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### ***Happy Birthday*** **October Birthdays**

<i>Patty Hall</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>Ronnie Powell</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>Karen Ford</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>Danuta Lambert</i>	<i>October-</i>	<i>6</i>
<i>Donna Cho</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>19</i>
<i>Nancy Tapia</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>20</i>
<i>Ellen Larsen</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>31</i>

### ***Happy Anniversary*** **October Anniversaries**

*Carl and Jessica Keene*   *October*   *13*

### **CALENDAR NOTES**

#### **Sundays**

10:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service

#### **Wednesdays**

12:00 Noon to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours  
12:00 noon Bible Study in the Fellowship  
Hall

#### **OCTOBER**

**October 2:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study

**October 9:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study

**October 16:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

**October 22:** Newsletter Articles Due

**October 27:** Reformation Sunday

**October 30:** 12:00 Noon Bible Study

#### ***Welcome into Membership!***

At our Service on Sunday, September 29th we were honored to welcome into membership: *Susan Cooper* to St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church and *Susan Avila* and *Annie Willequer* to Redeemer Lutheran Church of Leisure World.

**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 Interim Pastor:***

### **October 2024**

#### ***A Gift for Those We Leave Behind***

I want to write about something we may not always want to address, but it is important that we consider at this time in our lives. One of the best gifts we may leave with our families and all those whose lives go on after we breath our last and final earthly breaths is a document that indicates our preferences for the service or services that will happen as memorials and thanksgivings for our life and faith. There are a variety of important and helpful documents that will help our family members and our survivors before and after we die. Among those are a will or trust, documents indicating the medical and/or physicians' treatment we may or may not want (POLST or MOLST), perhaps a DNR (Do Not Resuscitate), documents about arrangements with mortuaries and cemeteries, and a copy of a form that can be included in your membership file here at the church indicating some of the important details about your preferences for the memorial/funeral/graveside services.

In the past two months, we bid farewell to Jerry Brady and Pastor Gil Moore. I also was asked to lead a third funeral and graveside service for the parent of someone with whom I worked some years ago. In Jerry's file at the church, we found a page with some of his wishes upon his death. Pastor Gil's family clearly knew what he and they wanted. Planning those service with the families went very well and we knew the services would be what their loved one had wanted. In the third situation over which I officiated, there was nothing to go by—no predetermined or chosen hymns, no selected passages of scriptures, no indications of special music or people they wanted to be involved in the services. That family was at a loss. I had no idea what that person may have wanted. We did the best we could and used some of the most well-known hymns and scriptures, but I wondered what really were the most meaningful elements of the services to the person we were memorializing.

We are editing an "End of Life" form and some resources that will be available this month, asking if you have not already done so, that you, (Perhaps along with other family members) might consider filling out and giving a copy to us in the church office. You will have the opportunity to list the hymns you hope the congregation might sing, the scriptures you would like them to hear, and other specifics that will help your family and others and us at the church to best honor your final wishes and make the service(s) a personal witness of your life and faith.

Please accept the form as it become available. Please consider filling it out and returning a copy to us at the church. Please talk it over with family (and perhaps friends) and give them and us some details that will help us to prepare wonderful and meaningful worship and graveside services I assure you; it will be a gift to those we leave behind as we go to rest in the mercies of God.

Thank you in advance for considering taking this important step.

God's peace and love be ever with you.

*+Pastor Murray D. Finck*

The Rev Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus



### *Message from Our President...*

Dear Members and Friends,

Approximately 100 family and friends were present at the Memorial Service where Bishop Finck's message was so meaningful and appreciated by all as we lovingly remembered our amazing Pastor for 17 years. The bulletin was beautifully done by Margo, who had been with Pastor Gil during his time at Redeemer. The luncheon was delicious, provided by family and members, and planned to be similar to one that Pastor Gil always suggested. A cross and plaque on our Memorial Wall was dedicated by Bishop Finck after the luncheon, and was attended by the family. He has been remembered by many generous memorial gifts in his honor. This was a very special time for our church, and many thanks to all of the volunteers that contributed to the success of remembering our special time with Pastor Gil.

