



Redeemer Lutheran Church



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A
Message
from Our
Pastor

During the days of August 5th through 9th, our campus at Redeemer Lutheran will be transformed into Camp Firelight Vacation Bible School. Surrounded by water, trees, and rolling hills, Camp Firelight is the perfect location for every Camper's favorite summer activities!

During each assembly session, Campers join first-time Camp Counselor Jon and Lu (short for Lumen), the lightning bug puppet, and learn to face their fears while trusting in God. Each day, Campers see Counselor Jon face new challenges, from as simple as leading Campers on a hike to as intimidating as meeting a new and wise nature expert. With the help of Lu the Lightning Bug and the Camp Counselor Guidebook, Counselor Jon and our Campers explore timeless Bible stories that show how Old and New Testament Campers trusted God in the face of their own fears and went on to do great things in God's name.



Through these stories, this program will teach us about people in the Bible who experienced the gift of a trusting relationship with God. In addition, it will teach us to trust that God will go with us, lead the way, share wisdom, to give us peace, and spark joy as we celebrate the good news of Jesus in our own lives and in the lives of others. We will also learn ways we can connect with and put our trust in God whenever we are afraid, challenged, or called to do God's work in the world and share the Good News of God's love through Jesus Christ.

Do you know any children that might enjoy and need a week at Camp Firelight? Invite them and offer to pick them up (if needed)! It will be a fun and meaningful week of crafts, games, and stories, with lunch served as well.

Camp Counselor Jon



Applying Bible Principles to Stewardship

When Samuel was seeking someone to succeed Saul as King of Israel, he examined the sons of Jesse. In that process, he considered their stature and physical characteristics in great detail, only to be told by God, "Man looks at the outward appearance, but I look at the heart."

That modus operandi on God's part has not changed over the centuries of time. He still looks at the hearts of men and women. He is not as interested in how things appear on the outside, but what they are really like on the inside. And God's scrutiny extends to every area of our lives, including our giving.

Specifically, He wants to know not just what or when we are giving, but why. He is not so concerned about the amount or the percentage but with the reason or motive why we give. It's not that amounts or percentages are not important, for they certainly are. But what is of greater importance is why we give.

If we only give out of a sense of duty, to impress someone, to keep a commitment we made, or to "do our part," we've missed the point. If we only give a certain amount or percentage because we've always given that way, we've missed the point. If we parcel out money to help "poor ol' God pay His bills," we've missed the point.

God owns it all! He doesn't need our money to pay His bills. He doesn't want us to give out of a sense of obligation or duty or habit. Nor does He want us to give to impress someone else. He wants us to give out of hearts motivated by love for Him in response to His love for us. He wants us to give as part of our worship and praise to Him. He wants us to give because giving is part of His way of growing Christians.

There's an old Indian fable about a mouse who, like all mice, was afraid of cats. A wizard felt sorry for him and offered to help him lose his fear. With the mouse's approval, the wizard turned him into a cat. The cat, however, was afraid of dogs, so the wizard turned the cat into a dog. But the dog was afraid of tigers, so the wizard turned the dog into a tiger. When the wizard discovered the tiger was afraid of hunters, he exclaimed in disgust, "You're hopeless. What you need is a change of heart. And that I cannot give you."

If our giving is motivated by anything other than a heart of love for God, we need a change of heart. We need to realize afresh that God owns everything and that we are just managers and stewards. We need to realize that when we give, we are only giving back to God what was rightfully His in the first place. And we need to understand that when we give out of love for God and not out of habit or duty or obligation, we are giving in a way that truly honors and glorifies Him.

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IN HIS SERVICE

AREA OF SERVICE	AUGUST 4	AUGUST 11	AUGUST 18	AUGUST 25
ALTAR GUILD	Judy			→
LECTOR		Judy		Karen
PASTOR'S ASSISTANT	Jan			→
ACOLYTE	Maia	Emily	Darynne	Maia
FLOWERS	Julie	Linda	Phyllis	Haywood's
GREETER	Karen			→
COFFEE HOUR	Dakota	Fellowship Comm.		Tammy
COUNTERS	Tammy	Tammy	Karen	



FAREWELL POTLUCK FOR SCHUYLER
 After enjoying his awesome talent for the past 14 years, Schuyler is leaving us and moving to New Jersey. God speed and know you will be missed!



Left: Schuyler at the electric organ, donated to us by the Saltzman family, in memory of Lois.; Right: Pastor preparing to lead us in a thanksgiving prayer.

Right: Linda, Sue, Jack and (Sherri behind Jack) are listening to Schuyler talk about his future plans, moving to New Jersey, where he'll share his musical talents with students, teaching at a University.





AUGUST HAPPENINGS

DATES TO REMEMBER



LUNCH BUNCH: is Wednesday, 7-31-24 11am at Huevo House Cafe, 3939 Ming Avenue. Please make reservations with Judy Olson-Peterson.

QUILTING AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Aug. 14, 9-3pm. Phyllis will furnish snacks, bring your own lunch. Karen Musgrove will have knitting machine class at 12:30pm.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE is Wednesday 8-21-24 @1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss What Lies Beyond Certainty in Community based on Ephesians 4:4-7 & Gather Magazine. Phyllis Elrod will provide refreshments. All ladies are invited



WINE & DINE is Thursday 8/22/24 @6 pm. Please watch the bulletin for more info.

