

The logo for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church features a stylized cross in shades of blue and purple. The letters 'OR' are stacked vertically on the left, and 'LC' are stacked vertically on the right, with the cross arms passing through them. Below the 'OR' is the text 'San Diego' in a smaller font.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

April 2023



THE GOOD WORD

*A newsletter for family and friends of
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER

Our God is a loving, forgiving and welcoming God. But if we, as His people, are not forgiving, loving and welcoming in our congregations, how will people know those attributes of our God? I am concerned that we have become more and more isolated from one another. The less we know about the people around us the less we trust and the more we fear. How much fear can we endure and still function as loving, creative human beings? What is the long-term effect of living in that kind of anxiety? What will happen to the human community when we continue to isolate ourselves from one another, separate ourselves from community and live out of fear of other human beings?

The Church is called to create a safe place where people are encouraged to disarm themselves, lay aside their occupations and preoccupations and to listen with love to one another and to God. Hospitality is an atmosphere and no one can create it in a community except you. I am asking you today to create an atmosphere of hospitality that works against the fears that have become a part of the culture of our day and create a safe place where strangers may come and be known. Will you join me in that ministry?

When we have lived for a while, the walls of our lives become marked with the graffiti of many events: world events, family events, personal events as well as by our responses to them. Hospitality asks us to break down the walls of prejudice that encourages us to see others as inferior, different, dangerous and somehow unworthy of our time and consideration. What attitudes would you have to change in order for you to embrace one another? Hospitality is the virtue that allows us to break through the narrowness of our fears and open our lives to the rich influence of others. Hospitality is an attitude of the heart and I am pitching for a change in your life and in mine!

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It is love in action. It doesn't have to be organized, or programmed or formulated. Hospitality is expressed in random acts of kindness. A young mother in an old car loaded down with four children pays the toll for the next five cars behind her. Can you imagine what those motorists thought as they were told "It's free today! Someone ahead of you paid your toll."

A teenager is scrubbing graffiti off a park bench that had been there for years. A homebound lady writes five notes per day to friends, acquaintances and strangers, extending random acts of kindness to people she doesn't even know. Love does not call for as much organization, structure, programming and planning as we would like to think. We need to Just do it! Hospitality is a characteristic of the real Christian community. 1 Peter 4:9, "Offer hospitality to one another without grumbling. "If we can not love the people we know, how can we think about loving strangers?"

Hospitality is expanded into the neighborhood. Dr. Bob Goodrich was the Pastor of First United Methodist Church in Dallas Texas when President Kennedy was shot. With tears in his eyes the following Sunday he lamented to his congregation, "Lee Harvey Oswald lived only three blocks from our church, but so far as we know no one from our congregation ever called on him, or invited him to church, or expressed any interest at all in him, during that time. Do we have any responsibility for what just happened in our world?"

If we want a safer, more hospitable world, we might begin by building hospitality centers that are called churches who are as concerned for their communities as they are for themselves. Look around you and find someone in need. Help somebody today! Though it may be little, a neighborly deed or whatever, help someone today. Our Redeemer does a very good job welcoming people in worship. How about outside of the doors of our church? When worship ends and we exit the doors the service begins!

April is the month we celebrate the resurrection of Lord. What a great time to practice the teachings Jesus taught us while He walked the earth. Jesus did not leave us as orphans when He ascended into Heaven; He sent the third Person of the Trinity to remind us of everything He taught us. That Third Person of the Trinity is the Holy Spirit. We celebrate the ongoing presence of our Lord in the Person of the Holy Spirit. Our carrying on the ministry of Jesus is where the rubber meets the road in our Christian walk. He is risen!!! He is risen indeed!!!!

