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Happy Birthday
March Birthdays

<i>Sandra Langdale</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>15</i>
<i>Anne Tegtmeier</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>17</i>
<i>Joan Schwichtenberg</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>26</i>
<i>Gail Henderson</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Emiko Uchiyama</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>30</i>
<i>Phyllis Mackey</i>	<i>March</i>	<i>31</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

3:00 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper

March

March 1: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service – 2nd Sunday in Lent

March 2: 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting

March 4: 3:00 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper

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

March 8: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service – 3rd Sunday in Lent

March 11: 3:00 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper

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

March 15: 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service – 4th Sunday in Lent

March 16: 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting

March 17: St. Patrick's Day

March 18: 3:00 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper

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

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

March 22: 5th Sunday in Lent

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

March 25: 12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours

3:00 p.m. Lenten Study and Supper

March 29: Palm Sunday

10:30 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Holy Communion Service

“Special People During March at Redeemer and St. Theodore”

The month of March invites us to think about a number of people, mostly those who interacted with Jesus during his years of ministry and especially as he journeyed toward the cross on Calvary Hill. Here is a list of some of those persons and personalities that we will be especially hearing about or hearing from during this Lenten month of March.

March 1st (Sunday Morning) ... **Nicodemus**, the religious leader (Pharisee) who sought to know more about Jesus during the darkness of night and learned from him that God loved the world so very much that God offered God's own beloved Son to save the world God loves so dearly.

March 4th (Wednesday Midweek Lenten Gathering) ... **Simon Peter**, the disciple of Jesus who made bold and courageous promises about always following his Lord, and yet in a moment of fear and great uncertainty, he denied having anything to do with, or knowing Jesus, the one he had been following for three years after he left his nets and fishing boats behind.

March the 8th (Sunday Morning) ... **Pastor Brad Stienstra**, not a biblical character but a guest preacher who will be with the congregation that Sunday morning while Pastor Murray is away. Thank you again Pastor Brad for being with the congregation to preside, preach, and celebrate together at the Lord's Table.

March 11th... **Claudia**, the wife of Pontius Pilate, who dreamed about Jesus and advised her husband, the Roman Governor of Judea, against sending an innocent man to his death.

March 15th (Sunday Morning) ... **Celidonius**. Although the biblical accounts do not name the man who was born blind and healed by Jesus, Christian tradition tells us his name was **Celidonius**. It was he who gave the well-known testimony, *“Though I was born blind, now I see.”*

March 18th...**Simon of Cyrene**, the follower of Jesus who was in Jerusalem the day Jesus was crucified and ended up being conscripted from the crowd to help Jesus carry his cross to the hilltop called Golgotha.

March 22nd (Sunday Morning) ... **Lazarus**, the friend of Jesus, and the brother of Mary and Martha who died and was buried, only to have Jesus raise him from the tomb four days later.

March 25th... The **Roman Centurion** that Christian tradition names as **Longinus**. He oversaw the crucifixion of Jesus, and as our Lord breathed his final breath, he famously said, "*Truly this is the Son of God.*"

March 29th (Palm Sunday Morning) ... The **Son of David**... this is the name the people called Jesus as he rode into Jerusalem, while the crowds shouted, "Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

All are always welcome and invited to attend the 10:30 a.m. Sunday morning Holy Communion Worship as well as the Wednesday Lenten Gatherings at 3:00 p.m., followed by a 4:00 p.m. meal together. Please join us during these holy days as we learn about and hear from the people mentioned above.

God be with you all!

+Pastor Murray

+The Rev. Murray D. Finck, Interim Pastor

Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

We were grateful that so many attended our solemn Ash Wednesday Service, and our first Lenten Study and Supper on February 25. It was a meaningful beginning to this sacred season.

We will continue to gather for four more Wednesdays at 3:00 as we journey together toward Holy Week. This is such a wonderful time of study, reflection and fellowship, and we warmly invite you to mark your calendars and join us for this special time together.

Below you will find our schedule for this Holy Season

* Lenten Study and Suppers Wednesdays at 3:00
March 4, 11, 18, 25

*Palm Sunday March 29 10:30 am

*Holy Week 10:30 am Services
Maundy Thursday April 5
Good Friday April 6
Easter Sunday April 8

At our second Congregational Meeting, we elected Carol and Mickey Costello as the delegates to the upcoming Pacifica Synod Assembly. Karen Ford and Betty Lucero were elected as alternate delegates. We thank each of them for their willingness to represent our congregation.

