



**Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

May 2023



THE GOOD WORD

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

FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER

I remember a time when I was a child around four years of age, my family was grilling hamburgers in our yard. The coals had been going for a while and the burgers were cooking. I had been warned not to touch the grill because it was very, very hot. For some reason, I had the urge to touch the grill anyway. So, I reached up with my right hand and placed it on the bottom of the grill, the spot where the coals were. I burned my hand instantly.

As I remember this event, what really strikes me about it, is that even more than the pain of the burn, even more than the embarrassment of disregarding the warning not to touch the grill, I remember the loving, gentle arms of my mother as she picked me up, kissed my hurt and rendered first aid. My mother gently rocked me and soothed me with her loving touch. There was no scolding or condemnation, just grace and love and healing.

In May we celebrate Mother's Day. This day is to honor those who carried us in their wombs for nine months, give or take. They are the ones who nurtured us throughout our lives. I am not dismissing the contributions of you Fathers. Your month is next month! A mother's love is a love like no other. It is the closest thing to God's love as we have on earth. A place where we find direction, support, love and forgiveness.

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I think the Church is supposed to be a place like that. A place where people who have been burned by life, because of circumstances beyond their control or through bad decisions they have made personally, can find grace, forgiveness, love and acceptance. Too often the church can be a place of judgment and condemnation. Saint Paul writes in Romans 8:1 that "there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus." No condemnation! Our God, whom is perfectly Holy accepts us. Who are we to judge? Jesus took our sin to the cross, giving His life for us when we were yet sinners.

I love the name "Our Redeemer." Our Redeemer is none other than our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. When we understand the depth of God's love for us, and share that love with all of God's people, we will have peace in Christ. This congregation is a safe place to learn about Gods love for us and about God's grace in Jesus Christ. I like that. I like that a lot. The church is really nothing more than a collection of sinners gathered around God's Word and Sacraments. One of those sinners is the pastor. I rejoice that God has called me to serve among you and am excited about our future together in sharing God's great love for us.

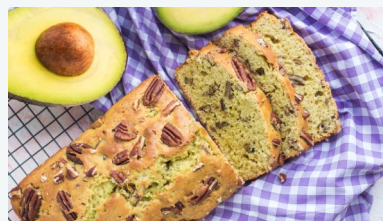
Pastor Dave



Avocado Bread byCarolyn Saxton

2 c. sugar	3/4 c. raisins
3/4 c. shortening	1/2 c. chopped dates
3 eggs	3/4 tsp. allspice
1 1/2 c. mashed avocado	3/4 tsp. cinnamon
2 2/3 c. sifted flour	3/4 tsp. salt
3/4 c. sour milk	1 1/2 tsp. soda
3/4 c. chopped nuts	

Cream shortening and sugar till light and fluffy. Add 1 egg at a time, beating well. Mix in avocado. Mix flour and soda; add to avocado mixture. Stir in rest of ingredients. Mix together 1 teaspoon cinnamon and 1/4 sugar. Sprinkle over bread. Bake 1 hour at *350. Makes 2 loaves.





Hi everyone,

First of all, what a beautifully decorated, delicious Easter breakfast we had. Not to mention the Easter egg hunt that happened afterwards was fun. Thank you so much to those who donated eggs, decorated and made the breakfast. It was sooo good!

A cool event we get to do here finally after 3 years of covid restrictions at Our Redeemer is Vacation Bible School. It will run August 7th-11th from 5:30pm to 7:45pm. If you have little ones or know of any children 2 and up we would love them to come one day or all days. There will be music, a snack, crafts and a lesson plus a fun game!

Please contact the office for registration or any questions at susan@orlcsd.org. My email is jade-clark@att.net.

As a child I looked forward to VBS here at Our Redeemer. And as a teacher/Elder/Mom I love the fun we get to have with the kids. I will also need volunteers so if you would like to volunteer for an hour, day or the whole week let me know.

Thank you so much for all the love and support,
Jade Clark



Worship at Our Redeemer

Thank you for everyone who helped set up for, purchased flowers for, participated in, etc. for our wonderful Lent and Easter services. They were wonderful thanks to blessings from our Lord, including all of you!!

We are about to prepare our latest schedule for Live Streaming volunteers, so if you feel you would be a good candidate to participate, please call me at (619) 540-0212 and we will discuss what is involved and you can let me know if you would like me to set up training so you can serve in this unique way.

Another area of need is on the computer side of our live streaming activity. It would be great if we could have one or two people who could work with our streaming software to be sure it is working properly with YouTube and allowing us to make the best presentation possible for our Live Streaming. If you are comfortable with computer programs and want to learn more about what is needed, please contact me at (619) 540-0212. We can arrange for you to see what the software looks like and discuss how you might be able to help.

Also, I just wanted to share that serving as an Elder for the past 3 years has been a great experience. It is wonderful to pray for our congregation, consider and make decisions on those things that are important to the spiritual growth of our church family and participate with a loving group of people who really care about our church. I hope you will prayerfully consider participating as a member of the Board of Elders.

Beverly Driscoll
(619) 540-0212



- 7th - Lauren Sullivan
- 8th - Jade Clark
- 9th - Doris Fifer
- 10th - David Lowe
- 15th - Raymond Puffpaff
- 16th - Leslie Wikholm
- 17th - Tyler Driscoll
- 23rd - Avery Metcalfe
- 24th - Belle Metcalfe
- 27th - Logan Metcalfe
- 30th - Sheila Cox



- 1st - Dan & Sylvia Herman - 24 years
- 2nd - Baron & Josette Yost - 25 years
- 30th - Dick & Connie Fisher - 36 years

young
at heart

**Join us Wednesday, May 24th, 2023 for a potluck
at 11:30am & program at 12:00pm in the Fellowship Hall**

A new era in transportation has arrived....the EV revolution has arrived! Yes, electric vehicles (EV) are becoming more and more common. If you are interested in this topic please come to the "Young At Heart" meeting on March 22, 2023. There will be two of the four models that Tesla currently manufactures.

There will be a short video giving an overview of the car and also short rides will be provided for those interested. And, you can see them up close and learn what a "frunk" is. Please set aside the date and join in great fellowship!

YAH Coordinator,
Dick Fisher

A note about our rock garden.

Most of you have seen the colored rocks in front of our sign on Euclid Ave. There are actually 2 tiers of rocks. The top tier is gray rocks, and the bottom tier is where the painted ones are. If you are traveling and find a gray rock you want to add please do. I know there is one from Gibraltar. If you want to paint one, please do that and add it anytime. You can make it a solid color or add a design to it.

When I was cleaning up the garden and taking rocks out to be repainted, I came across something really interesting. A couple people, I assume from nearby, have added memorial rocks for people that have passed away. There are rocks with someone's name and RIP on them. What a great way to add to our rock garden and make it sort of a memorial garden as well. They must have felt some connection to having a rock added with their loved one's name on it and putting it at our church. What a blessing.

Dan Herman



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

