

'ROUND REDEEMER

Redeemer's Mission: *Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus and the community of faith, offering hope, help and healing in His name.*

Redeemer's Vision: *Connecting to God, connecting to people, connecting to life!*

June 2008

Redeemer Ministries

Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod
468 Grand Street
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Sundays @ Redeemer

Band-Led Service - 8:30 am
Organ-Led Service – 10:00 am
Adult Bible Study – 8:30 am
Sunday30 (children) – 8:30 am

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God, please bless the reader of this newsletter
... may it lift up and edify ... strengthen and
encourage ... challenge and make us
dedicated ... to His Kingdom! In His Name,

Senior Pastor Hal writes

EXCITING OPPORTUNITIES ON THE HORIZON

This month the mission track intern *Eric Robinson* joins our ministry team to help us reach people we are not currently reaching with the life-changing message of God's love in Jesus. His focus will be in two areas – youth and 20-30 Somethings. As intern, he is under my supervision and I make reports to the seminary as he remains a student with the seminary until he completes his internship/vicarage. Once he has completed the year of internship, he will receive a Call from Redeemer to serve as Pastor of Outreach so that he can continue the work he has initiated during the year. At that time he will be ordained and installed as associate pastor at Redeemer.

This month we also launch summer camps for elementary and middle school students. We have 4 weeks of camps that range from science to art to i-Movies to basketball. This is designed to meet needs in the community and to give us additional contact points with families and kids.

We are also partnering with the church in La Paz where work was begun on a new worship and education facility last year. *Bill Fox* is coordinating our efforts this year. Over \$3000 has been raised so far for the project, significantly through the "South of the Border" Dinner last month.

The students of Sunday30 have almost reached their goal for the Rwanda Well Project. Next month we should be able to send \$3000 to provide a well for families in Rwanda. \$1 from each of the Redeemer Sports Water Bottles goes to support this endeavor.

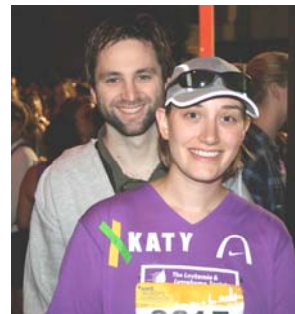
God is good in helping us to impact lives with His love and bring folks practical help and at the same time have opportunities to learn of the love that changes lives, the love that sacrificed the life of God's own Son that *WHOEVER* might believe and be saved.

COMMISSIONING AND RECEPTION PLANNED FOR JUNE 15 AND 17

By assignment from the St. Louis Seminary, God has given Eric Robinson to serve as Outreach Pastor of Redeemer. Eric and his wife Katy will be arriving in Redwood City the second week of this month. Two special services are planned for Sunday, June 15 with Dr. Robert Newton, President of the California-Nevada-Hawaii District of the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod preaching at both. Eric will be commissioned during those services as well. There is a light reception planned following the last service.

Additionally, on Tuesday, June 17 we will have a festive open house 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Event Center. It will afford ample time to meet and greet our newest staff.

On Sunday, June 22, Eric will bring his first message from God's Word to our worshipping community. We look forward to a long and fruitful connection as he focuses his ministry on the unreached peoples of the mid-peninsula.



Outreach Pastor Eric Robinson writes

OUTREACH

So, this is my first article for the monthly newsletter. I have to be honest, though, and tell you that I struggled to come up with something to write. Since I am being brought on to do outreach, I was kindly reminded that it might be a good idea to write about that. However, "outreach" is not easy to talk about outside of a community context...

The "problem" with outreach is that it isn't nearly as clear-cut as it used to be. We used to think that if we discovered the 8 ingredients in a successful evangelism program, then we could reach the world for Christ in a matter of months (or something like that). As time passed, we learned that we had been horribly mistaken. When a church succeeded to reach their respective community and then published their plan, it never seemed to translate into other communities. Even the supposed masters at evangelism and small-group ministries have recently published that their strategies aren't working. Something changed in our culture, and it was deconstructing our understanding of outreach.

