

'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!*

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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,
Amen

Lead Pastor Hal Draeger shares with us

SHARING THE VISION 3

October and November will feature the launching of *Sharing the Vision 3*, an extension of the current capital funding campaign.

In June, the congregation approved a third funding effort to follow up the current program. The needs are two-fold:

- 1) Provide bridge money to pay the mortgage for the Education Center until the school enrollment can sustain the payments through enrollment – it is anticipated that will be three years out.
- 2) Provide the funding to build out the old classrooms into an Administrative Center that brings all the offices and office equipment into one building, freeing up the use of the old alcove and nursery for other uses besides the current office functions.

During October and November there will be small group meetings that will afford members and interested persons the opportunity to hear the need and plan detailed.

We will follow the model of the last campaign in presenting the need, and we will have a similar 3-year giving period.



When you are invited to one of the meetings, please make every effort to join us so you can be informed of the need. It is not too soon to bathe this opportunity in much *prayer*.

RELIEF...

Most of you know that I moved to Houston while in high school, and my parents, brother, and grandmother are still there. They were lucky, with only slight damage to their back patio and tree debris strewn about.

However, large portions of Houston were not so fortunate, and with very large pockets of poverty and hardship already in that region, Houston area Hurricane Ike victims will have a tough time rebuilding.

If you would like to help by donating, here are two sites that I recommend. Please feel free to ask me about either of the individual organization.

Hurricane Ike Donation Site, LCMS Texas District:

<http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=657431>

LINC Houston (look for the Hurricane disaster relief option):

<http://www.linchouston.org/support/donatenow.php>

Thanks for your help.

SERVANT OF CHRIST JESUS AWARDS CONFERRED ON SEPTEMBER 14



Some years ago, Redeemer developed the "Servant of Christ Jesus" Award as a unique way to acknowledge the extraordinary service of people of God at Redeemer. The Apostle Paul always considered himself as a servant of Christ the Lord. We have many people at Redeemer who have shown that servant heart of our Lord who Himself said, "I came not to be served but to serve." And that He did from Bethlehem's manger to the Jerusalem cross.

Pamela Estes and Stephanie McCollum have demonstrated exemplary service through their involvement with Children's Ministry at Redeemer and as leaders of our involvement with *The Hunt* at Easter. What a God, who has so richly blessed Redeemer with people who have a heart for Him and a heart for serving His people so willingly, so faithfully, so unselfishly!! Our lives are much richer because of these servants of Christ.

DOORS REKEYED

We are grateful to *Eric Olsen* for his efforts at rekeying the doors in the Worship Center, Event Center and the offices. For those with keys, contact Laurel in the church office so you can be issued a numbered key. Until all the doors are completed, it may be necessary to have two keys for building access.



SOMETIMES IT TAKES A LOT OF FAITH

1 Kings 17

That was the case with the Prophet Elijah. We meet him for the first time in 1 Kings 17. God sends him to King Ahab of the Northern Kingdom of Israel with this message, "Tell this evil king, 'There shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by My word (verse 1)". This was God's punishment because of the anti-God stance of King Ahab.

Then the Lord directed Elijah to hide himself at the Brook Cherith, east of the Jordan River. But how would Elijah be able to survive - water in the brook for a time, but no solid food available! God tells Elijah not to fear, that ravens would bring him bread and meat twice daily (verse.4). Quite farfetched, wouldn't you say - to believe that ravens, which consume food ravenously would carry food to him in their beaks morning and evening? It would have taken a lot of faith to believe that to be possible.

But Elijah was up to the challenge, hid himself at the brook – and trusted God's promise. Sure enough, the first evening, and here came the ravens - meat and bread in their beaks - a gift from God to Elijah to sustain him (verse 6).