We also presented the 2025 Annual Reports. If you would like a copy, they are on the literature stand in the rear of the Sanctuary.

I am very happy to report that the electrical work that our insurance company required us to complete in order for us to be insured was completed on February 27. Since part of our insurance requirement was to have our wiring inspected, we also had him replace any sockets that were not working properly.

The six-month lease with Sa-Rang Church of Leisure World will expire next month, and the Council has voted to renew the lease for another year.

We are so grateful that this partnership is working out so well for both congregations, and look forward to continuing this mutually beneficial relationship.

We are preparing for a special time in the life of our church.

Reverend Murray has invited Bishop David Nagler of The Pacifica Synod and Bishop John Taylor of the Episcopalian Diocese to a dinner in their honor on Wednesday afternoon, April 8.

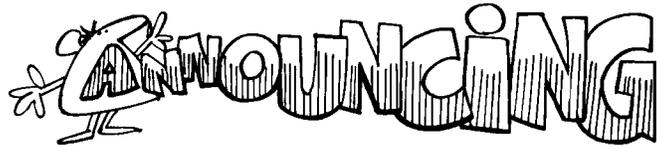
Please mark your calendars for this meaningful occasion in the life of our congregation. If you anticipate any difficulty attending, please see me, and I will gladly help to make arrangements.

This will be a wonderful opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to visit.

Thank you for your continued support and prayers for our church.

God's Blessings,

Kay Pushman
Council President



March 8 begins Daylight Savings Time

Do remember to move your clock **AHEAD** 1 hour before you go to sleep on Saturday night!
[otherwise, you will miss Sunday Service]

Lenten Study and Supper

We will be having Lenten Suppers which include spiritual study focused on the Passion of Jesus with Rev. Finck followed by a meal together. There is a sheet to sign if you are going to attend, so that our hosts that donate and make the food are able to determine how much to provide. Dates to remember:

Lenten Reflections and Suppers:

Wednesdays 3:00 p.m. on March 4, 11, 18, and 25.

Palm Sunday: March 29 10:30 a.m. Procession of the Palms and Holy Communion Service

Holy Week: No Lenten Supper

Maundy Thursday April 2 10:30 a.m. Hand Washing and Holy Communion Service

Good Friday, April 3 10:30 a.m. Passion and Holy Communion Service

Easter: April 5 10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

Reception of New Members

Rev. Finck offered an Information and Orientation Meeting in February. If you are interested in becoming a member, please speak to him or a member of the Church Council. The reception of new members will be this March. Please speak to him about any concerns you may have that may be affecting your decision to join the membership.

Special Dinner

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Spring Bazaar

Our **Spring Bazaar** is scheduled for **April 30, May 1 and 2**. Carmen Leslie, Chairman and her committee are already planning this event. This is a fundraiser, so please support your church by attending with friends and neighbors.

Building Improvements

We are still working on the required church upgrades. We have received a definitive list and photos of the electrical requirements, and have put it out to bid. We will also be working on bids for the replacement of the hot water heaters. We will keep you informed as we move to complete these required upgrades. The Council approved a vendor and the electrical is planned to be completed this Friday.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 2

The Annual Congregational Meeting – Part 2 was held on **Sunday, February 15, 2026** immediately following the Holy Communion Service. Annual Reports were presented. There were no questions about the Annual Report. Our representatives to the Annual Synod Assembly are Carol and Mickey Costello. The alternate delegates are Karen Ford and Betty Lucero.

