



Redeemer Lutheran Church



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Sunday school is a relative newcomer to the Christian faith. For the first 1700 years of her existence, the church expected parents and the extended family to be the primary educators of the gospel to their children. Even when Sunday Schools were established, they were literally schools: they were places where poor children could learn to read.

The Sunday school movement began in Britain in the 1780s. The Industrial Revolution had resulted in many children spending all week long working in factories. Christian humanitarians wanted to free these children from a life of illiteracy. Working hours were long. Legislative in 1802 restricted the number of hours a child could work per day to 12! Saturday was part of the regular work week. Sunday, therefore, was the only available time for these children to gain some education.

Sunday school was at first an English movement, but it soon spread to America as well. Christians here caught the vision and energetically began to create Sunday schools. Within decades, the movement had become extremely popular. Even parents who did not regularly attend church themselves often insisted that their children go to Sunday school. Working-class families were grateful for this opportunity to receive an education.

Of course there was a spiritual component to this education. The Bible was the basic “textbook” for learning to read, and children often copied out passages in learning to write. Basic Christian doctrines were taught, as well as prayers and hymns. One of the fascinating aspects of Sunday school was that it was primarily led by the laity. In fact, bright students would often “graduate” to become teachers, thereby learning leadership skills as well.

I think Sunday school is still important, although it no longer has the place in churches that it once did. It’s no secret that Redeemer doesn’t have a large Sunday school, but we do have children and adults eager to learn. Therefore, we continue this noble tradition to provide as many opportunities for growth in the Christian faith as we can.

Our Rally Day is scheduled for September 8th, with a bang! We will have a family potluck after 9:30 worship. Children will have an opportunity to see the classrooms and meet the teachers. Christian Education will begin September 15th

Christian education is for all, so I hope you join us.

Pastor Jon Christenson





Applying Bible Principles

Money is one of God's gifts to people.

"If God gives a man wealth and property and lets him enjoy them, he should be grateful and enjoy what he has worked for. It is a gift from God" (Eccl. 5:19).

Don't you just love gifts? There is great satisfaction both in getting gifts and in giving them. Since we are created in the image of God, it stands to reason that He also must take great delight in giving and receiving gifts.

All that we have comes from His hand, but in particular, Solomon indicated that money and riches and the ability to enjoy them are gifts from God. In other words, God gives us that which is rightfully His, and then He allows us the enjoyment of wealth and money. As we enjoy what He has entrusted to us, no doubt He takes great pleasure in our enjoyment if our actions are in conformity to His Word and His will.

How can we be sure that our enjoyment of money and wealth is according to God's plan? The Bible contains a great deal of specific instruction as to how we are to use money, but this guiding principle is to motivate our entire lives, including the use and enjoyment of wealth: ". . . Whatever you do, whether you eat or drink, do it all for God's glory" (1 Cor. 10:31).

There's nothing wrong with money. There's nothing wrong with enjoying the things that money can buy. Solomon was correct when he said that both are gifts from God. The key is to use money in such a way that our enjoyment will bring glory to God. One of the primary ways to do that is to give to the Lord and His work here at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

During the past few months, have you kept God's glory, especially giving to Him, as the number one priority in your use of money? Or have other things taken the place of your giving to God?



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**HELP
SPRUCE UP THE
FELLOWSHIP HALL**



New flooring in the Fellowship Hall is the ultimate goal, however, it has been decided that the pine paneling in the hall, needs attention as well. The week of September 16th, has been set as the date for painting that paneling. So, grab your paint brushes and put on some well-used clothes and help with the re-do of the Fellowship Hall.

