



**Redeemer Lutheran Church of Leisure World and
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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>

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.

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 3: 1:30 p.m. Evangelization Meeting

June 7: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Update of Audio-Visual Project

June 10: 3:00 p.m. Movie and Dinner

June 14: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

June 15: 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting

June 17: 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study

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

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

June 21: Father's Day

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

June 22: Newsletter Articles Due

June 24: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

June 28: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Birthdays Celebrated at Fellowship

Message from the Interim Pastor:

“I Believe”

Dear Friends in Christ,

I want to share with you something **I very much believe**, but before I do, I want to also tell you about something I do not believe. I do not believe our Lord invites us to make transactional “deals” with God, such as *“O Lord, if you will do this or that for me or for my loved one, then I will do that or this for you in return.”* I do not believe God invites us to be negotiating with God for God’s love and mercy. God’s sacrificial love for us is a gift God gives us freely, unconditionally!

At the same time, **I do believe** God has made promises to us that we should trust and take very seriously, and some of those promises are about our Christian stewardship... the ways we express our thanksgiving to God for all of God’s abundance and love. Please listen to these promises from the Word of the Lord:

“Bring the full tithe into the storehouse... see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing.” Malachi 3:10

*“Honor the LORD with your substance and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine.”
Proverbs 3:9-10*

“Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap.” Luke 6:38

“The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.” 2 Corinthians 9:6

“And my God will fully satisfy every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.” Philippians 4:19

I believe God promises to care of us, provide for us, and God allows us also to be God’s agents and ambassadors as we care for one another in God’s name.

I believe we have witnessed this outpouring of God’s abundance at Redeemer Lutheran and St. Theodore Episcopal Church. Allow me to share what I have seen and experienced... When I first began worshipping with you, a great concern every month was whether or not the congregation, which had almost no financial reserves, would receive enough in the offering plates to make ends meet. That is a legitimate concern. Bills need to be paid. We need to keep the lights on, etc., etc. It seemed as if the congregation was always right on the edge... just barely making it one month with a few dollars to spare, and other months with a few dollars short of income verses expenses.

In the middle of those financial challenges, the congregation made two decisions—one was to again start giving away a tithe (10%) for what is called “Mission Support.” These dollars go to support the mission of the Church at Large, supporting missionaries, seminaries and church universities, new congregational starts, and programs to feed the hungry and care for the poor. I also watched as the congregation gathered funds to upgrade our facilities with a new heating and air conditioning system (and other needed repairs). As we appealed for your generosity and as the funds were being given, it was again decided to give a tithe (10%) of those specially donated funds to the **Leisure World Cares Fund**, to help any and all of our neighbors within this community, who are struggling to make ends meet, to be able to pay their bills with some financial assistance from this community fund. Our congregation gave a significant gift to that community fund.

As the congregation was sharing its abundance with others beyond our own needs and beyond ourselves, we have experienced the abundance of God. **I believe God keeps God’s promises.** Both the Lutheran Synod and Episcopal Diocese gave gifts totally \$47,500 to the congregation. The Sa-Rang congregation now shares our facilities, and every month gives \$2,000 or more to help cover the overall expenses. The members and friends of this congregation raised, over and above the Sunday morning offerings, tens of thousands of dollars for the capital improvements we have made these past nine months. And most recently, generosity from members and the congregation of the Sa-Rang Church are installing, at their expense, an audio/visual system that will greatly enhance our facilities with more than \$75,000 worth of state-of-the-art equipment. Each month now, for the past few months, our congregational treasurer assures us all the bills are paid, and that we have received enough offerings to continue our ministry without needing to worry if there will be enough.

I believe God promises to care for us, and **I believe** God keeps God’s promises. **I also believe** that as we trust God’ promises and as we entrust to God’s Church a portion of what God has given to us, that we will enjoy the gifts and promises of God’s ongoing abundance. **I believe** this congregation is experiencing God’s faithfulness at this time, and **I believe** as we individually practice trustworthy Christian stewardship, God will continue to watch over us and keep us.

Believing with you,

+Pastor Murray

+The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Interim Pastor

Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING June 7 Please plan to attend the Congregational Meeting on June 7 following our church service. We will provide updates on the new audio-visual system that is being generously provided by the Sa-Rang Congregation.

Your attendance is important so that everyone is informed as we move forward with this exciting project.

PROPERTY UPDATE

As with our homes, our church facility, built in 1965, requires ongoing maintenance and care. Recently, our insurance company provided and installed a water detection system. Since we have experienced flooding in the downstairs area in the past, this system will alert us to any future water issues before damage occurs.