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
JANUARY 31, 2026**

<u>Income</u>	<u>One Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Offering	\$7,020.00	\$7,020.00
Fundraiser-Boutique	45.00	45.00
Fundraiser-Bake Sale	0.00	0.00
Fundraiser-Bazaar	0.00	0.00
Fundraiser-Ralphs	0.00	0.00
Memorial	0.00	0.00
Memorial Wall	0.00*	0.00 *
Sa-Rang Church Donation	<u>2,000.00</u>	<u>2,000.00</u>
Total Operating Income	\$9,065.00	\$9,065.00
Total Expenses	<u>10,565.57</u>	<u>10,565.57</u>
Gain/(Loss)	<u>(\$1,500.57)</u>	<u>(\$1,500.57)</u>
	(Exceed Income)	(Exceed Income)

* Memorial Wall Net (Income less Expenses)

YEAR TO DATE BUDGET INCOME & EXPENSES JANUARY 31, 2026

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$10,621.00	\$10,621.00
Actual	<u>9,020.00</u>	<u>10,565.57</u>
Gain/(Loss)	<u>(\$1,601.00)</u>	<u>\$55.43</u>
	(Less than Budget)	Less than budget

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES

Income	Expenses
0	0

Respectfully Submitted,
Doris Weinert
Finance Chair

CYCLE A – Year of Matthew
THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT
THROUGH FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

March 1, 2026 – *Second Sunday in Lent*

Genesis 12:1-4a
Psalm 121
Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
John 3:1-17

March 8, 2026 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

Exodus 17:1-7
Psalm 95
Romans 5:1-11
John 4:5-42

March 15, 2026 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

1 Samuel 16:1-13
Psalm 23
Ephesians 5:8-14
John 9:1-41

March 22, 2026 – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

Ezekiel 37:1-14
Psalm 130
Romans 8:6-11
John 11:1-45

March 29, 2026 – *Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday*

Procession with Palms: Matthew 21:1-11
Isaiah 50:4-9a
Psalm 31:9-16
Philippians 2:5-11
Matthew 26:14—27:66 or Matthew 27:11-54

April 2, 2026 – *Maundy Thursday*

Exodus 12:1-4 [5-10] 11-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
1 Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

April 3, 2026 – *Good Friday*

Isaiah 52:13—53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25 or Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9
John 18:1—19:42

April 5, 2026 – *Resurrection of Our Lord Easter Day*

Acts 10:34-43 or Jeremiah 31:1-6
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
Colossians 3:1-4 or Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 28:1-10 or John 20:1-18

April 12, 2026 – *Second Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 22-32
Psalm 16
1 Peter 1:3-9
John 20:19-31

April 19, 2026 – *Third Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:14a, 36-41
Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
1 Peter 1:17-23
Luke 24:13-35

April 26, 2026 – *Fourth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 2:42-47
Psalm 23
1 Peter 2:19-25
John 10:1-10

May 3, 2026 – *Fifth Sunday of Easter*

Acts 7:55-60
Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
1 Peter 2:2-10
John 14:1-14

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing

“Lent”

It’s Lent again! I love Lent. Really. I love the lessons (especially cycle A), I love the solemnity, I love the hymns, I love the fact that there’s not a lot of hoopla surrounding it, I love the encouragement to give and do more, I love that people pray more, I love the disciplines, most especially I love that it’s a time to slow down and reflect. For the month of March, we are going to look at the connection of the first lesson (Old Testament) with the Gospel lesson and the connection to Baptism, our first call to discipleship and Christianity. As you enter the Sanctuary this Lenten season, first look straight ahead as you walk in. What is it that you see in front of you? That is the baptismal font – where our lives were changed forever in Baptism; just as our lives should be changed forever each Lent. Take a moment to reconnect with your Baptism before being seated.

February 22, 2026 – *First Sunday in Lent*

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 4 verses 1-11

The first Sunday of Lent we begin with a lesson from Genesis 2:15-17; 3:1-7 which addresses the temptation of the first human creation. The Gospel lesson from Matthew 4:1-11 is the temptation of Jesus in the desert. Humanity did not resist temptation and were sent out of the presence of God. Jesus, on the other hand, gave us the example of rejecting temptation. At baptism we (or our parents) are again asked to reject the same temptations that both our first parents failed to and Jesus did: Do you reject Satan? And all his works? And all his empty promises? We are reminded during Lent that this is an ongoing need in our lives.

March 1, 2026 – *Second Sunday in Lent*

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 3 verses 1-17

The second Sunday of Lent we hear in Genesis 12:1-4 the call of Abram and Sarai to leave their land, and the promise of God to give them a new land and new descendants. In the Gospel of John 3:1-17 we have Nicodemus coming to Jesus. Jesus explains the need for new birth in water and Spirit. Jesus speaks of our need to believe and trust in God’s promises. Our baptism continues with that same journey of trust and we profess our belief and trust in God in our creed.