God's Work, Our Hands which hadn't been done since covid was very successful on September 8 even though it was a very hot day. We collected so much food, and are grateful for the generosity of our members and neighbors. I would especially like to thank all those who showed up in the hot weather to help; Carol and Mickey Costello, Sylvia Makus, Doris Weinert, Karen Ford, Shirlene Bradrick, Wendy Alfageme, my neighbor, Midge Bash, my daughter, son-in-law and grandson and Carl and Jessica Keene, who made two trips to deliver all of the donated food.

We are still working on the sound system for the church. My son has found some Bose speakers at a very reduced price, and will install them at a different location than the ones that are on our walls now, which should help our members hear every inspirational word of Bishop Finck's sermons.

The Memorial Cross Wall has been implemented with Pastor Gil's cross and plaque being the first. We have decided the following if you would like to have one of your loved ones remembered in this way. If we provide the cross and plaque a \$200 donation is suggested. If you provide the cross, and we provide the plaque a \$150 donation is suggested. The plaques will all be uniform with the option of the Lutheran rose, Episcopal flag, or a cross. After the purchase of the items, the donations will be added to the Memorial Wall Fund which is part of our Operating Budget. We will have a form available if you would like to have your loved one permanently remembered in this way. If you have any questions, please see me.

We all are so very blessed by our inspirational Wednesday Bible Study, led by Bishop Finck, for which we have had to add extra tables. If you don't already attend, consider adding this to your calendar as we continue through the Ten Commandments.

Mark your calendars for November 14 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. 3:30 as we will be offering our Fall Bazaar featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, gently used treasures, jewelry, ceramics and more. There is a sign-up sheet if you would like a table to offer your wares. 10% of all sales will be donated to the church, except our Boutique, which is 100%. There will be a work party on Wednesday, November 13 at 4:00. If you have any questions, please call Carmen Leslie, Chairperson at 562 430 6950.

As always, I thank you for allowing me to serve.

***Kay Pushman***  
Council President



### **Bible Study**

Bible Study has been growing over the weeks. We have had upwards of 20 people attending. This is a great way to meet members and friends to share an understanding of faith and the Holy Scriptures. We meet in the Fellowship Hall from noon to about 1:15 p.m. You can bring friends, your Bible, and your lunch, if you wish! There are drinks available to share. There is also, usually, a sweet treat or two to share. NOW is a great time to join us as we will be continuing the study of the Ten Commandments. Bishop Murray Finck will be leading the discussion.

### **Pacifica Synod Women of the ELCA Convention & Gathering**

October 18-19, 2024, Spirit of Our Savior Lutheran Church San Bernardino, 5050 No. Sierra Highway, San Bernardino, CA 92404. Flyers can be found on the bulletin board in the entryway.

### **“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday**

“God’s Work. Our Hands.” took place on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. We again collected non-perishable foods to donate to Lutheran Social Services for their food pantry. We had some community participation but hope to have a better response next year as people become used to this as we go forward.

### **Outside Memorial Cross Wall**

The Council has been discussing a way to honor members, friends, family, and other loved ones. It was decided to turn one wall of the Outside Cross Chapel into a Cross Memorial Wall. Currently we will be placing a cross and plaque for Pasto Gil. The Church is providing the plaque and the Moore family have chosen a cross. We will also be putting up a plaque and cross for Jerry Brady with a donation provided by Jerry’s family. 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**

As many know, during the pandemic we arranged free donation dollars from Smile.Amazon through your choice to have Redeemer Lutheran designated as your charity of choice. That program ended. At the same time, we also worked with Ralph’s to be one of their choices for their community giving program. To date this year, we have received \$84.89 with only 4 households participating. 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 have received \$863.00 from Thrivent Choice this year. We thank all who have participated in these programs and have designated Redeemer as their charity of choice.