**REMEMBERING
SEPTEMBER 11, 2001**



COME TO THE FAIR

Kern County FAIR DATES are:
Sept. 18-29, 2024

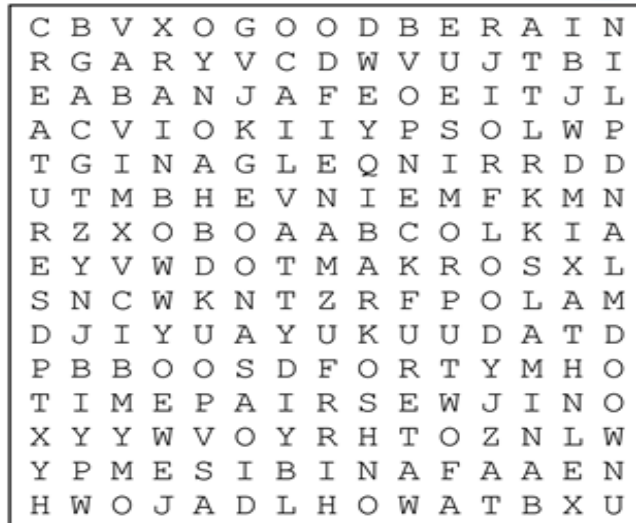
Senior Day is Friday, Sept. 20,
9 am—4 pm.

Admission and parking free for seniors.

If you enjoy going to the fair, this is the day to go. You will save money, and don't have to worry about the crowds pushing you around—rememberit's SENIOR day!



Noah and the Ark



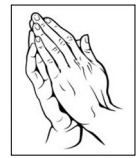
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| ANIMALS | LAND |
| ARK | MOUNTAIN |
| BELIEVE | NOAH |
| BUILD | PAIRS |
| CREATURES | PROMISE |
| DOVE | RAIN |
| EVIL | RAINBOW |
| FLOOD | TWO |
| FORTY | WATER |
| GOOD | WOOD |





*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



July 26, 2024

August 25, 2024

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

Rad	Caylin,
Jody	Sharon

Continued prayers for: Jamie

Please know that your prayers are so very much appreciated. Thanks and Blessings to all!

"and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"

IN HIS SERVICE

AREA OF SERVICE	SEPTEMBER 1	SEPTEMBER 8	September 15	SEPTEMBER 22	SEPTEMBER 29
ALTAR GUILD	Lyda				→
LECTOR	Louise	Judy			→
ASSISTANT	Louise				→
ACOLYTE	Maia	Darynne	Emily	Maia	Darynne
FLOWERS	Phyllis	Sue		Judy	Lemley's
GREETER	Karen				→
COFFEE HOUR		POTLUCK LUNCH			
COUNTERS					

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SEPTEMBER save these dates



LUNCH BUNCH will meet at Applebee's, 9000 Ming Ave Suite M at 11 on Wednesday, Sept. 4th. All are welcome, please let Judy know if you plan to attend.

QUILTING AND PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY will meet Wednesday, September 11@ 9 -3 pm. Karen will bring snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch. We are a relaxed group and will be happy to help you get started knitting, crocheting or quilting. We have knitting machines that Karen teaches how to use - we need interested knitters! Join us to see what we do.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE is Wednesday 9-18-24, 1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Compassion from 1 Corinthians 13:12&13 & Gather magazine. Judy Olson-Peterson will provide refreshments. All ladies are invited!

SENIOR GAME DAY is Wednesday, September 25 in the Fellowship Hall. Bring your own lunch at 12, or come to play at 12:30. Join the fun playing games (mostly dominos) for a

WINE & DINE is Thursday 9-26-24 6pm at Maui Pho Asian Fusion Restaurant, 5432 Stockdale Highway. Please make reservations with Linda Cohen.

Potluck LUNCHEON

RALLY DAY

We will be celebrating the start of a new Sunday School year on September 8th. Teachers will meet and greet students to acquaint them with their rooms. Please plan to join us, bring your kids, grandkids, friends and neighbors. Food sign up in the Narthex.

SEE YOU THERE!!!

Sunday, 9/8/24
after worship.



