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Happy Birthday ***June Birthdays***

<i>Joan Volden</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>Lucy Fitch</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Betty Lucero</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>7</i>
<i>Barbara Schuyler</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>8</i>
<i>Jean Thompson</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Leslie Parker</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>18</i>
<i>Jerry Brady</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Loretta Gilbert</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>27</i>

June Anniversaries

<i>Ron and Linda Robertson</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>7</i>
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CALENDAR NOTES

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Communion Service

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours
12:00 noon Bible Study in the Fellowship
Hall [see the calendar for exact days]

JUNE

June 2: The Rev. Steve Beckham Presiding

June 5: 12:00 Noon Bible Study Pastor
David Anderson Leading

June 9: The Rev. Steve Beckham Presiding

June 12: NO Bible Study
NO Office Hours [Secretary is
unavailable June 7 to 17]

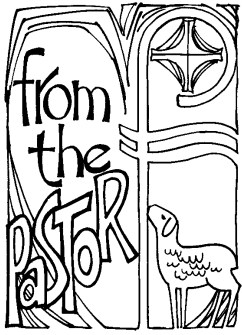
June 16: Father's Day

June 19: 12:00 Noon Bible Study
1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

June 24: Newsletter Articles Due

June 26: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

Emergency Pastoral Care: Whenever you
are in need of emergency pastoral care,
please call the office and leave a message
(562) 598-8697 or contact Interim Pastor
Finck at (714) 345-2791.



Message from the Pastor:

From the Interim Pastor – June 2024

As I write this article for the June Newsletter, it is Memorial Day, a day we honor those who gave their lives in service of this country, those protecting the freedoms of the citizens of the United States and others around the world, and allowing us to live in this democracy. One of my uncles, my father's younger brother, is the first person that comes to my mind on this day. He fought in Europe during World War II. When the Korean War began, he reenlisted and served as a pilot in the Army Air Corps. His name was Roy. He was my godfather. He died when his plane went down in 1951. I imagine many of you reading this page, also have stories to tell about family members, friends, and others that you may have known who made the sacrifice that we are remembering especially during the Memorial Day weekend.

We put our flag out this morning. We will put it out again on June 14th, Flag Day and leave it out through June 19th, Juneteenth, our newest Federal holiday. We will, of course, fly it again to celebrate the 4th of July. Between the third Saturday in May, Armed Forces Day and the 4th of July, U.S. citizens have a number of significant days and holidays reminding us that many people made huge sacrifices, lived in precarious situations, and all too often paid the ultimate sacrifice.

We Christians, of course, remember day after day, and we observe every Sunday the core teaching of our faith, namely that God so loved humanity that God gave God's beloved Son for the sake of the world. Jesus, the very Son of God, willingly gave up his life to free us from the sin and brokenness that would have otherwise eternally separated us from our Creator God. We say in our creeds that he was "crucified, died, and was buried" paying the ultimate sacrifice. We are able to continue the story and tell the Good News that "on the third day he rose again," promising resurrection for all the people he redeemed.

In December, at Christmas time, we celebrated Jesus' birth. In January we remembered his baptism. In February we began to retrace his steps toward Jerusalem as he journeyed toward the cross. In March we especially remembered his sacrificial death and resurrection. During every Sunday in April, we were encouraged to "live as a people of the resurrection," clinging to the promise that we too will be raised by him on the last day. In May the Holy Scriptures we read told us of Jesus' Ascension into heaven and then the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost. On the last Sunday of this past month, we also lifted up the mystery of our Triune God. We Lutheran and Episcopal Christians have had a busy first half of the liturgical calendar which we follow along with many other Christian denominations.

Now beginning in June, during what is known as the Pentecost Season, we will begin to follow Jesus through his three years of public ministry. We will hear his preaching and his teaching. We will read about the signs and wonders and miracles that he performed as he cared for the people who gathered around him. When they were sick, he healed them. When they were hungry, he fed them. When they were in danger, he protected them. Because it was important that the people understand that the Kingdom of God was and is at hand, he became their rabbi and taught them and showed them the way. Now for the next six months, we will walk with Jesus through Galilee and Judea, and witness how he touched the lives of so many people because he loved and cared for them then, and for us now.

In the days ahead for these next two months, the Christian calendar will remind us of the way that God gave us God's heart, God's love, God's life. Our national calendar will also remind us during these next weeks, of the sacrifices so many made which allow us to live freely, worship freely, remember often, and give thanks as we are a people blessed by God; and as we are citizens of this land who enjoy our freedoms because of those who have gone before us and paid dear prices on our behalf. We have much for which to be thankful!