### **Daylight Savings Time Ends**

This is just a quick reminder as we look ahead to November! On November 3<sup>rd</sup> at 2:00 a.m., we “fall back”. Don’t forget to reset your clocks on Saturday, November 2<sup>nd</sup> before bedtime!

### **Fall Bazaar!**

Mark your calendars for November 14 and 15 from 8:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. as we will be offering our Fall Bazaar, again! We will be featuring arts and crafts, baked goods, gently used treasures, jewelry, ceramics and more. There is a sign-up sheet if you would like a table to offer your wares. If you have any questions, please call Carmen Leslie, Chairperson at (562) 430-6950.



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH  
ST. THEODORE OF CANTERBURY EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
FINANCE REPORT  
Month Ending August 31, 2024**

**FINANCES FOR THE MONTH of August 2024**

<b>Operating Expenses of</b>	<u>\$9,150.00</u>	<b>Exceeded</b>
<b>Operating Income of</b>	<u>\$7,835.00</u>	
<b>By</b>	(\$1,315.00)	
<i>[we spent more than we took in]</i>		

**For the year to August 31, 2024**

<b>Operating Expenses of</b>	<u>\$67,136.00</u>	<b>Exceeded</b>
<b>Operating Income of</b>	<u>\$63,351.00</u>	
<b>by</b>	(\$3,785.00)	
<i>[we spent more than we took in]</i>		

**Comparing Budgeted to Actual for 2024:**

<b>Actual</b> Income of	<u>\$63,351.00</u>	<b>Exceeded</b>
<b>Budgeted</b> Income of	<u>\$58,464.00</u>	
<b>by</b>	\$4,887.00	
<i>[we took in more than our budget anticipated]</i>		

<b>Actual</b> Expense of	<u>\$67,136.00</u>	<b>Exceeded</b>
<b>Budgeted</b> Expense of	<u>\$58,464.00</u>	
<b>by</b>	(\$8,672.00)	
<i>[we spent more than our budget anticipated]</i>		

**Other Income and Expenses for the Year:**

**Income:**

Memorial	\$540.00 (\$290 Aug)
Memorial Wall	\$100.00 (\$100 Aug)
Fundraising – Boutique	\$174.00
Fundraising - Pump	\$663.00
Fundraising – Bake Sale	<u>\$162.00</u>
Total:	\$1,639.00

Respectfully submitted,  
Doris Weinert  
Finance Chairman

**CYCLE B – Year of Mark**  
**THE FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**THROUGH THE TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

**October 6, 2024 — *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost***

Genesis 2:18-24  
Psalm 8  
Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12  
Mark 10:2-16

**October 13, 2024 – *Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost***

Amos 5:6-7, 10-15  
Psalm 90:12-17  
Hebrews 4:12-16  
Mark 10:17-31

**October 20, 2024 – *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost***

Isaiah 53:4-12  
Psalm 91:9-16  
Hebrews 5:1-10  
Mark 10:35-45

**October 27, 2024 – *Reformation Sunday***

Jeremiah 31:31-34  
Psalm 46  
Romans 3:19-28  
John 8:31-36

**October 27, 2024 – *Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost***

Jeremiah 31:7-9  
Psalm 126  
Hebrews 7:23-28  
Mark 10:46-52

**November 3, 2024 – *All Saints Sunday***

Isaiah 25:6-9  
Wisdom 3:1-9 (Alternate)  
Psalm 24  
Revelation 21:1-6a  
John 11:32-44

