



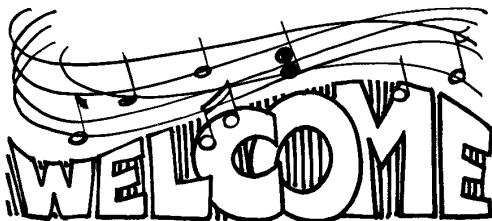
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Happy Birthday ***October Birthdays***

<i>Patricia 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>Susan Cooper</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>22</i>
<i>Ellen Larsen</i>	<i>October</i>	<i>31</i>



*We welcomed our New Members who
joined us formally on September 21st:
Anne Tegtmeier, Dahlia Diaz, Gloria
Curry, Sophia Kim, and Stephen
Tegtmeier.*

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

OCTOBER

October 1: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

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

October 5: Guest Presider The Rev. Dean
Nelson, Bishop Emeritus of Southwest
California Synod, ELCA

October 8: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

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

October 15: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

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

1:30 p.m. Council Meeting

October 20: Newsletter Articles Due

October 22: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

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

October 26: Reformation Sunday

Birthdays Celebrated at Fellowship

October 29: 12:00 Noon Bible Study

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

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 2025

Times of Transition and Reformation

Jesus said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Revelation 21:5

Dr. Phyllis Tickle (1934-2015) was an academic, author, and devoted member of the Episcopal Church. In her book, ***"The Great Emergence,"*** published in 2012, she writes about the significant transitions and re-formations of the Christian Church, which took place about every 500 years. She quotes an Episcopal Bishop who said, "It seems like every 500 years, the Christian Church has a huge rummage sale."

The first of those great transitions began with the collapse of the Roman Empire in the late 5th Century. With hordes of barbarians overrunning the lands and people of Europe, and with the disintegration of an empire that had at one time dominated and brought some kind of civility to much of Europe and the Mediterranean world, the Christian Church responded with what is called the **"Rise of Monasticism."** The leaders of the church-- nuns, priests, bishops and popes--were the most educated and influential in those days. They helped to stabilize and reshape the church, society, and culture as empires were falling, and Europe began a 500-year time often called "The Dark Ages."

The second time of transition and upheaval is called **"The Great Schism."** After nearly two centuries of debating and disagreeing about some matters of faith, in 1054 AD, the Christian Church officially divided into the (Western) Roman Catholic Church and the Eastern Orthodox Church. It was a very dramatic shift in the witness and history of the Christian Church after its first 1000 years, and it was a huge change in world history, too.

About 500 years later the third transition took place. Prominent leaders of the Western Church cried out for reform for more than a century. Dr. Martin Luther, surrounded with a group of clergy, priests, and professors, led the church in Germany and then beyond, in what would be called the **Lutheran** or the **Protestant Reformation**. The significant date attributed to the official beginning of that movement is October 31, 1517, the Eve of All Saint's Day (sometimes called "All Hallow's Eve" from which we get the word "Halloween.") Again, there was great disruption and transition happening in the Christian Church and in the world during those years before and after 1517.

In each of these three historical moments, significant shifts, challenges, and transitions took place within the Christian Church and, at the same time, with the societal and cultural populations of Europe, Asia Minor, the Middle East, and the new lands being discovered.

So, we fast forward another 500 years to approximately October of 2025... now... today. **Is the Church of Christ Jesus experiencing yet another transition, upheaval, re-formation?** With the technological and scientific advances surrounding us, with the world population growing from 6.2 billion people in 2000 AD to 8.2 billion in 2025 AD and with that population migrating all over the globe, with current political and economic shifts, challenges, and changes happening from one day to next, with wars raging, including in the land where so much of our biblical history took place, with climate and environment changing right before our eyes, we are in the midst of yet another great time of transition for the Church and for the world.

And, like the previous three transitional times, the Church of Christ Jesus will emerge. Phyllis Tickle's subtitle for her book is ***"How Christianity is Changing and Why."*** We are experiencing yet another ***"great emergence"*** and we do so empowered, uplifted, and sustained by the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the power of the Holy Spirit. The people of Jesus' Church will cling to his words to ***"love God first and foremost, and then love one another as God loves us."*** We will ground ourselves in the stories of faith and the words of the Holy Scripture and discover how alive for us today are those ancient words. We will pray fervently, worship together frequently, sing joyfully, approach the Holy Table humbly, read and study the Scriptures regularly, and give generously our offerings of time, talents, and financial resources. We will be a people in this transitional and reformational times calling ourselves Redeemer Lutheran and St. Theodore of Canterbury Episcopal Church, but even more accurately we will go into these next 500 years as the **beloved people of God** and the **Church of Our Lord Jesus Christ**.