God bless and keep you these days of June,

+Murray D. Finck

The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Interim Pastor, Bishop Emeritus

Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

The Regional Gathering of the Pacifica Synod, ELCA was held on May 18 at the beautiful Gloria Dei Lutheran Church in Dana Point. Bishop Finck, Dori Weinert and myself attended this one-day event. Our Bishop David Nagler delivered an inspirational message. We then had reports from the Bishop, Regional Assistant to the Bishop, Assistant to the Bishop for Anti-Racism and Assistant to the Bishop for Latino Ministry. Following lunch, we broke into small groups and discussed four questions, and how we, in our church, address those issues. There will be a zoom assembly on June 15, which we will attend also. After that, we will report back to the congregation.

At our recent Council Meeting, we formed two new committees: Evangelism with members Wendy Alfageme, Doris Weinert and myself. This committee will develop a plan that welcomes visitors, and follows up with a contact. If you would be interested in joining this committee, see me. The second is Call Committee which consists of the Executive Board of the Council, Wendy Alfageme, Nancy Anderson, Phyllis Mackey and myself. This committee will meet with potential permanent pastors when the Synod presents us with some applicants.

We have so much to be thankful for at our church. The blessing of Bishop Finch who gives us spiritual nourishment, not only in person on Sunday and Wednesday, but as communiques throughout the week. He has been visiting our members that are in the hospital and rehab facilities, is calling members that are ill at home, and is contacting visitors in the week following their visit to our church. We continue to have very good attendance on Sundays and the Wednesday Bible Class. We have many dedicated volunteers, are able to pay our expenses, and there is a loving Christian fellowship alive at Redeemer and St. Theodore's.

Again, we are a very blessed congregation.

Respectfully,

Kay Pushman

Council President

Announcements



Bible Study

Please see below details of our schedule for Bible Study. We are planning to meet in the Fellowship Hall, but check the front doors for any changes before going downstairs! We invite everyone to attend. Bring your Bible and a friend or two or three or more! The move to the Fellowship Hall was to accommodate anyone who wished to bring their lunch and be able to eat and study.

Remember, the disciples recognized Jesus in the breaking of the bread and Jesus gives us real food in Holy Communion, so it is appropriate to have food and the Bible! We are looking at 10 of the miracles of Jesus for this 10-week study.

Wednesday Dates	Leader	<i>“Ten Miracles of Jesus”</i>
June 5	Pastor Andersen	Chapter Five
June 12	No Class	---
June 19	Bishop Finck	Chapter Six
June 26	Bishop Finck	Chapter Seven

Council Meeting

With the change of Office Hours and the Bishop’s schedule for the Bible Study, it has been decided that the Church Council Meeting will also change to the third Wednesday of the month and the meeting time is changed to **1:30 p.m.** As congregation members, you are always invited to attend the meetings if you wish.

Updates

Pastor Lisa had a neurology appointment on Tuesday, May 14. It was a hopeful evaluation. Covid settled in her spinal column. She will be having more test over the coming months. Prayers for her continued progress.

Alma Zamzow has been transferred to Alamitos Belmont Rehabilitation 3901 E. 4th St.; Long Beach 90814. You can try calling her on her cell at (562) 522-6259.

Pastor Gil Moore is in his new apartment at 12151 Dale St. Apt. C 235; Stanton, CA 90680. His direct line at Rowntree Gardens is (714) 971-6700.



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. THEODORE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH
FINANCE REPORT
Month Ending April 30, 2024**

FINANCES FOR THE MONTH of April 2024

Operating Expenses of	\$8,853.00	Exceeded
Operating Income of	<u>\$7,073.00</u>	
By	(\$1,780.00)	

For the year to April 2024

Operating Expenses of	\$34,056.00	Exceeded
Operating Income of	<u>\$27,416.00</u>	
by	(\$6,640.00)	

[we spent more than we took in]

Operating income includes \$84 from Boutique Fundraising and \$663 from Pump Fundraising for April and a total of \$909 year to date that includes Bake Sale Fundraising.

