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Happy Birthday
November Birthdays

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| <i>Doris Weinert</i> | <i>November 1</i> |
| <i>Anita Smart</i> | <i>November 5</i> |
| <i>Jessica Keene</i> | <i>November 28</i> |
| <i>Lorna Miller-Kaplan</i> | <i>November 29</i> |
| <i>Mike Vanvales</i> | <i>November 29</i> |

CALENDAR NOTES

Sundays

10:30 a.m. Communion Service

November

- November 5:** All Saints Sunday
November 12: Congregational Meeting Part 1
November 16: 2:30 p.m. Council Meeting
November 23: Thanksgiving Day
November 26: Christ the King Sunday

November Anniversaries

- Mickey and Carol Costello* *November 19*



The Congregational Meeting Part 1 will be held on Sunday, November 12th after the Service. The Council will present the following for

Council Membership: Betty Lucero, Phyllis Mackey, Kay Pushman, and Doris Weinert. They will be presented at this meeting along with any other congregational members who wish to be nominated. The Budget for 2024 will be presented, discussed, and voted on. Please plan to attend this important meeting.

Emergency Pastoral Care:

If you are in need of **emergency** pastoral care, please call Jerry Brady at (714) 534-2673.
 For anything else, please call the Church number: (562) 598-8697 and leave a message. Messages are checked frequently.

Message from Our President...

Dear Redeemer Family:

Part 1 of our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held immediately after our Worship Service on Sunday, November 12. It will be a short meeting which will present our proposed budget for 2024 as prepared by Kay Pushman, Redeemer's Financial Chair. We will also elect members of our Church Council. The Council is recommending: Betty Lucero, Phyllis Mackey, and Kay Pushman for re-election, as they are willing and eligible to serve three-year terms again, and Doris Weinert to serve her first three-year term. Nominations from the floor are also most certainly welcome.

At our October meeting, the Council discussed and approved returning to celebrating Holy Communion every other week. When there are 5 Sundays in the month the Lord's Supper will take place on the first, third, and fifth Sundays with a Service of the Word on the second and fourth Sundays. This is what we used to do and what most Lutheran Churches in the country do. This procedure will start on Sunday, December 3.

The Lord has been so good to us. While Pastor Lis is rehabbing, we have been able to secure Bishop Murray Finck to preach and preside at all of our Worship Services in November and December starting on November 12.

Thanks to everyone who contributed to the success of Redeemer's 60th Anniversary Service, especially to Carmen Leslie who chaired the event.

Also, special thanks to Anne Walshe, whose Council term will end this year. As most of you know, she has moved up north. As a long-time member of St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church, she has been an invaluable leader for our congregation. We wish her God's blessings in her new surroundings.

God Bless You,

Jerry Brady

Council President

Sunday Services



While we have not reimplemented mask requirements, we do strongly encourage everyone to wear them. We have colds, flus, and other respiratory illnesses that are easily caught. *We thank those who have continued to wear their masks and want everyone to know that masks are available at the entrance of the Church. We **HIGHLY** recommend continuing masking. As we are the most vulnerable population and we have many within the congregation*

that are immunocompromised, Staff will continue masking with everyone's safety in mind. Those who elect to wear masks, should do so freely. It is the expectation that individual preferences be respected and supported for either choice with no justification required.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

FALL BACK

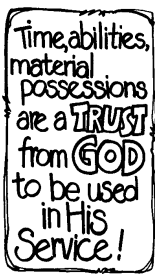
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ends at 2:00 a.m. on Sunday, November 5. Please remember to change your clocks **BACK** one hour before bed on Saturday night [otherwise, you may end up at Church an hour early, but you could always join the choir in practice.]

Thank You: 60th Anniversary Celebration!



A great thank you goes to all who helped make the 60th Anniversary Celebration so beautiful. From those who did much work to prepare the Fellowship Hall; to those who helped plan, set-up, decorated, and prepare the food and drinks; to those who cleaned up; and the Worship team that planned and participated in the Liturgy. We were honored by the presence of Bishop David Nagler who presided at the Service and joined us afterwards. And a special thank you for the presence of Clare Bangao who brought special greetings from The Rt. Rev. John Harvey Taylor, Episcopal Bishop of Los Angeles.