The Orange County Fire Authority has completed their annual inspection of our facility, and we have no violations. Last year we replaced all of our exit signs to ensure they met brightness and safety requirements.

Our elevator, installed on August 27, 2014, continues to be a tremendous benefit for those who are unable to use the ramp or stairs. Recently, we needed to have the elevator company make repairs, as the upstairs mechanism wasn't functioning properly. and the door wasn't opening. A solenoid was replaced, and repairs were made to the downstairs door which had been sticking.

Property Chairs, Sylvia Makus and Wendy Alfageme are looking into having the drain outside the fellowship door cleaned to help prevent future issues.

SPRING BAZAAR Carmen Leslie, and her committee met following another very successful bazaar to review the event and discuss ways to make future fundraisers even better. We are deeply grateful for their year-round dedication and hard work, which provide valuable additional funds for our operating budget.

This committee meets every first and third Monday at 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall to prepare for upcoming bazaars. Everyone is welcome to join and lend a hand.

CHURCH DIRECTORY We will be going to print on our Directory. To ensure all information is correct, please review your information on the master copy located in the narthex and place a checkmark by your name if everything is correct, or write in any corrections.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED There are many opportunities to serve. If you are able to help, see me.

Late Ushers Sit in the back pew after the service begins until the Gospel is read to welcome late arrivals. Provide a bulletin, and guest slip and name tag for visitors, and assist them in finding a seat.

Evangelism This is such an important part of our mission. Each month, we reach out to members who would benefit from a visit. We meet with Pastor Murray once a month on a Wednesday following Bible Study.

Fellowship We are so thankful for Dale Diesslin, Barbara Long, Linda Peters and Sandy Langdale that faithfully provide treats every month. If you would like to participate, but are unable to bring treats yourself, you may sign up and arrange for one of us to purchase them on your behalf.

Fellowship setup takes place on Saturday and includes preparing coffee and tea, and setting tables and arranging, plates, napkins and utensils. See Wendy or me to take a Saturday.

MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE was beautifully conducted, and many church members participated in making this a meaningful occasion. John Robinson, a former rocket scientist, served as the guest speaker. Juanita Townsend led the Invocation, Lorna Miller-Kaplan presented the Pledge of Allegiance, and I was part of the Good News Choir.

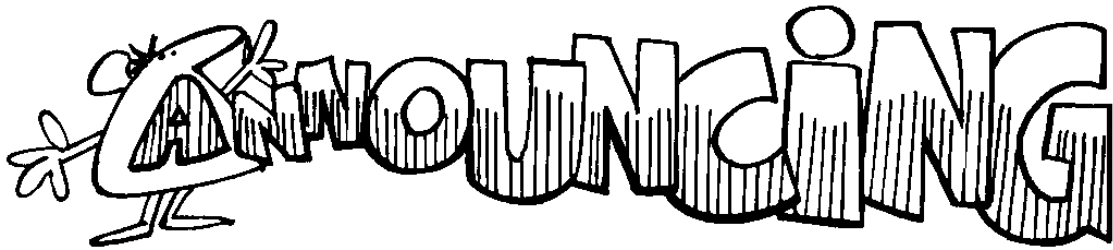
Congratulations to Betty Lucero on her recent election as President of the Auxiliary. Our church members continue to be an important and valued part of the Leisure World community.

MOVIE AND DINNER Mark your calendars for **Wednesday June 10 at 3:00** to join us for a showing of a movie about Sts. Peter Paul, followed by a dinner of pasta and meatballs and trimmings. It will be another opportunity to enjoy an evening of fellowship together.

God's Blessings,

Kay Pushman

Council President



Installation Update

The Council is again prepared to inform the Congregation on the installation of the audio-visual system after the Holy Communion Service on Sunday, June 7th. Please plan to stay a little bit after Service on Sunday. Then you can join us in fellowship in the Fellowship Hall.

Movie and a Dinner

We invite everyone to a movie and dinner **on Wednesday, June 10 at 3:00 p.m.** We will watch a movie about the ministry and missionary work of Saints Peter and Paul. It will be narrated by the renown travel host and guide, Rick Steves. **Part One** will journey with Saint Peter as he was called into discipleship by Jesus and became one of the foremost Apostles of the Gospel. **Part Two** will journey with Saint Paul through Turkey, Greece, and the Holy Land as Jesus appointed and gifted Paul to be one of the most important theologians and faithful missionaries in the newly forming Christian community. Those attending will be offered a popcorn snack during the movie. Please bring the beverage of your choice. A dinner together will follow at around 4:30 p.m. Both the movie and the dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall downstairs.