Comparing Budgeted to Actual for 2024:

Budgeted Income of	\$29,232.00	Exceeded
Actual Income of	<u>\$27,416.00</u>	
by	(\$1,816.00)	

[we took in less than our budget anticipated]

Actual Expense of	\$29,232.00	Exceeded
Budgeted Expense of	<u>\$34,056.00</u>	
by	(\$4,824.00)	

[we spent more than our budget anticipated]

Respectfully submitted,
Doris Weinert
Finance Chairman

CYCLE B – Year of Mark
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THROUGH ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 2, 2024 *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Deuteronomy 5:12-15
Psalm 81:1-10
2 Corinthians 4:5-12
Mark 2:23—3:6

July 7, 2024 *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Ezekiel 2:1-5
Psalm 123
2 Corinthians 12:2-10
Mark 6:1-13

June 9, 2024 – *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 3:8-15
Psalm 130
2 Corinthians 4:13—5:1
Mark 3:20-35

July 14, 2024 *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Amos 7:7-15
Psalm 85:8-13
Ephesians 1:3-14
Mark 6:14-29

June 16, 2024 – *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Ezekiel 17:22-24
Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15
2 Corinthians 5:6-10 [11-13] 14-17
Mark 4:26-34

July 21, 2024 *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 23
Ephesians 2:11-22
Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

June 23, 2024 – *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 38:1-11
Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-41

July 28, 2024 *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 4:42-44
Psalm 145:10-18
Ephesians 3:14-21
John 6:1-21

June 30, 2024 – *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Lamentations 3:22-33
Wisdom 1:13-15; 2:23-24 (Alternate)
Psalm 30
2 Corinthians 8:7-15
Mark 5:21-43

August 4, 2024 *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 16:2-4, 9-15
Psalm 78:23-29
Ephesians 4:1-16
John 6:24-35

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing

“And Life Goes On”

Welcome to the Time after Pentecost Season. We are coming into the period of the Church year where we just go along. There are no really great celebrations or times of preparation. This is the time of doing. It is the time of everyday living and the Gospels reflect this. Jesus addresses some big concepts but in a simple, understandable manner. The Gospels are reflecting the idea of the everyday continuation of a life in faith.

June 2, 2024 – Second Sunday after Pentecost Mark 2:23—3:6

In this Gospel lesson Jesus addresses the concept of spirit vs letter of the law. The Pharisees, especially, were focused on fulfilling the letter of the law. Saying the right prayers at the right time of the day. Being seen giving their tithe to the Synagogue. Watching what others were doing to make sure the others were doing the “right” thing. Following the rituals in their correct form. They thought that this was pleasing to God. In this case, keeping the Sabbath holy by doing NO work. Their way of thinking was that if they did everything correctly and followed the letter of the law, they were in good with God. Jesus did not quite follow the law to the letter. Jesus focused on the spirit of the law. What God actually wanted. Yes, keep God’s holy day, well, holy. Doing something good for another, even if it was “work”, is keeping the spirit of the law. As an example, Elizabeth, who is almost three, was told by her mom that she was not to stand on the dining room table. Being the climber that she is, mom turns around and Elizabeth is back on the table... Typical parent / child conversation ensues, her answer: I’m kneeling on the table, not standing. This is true. So, now the rule changes: no standing or kneeling on the table. Then she tries sitting on the table. Newest rule: no body parts except hands and arms are allowed on ANY of the tables. Elizabeth was following the letter of the rule. Mom really wanted her to follow the spirit of the rule. God is like Christina, he wants us to follow the spirit of the law over the letter of the law: but still, follow the law.

June 9, 2024 – Third Sunday after Pentecost Mark 3:20-35

Sin and grace. Jesus and Satan. Good and Evil. Light and darkness. Possession by an evil spirit or the Holy Spirit. Life and death. These are all opposites. In the realm of God these things cannot co-exist in the same place. Good, light, grace, live, Holy Spirit, and Jesus ***always*** conquers evil, darkness, sin, death, evil spirits, and Satan. It is in humanity where God has given us free will that things get muddy. Through our own choices we have mixed these supernatural opposites. We sin but we also have grace to bring us back to God. We are working towards doing good but sometimes evil creeps in. We are a light to the world but within each of us there are little points of darkness. While we were reborn in baptism with the Holy Spirit we sometimes listen to the evil spirits. We live with the knowledge that at some point our bodies will die. We say we live for Jesus but sometimes we are tempted by Satan and actually give into the evil, worldly, lazy, comfortable, selfish, power hungry, wealth for wealth’s sake, hedonistic temptations. Jesus is aware of these conflicts within the human being and so when he is sitting there with people and calling them his brothers and sisters and mother; we can also participate in that familial life with him, just do the will of the Father; just like him!