I wish that I could give a direct plan of action that began with, "This is how Redeemer is going to reach out to Redwood City....."

I can't.

A plan with that kind of absoluteness will probably never exist. As I have learned from my experiences, mentors, conversations, and studies, setting a plan for outreach based on anything other than addressing the specific needs of the community will not work.

But there is always hope.

The beauty of outreach lies in its definition, or at least how I have come to redefine it for myself. Outreach is who we are, not what we do. It's showing compassion to a co-worker who has recently lost someone close to them, working at a homeless shelter, and ultimately trying to be a learner of Christ within our own spheres of influence. When we look at the Gospels, Jesus always spent time with people. As he did, we can see compassion and love flow from his interaction.

The Gospel is most powerfully spread through relationships.

ADVICE FOR A CHRISTIAN'S SANCTIFICATION WALK

In Colossians 3:17 St. Paul advises, *"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God, the Father."*

Two suggestions: (1) Memorize this word of advice from St. Paul. (2) Now put it into action. Doing this will affect you profoundly. It will change your life as you live day by day and hour by hour, and as you face one situation after another.

Whatever you do today, be it working at your profession or at home doing chores, whether it's waiting on tables or cooking meals, whether it's studying for classes or conversing casually in conversation - whatever you do, try doing it in the name of the Lord Jesus. "Whatever you do - in word or deed," whatever you say today, to yourself, to your spouse, to your children, to a friend, to a stranger - say it in the name of the Lord Jesus, as if it were the Lord Jesus speaking.



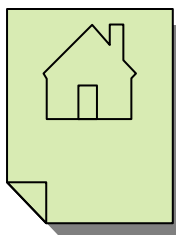
I do try to do this! And it makes such a difference. If I give a word of advice - and some people do ask for advice at times - I speak, at least I try to, as if the Lord Jesus would be giving the word of advice.

If something challenges me, I say to myself, "John, think about how the Lord Jesus would face this challenge." If I am taking a position on some issue, I ask, "Is this where the Lord Jesus would stand on this issue?"

I know that when I try to do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, things turn out better for me and for everyone involved. Then I do what Paul suggests, "I give thanks through Him to God the Father."

I challenge myself and all of us to live by this word of Paul, *"Whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks through Him to God the Father."*

MAPLE STREET SHELTER EVENT RECAP



Members of Redeemer (nine) with a heart for service prepared and served dinner to 60 individuals residing at Maple Street Shelter on May 10. Volunteers included the cooks Rosemarie Gsell, Jim Gordon and Sharron Miller and the servers Barry Dixon, Lorna Boales, Rose and Paul Soule, Ruth Finkelstein, and Helen Geer. Thanks again to each of you for your time and service. The menu included homemade meatloaf and mashed potatoes with gravy. Not even a morsel of the meatloaf was left! Sure must have been a special "comfort food" treat for them! This is our third time to do the meal service and each time we get a little more experienced and able to make the process more enriching. Next time we will provide signage indicating who is providing the meal service. Barry said he thought he saw one of the residents in church on Sunday! Next meal service is planned for August. We need 3-4 cooks and 6-7 servers for each event scheduled. If you are interested in cooking or serving, please let Sharron know. She can be reached at 364-3124 or lolbiker@comcast.net

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

*We Exist to Build a New Generation of Christian Leaders
Prepared to Thrive in a Rapidly Changing World*

WHAT A YEAR!

What a year... is so true. I can't believe how fast this year went by. It seems as though we were having our first chapel last week. So much has taken place over the past nine months. Every one of our emotions was tested and once again when we rely on an awesome God He carries us through ALL things! We had two teachers become mothers for the first time, and one who had a stillbirth at six months. I had the opportunity to go back into the classroom full time for two months while Mrs. Denise Maier was on maternity leave.

As I have mentioned many times before I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to Redeemer Ministries! I am in awe of the gifts our great God blesses us with each day.