SOMETIMES IT TAKES A LOT OF FAITH! Actually all the time - as followers of Jesus - it takes a lot of faith! To believe that "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)". That takes a lot of faith! To hear Jesus say, "This is my body, and this is my blood, - the same body and the same blood that I gave for you on the cross," - that takes a lot of faith! To believe Jesus when He says, "In My Father's house are many mansions; if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you; and if I go, I will come again to receive you unto myself, that where I am, there ye also may be. I am the Way, the Truth and the Life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14, 1-6). To believe this promise takes a lot of faith! To believe that Jesus watches over me all the time – all the time - "Lo, I am with you always" (Matthew 28:20) - that takes a lot of faith! To believe that when I die, only my mortal body dies, but my soul goes to heaven (2 Corinthians 5:1ff), - that takes a lot of faith! But it's true!

But THAT IS THE FAITH WE HAVE - YES, YOU AND I. We believe the Word of the Lord. We believe that the Lord speaks to us in the Bible, that the Bible is the ever present God speaking to us in the ever present now.

Whence this gigantic faith? Its source? Answer: The Holy Spirit! Luther writes, "I believe that I cannot by my own reason or strength believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, or come to Him. But the Holy Spirit has called me by the Gospel!"

Sit down with the Prophet Elijah; talk with him about his marvelous faith, and how it sustained him in good times and in his trying times.

Talk with him about your faith and how it came to you, and how it has sustained you, and how it still sustains you, and how you build up and strengthen your faith! Talk about how happy you are to have such a faith, and how you desire others to have the same kind of saving faith!

It takes a lot of faith! And we have it, "Thank you, Lord," a gift of the Holy Spirit! "LORD, I BELIEVE!"

SHARING THE VISION UPDATE

Through the month of July, contributions to *Sharing the Vision – It's Happening* have reached \$751,246.00, \$75,000.00 short of our goal. There are still 4 months left to the current funding campaign. In order to continue to meet our mortgage payments over the next three years while school enrollments reach 200 students and to build out the old education wing into administrative offices, the congregation in its June meeting approved following up the current campaign with a new three-year program that will be launched this fall. (See page 1)

REDEEMER LUTHERAN SCHOOL

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

A GREAT START!

Each year I become more amazed at the gifts God gives us each day. We have so much to be thankful for here at Redeemer. The gifts of our church community, the ministry of our school, and our staff team are all wonderful blessings we have received. WOW! What a great start to the new school year. We have been blessed by our great God with all the new faces here at Redeemer. As I begin my sixth year as administrator I am amazed at how God continues to bless our enrollment. In the past five years we have gone from **125 to 172** students! PRAISE GOD!

We invite you to say hello to a new face and welcome them to our family. The attitude around the campus is positive. Once again everyone is smiling! It is such a great feeling to stand out in the parking lot every morning and greet parents. Everyone is filled with such energy and always has a smile and hello to offer. ATTITUDES ARE CONTAGIOUS... STAY POSITIVE!

Please continue to spread the word about our school and the great things that are happening around Redeemer. Our greatest recruiting tool is word of mouth. You are our most important spokesperson. Make a difference in a child's and their family's educational experience. Have them come by or give us a call. For all these wonderful things we can only say one thing....PRAISE GOD!

We are very blessed to have families and congregational members such as you supporting and sharing in this vision. We look forward to giving the children God has blessed us with not only a quality education, but also the Christian values and morals that will allow each of them to succeed in our forever changing society.

Look at the upcoming schedule of events and please mark them down in your calendars. We would like you to be a part of the exciting things happening at Redeemer School

OUTDOOR ED. IN THE MOUNTAINS!

The 6th grade class is excited as they are preparing to go to Missions Springs Christian Outdoor Education facility in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Mrs. Denise Maier will, once again, accompany the class as the middle

school Science teacher. She is truly looking forward to another fabulous experience at Outdoor Ed. The students and parents all love her zany antics as she participates in ALL the fun activities with the kids!

4TH GRADE COLOMA TRIP:

The 4th grade class is getting ready for their trip to the Gold Country! Each year Ms. Sarah Rathe takes the class to Coloma for three enriching days. They will each experience all the adventures and activities that took place during the California gold rush. They will also learn about the Native American way of life during that time. Over the years the students have told me that some of their favorite things to do were eating the great food, panning for gold, and going on all the hikes. Please keep them in your prayers.

