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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>Marianne Goldberg</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>8</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>Toni Beymer</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>23</i>
<i>Clarence Urban</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>25</i>
<i>Loretta Gilbert</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>27</i>
<i>Eileen Dohl</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>30</i>

CALENDAR NOTES

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Wednesdays

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study

JUNE

June 4: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

No Secretary Office Hours

June 8: Pentecost Sunday

June 11: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

No Secretary Office Hours

June 15: The Holy Trinity Sunday

Father's Day

June 18: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

June 23: Newsletter Articles Due

June 29: Birthdays Celebrated at

Fellowship

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.

Promises! Promises!

Jesus said, *“I am going away, and I am coming back to you.”*
(John 14:28)

Jesus kept his promise (as always!) He told his disciples and followers that he would be returning to his heavenly home, and, as we know, forty days after his resurrection he ascended into the clouds and beyond. (His ascension was the focus of last month's article.) He also promised that his Spirit would come upon those first believers, and he would be with them forever. As always, Jesus kept his promise!

Ten days after his ascension, fifty days after his resurrection, his Spirit came like a mighty wind, blowing new life into the hearts and minds and souls of those that he had chosen to continue his mission and ministry in the world that he had redeemed. It was the high festival of Pentecost! Jerusalem was filled with people from all over the Mediterranean world. What a wonderful opportunity to start something new!

The Spirit of Jesus, just as he had promised, descended upon the apostles. They were filled with the fire of faith, with new and courageous boldness. They now were ready and wanting to tell his story to neighbors, friends, strangers, foreigners, everyone! There were people from other cultures, backgrounds, ethnicities... persons whose languages and attire certainly indicated they were from other lands and places... and the Gospel story of Jesus was for them!

The disciples were given the miracle of tongues, able to speak in languages they had never known or learned. They told the story of Jesus. They told of God's love and grace. They called upon the people to repent and believe that the Lord God, in and through the person of Jesus, the one who had been crucified and buried, had broken down the barriers that would ever separate them and the rest of humanity from a loving God who created them and had compassion for them.

This same Jesus rose from his tomb on the third day! He ascended on the fortieth day! His Spirit breathed new life and excitement into his followers on the fiftieth day! In the days that would follow, that same Spirit of Jesus would give birth to a new way of thinking and believing and doing. A church was born... Christianity!

Today the spirit of Jesus moves among us! We too are the church born of this Spirit--a community of faith, people who repent and believe, people washed and baptized, followers of Jesus, yes, indeed; and also disciples called to share, tell and retell the story of God's love, Jesus promise, and the outpouring of God's grace and love.

Jesus kept his promise, as always! You and I are recipients. Our congregation, and so many others, exist because the Spirit of Jesus continues to move and blow among us, through us, in us, and beyond us!

The day of Pentecost is June 8th, a wonderful festival day in the Christian Church calendar. We are encouraged to wear something red that day to the worship service. The sanctuary will be filled with that color and other symbols and signs of the Holy Spirit's presence among us. We will gather to celebrate a God who keeps promises... the greatest of those to love us, to save us, and to make a place for us in God's own heart and home. Thanks be to God who keeps promises!

+Pastor Murray D. Finck

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**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
ST. THEODORE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH**

ACTUAL INCOME AND EXPENSES FOR APRIL 30, 2025

<u>Income</u>	<u>One Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Offering	\$8,636.00	\$33,500.81
Fundraiser-Boutique	7.00	109.00
Fundraiser-Bake Sale	0.00	40.00
Memorial	0.00	500.00
Memorial Wall	<u>0.00</u>	<u>200.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$8,643.00	\$34,349.81
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Total Expenses	<u>8,936.75</u>	<u>36,924.32</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$694.68)	(\$2,480.76)
	(Exceed Income)	(Exceed Income)

BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES through April 30, 2025

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$35,968.00	\$35,968.00
Actual	<u>34,349.81</u>	<u>36,924.32</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,618.19)	(\$956.32)
	(Less than Budget)	(More than Budget)

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Disaster Relief	\$500.00	\$500.00 (In & Out)

Respectfully Submitted
Doris Weinert
Finance Chair



Prayers for Healing



Please note, there is no President's Report for this newsletter. As many of you know, our Church Council President, Kay Pushman, underwent back surgery at the end of April. As of this publication our most current information is that she did come home for recovery but needed to be transported back to the hospital over the holiday weekend.

