for dessert, in member's homes, with the exception of November when we meet on the 3rd Friday and December is dark for play but very much light and bright as we prepare to celebrate the birth of our Savior Jesus.

Please contact me at: baconfaye3@gmail.com or call: 760-707-6677 for additional information or to be added to the "List of Players".

- Faye Bacon

SALT & LIGHT

I was on the website of the LCMS when I, by chance, noticed in the FAQ section the question, "What is the LCMS' stance regarding clergy promoting political candidates in the pulpit? The LCMS answer was, "THEY MAY MAKE THEIR CONGREGATIONS AWARE OF ISSUES AND ENCOURAGE THE MEMBERS TO BECOME INFORMED REGARDING THE CANDIDATES' STAND ON THESE ISSUES." (Emphasis added by me not LCMS), but Pastors are strongly advised not to use the pulpit or any resources of a congregation to advocate for a particular political candidate.

Promoting this simple formula is what the Salt & Light Ministry feels called to do! You are to know the

GROWTH GROUPS, *CONT.*

issues important to the Church; know where candidates stand on those issues; then VOTE with your biblical foundation helping to guide your selection. We pray for elected officials as Paul asks for in 1 Timothy 2:1-2, "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, and intercessions be made for all men, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life, godly and respectful in every way."

Secondly, we educate ourselves and others from a biblical worldview about current affairs that affects God's laws. As Paul writes in Romans 12:2 "Do not be conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that you may prove what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

Thirdly, we take action on current issues that support or detract from God's law. As Christ said in Matthew 5:13-14, "You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored... You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hid." Fourth, we distribute non partisan election information so that we/you may be equipped to vote in accordance with biblical values as Proverbs 29: 2 states, "When the righteous are in authority, the people rejoice; but when the wicked rule, the people groan."

And lastly, we repent and call upon God to bring healing and restoration to our nation as the Lord tells Solomon in 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."

Consider joining the Salt & Light Ministry. We are concerned citizens in churches praying, getting educated and taking action. We are re-educating ourselves about the wonderful gift God has given us here in the United States! A nation, under God and preserving, as salt does, our Christian heritage.

Your Salt & Light Co-Leader,
- Jerry Meyer

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.

Upcoming Theatrical Events:

June 10, 2018 @ 2pm 'The Father' – North Coast Rep. Theater, Solana Beach.

July 22, 2018 @ 2pm 'Newsies' – Broadway Musical; Moonlight Amphitheater

- Mary Ann Meinardus

GRIEF GROUP

Our next meeting is on Thursday, April 19th, 1:30 P.M. at my home. We will be reviewing Chapter 2, "Coping with Grief" in the book "Grieving with Hope." Mark Your calendar! Contact Norma at 760-931-1947 for more information.

- Norma Russell

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

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

This month of April the Sunday morning Adult Bible Class held from 9:45 to 10:45 AM will continue the series of studies moderated by Rev. Roy Faulstick titled:

ALLEGED CONTRADICTIONS IN THE BIBLE.

The obvious question: Why would a Church Bible study deal with ALLEGED CONTRADICTIONS IN THE BIBLE? Our Church confesses that the "Holy Scriptures differ from all other books in the world in that they are the Word of God...that it goes without saying that they contain no errors or contradictions—So then what does this mean?

Get a cup of coffee and join in a topic that is sure to stimulate discussion and a better understanding of the Bible.

- Pastor Roy Faulstick

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now commissioned us to join Him on a rescue mission. He came to seek and save that which was lost and headed for death. So we now participate in that mission.

Beginning Sunday, April 8, we will begin a new message series at Redeemer called "Life on Mission." The word "mission" has become sort of a buzzword in our culture. It seems as though every organization and business has a mission – whether it's to get you to buy their product or adopt their priorities. I dare say that the Mission of God (Missio Dei) came first. In fact, our very life's purpose, and therefore mission, as Christians is established and defined by God. The challenge for us is to understand and undertake that mission. And so we will be taking six weeks to be equipped for living lives on mission:

April 8 – Overview - As His followers, Jesus calls us to be witnesses—to tell our stories. We don't have to be experts in theology or know all the answers about the Bible, but we do have to be willing to tell people why we believe, and how we have been changed by the hope that is in us.

April 15 – Connect - It may seem obvious, but if we never connect and spend time with people who are far from God, it's going to be impossible to introduce them to Jesus. Jesus set an example for us by hanging around with people who needed Him, and He calls us to do the same.

April 22 – Serve - Jesus told us to love God and love others. Love, however, is often misunderstood. To simply say that we love others, but never cross the room to serve them may ring hollow. When we serve people, we show them that they are unique individuals who are loved by God and loved by us.

April 29 – Share – Just meeting physical needs, however, is not sufficient "rescue work." God asks us to be bold, and to share our own faith experience and knowledge. We must be ready to state clearly and simply how Jesus has changed our lives.

May 6 – Grow - Having a relationship with Jesus should change us. The Bible tells us that we are to be transformed – not merely self-improved. As disciples of Jesus we are to develop daily habits that help us grow to be more like Him.

May 13 – Pray - If we are on a mission to connect, serve, share, and grow, doesn't it make sense that we should stay in communication with the One who is sending us out? Prayer is how we stay connected to God, and is the source of our power and strength we need for our rescue mission.

Joining Jesus on His rescue mission,
Pastor Augie

P.S. *We are studying the Apostle Paul's letter to the Galatians in the lower level "Lounge" on Thursday mornings at 8:30am. We'd love to have you join us!



NEW SERMON SERIES!

As his followers, Jesus calls us to be witnesses - to tell our stories. We don't have to be experts in theology or know all the answers about the Bible. We do have to be willing to tell people why we believe, and how we have been changed by the hope

that is in us. Really, that's what it means to live life on mission; to see opportunities right in front of us - opportunities to tell our stories in a way that will change someone's destiny. Welcome to your Life on Mission.