Pastor Dave



Beautiful

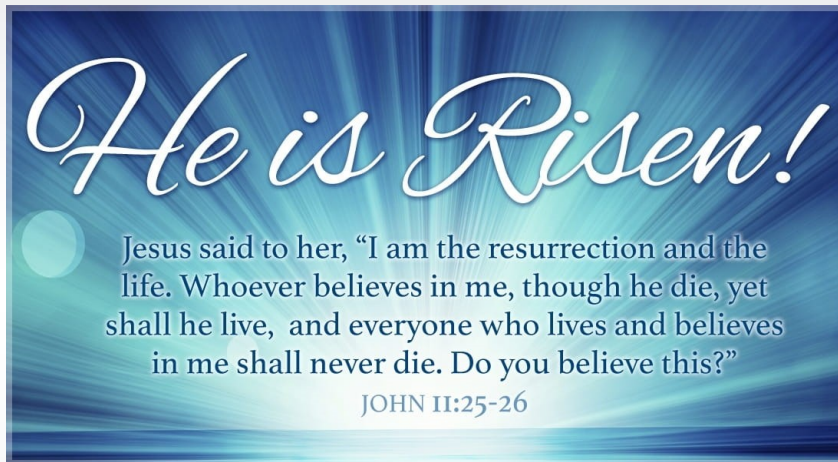
William Tyndale produced his English translation of the New Testament in 1524. It was the first English Bible produced on a printing press. It was also the first English Bible to include a word we now use every day: *beautiful*. It was still a fairly new word at the time, and some people were amazed that Tyndale would use such a "novel" word in the Bible.

Corn Casserole by Joan Linderman

- 1 stick margarine
- 1 cup lite sour cream
- 1 can cream style corn (Approx. 2 cups)
- 1 can drained whole kernel corn (Approx. 2 cups)
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 package dry Jiffy corn bread mix



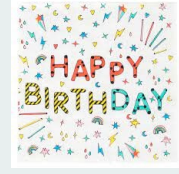
Melt margarine. Mix sour cream, cream style corn, whole kernel corn, eggs, melted margarine and corn bread mix. Mix well. Bake 45 minutes at *375 in a 9X13 baking dish.



Horses and Horsemen

1. What king had twelve thousand cavalry horses?
2. What king took his household manager out to look for grass for the royal horses?
3. Who removed the horse idols that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the worship of the sun?
4. Who had a vision of an angel on a red horse?
5. Who had a vision of the hills filled with horses and chariots of fire?

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1st - Barron Yost
5th - Art Kuehn
11th - Bill Hinkle
14th - Brendan Hinkle
14th - Karen Becker
18th - Marilyn Rotnem
23rd - Brendan Yost



Hi everyone,

I'm

restarting the tradition of Easter Egg Hunt during Easter Breakfast. If you would like to donate 12 or more prefilled Easter eggs and leave them in the office, I would really appreciate it. Also, be sure to invite those babies and grandkids to the Egg Hunt. It was something Mrs. Julie did when I was a child that I enjoyed. And I hope the kids will enjoy it too.

Thank you so much!

Sincerely,
Jade Clark

young
at heart

**Join us Wednesday, April 26, 2023 for a potluck
at 11:30am & program at 12:00pm in the Fellowship
Hall**

“Breeding rare parrots in a backyard setting.”

Come and see live, beautiful birds from faraway lands. This will be a very unusual and interesting program.

Carl McCullough is a long-time member of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. He has been breeding rare parrots since 1980.

Yes, he plans to bring a couple of birds for show and tell.

Potluck starts at 11:30 with the program starting at 12:00. Come and enjoy food and friendship.

Yah Coordinator,
Dick Fisher



Answers for Horses and Horsemen

1. Solomon (1 Kings 4:26)
2. Ahab (1 Kings 18:5)
3. Josiah (2 Kings 23:11)
4. Zechariah (1:8)
5. Elisha's servant (2 Kings 6:17)



The Chosen

Blessings and Shalom to all Our Redeemer congregants. Ruby and I will begin showing the series “The Chosen” on Saturday, June 3rd at 2pm-4pm in the main Sanctuary. We will be showing two episodes each Saturday until August 19th.

This series is privately funded by a group called “Loaves and Fishes”. In over 50 years of scripture study and movie watching I’ve never seen anything close to the attention to detail as “The Chosen”. This series puts a day to day perspective to the lives of the Disciples, Romans and Gentiles. Please, if you have a friend or neighbor who you would like to bring, do so. Ruby and I will provide water and tea.

David Conant
Elder, Adult Ministries

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MISSION / VISION STATEMENT

Everyone is important in God's eyes.
United by God's Word, we worship the
Lord Jesus Christ, nurture, encourage,
teach and share – One Word, One
Body, One Saving Love.

Our Pastoral Staff:

Pastor Dave Weber

Pastor H.W. "Mike" Mitschke – Pastor Emeritus

Parish Ministry Assistant - Jeri Youtsey