Our enrollment for the 2008/2009 school year continues to grow, four classes are at capacity, and our parents continue to refer new families to us daily. PRAISE GOD! This is such an exciting time on our campus and all of you are the reason we continue to be "A Beacon of Light" to the community! All I can say is,

THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!! THANK YOU!!!"

GRADUATION 2008!

Can you believe we are two weeks away from the end of our school year! Our 18 eighth grade students are preparing for their graduation night. These young men and women have been a part of Redeemer Lutheran School from one to nine years. They will now begin a new journey in their lives. We are so proud of their accomplishments

and look forward to hearing great things about each of them in the years to come. We are very proud to announce that we have chosen two valedictorians for the 2007/2008 school year. They are *Ben Justice*, who will be attending The Kings Academy and *Sarah Dumanske*, who will be attending Carlmont High School this fall. Congratulations and God's richest blessings go out to both of them for all their hard work, commitment and dedication to Redeemer Lutheran School and Church. Eighth Grade Graduation is Friday, June 6, 7:30pm in the worship center.

PASS IT ON

Registration for the 2008-2009 school year is in full swing. Feel free to pass on the information to family members, friends and neighbors. Pass on the school phone number to anyone who might be interested in a Christian education: **366-3466**. Pass on the school's website to anyone who needs information about Redeemer School. www.redeemer-school.org.

Another nice introduction to our school is for students to attend one of a variety of summer camp programs we are offering on campus. Check them out on the church internet site: www.redeemerministries.org.


If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact me. We are very blessed to have congregation members and parents such as you and we look forward to giving our children not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow them to succeed in forever changing society.

Habakkuk 3:18. *"I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior".*

Redeemer Lutheran Ministries is an Acts 2 Church:

Connecting People to Jesus and Helping Them Grow Spiritually

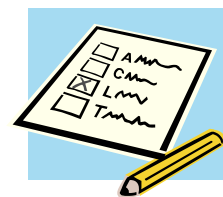
SUMMER CAMPS 2008

	Science Camp	Clay/Art Camp	Music-Drama Camp	Tech Camp	Basketball Camp
Dates	June 16-20 June 23-27	June 23-27 July 14-18	June 16-27 (Closing Play June 27, 7:00pm)	July 7-11 July 14-18	June 16-20 June 23-27 July 7-11 July 14-18
Grade in Fall	Grades 1-4	Grades 1-4	Grades 5-8	Grades 5-8	Grades 5-8
Time	9a – 12p	9a – 12p	9a – 12p	9a – 12p	9a – 12p
Staff	Challeen Flick	Ma Patapoff	Noelle Madden	G/R Behrens	Mike Mancini Bob Doody
Cost	\$150 per week	\$150 per week	\$300 for 2 weeks	\$150 per week	\$150 per week

For more information or forms to register
www.redeemerministries.org

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING – JUNE 8

The next Congregational Meeting is set for June 8 at 11:30am. The agenda will include the Budget for fiscal year 2008-09 and plans for funding the new Administration Building following the conclusion of the current “Sharing the Vision ...*It’s Happening*” campaign. There will be updates on our overall ministry plan for reaching and discipling people on the mid-Peninsula. The meeting will be in the Event Center.



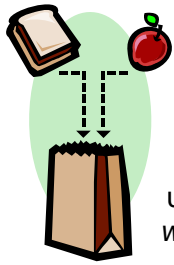
Stephen Ministry

One-on-One Caregiving



Feeling down? Lonely? Stressed? Discouraged? You would benefit from the care, support, and encouragement of a Redeemer Stephen Minister. It’s free. It’s confidential (a safe person for you to confide in) while you continue to be strengthened by God. To find out more, contact one of our Stephen Leaders:

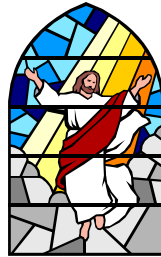
- **Pastor Draeger**, Stephen Minister, Teaching & Supervision Leader, 366-5892 x 20
- **Karen Kneeder**, Stephen Minister, Leader & Referrals Coordinator, 366-5892 x 16
or via e-mail, karenk@redeemerministries.org.