Jesus made us promises regarding prayer. As we will hear on Pentecost Sunday, Jesus glorifies the Father by answering prayers offered in His name (John 14:13-14). *"Whatever you ask in my name, I will do it so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."* Jesus promises to be with us as we pray together, *"For where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there among them"* (Matthew 18:20). Jesus encourages us to be faithful as we pray because God hears his obedient children (John 15:7). *"If you remain in me and my words remain in you, ask whatever you want and it will be done for you."* And finally, as we have studied in the Sermon on the Mount, we are His children and as such dare to ask, *"Ask, and it will be given to you. ... For everyone who asks receives, ... how much more will your Father in heaven give good things to those who ask him."* (Matthew 7:7-11). So, let us pray for all those named in our Prayers of the People [Pastor Lisa, Kay, Juanita, Barry, Erich, Phyllis, Jesus, Richard, Kelsey, Bruce, Nancy, Cedric, Susan, Darleen] and those listed in our bulletin. Especially, let us pray for strength and healing for Kay. Lastly, please, over the next few Sundays, look for a card for her to sign so she will know that she is in our thoughts and prayers.

Thank You: Spring Fling Bazaar



Our Spring Fling Bazaar was held in the Fellowship Hall on May 1 and May 2. We thank all those who participated as workers, planners, setting up, taking down, sellers, and buyers. A special thank you to those who donated and lent things for the bazaar. It was wonderful to see the community come together and share their time and talents!

Bible Study



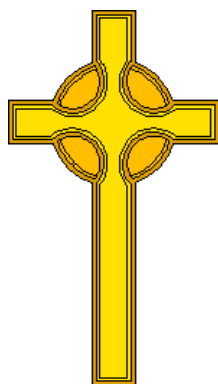
Bible Study has finished an in-depth examination of the Sermon on the Mount: Matthew 5-7. We will be starting a new study beginning June 4th on **Women of the Bible**. We meet at 12:00 Noon to about 1:15 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. You are invited to bring your lunch. There are drinks available and usually some baked goods for a small dessert. Please attend, bring friends or neighbors, and your Bible! Come and see what is happening next! Bishop Murray Finck will be leading the discussion. This is a great way to meet members and friends and to share an understanding of our faith and the Holy Scriptures.

July 6th Hot Dog Potluck Luncheon



In celebration of July 4th, the Church Council has decided to bring back our “July 4th Hot Dog Potluck Luncheon” that will be held on Sunday, July 6th after Holy Communion Service in the Fellowship Hall. The church will provide the hot dogs and buns and will have a sign-up sheet mid-June for people to bring side dishes and desserts. Please note, this is for our congregation and our guests and not really open for the community so will only be announced in the newsletter and our Sunday bulletin.

Outside Memorial Cross Wall



It was decided to turn one wall of the Outside Cross Chapel into a Cross Memorial Wall. We are opening this up to our membership if they would like to include a loved one on this wall. Because we do want to keep it somewhat uniform, the Church will order the plaques but you will have options for the symbol on it of a Lutheran Rose, an Episcopal Flag (like the one on the bench for Betty Hobbs in the Cross Chapel), a simple Cross, or no symbol at all. We also have appropriate options for a cross to be hung if you do not want to go through finding and ordering your own. The suggested donation if you provide the cross is a minimum of \$150.00 or if the Church also provides the cross the suggested donation is \$200.00. The Church will place the cross and plaque on the wall. If you would like more information about this project, please feel free to speak to the Council President, Kay Pushman.

Free Dollar Donations



We work with Ralph's to be one of their choices for their community giving program. If you shop at Ralph's, even just occasionally, we would like to invite you to participate in this free program to help the church financially. There are flyers on the bulletin board on how to sign up for this program and there are members willing to help you to sign-up, if you need it. You can speak to Kay Pushman if you want more information on this no cost to you program. There is also Thrivent Choice Dollars that Redeemer Lutheran can be designated to receive if you bank with Thrivent. We thank all who have participated in these programs and have designated Redeemer as their charity of choice

CYCLE C – Year of Luke
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
THROUGH TENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 1, 2025 — *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

Acts 16:16-34
Psalm 97
Revelation 22:12-14, 16-17, 20-21
John 17:20-26

June 8, 2025 — *Day of Pentecost*

Acts 2:1-21
Genesis 11:1-9 {alternate}
Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
Romans 8:14-17
Acts 2:1-21 {alternate}
John 14:8-17 [25-27]

June 15, 2025 — *The Holy Trinity / First Sunday after Pentecost*

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31
Psalm 8
Romans 5:1-5
John 16:12-15

June 22, 2025 — *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 65:1-9
Psalm 22:19-28
Galatians 3:23-29
Luke 8:26-39

June 29, 2025 — *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:15-16, 19-21
Psalm 16
Galatians 5:1, 13-25
Luke 9:51-62

July 6, 2025 — *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 66:10-14
Psalm 66:1-9
Galatians 6:[1-6] 7-16
Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

July 13, 2025 — *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Deuteronomy 30:9-14
Psalm 25:1-10
Colossians 1:1-14
Luke 10:25-37

July 20, 2025 — *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 18:1-10a
Psalm 15 (1)
Colossians 1:15-28
Luke 10:38-42