Spring Bazaar

We had a wonderful time with our Spring Bazaar! There were over 350 people involved in preparing, selling, buying, preparing and eating food, and clean up. Thank you to all the hands that worked so hard for this 3-day event. This event raised \$2,378.80 for the Church. Now that we have concluded our Spring Bazaar, it is time to start preparing for the Holiday Bazaar! This will be held on October 22-24. We will again be meeting the first and third Mondays of the month to prepare crafts and such for the Holiday Bazaar. Our next meeting is **Monday, June 15 at 10:00 a.m.** We will meet downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. We have preplanned projects for you with directions,

guidance, and all the materials! All we need is **YOU!** Come join us! If this isn't for you, we will also need home baked cookies for those days. Cookies can be brought during the week of the Bazaar.

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.



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

ACTUAL INCOME & EXPENSES

April 30 2026

<u>Income</u>	<u>One Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Offering	\$8,448.00	\$31,951.72
Fundraiser-Boutique	8.00	162.00
Fundraiser-Bake Sale	0.00	0.00
Fundraiser-Bazaar	0.00	0.00
Fundraiser-Ralphs	41.90	41.90
Memorial	0.00	0.00
Memorial Wall	0.00 *	72.46 *
Sa-Rang Church Donation	2,000.00	8,000.00
Total Operating Income	\$10,497.90	\$40,228.08
Total Expenses	<u>11,676.44</u>	<u>39,446.38</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$1,178.54)	\$781.70
	Less than Income	Less than income

* Memorial Wall Net (Income less Expenses)

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES through APRIL 30, 2026

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$10,621.00	\$10,621.00
Actual	<u>10,497.90</u>	<u>11,676.44</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$123.10)	(\$1,055.44)
	(Less than Budget)	More than Budget

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Donation - Church Improvements	\$1,200.00	\$1,200.00 Lighted Cross [Transferred to Expenses]
Fixed Asset - Building Contents		\$11,045.00
Electrical Panel - Hot Water Heaters		
Received from Episcopal Diocese LA	\$10,000.00	

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Weinert
Finance Chair

CYCLE A – Year of Matthew
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THROUGH ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 7, 2026 – *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

Hosea 5:15—6:6
Psalm 50:7-15
Romans 4:13-25
Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

June 14, 2026 – *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Exodus 19:2-8a
Psalm 100
Romans 5:1-8
Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]

June 21, 2026 – *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 20:7-13
Psalm 69:7-10 [11-15] 16-18
Romans 6:1b-11
Matthew 10:24-39

June 28, 2026 – *Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 28:5-9
Psalm 89:1-4, 15-18
Romans 6:12-23
Matthew 10:40-42

July 5, 2026 – *Sixth Sunday after Pentecost*

Zechariah 9:9-12
Psalm 145:8-14
Romans 7:15-25a
Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 12, 2026 – *Seventh Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 55:10-13
Psalm 65:1-13
Romans 8:1-11
Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 19, 2026 – *Eighth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 44:6-8 or
Wisdom of Songs 12:13, 16-19
Psalm 86:11-17
Romans 8:12-25
Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 26, 2026 – *Ninth Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 3:5-12
Psalm 119:129-136
Romans 8:26-39
Matthew 13:31-22, 44-52

August 2, 2026 – *Tenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 55:1-5
Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:13-21

August 9, 2026 – *Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost*

1 Kings 19:9-18
Psalm 85:8-13
Romans 10:5-15
Matthew 14:22-33

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing
“Living the Mission”

We are called from our baptism to live the life that Jesus came to show us. Each of us were commissioned as Priest, Prophet, and King. We are called to live the mission to bring others to Christ in the example of we live our lives, the words we speak, and the actions we do. Faith is an action word. We live our faith. This month Jesus call people and sends people. We are to **GO** and **DO**.

June 7, 2026 – *Second Sunday after Pentecost*

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 9 verse 9 – 13, 18 – 29

The second Sunday of June we have the calling of Matthew, and Jesus challenging the status quo. Jesus was willing to talk with and eat with those who society saw as less than. Jesus came for all of us. We all need his salvation and redemption. The issue is with those who don't realize they need him. Jesus humbled himself to become human. He wishes us to do the same. *“¹³Go and learn what this means, ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.”* Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26. When we acknowledge our own need for mercy, we can learn to be merciful. Jesus calls us all to live out his mercy with others. This Gospel lesson has Jesus showing mercy to those who were less than in society: a child and a woman with hemorrhages. The faith of both the synagogue leader and the woman is what Jesus looked for. The faith and trust in him.