March 8, 2026 – *Third Sunday in Lent*

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 4 verses 5-42

The third Sunday of Lent we find Moses wandering in the desert with the Israelites. They are tired, thirsty, and trying to “test” God. Moses finally is told by God to strike a rock for water. The Israelites realize that God is with them; not far away nor has he abandoned them. Jesus declares himself the water of life to the Samaritan woman at the well. We need to drink from this water so that we may become “...a spring of water welling up to eternal life.” (John 4:14). We are baptized by water (one of the most destructive things on earth and one of the most necessary) into the life, death, and resurrection of the Christ.

March 15, 2026 – *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 9 verses 1-41

The fourth Sunday of Lent we hear the story of Samuel finding David to be anointed King. David was the youngest son. He was a shepherd. In the Gospel of John Jesus also anoints the man born blind, only with spit and dirt, and declares himself the light of the world. God uses the ordinary to do extraordinary things. We too were anointed at baptism as Priest, Prophet, and King to do extraordinary things in our ordinary lives. We also received a candle and were told to keep the flame of faith alive in our hearts; to be light to the world.

March 22, 2026 – *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 11 verses 1-45

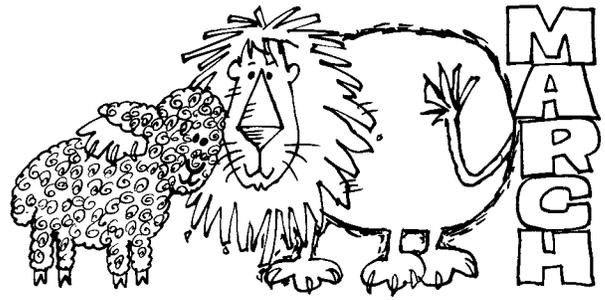
The fifth Sunday of Lent we hear from the Prophet Ezekiel. Ezekiel has a vision of a valley of dry bones that is a promise to the nation of Israel that they will live again in their land through God's life-giving Spirit. In John's Gospel lesson we hear about the resurrection of Lazarus. Both are reminders that we were given new life in Baptism. We put on Christ. We symbolize this in the clothing in white garments. It is the fact that each of us received the Holy Spirit to dwell within us at Baptism. We have a soul: the breath of God within. This, more than anything, gives each of us inherent dignity – this we need to recognize in each person we meet.

March 29, 2026 – *Sunday of the Passion / Palm Sunday*

The Gospel Lesson is from Matthew chapter 26 verse 14 to chapter 27 verse 66

We begin with the pageantry of Palm/Passion Sunday. We get two Gospel stories today. We begin with the Gospel of Matthew and that triumphant entry into Jerusalem. Crowds cheering and waving palm branches. And the Passion follows from the Gospel of Matthew. For a moment, let us put ourselves in that situation. Would we be one of the people cheering him as he entered Jerusalem? Or would we be one of the ones who were afraid of what he was going to do? What would we have done? Would you go with the crowd and call for his death? Would we turn away and not look? Would we seek his freedom no matter what it cost us? Remember that each time we sin we are gaining something in our betrayal. It might not be Judas' 30 pieces of silver but we get something or we wouldn't do it. Is it wealth, status,

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2026

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT 10:30 Holy Communion Service	2 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting Get together	3	4 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 3:00 p.m. Lenten Reflection and Supper	5	6	7
8 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT 10:30 Holy Communion Service <i>Guest Presider</i>	9	10	11 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 3:00 p.m. Lenten Reflection and Supper	12	13	14
15 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:30 Holy Communion Service	16 10:00 a.m. Bazaar Crafting Get together	17	18 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. Council Meeting 3:00 p.m. Lenten Reflection and Supper	19	20	21
22 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT 10:30 Holy Communion Service	23 Newsletter Articles Due	24	25 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 3:00 p.m. Lenten Reflection and Supper	26	27	28
29 PASSION / PALM SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion <i>Birthdays Celebrated</i>	30	31	APRIL 1	APRIL 2 MAUNDY THURSDAY 10:30 a.m. Maundy Thursday Holy Communion and Hand Washing Service	APRIL 3 GOOD FRIDAY 10:30 a.m. Good Friday Holy Communion Service	APRIL 4 HOLY SATURDAY VIGIL OF EASTER