June 16, 2024 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost Mark 4:26-34

This Sunday's Gospel is about the everyday miracle of life. And it's so fitting that it is also Father's Day. Frequently we are all like the seed scatterer, totally unaware of time passing and what happens when we aren't looking. There are so many songs just about this idea that life just happens: Kenny Chesney's "Don't Blink"; Harry Chapin's "Cat's in the Cradle"; Trace Adkins' "You're Gonna Miss This"; Darius Rucker "This". Jesus is trying to call attention to those everyday miracles that we take for granted. The amazing gifts that God sends to us every day. A beautiful sunrise or sunset. Bird song in the trees. A cool breeze on a hot day. Plants growing. The world turning. It is also a reminder to each of us; and especially to those of us who are so very busy all the time; to stop and take a breath. The world will continue turning, the Service will happen, you do not have to do everything for everybody all the time. This is an invitation by your loving Father to take a rest. To become rooted or re-rooted in the grace and love of the creative God that has: created the beautiful blue sky; the moist brown ground; the strong green plants; the red, yellow, blue, orange, and purple fruits and vegetable to nourish your body; and the calming words of life in his Holy Bible. Take a moment to: STOP. LOOK. LISTEN. to the miracles of life you are surrounded by, and, maybe, take an extra moment and thank God for this gift of life he has given to you.

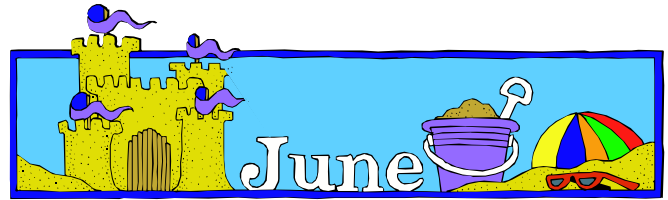
June 23, 2024 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost Mark 4:35-41

Jesus just can't catch a break in this Sunday's Gospel! He has been preaching, teaching, and healing and just wants a few moments to stop and rest. So, he gets his friends together to go out in the boat. This way people, maybe, will let him to get a little alone time. Nope. He finally fell asleep in the boat. His Daddy was looking out for him and sent a little storm to rock him to sleep and keep the other people away. He gets woken up by his friends [personally, I blame Peter] because they are panicking over the storm. I'm never sure if he's telling the storm "Peace! Be still!" or his friends. I know, the Gospel says he's talking to the storm but ... He does rebuke his followers asking them, "Why are you afraid? Have you so little faith?". This reminds me about times when I was in a panic about whatever. I can almost picture Jesus sitting there in heaven shaking his head at me saying, "Why are you afraid? Have you so little faith?". We have all heard that God will never give you a cross that you cannot carry; with his help and grace. I know that sometimes we are challenged just so we will remember to turn to him for his help.

June 30, 2024 – Sixth Sunday after Pentecost Mark 5:21-43

The final week of June we have a Gospel lesson of faith and healing through touch. This is another case of Jesus going away from the letter of the law. Both of these stories go against the laws of cleanness for the Jewish people. Interaction with bleeding or dead bodies was considered unclean. Jesus did not let these "rules" stop him from healing them. The bleeding woman touched Jesus's garments and was healed. She had faith and trust. Jesus was not even aware of what she was doing. Jesus touched Jarius's daughter and she came to life. We get to share in the divine touch of healing. Remember the cooling touch of a parent's hand on a child's fevered head; holding hands with a loved one; the steadying hands for a wobbly gait and revel in the miracle of being touched and touching as a way of healing.

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Interim Pastor: Bishop Murray Finck, Bishop Emeritus

2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1
2 10:30 Communion Service The Rev. Steve Beckham Presiding	3 The Interim Pastor is unavailable until June 16	4	5 12:00 p.m. Bible Study Pastor David Anderson Leading 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	6	7	8
9 10:30 Communion Service The Rev. Steve Beckham Presiding	10 The Secretary will be unavailable until June 17	11	12 NO Bible Study NO. Office Hours	13	14 FLAG DAY	15
16 FATHER'S DAY 10:30 Communion Service	17	18	19 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. – Council Meeting	20	21	22
23 10:30 Communion Service	24 Newsletter Articles Due for July/August	25	26 12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	27	28	29
30 10:30 Communion Service Birthdays Celebrated						