GAME DAY will be on Wednesday, Aug. 28, 12 noon if you want to bring a sack lunch, 12:30 games begin. Bring a friend.



June 27, 2024

July 26, 2024

Following is a list of our friends who have been lifted up in prayer by our faithful Prayer Warriors.

Rosie Baker *Beverly*
Jamie and family *Tom Lynch*

Please know that your Prayers are sincerely appreciated.



Worship & Music will not meet in August. Next meeting in September.



Sat. August 10, 9 am
"Many hands make light work!"



Church Council will meet Sunday, August 18 @11 am



Jennifer Allen	07
Brian Haywood	07
Gary Manes	11
Lily Dommer	14
Lyda Barger	17
Dylan Christenson	25
Louise Hall	25
Carlotta Quashnick	25
Weylan Bayman	26
Michael Jacobsen	27
Caroline Reid	28
Dr. R. Fok	29

Happy Anniversary

Pastor Donella & Bill Silveira	02
Judy & Andy Cantrell	07
Jan & John Lemley	15
Kevin & Hollie Schindler	26
Janet & Weylan Bayman	27

Corrections, con't.

Schroeder : david@heideschroeder.com

Address:

Dick Fischer, 7301 Budge Way, 93309

Rosie Baker: Creston Village, Rm.103
 1919 Creston Rd., Paso Robles, 93446

Phone number:

Karen Musgrove cell phone: 661-412-1370

CORRECTIONS!

Please make the following corrections to your new directory: **email:**

Louise: louise@louisejurackrealtor.com

Caroline Reid: clreidoregon@gmail.com

EVERGREEN SCHOOL

NEEDS OUR SUPPORT

**REDEEMER'S CHARITY FOR
JULY AND AUGUST 2024
"HELP THE SCHOOL DRIVE"**

SCHOOL STARTS

AUGUST 14, 2024

SUPPLIES NEEDED:

BASIC SCHOOL SUPPLIES

BACKPACKS

PENCILS, CRAYONS, etc.

ALSO NEEDED:

HYGIENE PRODUCTS:

DEODORANT

TOOTH BRUSHES/PASTE

SHAMPOO

SOAP, etc.

*Monetary donations are always welcome—(we'll
do the shopping)*

*Most stores are currently having
back-to-school specials.*

**PLEASE BRING ITEMS TO CHURCH
OR GIVE DONATIONS A.S.A.P.**

THANK YOU!



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

2024 Financial Report

	January	February	March	April	May	June	Total
Receipts	21,416.00	13,162.00	25,963.05	13,619.00	20,898.05	20,465.00	115,523.10
Budget	16,750.83	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.00	100,504.19
Difference	4,665.17	(3,588.84)	9,212.21	(3,131.84)	4,147.21	3,715.00	15,018.91
Expenses	11,832.90	12,631.49	13,829.76	13,354.43	17,436.20		69,084.78
Budget	16,750.83	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.84	16,750.00	100,504.19
Difference	(4,917.93)	(4,119.35)	(2,921.08)	(3,396.41)	685.36	(16,750.00)	(31,419.41)
Loan Receipts	1,250.00	950.00	1,725.00	900.00	2,800.00	925.00	8,550.00
Loan Payments	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	1,085.00	6,510.00
Difference	165.00	(135.00)	640.00	(185.00)	1,715.00	(160.00)	2,040.00



HEADS UP FOR THE CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS

Will be held after Worship each Sunday from 10:30 am to 11:15 am.
Our first class will be held Rally Day, September 8, 2024.



THE LUNCH BUNCH GANG

Pictured above from left, around the table: Jan, Carlotta, Lilian, Judy, Tammy, Mark, Pastor Jon, Bill, John, Dick, Pastor Donella, AnneMarie and Phyllis. Lunch Bunch meets the first Wed. of the month—(with one exception for August. The first Wednesday conflicts with VBS, so we will meet July 31, that happens to be the 5th Wed. in July.) Time and place are on page 4 of your newsletter. Plan to join us for good food and always great fellowship.



AUGUST 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
 8/7 Purple Heart Day				1	2	3 A.A. 5:30 pm
4 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee hour	5 VBS Purple Heart Day	6 Al-Anon 6:30	7	8	9	10  9 am—noon A.A. Meets 5:30pm
11 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee hour Bishop Bos leads worship	12	13 Sing-a-long @ Pacifica 3pm	14 Quilting and prayer shawl ministry 9-2 pm	15	16	17 Garden Club 9—noon A.A. Meets 5:30 pm
18 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee hour	19	20 Sing-a-long @ Pacifica 3pm	21 Afternoon Bible Study Pacifica 10 am	22	23	24 A.A. Meets 5:30 pm
25 9:30 a.m. Worship 10:30 Coffee hour	26	27 Sing-a-long @ Pacifica 3pm	28 Senior Game Day 12 noon Bring your own lunch 12:30 games	29 Wine & Dine 6:00 pm	30	31 A.A. Meets 5:30 pm