BAGS OF LOVE

Saturday, June 21, 8:15am

Help make PB&J sandwiches and pack bags in the Event Center of Redeemer before heading to San Francisco to distribute food and friendship and prayer to the under-resourced folks in the Seneca Hotel. *Please consider this ministry as part of a way to serve God through serving others.* Questions: 366-5892.



DEATH

Lilo James



Men's Breakfast, Devotion and Fellowship

Each Wednesday, 6:30am-7:30am

in the Redeemer Event Center (except June 18, when the men meet at Bob's Courthouse Café,

2198 Broadway, RWC.)

All men invited and *bring a friend!*

REDEEMER WATER BOTTLES

Let's not continue to throw our personal water bottles into the landfill...you can continue to collect them for the Duval's boys efforts in supporting Multiple Sclerosis Research...but now - - -

Redeemer has designed (thank you Bernie Wooster-Wong) a water bottle for your use day-after-day as you exercise, go to sporting events, cycle, etc.

Cost: \$5.00 each (20% benefiting the Rwanda Well Project).

Buy some for yourself and your family and then some more for friends.

Available: Worship Center Foyer, Church Office, School Office and School Snack Shop.



HUMAN RACE – A BIG SUCCESS



Eleven walkers from Redeemer participated in THE HUMAN RACE at Shoreline Park on Saturday, May 10 and enjoyed the scenic walk, the glorious weather, the plentiful food and excitement of the day's events. Funds were raised for the Interfaith Hospitality Network. As of this writing, \$805.00 has been received. The final amount takes some time to calculate.

Sincere thanks to all who participated by walking, contributing or both. This is a great annual event and maybe next year more Redeemer folks will plan to be involved.

LIFE ENRICHMENT



God will enable us through the Life Enrichment Ministry to enhance our latter years by sharing with others our Christian love and fellowship not only in this life but for that which is yet to come.

Apologies for missing announcements in last month's 'Round Redeemer. Twenty-nine people enjoyed traveling to Dominic's restaurant at Coyote Point in San Mateo in April. Good food, good company, and Pastor Bob's usual humorous comments!

May's Life Enrichment luncheon was held May 10 but, unfortunately, was poorly attended. Perhaps, Mother's Day weekend and illnesses prevented many from coming. Approximately 20 though thoroughly enjoyed Chef *Karl Maier's* bratwurst, sauerkraut, and 'heavenly' baked beans together with carrot cake for dessert. Thanks to the many kitchen helpers who set the tables, served, and cleared and stayed to clean up! What would we do without you? Pastor Bob had his comic remarks but more seriously reminded us of how God has blessed us through our respective mothers. *Ruth Finkelstein* presented a short introduction to the services offered by LifeLine and other similar companies. I showed my button, worn around my neck, and explained that Vital Link, my service provider, operates in much the same as a security service. ***Those of us who live alone might want to consider whether LifeLine or Vital Link or another similar service would be of great value to us and added peace for our loved ones.***

Entertainment was provided by the "Melodies", formerly the "Highlighters" from Broadway by the Bay. Under the new management of BBB they retired and re-formed as the "Melodies", singing many of the tunes we all know from the 20's, 30's, 40's, and into the 50's and 60's. How much we all enjoyed tapping our feet in rhythm and singing along with them!

Remember: There is no luncheon in June nor in August. But do **remember** that our **annual barbecue** will be held on the third, not the second, Saturday of July. Mark your calendars now, **July 19, 11:00am**. Chef *Rick Beaman* and his helpers will prepare the usual hamburgers with all of those toppings we enjoy, plus beans, potato salad, salad, and dessert.

WHEAT RIDGE MINISTRIES PRESENTS

...the Seeds of Hope Awards to **Rev. Paul Janke** and **Rev Ron Zielske** commemorating their Christian service to those in need: Rev. Janke served at ecumenical services in Sacramento and with Lutheran Social Services there also; Rev. Zielske served as CEO of Sunny View Manor, Sunnyvale, for many years and in other programs that assisted the elderly.



