Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

San Diego

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THE GOOD WORD

A newsletter for family and friends of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER

The longing for things to be good again is one of the deepest yearnings of the human heart. It has been buried in the depths of our souls ever since we lost our true home. For our hearts remember Eden. Our souls remember the days of joy and total fellowship of the Father as we walked together in the garden.

Most of the time this beautiful, powerful longing flows like an underground river below the surface of our awareness — so long as we are consoled by some measure of goodness in our lives. While we are enjoying our work, our family, our adventures, or the little pleasures of this world, the longing for things to be good again seems to be placated. But when trials and heartbreaks wash in, the longing rises to the surface. This is especially true after times of severe testing, because during the testing we are rallying. But when the storm subsides, the longing for things to be good again rises up to demand relief.

How we handle this longing — so crucial to our identity and the true life of our heart — how we listen to it but also guide it in right or wrong directions, this determines our fate. God has given each human soul a capacity and drive, a primal aspiration for life. This is as fundamental to you as your own survival. The epicenter of our being is the deep longing to aspire for things that bring us life, to plan for those things, to take hold of them, to enjoy them, and start the cycle over as we move toward new things! This is the essential craving for life given to us by God.

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"It seems to me we can never give up longing and wishing while we are thoroughly alive. There are certain things we feel to be beautiful and good, and we must hunger after them." (George Eliot, The Mill on the Floss) This hunger allows human beings to survive the most terrible ordeals; it also enables us to savor all the goodness of this world, to love, and to create works of beauty.

One of the biggest enemies of living the fullness of life that Jesus came to offer us is the idea that "Jesus doesn't act like that anymore." (Or, "Jesus doesn't act like that with me.") Sure —he was amazing in the Gospels. But that was then and this is now and things have changed. Or so the idea goes. In one fell swoop, this belief shuts down just about everything and anything we could hope to experience with Jesus. It simply slams the door and leaves us standing on one side and him on the other. You wonder if this isn't implied in the famous passage from the book of Revelation where Jesus says, "Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with him, and he with me" (3:20).

This takes place later than the Gospel stories, mind you — long after the resurrection and the ascension. Jesus is asking for intimacy with us. Who shut that door and left Christ standing in the street? It clearly wasn't Jesus. He's outside, asking us to let him in. My prayer for Our Redeemer is that we will individually, and collectively, open the door to Jesus and His transformative power.

Pastor Dave

Pumpkins, Picnic, and Projects

I love October! Did I mention how much I love Fall? We have the Church Picnic on Sunday, October 20th at Ski Beach!! It's so fun, we always have food and fun and fellowship with each other. This year I hope to have fun games for the kids and adults alike.

Also, last month I got to go to a fun baby shower for Taylor and Austin's new baby, Karter. And I'm happy to announce our first Trunk or Treat on Saturday, October 26th from 10am-11am. If you would like to sign up to host a trunk please let Susan know at susan@orlcsd.org. That means decorating your trunk and providing treats, from 10:00am to 11:00am. I am so excited for this fun event.

Finally, October 31st besides being Reformation Day and Halloween is also my daughter Brooklyn's birthday!! So, a very Happy Birthday to my sweetheart! Also, Bowie is now done with the 10 Commandments and finishing up the Apostles Creed.

If you have any ideas for events that you would like to see please let the Elders/Council know!

Thank you so much,

Jade Clark

Double Chocolate Zucchini Bread by Liz Gaskill

Makes one 8 ½" X 4 ½" loaf

2 Lg. eggs

1/3 cup honey

½ cup vegetable oil

½ cup brown sugar

1 teas. Vanilla

1 teas. Salt

½ teas. Baking soda

½ teas. Baking powder

½ teas. Espresso powder, (optional)

1/3 cup Baking Cocoa

1 2/3 cup flour

2 cups finely shredded zucchini

1 cup chocolate chips

1. Preheat the oven to 350 F., lightly grease and 8 ½" X 4 ½ " loaf pan and line bottom with parchment paper.
2. In a large mixing bowl, beat the eggs, honey, oil, sugar and the vanilla until smooth.
3. Add the salt, baking soda, baking powder, espresso powder, cocoa, and flour, mixing until well combined.
4. Stir in zucchini and chocolate chips.
5. Pour the batter into the prepared pan.
6. Bake the bread for 65 to 75 minutes, until the loaf tests done (a toothpick or cake tester inserted into the center comes out clean, save for perhaps a light smear of chocolate from the melted chips.
7. Remove the bread from the oven, and let it cool for 10 to 15 minutes before turning it out of the pan to finish cooling on a rack.
8. Cool completely before slicing; store well-wrapped at room temperature.

Donald Klaus - Friday the 4th
Jaxon Fritza - Saturday the 5th
Laura Culley - Friday the 11th
Octavio Balangcod - Tuesday the 15th
Sylvia Herman - Wednesday the 16th
Beverly Driscoll - Tuesday the 22nd
Cindy Mandigo - Wednesday the 23rd
Mabel Armstrong - Thursday the 24th
Leslie Herman - Wednesday the 30th
Cheyanne Hinkle - Wednesday the 30th
Dee Dee Klaus - Wednesday the 30th
Brooklyn Clark - Thursday the 31st

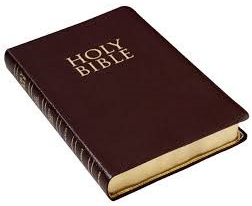
Keith & Lauren Sullivan - Wednesday the 9th - 48 years
Bob & Marilee Bright - Tuesday the 15th - 8 years

young at heart

Carl McCullough joined Our Redeemer Lutheran Church in 1981. He is our Cantor and was Head Elder during the Covid era.

There are many Christians confused about our service folder. Every "word" of our service comes directly from the Bible. The exception is our wonderful Pastor's sermon. Where he explains the words from the Bible. Take a journey with us through our service folder and the Bible.

YAH Coordinator,
Dick Fisher



A Teacher's Prayer

Each time, before I face my class,
I hesitate a while,
And ask the Father, "Help me, Lord,
to understand each child.
Help me to see in every one a precious soul, most dear;
And may I lead that child
through paths of wonder - not of fear.
Dear Father, as they look to me for Christian guidance true, I look to Thee and humbly ask that Thou will teach me, too."
Amen.

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Counters 9:30 Pastors' Meeting 12:30pm Maranatha 7-9pm	2 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	3 Prayers & Squares 9:30 Bible Class 10am Providence 7pm	4	5 Maranatha Event 8am-9:45pm
6 Bible Class 10am Oromo 1-3:30pm Dawa's Installation 11:00am Maranatha 4-7pm	7	8 Counters 9:30 Pastors' Meeting 12:30pm Elder's 6:30pm Maranatha 7-9pm	9 Bells 6pm Choir 7pm	10 Bible Class 10am Providence 7pm	11	12 LWML 10am
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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—619-301-8545
Pastor H.W. "Mike" Mitschke – Pastor Emeritus
Parish Ministry Assistant - Jeri Youtsey