Worship and Music
Monday, 9/12-10 am

Work day: Sat. September 14
9 am-noon

Church Council
September 15
11 am

September BIRTHDAYS

- Erica Dommer 03**
- Nate Olson 03**
- Scott Petty 05**
- Jenny Martinez 20**
- Rick Schroeder 24**
- Maiai Johnson 26**
- John Lemley 27**
- Rosie Baker 29**

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- Anne & Mark Benson 10**
- Kathy & Robert Hairfield 13**
- Sheri & Shawn Hunter 27**

SUBSTITUTES NEEDED

Plans for the 2024-2025 Sunday School year are being made — BUT we do need substitutes willing to step in if the teachers can't make it on a Sunday. Please call the office if you are willing to help. 661-832-7881

Pictures on the following pages are shots of VBS this year– Aug.5-9. Attendance ranged from 12 –16. The kids and teachers all enjoyed a fun-filled, Christian based educational week. Plus crafts, outdoor activities , delicious snacks and lunch—finishing the week with a great time on the water slide!





Some staff members had the tough jobs!





Whenever I'm afraid,
I put my
trust
in **YOU.**
Psalm 56:3



Highlights
From **VBS**

**SINCERE
THANKS
TO OUR
VBS
STAFF!**



**VBS
STAFF**

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| Pastor Jon | Karen |
| Phyllis | Nate |
| Tammy | AnneMarie |
| Judy | Nate |
| Julie | Louise |
| Linda | Nori |
| Carlotta | Bill |



Last day fun in the sun!



THANK YOU REDEEMER!

Evergreen School was our charity for July and August again this year. Pictured to the left are the mounds of back-packs and below standard school supplies and hygiene items.

The council thanks all of you for your generous donations, and as usual the school is so very grateful for our gifts to their students.

Also money was donated which will be used to purchase Target gift cards for purchasing clothing needs that arise from time to time.



Above is the first recipient of a back-pack. She and mom saw us unloading the car and asked for one— she beamed with excitement!



Bishop Brenda Bos was well received when she led our Worship service on Sunday, August 11



Left: Deacon Cecelia Travik-Jackson and Bishop Bos. Deacon Cecelia is Assistant to the Bishop for Senior Adult Ministries. Deacon Cecelia came along with Bishop Bos and addressed the congregation, on how to best serve the needs of seniors in our congregation. For many of our congregations, most of the people ARE seniors; we want people to realize the church can embrace this identity.

When Bishop Bos did to Children's Sermon, she showed them the cross she was wearing. She took it off and let all the children look at it. As they were looking at it, she explained that on the backside there were 5 previous Bishop's names inscribed. This cross is passed down from Bishop to Bishop. She also said that this cross is the only thing that identifies the person as a Bishop. No other markings on their clothing. Just the cross they wear around their neck. ☩



SEPTEMBER 2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p>1</p> <p>Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p> <p>Pacifica Sing 3pm</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Lunch Bunch 11 am</p> <p>Pacifica 10-11</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Glass Club</p> <p>A.A. 5:30 pm</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Potluck lunch</p> 	<p>9</p>	<p>10</p> <p>Pacifica Sing 3pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 6:30</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Quilting & Prayer shawl 9- 2 pm</p> <p>Patriot Day</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Worship and Music 10 am</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p>  <p>9 am—noon</p> <p>Garden Club 9-noon</p> <p>A.A. 5:30 pm</p>
<p>15</p> <p>Worship 9:30 10:30 S.S. 11 am</p> <p>Grandparents Day</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Pacifica Sing 3pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 6:30</p>	<p>18</p> <p>Afternoon Bible study</p> <p>Pacifica 10-11</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p> <p>A.A. 5:30 pm</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Adult S.S. 11am</p> 	<p>23</p> 	<p>24</p> <p>Pacifica Sing 3pm</p> <p>Al-Anon 6:30</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Senior Game Day 12:30</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Wine & Dine 6 pm</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p> <p>A.A. 5:30 pm</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Worship 9:30 Fellowship 10:30 Sunday School 10:30 Adult S.S. 11am</p>	<p>30</p>	 <p>Sept. 8th</p>				