The event will take place on Sunday June 22 from 3:00pm-5:00pm at the home of Lois Peacock, 70 West Clay Park. San Francisco. Suggested donation is \$35.00. Everyone is invited to enjoy the wine and cheese reception as they receive information about Wheat Ridge Ministries from the new CEO Rich Herman, and as they congratulate the honorees.

President Helen Botnarescue writes

Lutheran Women in Mission

*Lutheran Women in Mission affirm, encourage, and enable women,
in relationship with the Triune God, to use their gifts in ministry to people of the world.*

April was a busy month with the Spring Rally at Trinity in Palo Alto and the CA-NV-HI District Convention in Bakersfield. Taking the theme of the convention, "Amazing Grace from God," the Rev. Dien Taylor kept us truly "amazed" by his experiences of God's grace during the events of 9/11. Serving both a church and a school in the borough of the Bronx, the northern-most borough of NYC, Pastor Taylor found many examples of God's grace, not only among families in the school and church but also in his neighborhood. The neighborhood fire station, for example, became the command center for out-of-town firefighters from Westchester County and Connecticut. There were so very many times to witness! In spite of the horrific fall of the twin towers of the World Trade Center and subsequent loss of life, God's grace did abound in those who survived and helped in the aftermath.

Pastor Taylor was also our song leader and kept us on our feet, clapping, and even dancing around the room. Quite a scene for normally "restrained" Lutherans!

In the business meeting it should be noted that delegates voted to fund all Mission Grant requests for the 2008-2010 Biennium. Given the \$15,000.00 surplus from the 2006-2008 Biennium. Delegates firmly believed that all 15 grant proposals could be funded. In terms of the three grants chosen by the Redeemer Ladies Guild (Focus on Families, Roseville; Acts in Mission Society, Bakersfield; and Hispanic Church Plant, Hayward) these will be numbers 10, 7, and 11 in funding order. And here's a "heads up"-- the next District Biennial Convention will be held at the Marriott in San Mateo. Already, Zone 8 President, Mary Deger-Seevers, has promised that Zone 8 LWML members will prepare folders for delegates and others who attend. So be prepared to pitch in!

At our regular Ladies Guild meeting May 8, *Gray Behrens* presented the Bible study, based on Chapter 12 of Max Lucado's 3:16, "The Last Word on Life" and the Bible reading from 1 Peter 1:3-12, a thoughtful and insightful discussion ensued.

June will be less busy but will provide fun for all. Our annual Ice Cream Social will be held at 1:00pm on Thursday, June 19 in the Event Center at the church. There will be the usual selection of ice cream and toppings together with cookies and followed by games such as pinochle, bridge, and bingo. Be sure to mark your calendars right now!

June Calendar Events

Monday, June 2, 10:00am-LWIM Board Meeting, Classroom 2
Saturday, June 7, 8:30am-Women's *Bible* Breakfast, Baker's Square
Thursday, June 19, 1:00pm-Ice Cream Social, Event Center

July Calendar Events

Saturday, July 19, 9:30am-3:00pm-Zone 8 Summer Retreat, Bethany Lutheran Church, Menlo Park Topic: "Always Changing, Always the Same" B.Y.O.B. & L. (Bring Your Own *Bible* and Lunch)

August Calendar Events:

Monday, August 4, 10:00am-LWIM Board Meeting, Room 3

And an **advance notice!!!**

Friday – Sunday, September 5-7 - CA-NV-HI District Women's Fall Weekend Retreat

Place: Villa del Mar, Santa Cruz

Topic: "Discovering the Holy Spirit:

Going on a Quest in the Old Testament"

Bible Study Leader,

Gayle Wilson, Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont

Those who attended last year's retreat will be the first to tell you about the beautiful setting at the Villa del Mar, a gift by the sea, and of how much the setting adds to the spiritual and inspiring message of any study.