July 27, 2025 — *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 18:20-32
Psalm 138 (8)
Colossians 2:6-15 [16-19]
Luke 11:1-13

August 3, 2025 — *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Ecclesiastes 1:2, 12-14; 2:18-23
Psalm 49:1-12 (3)
Colossians 3:1-11
Luke 12:13-21

August 10, 2025 — *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 15:1-6
Psalm 33:12-22 (22)
Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16
Luke 12:32-40

August 17, 2025 — *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 23:23-29
Psalm 82 (8)
Hebrews 11:29—12:2
Luke 12:49-56

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing

“Oh, Lord, We Trust in You”

As we begin June, we are still in the Easter Season, and we continue to hear from the Gospel of John about the final days of Jesus’s life walking the earth. Jesus gives his followers those final messages that they are to take and carry on Jesus’s mission: unity within the community in faith and action, loving one another, trusting in the voice and direction from the Holy Spirit, recognizing Jesus in us as His followers in our actions, and focusing on doing the works God call us to.

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 17 verses 20-26

In the final moments in the Gospel of John before his betrayal and arrest, Jesus speaks a chapter-long prayer for his followers. In this concluding section, Jesus prays for unity among his followers. The unity sought for all his believers is modeled on the relationship between the Father and the Son: The Son is one with the Father, just as we, as followers of Jesus, should be united in faith and action.

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 14 verses 8-17, 25-27

The second Sunday of June we have the Day of Pentecost. Happy Birthday to the Church!! In this Gospel from John, we have the disciples asking Jesus to show them the Father. He carefully explains that if you see Him, you see the Father. He also reminds them that you should know him through Jesus’s own works. Jesus makes two promises: first, to give what is asked of him in his name. The second is the promise of sending the Advocate and reminds them that he is always true to his word. We as followers are called to understand the truth of this. The Father and Jesus are one. He is always truthful to his word. We know him, and his followers, by their works. We have the help he sent – the Advocate – the Holy Spirit who is at work still within all of us.

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 16 verses 12-15

The third Sunday of June is Father’s Day and gives us our final Gospel lesson from John and is The Holy Trinity Sunday (it is a day full of celebrations). Here Jesus tries to reassure his followers that, although he may leave them, he will not leave them alone. He again promises his followers the Spirit to guide them and reassures that He and the Father are one, and that the Spirit is one with them. This Gospel lesson is about faith and trust. We need to have faith and trust in the promises that Jesus gives us. We all have the grace of the Spirit – we just need to listen to it!

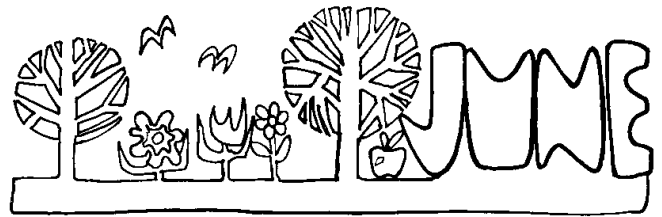
The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 8 verses 26-39

By the fourth Sunday of June, we return to the Gospel of Luke. We jump back in with the story of Legion. We have Jesus sending the Legion of demons into pigs and then the pigs off a cliff to drown. The demons identify Jesus as, “*Jesus, Son of God Most High*” which inclines the people of the town to fear Jesus and ask him to leave. He does but sends the one he healed back to share what Jesus has done. What should we get from this?!? First, that even the demons know who Jesus is and we should also recognize him. Second, that even when sent away, Jesus still finds a way to send the message of God’s love – through the one he healed – and through us, today.

The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 9 verses 51-62

The last Sunday of June we have two stories. The first one is that Jesus is on his way to Jerusalem and needs to pass through a Samaritan town but they would not welcome him. Rather than destroying the town as James and John wanted to, he merely turned aside and went another way. We need to remember this when we too are not welcomed because of our belief but we also need to be aware when we are not being welcoming to those who are different. The second story is about people who are called to follow but find something else they must do before they can follow. Jesus’s response, “*Whoever puts his hand to the plow but keeps looking back is unfit for the reign of God.*” We need to remember to stay focused as we are called to discipleship. We are to be focused on spreading the Word of God, and sharing God’s love with others. We need to keep our eyes on the goal: the Reign of God and building His Kingdom.

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2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 10:30 Holy Communion Service	2	3	4 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study Secretary not in the office	5	6	7
8 PENTECOST SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion Service	9	10	11 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study Secretary not in the office	12	13	14
15 THE HOLY TRINITY SUNDAY FATHER'S DAY 10:30 Holy Communion Service	16	17	18 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. – Council Meeting	19	20	21
22 10:30 Holy Communion Service	23 Newsletter Articles Due for July	24	25 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study	26	27	28
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