IT'S MUSICAL TIME!

Get ready to take a trip back in time with the 1st and 2nd grade classes as they start off our musical season with this wonderful story titled "Of Mice and Mozart". Come join in the fun as our little ones tell the story of Mozart that has been passed down through the generations of mice! Mrs. Madden our 1st grade teacher and Mrs. Flick our 2nd grade teacher will direct the musical. Performance starts at 7pm on October 16th in Fellowship Hall.

DATES TO REMEMBER:

Oct. 3 ~ NO SCHOOL (IN-SERVICE)
Oct. 14-17 ~ Achievement Testing Week
Oct. 14th ~PSC Meeting 7pm (Event Center)
Oct. 16 ~ 1st & 2nd Grade Musical (7pm)
Oct. 24th ~ Beach Day
Oct. 30th ~ End of First Quarter

RLS STAFF BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER!

7th Mrs. Madigan (Kindergarten)
17th Mrs. Gordon (Kidz Klub)

Redeemer Lutheran Ministries ~ an Acts2 Church:

*Connecting People to Jesus
and Helping Them Grow
Spiritually*

TEDDY BEAR DRIVE BAKE SALE



The annual Teddy Bear Drive will kick into high gear the Sunday after Thanksgiving right through the end of worship on Sunday, December 14. Children love huggable, lovable, cuddly dark-colored bears (new -12"-18") to help reassure them during stressful times. Benefit: San Mateo County – Children’s Fund. Our goal this year is over 1000 bears.

And in preparation for collecting additional Teddy Bears (with those you donate) ... we are having a “Bear Bake Sale,” Sunday, October 26, 8:15am-10:00am. Bring a baked “goodie” for sale and/or purchase another delicious “goodie” to share with family and friends.

YOU COULD BE A TUTOR AT ROOSEVELT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Redeemer has been partnering with Roosevelt School, 2223 Vera, Redwood City, for several years, offering them tutoring by our folks for students 2nd grade through 5th grade. This is a wonderful way to serve Jesus, through serving his children, in a loving, compassionate school setting. If you have a heart for helping children and can spare 1 hour, or more, a week in this capacity, please contact Carole Farnum at 364-5899, or Marcia Boone.

DOORS REFINISHED – TRIM ON SANCTUARY SPRUCED UP



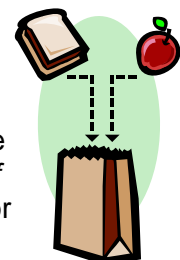
The main and side doors on both the Worship Center and Event Center have been refinished – the door by the Band area is being replaced. The costs were offset by contributions from two families – we are indeed grateful – the doors look great.

The trim outside the Worship Center was in need of repainting and that task has been completed. It included the fascia boards, the window sills over the entrance and the cross over the front doors. Thanks to Steve Harper for coordinating these efforts.

BAGS OF LOVE

Saturday, October 18, 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: Glenn Hessler, 364-2739 or Paul Soule, 364-0952.





ONGOING FOOD DRIVE

The **LARGE** basket by the information table at the entrance to the Event Center gladly receives your donations ... **PLEASE** no outdated, opened or partially used items.

Cans:

vegetables
pork and beans
spaghetti sauce
chili
meat ravioli
stew
soup
tuna fish
sardines
juice
Spam
condensed milk

Jars:

peanut butter
jam
jelly

Packages:

dry beans
pasta
dry rice
Ramen noodles
flour
sugar
toilet paper
Kleenex

Bottles:

syrup
juice

Boxes:

juice boxes
macaroni and cheese
cereal
pancake mix
instant potatoes
soup blends
cookies
graham & saltine crackers
powdered milk

Ministry Leader Helen Botnarescue writes

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.