Sharing Your Gifts



In the back of the Annual Report, there is a list of Opportunities for Service that we are asking you to fill out and return. Extra sheets are in the entryway. It can be mailed to the office or turned in on Sundays in the offering plate. Stewardship is not only about money. Stewardship is also about sharing your time and talents in the service of others and the church. God has given you many gifts, how you use them is your gift back to God in thanksgiving. Please consider prayerfully how you can make the Kingdom of God present here.

FINANCE REPORT
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
FINANCE REPORT September 30, 2023



Operating Expense of	\$7,517.29
exceeded Operating Income of	<u>\$7,088.30</u>
by	\$428.99

Our Income of \$7,088.30 was not enough to cover our normal Operating Expenses for the month. Our Budgeted Income for each month is \$8,341.00

Year to Date: September 30, 2023

We see the following comparing **Actual** to **Budgeted** for the first 9 months of 2023

Our Budgeted income of	\$75,069.00
exceeded our Actual Income of	<u>\$59,310.09</u>
by	(\$15,758.91)

We took in less than budgeted.

Our Budgeted Expenses of	\$75,069.00
was under our Actual Expenses of	<u>\$83,258.89</u>
by	(\$8,189.89)

We spent more than budgeted.

We ended these nine months spending \$23,948.80 more than we took in looking at the ACTUAL amounts and including the annual gift.

Respectfully submitted by,
 Kay Pushman, Finance Chair

We are trying to include a weekly update of our income in the bulletin so everyone knows our current financial status.



CYCLE A – Year of Matthew
ALL SAINTS SUNDAY THROUGH
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

November 5, 2023 – *All Saints Sunday*

Revelation 7:9-17
Psalm 34:1-10, 22
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12

November 5, 2023 – *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost*

Micah 3:5-12
Psalm 43
1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
Matthew 23:1-12

November 19, 2023 – *Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost*

Zephaniah 1:7, 12-18
Psalm 90:1-8 [9-11] 12
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

November 26, 2023 – *Christ the King*

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
Psalm 95:1-7a
Ephesians 1:15-23
Matthew 25:31-46

CYCLE B – YEAR OF MARK

December 3, 2023 – *First Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 64:1-9
Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
1 Corinthians 1:3-9
Mark 13:24-37

December 10, 2023 – *Second Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 40:1-11
Psalm 85:1-2, 8-13
2 Peter 3:8-15a
Mark 1:1-8

December 17, 2023 – *Third Sunday of Advent*

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11
Psalm 126
Luke 1:46b-55 (Alternate)
1 Thessalonians 5:16-24
John 1:6-8, 19-28

December 24, 2023 – *Fourth Sunday of Advent*

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16
Luke 1:46b-55
Psalm 89:1-4, 19-26 (Alternate)
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

December 24, 2023 – *Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Eve*

Isaiah 9:2-7
Psalm 96
Titus 2:11-14
Luke 2:1-14 [15–20]

December 25, 2023 – *Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day [II]*

Isaiah 62:6-12
Psalm 97
Titus 3:4-7
Luke 2:[1-7] 8-20

December 25, 2023 – *Nativity of Our Lord, Christmas Day [III]*

Isaiah 52:7-10
Psalm 98
Hebrews 1:1-4 [5-12]
John 1:1-14

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing

“Endings”

November begins and ends with great celebrations. We begin with All Saints Sunday when we remember those who have entered into the Church Triumphant during this previous year *Violet Schwabenland, Lynda Elmer and George Koehm*. We pray for the families and friends of these new saints in heaven. They are among the communion of saints we profess our belief in at every service in the Creed. They are the saints in heaven and we are saints in the making. We end the month in our final celebration of this Church year with Christ the King Sunday. This is when we recognize Jesus’s triumph over death and coming into his reign in heaven. He has finished his earthly visit and has returned to his Father. He has fulfilled his mission from the Father to become our paschal lamb; our sin offering through his life, death, and resurrection. When we see him again it will be when we are with him in heaven or when he comes again, not as a babe but in his power and might. The Gospel lessons for this month are focused on how we as Christians should be living our lives.