**November 3, 2024 – *Twenty-Fourth Sunday after Pentecost***

Deuteronomy 6:1-9  
Psalm 119:1-8  
Hebrews 9:11-14  
Mark 12:28-34

**November 10, 2024 – *Twenty-Fifth Sunday After Pentecost***

1 Kings 17:8-16  
Psalm 146  
Hebrews 9:24-28  
Mark 12:38-44

**November 17, 2024 – *Twenty-Sixth Sunday after Pentecost***

Daniel 12:1-3  
Psalm 16  
Hebrews 10:11-14 [15-18] 19-25  
Mark 13:1-8

**November 24, 2024 – *Christ the King***

Daniel 7:9-10, 13-14  
Psalm 93  
Revelation 1:4b-8  
John 18:33-37

**November 28, 2024 – *Day of Thanksgiving***

Joel 2:21-27  
Psalm 126  
1 Timothy 2:1-7  
Matthew 6:25-33



## ***Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing***

### ***“A Step Further”***

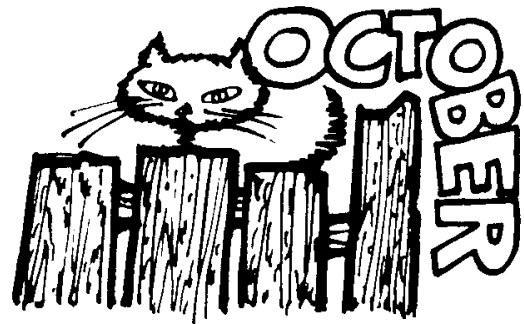
The first Sunday of October Jesus is again disrupting the status quo. This time he redefines the importance of marriage and the value of women in a society that looked at women as property. He continued with making children important, too. Jesus never seems to have a problem with expanding the rules to live by. He always looks at how to show the Father's love for all his creation. He looks to raise those with low status. He looks to heal and support those in the most need. He calls all of us to do the same. *This is your chance to look at how you value others. Who is important to you? Who do you respond to the quickest? Who are you trying to raise up?*

The second Sunday of October Jesus again challenges his followers, even those whom are just coming to him. A rich man asks how he can inherit eternal life and Jesus reiterates the Commandments. Jesus also goes a degree further: He wants the rich man to sell what he has and give to the poor. Jesus continues on to warn those who are rich that it will be hard for them to enter the Kingdom. It sounds odd. If Jesus comes to save all and invites all to the Father, if this is true, then why does he exclude the rich? I think the challenge with being rich, is what to do with it? How do you treat others? What are your goals with the money? I think that Jesus requires the same from the rich as he does from the poor, it's just a little harder because we are creatures of comfort, and we like to keep what we have. *So, we are challenged to go that step further.*

The third Sunday of October we hear a similar Gospel lesson, with more details, than the one from September 22<sup>nd</sup>'s Gospel lesson from Mark chapter 9 verses 30-37. Jesus calls out specifically James and John, the sons of Zebedee, for wanting to be placed at Jesus' right and left sides. Jesus reiterates that to be great in his Kingdom, you must be a servant to all. He also reminds them that he is destined to die and reminds them that if they continue to follow him, they also will be subject to the same. Jesus does not beat around the bush about how this will end. He warns us repeatedly that, if you follow me, you will probably not have a happy, easy life. *But, we as faithful Christians, continue to follow because the final reward is worth the costs in this life.*

The fourth Sunday in October we will be celebrating Reformation Sunday. The Gospel lesson for this Sunday is from John. Jesus talks about true freedom. Freedom is a word that has been used a lot in recent times. How we act and what we do with our freedoms depends on a lot of factors from how we were raised, what we have learned, politics, friends, societal influences, and hopefully, our faith. Jesus' freedom is a bit different. He has freed us from the slavery of sin. That slavery keeps us from God who is all good and all loving. Jesus has given us a place by his side. But, as with all freedoms, we need to accept it and use it wisely. Freedom is both a gift and a duty. *What is your “favorite” sin? How are you working with Jesus to be free of this? How have you enjoyed and used the freedom that Jesus has given you?*

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2024

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2  12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	3	4	5
6  10:30 Holy Communion Service	7	8	9  12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	10	11	12
13  10:30 Holy Communion Service	14	15	16  12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 1:30 p.m. – Council Meeting	17	18	19
20  10:30 Holy Communion Service	21  <b>NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE</b>	22	23  <b>NO.</b> Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	24	25	26
27 <b>REFORMATION SUNDAY</b> 10:30 Holy Communion Service  Birthdays Celebrated	28	29	30  12:00 p.m. Bible Study 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours	31		