June 14, 2026 – *Third Sunday after Pentecost*

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 9 verse 35 – chapter 10 verses 8-23

The second Sunday of June Jesus sends his followers out to preach. *“^{10:7}As you go, proclaim the good news, ‘The kingdom of heaven has come near.’”* Matthew 9:35—10:8 [9-23]. The issue with his sending: he sent them with nothing. No money, no extra clothes, no reservations on where to stay. The only thing they had to take was his words and actions. The absolute trust they had in him to go. Leaving everything behind: family, friends, and livelihood to trust in the kindness of strangers. Now days, you would hardly walk out of the house without your wallet, keys, jacket, perhaps a snack, and a map [or cell phone] if you were going somewhere you didn't know. And you would definitely make a few hotel reservations so you knew where you would be sleeping at night! And does he tell them that all will be well? Of course not! He tells them that they may run into trouble, they may get hurt and betrayed. And then he says, don't worry about it: trust me! And now, thousands of years later, we too are being sent to go and preach the good news. We are sent into the world not knowing what is going to happen when we speak the truth of God. Jesus's followers are still being hurt and betrayed. And again, we are only equipped with Jesus's words and actions to share; and our trust and faith in him. As we go through our life, we are indeed bringing the kingdom of heaven nearer.

June 21, 2026 – Fourth Sunday after Pentecost [Father’s Day]

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 10 verses 24 – 39

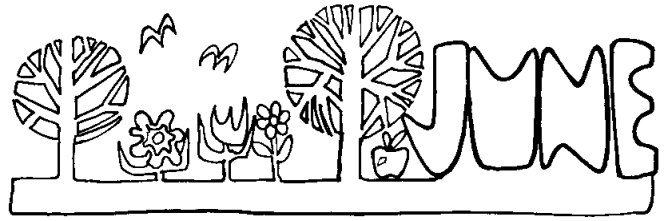
Jesus continues to challenge his followers in the Gospel lesson for the third Sunday of June. He again warns them that following him will not lead to a easy carefree life. In fact, just the opposite! Jesus came to show the way back to the Father. He did not come to say, believe and everything will be easy. He showed through his own life, following the will of the Father is hard. We each have our own cross to carry. At times that burden seems too heavy to bear, but bear it we must to reach the reward at the end. “³⁸...and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me.” Matthew 10:24-39. Jesus carried his cross even though he did not deserve it. But just as Jesus had Simon to help with his cross, we also have one another to help when our own cross gets too heavy. This leads us back to the concept of mercy. We are here not only to carry our own cross but also to help others. When we get caught up in our own lives and burdens, we fail to see what others are enduring. Sharing the weight helps both. Sometimes we need to reach out and ask for help and sometimes we are the ones being asked. The “go” order for this Sunday is a bit more subtle: go, carry your burden; share with others when you need to, help others to carry their burden, walk the journey in support of one another.

June 28, 2026 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 10 verse 40 – 42

Jesus uses the word WELCOME six times in today’s Gospel lesson of three verses consisting of two sentences. We could begin to think that being welcoming is important to Jesus. We are still called to go out of our comfort zone and be welcoming to others. Jesus ate with the sinners, cured the forgotten, addressed the poor, called the common, and blessed the children. We are also called to go and do the same. It is very easy for us in our fairly comfortable lives to say, of course we are welcoming! But do we actually welcome those who are dirty, needy, lost, unhoused, hungry, or living a life we do not see as correct? Can we welcome those who disagree with us? Do we welcome those who have a different point of view? Are we welcoming to those who have a different background than we do? Are we actually worthy of a reward of a prophet or a righteous person? Have we given in the name of being a disciple? There is much to think about as we are going through our daily life in the way we treat those we see as less than or different or unworthy. Jesus saw NO ONE as less than, different, or unworthy. We should go and do the same.

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting Get together	2	3 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Evagination Meeting	4	5	6
7 10:30 Holy Communion Service <i>Audio-Visual Update after Service Coffee Fellowship</i>	8	9	10 NO Office Hours NO Bible Study 3:00 p.m. Movie and Dinner	11	12	13
14 10:30 Holy Communion Service <i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	15 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting Get together	16	17 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon – 1:15 p.m. Bible Study 1:30 p.m. Council Meeting	18	19	20
21 FATHER'S DAY 10:30 Holy Communion Service <i>Coffee Fellowship</i>	22 Newsletter Articles Due	23	24 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours NO Bible Study	25	26	27
28 10:30 Holy Communion <i>Coffee Fellowship Birthdays Celebrated at Coffee Fellowship</i>	29	30				