On All Saints Sunday we hear Matthew 5:1-12, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are the road map to living The Ten Commandments and fulfilling the Golden Rule which we read in Matthew 7:12 *“So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets.”* and is expanded on in Matthew 22:37-40: ³⁷*Jesus replied: “Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.”*³⁸*This is the first and greatest commandment.* ³⁹*And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’* ⁴⁰*All the Law and the Prophets hang on these two commandments.”*. These guidelines should be the center of our lives. The Beatitudes are a covenant between us and God. It lists the qualities that we are called to have as Christians.

The second Sunday of November we have Jesus the Storyteller come back. He is trying to prepare the people but most especially his disciples [of which we are] for living their call to join him in heaven. This week Jesus reminds us we do not know when he will return nor when we will be called home so we need to be prepared at all times. We can not wait idle and figuring we have more time to prepare: pray, care, give, forgive, love, or whatever. We don’t know when this will happen.

The third Sunday is a continuation of the Gospel from last week. Jesus gives another comparison. Last week was about preparing. This week it is about using our gifts for God’s greater glory. We are all called to use our time, talents, and treasure for God. This is called Stewardship. We talk a lot about stewardship in society in reference to taking care of the world but Jesus calls us to something more; something better. We are called to be good stewards of the things God gives us but we are also supposed to give back to God through the world and the church from those gifts. This is not an either / or thing either. It’s an AND thing. You are supposed to be sharing time, talents, AND treasure. Just because you give in one area, it doesn’t let you off in the others! You may have more time than treasure so, maybe you spend more time on giving back to God, but you do need to part with some of that treasure, too. *“I*

have no talents so I will not try to do anything but I'll pay for whatever." No one has no talents: it's still an AND proposition [you probably have a talent for planning ahead or organizing!] *"I'm just so busy all the time I have no time to help!"* I really understand this one! Still, I will say, if you are too busy to spend a bit of time for God, you really are too busy and probably NEED some time with God. There is a balancing point with all of this and you need to decide what that is in your own life. But: you do need to do all three.

The last Sunday in November is the last Sunday in this Church year and we celebrate Christ the King. We hear the Gospel of the sheep and the goats. This is one of those points where Catholics and Lutherans sort of differ on things. For Catholics this is Gospel passage is referred to as the Corporal Works of Mercy [we also have the Spiritual Works of Mercy] or Final Judgement. I KNOW: Lutherans believe in the 5 Solas of the Reformation: Scripture alone, grace alone, faith alone, in Christ alone, and for God's Glory alone. Yes, and / but ... Yes, through Scripture we come to know God the Father through his Son Jesus and the guidance of the Holy Spirit. Grace and Faith are gifts given by God alone. Salvation comes from Christ alone. What we do is for the glory of God. BUT true faith calls us to action. These actions are reflected in this Gospel passage. These actions are a continuation of Jesus's works while he was here. He fed and cared for people all the time. He tells us to do as he did. It's like when you are so happy you can't help but smile. When we are so full of God's grace and have so much faith that we can't help but to help others; especially when we do these things without a thought of our own reward or honor but for God's praise and glory.



We Thank God for the Fellowship We Had With



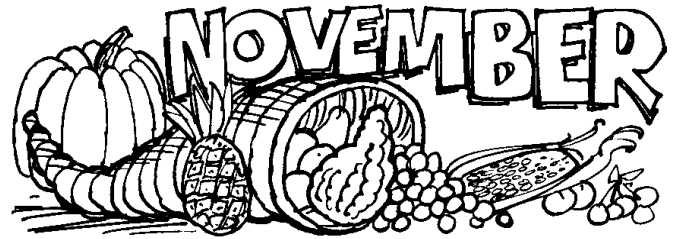
Violet Schwabenland

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May They All Rest in the Peace of Christ

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1	2	3	4
5 ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 10:30 Communion Service <i>Jerry Brady Presiding</i> <i>Daylight Savings Time Ends</i>	6	7	8	9	10	11
12 10:30 Communion Service <i>Bishop Murray Finck Presiding</i> Congregational Meeting Part 1	13	14	15	16 2:30 p.m. – Council Meeting	17	18
19 10:30 Communion Service <i>Bishop Murray Finck Presiding</i>	20	21 Articles for December Newsletter Due!	22	23 THANKSGIVING DAY	24	25
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 10:30 Communion Service <i>Bishop Murray Finck Presiding</i> Birthdays Celebrated	27	28	29	30		