Approximately 40 people came to the opening Life Enrichment luncheon Saturday, September 13. All enjoyed Pastor Bob's remarks concerning our new year's theme of Aging Faithfully. Plus, we all thoroughly enjoyed guest chef Christine Leslie's delicious vegetarian lasagna. Lisa Mancini's presentation on elder abuse was both informative and sobering. Many of us had not considered that verbal and/or emotional abuse could be more damaging than physical abuse...valuable information to remember!

Entertainment for October's luncheon will be provided by the Senior Band from the San Mateo Senior Center. Those of us who remember how much fun they were when they played for us before are looking forward to hearing them again--toe tapping music for sure! Guest chefs are not as yet known but perhaps there are some who will take up Frieda Gress' mantle and prepare another memorable Oktoberfest.

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.*

The CA-NV-HI District Fall Weekend Retreat in Santa Cruz was well attended by representatives from Zone 8. The ingathering of items for use by the women's shelter brought many bottles of shampoo and conditioner, both liquid and bar soap, deodorant, toothbrushes and toothpaste, as well as hair brushes and combs. The topic of study, "Discovering the Holy Spirit..." did indeed lead participants on a "quest through the Old Testament" and proved to be for many an introduction to how busy the Holy Spirit was in infusing Old Testament judges, kings, and prophets with God's great mercy. Kudos to our Bible study leader, Gayle Wilson from Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Fremont.

No meetings were held in September as the LWIM Board planned for the October opening.

October Calendar

Saturday October 4, 8:30am: Women's Bible Study, Baker's Square, RWC

Monday, October 6, 10:00am, LWIM Board Meeting, Room #2

Thursday, October 9, 1:00pm, LWIM Meeting, Room #2

Remember the new starting time--1:00 pm

Saturday, October 18, 9:30am-3:00pm, \$10.00, bring your own Bible and lunch

Zone 8 Fall Rally, Trinity Lutheran Church, Burlingame

Bible Study Leader: Pastor Jeff Schufreider

Topic: "Deep Waters, Grow in Faith"

Guest Speaker: Pastor Woo, Hope Lutheran Church, Daly City

Ingathering/Donation: The LWML women are working with the CNH LCMS

District Office to determine the best choices for a check that will go for either the

Northern California fire victims and/or for the Gustave/Katrina hurricane victims

(Please bring your checkbook; cash donations are not preferred)

November Calendar

Saturday, November 1, 8:30am: Women's Bible Breakfast, Baker's Square

Monday, November 3, 10:00am: LWIM Board Meeting, Room #2 (if needed)

Remember there will be **no regular meeting** in November!

December Calendar

Monday, December 1, 10:00am: LWIM Board Meeting, Room #2

Saturday, December 6, 8:30am: Women's Bible Breakfast, Baker's Square

Thursday, December 11, 1:00pm: LWIM Annual Christmas Tea (Event Center)

ADDRESS/PHONE CHANGES

Please call the church office, 366-5892 (karenk@redeemerministries.org) with any address/phone changes, or note them on the Friendship Pads at Sunday Worship in order to keep staff current ... e-mail addresses for eNEWS are also welcome.

Stephen Ministry

One-on-One Caregiving



Feeling down? Stressed? Unsupported? Lonely? Discouraged? ...

Redeemer offers you an opportunity to reach out for help. Confidential and free!!! Ask one of the Stephen Ministry Leaders (listed below) for your own Stephen Minister. It will really make a difference in your life!

Pastor Hal 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.

TRANSFERS IN/RELEASES OUT

Tiffany Ladoski-Strand transferred in from Riverbend Lutheran Church, Edmonton, Alberta

Leslie Burke & children Grace and Daniel released to Grace Lutheran, Palo Alto



CORRESPONDENCE

To my Redeemer friends, I wish to express a big thank you for your caring support during my recent illness. The prayers, calls, visits, and even balloons (such a joy!) were much appreciated. Dawn Herman

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Dear Redeemer Friends, Thank you all so much for your many prayers, cards and good wishes during my surgery and recovery. The Lord has been good to me and I am very grateful. In Jesus' Name, Irene Mc Pherrin