+Pastor Murray D. Finck

The Rev Murray D. Finck, Bishop Emeritus

Message from Our President...

Dear Members and Friends,

Our Congregational Meeting is scheduled for November 9 immediately following our church service. At this meeting we will present the Proposed 2026 Budget, which has been approved by Council, for your approval. We also will present any nominated Council members. Another item we will bring up for congregational approval is a few changes to the By-laws to be sure we are always in compliance. Please make sure to stay for this important meeting. Fellowship will follow after the meeting.

We were so happy to welcome Gloria Curry, Dahlia Diaz, Sophia Kim, and Anne and Stephen Tegtmeier as they made the decision to become members of our church on September 21.

We all love Reverend Finck, feel so blessed to have him and Rhoda with us, and would like to have him stay. However, since he is an interim pastor, we are required to be looking for a permanent pastor. A Call Committee has been working on a Ministry Site Profile, and when completed, a letter along with the profile will be mailed to all of our Bishops in the United States.

Starting in October, we have changed our janitorial service from once a month to every week since we now have increased use of our facility. The Sa-rang Church has graciously agreed to share this expense with us.

The microphones and audio have been worked on by a non-member volunteer, and we would appreciate feedback on whether it has improved your ability to hear on Sunday.

Remembering your loved ones with a plaque and a cross for our Memorial Cross Wall is a special way to honor them. Reverend Finck performed a beautiful dedication service for Bruce Young's son, and Nancy Luebben will have crosses for her mother dedicated soon. Please let me know if this is something you would like to do.

Last year our Council approved an annual preventative checkup by Orange County Pump on all of our pumps. Since we have had issues with water in the Fellowship Hall for years, it is a much-needed preventative service call. We had this performed last fall, and fortunately didn't have any water in our church. They will be coming out to perform this job before the rainy season.

Please make sure to support the Fall Bazaar fundraiser on November 13 and 14. You can shop for gifts and have lunch including delicious dessert options. Reverend Finck has a few tables filled with mementos from his visits all over the world which has been very popular. Take some flyers, and invite your friends and neighbors to come with you.

Please join with us by participating in Operation Christmas Child, which is operated by Samaritan's Purse. We have the boxes and instructions available now for you to fill with personal care items and toys for children in over 100 countries. In many cases this is the only Christmas gift the child receives. These filled boxes are due back to the church by November 17 so they can be dropped off at the center that will prepare them for shipping.

We will soon have a Suggestion Box available for any thoughts on how we can improve your church. The Church Council is always open to ensuring that our church is meeting everyone's needs.

God's Blessings,

Kay Pushman
Council President



Blessed To Be Two Blessings — (B2B2B)

We recently voted to move forward with a plan to replace the old and no-longer-working heating system that fills the maintenance room in the basement. The Church Council has begun a special fund-raising appeal, entitled “*Blessed To Be Two Blessings — B2B2B*” to raise **at least** \$15,000. The raised monies will be split 90% to the cost of the heating system and 10% donated to the non-profit Leisure World Cares Fund.

We have surpassed our Fund-Raising Appeal Goal of \$15,000 with many thanks to our very generous congregation and friends. We are applying this overage, and any further gifts, to lower our need for the \$12,500 loan amount offered from the Episcopal Diocese of Los Angeles. It will also be a blessing to donate additional funds to the Leisure World Cares Fund. We thank everyone who has contributed to this special campaign.

B2B2B CAMPAIGN DONORS

We are grateful to our members and friends who have given to our:

“*Blessed To Be Two Blessings — (B2B2B)*” Campaign

Gloria Curry
Kathy Stropole

Shirlene Bradrick
Hiroko Minei

Christa Diesslin
Dale Diesslin

Rod Sciborski
Julia Watson
Darleen Gardner
Annie Williquier
Ann Tegtmeier
Mickey and Carol
Costello
Ernie Dinkel
Alma Zamzow
Dale Diesslin
Emiko Uchiyama
Barbara Long
Ellen Larsen
Susan Avila
Donna Cho

Linda Peters
Nancy Anderson
Rev. Murray and Rhoda
Finck
Marianne Goldberg
Sylvia Mackus
Kay Pushman
Emil Miorelli
Barbara Schuyler
Wendy Alfageme
Doris Weinert
Catherine Boufford
Christina Paek
Donna Michelson
Sharon Heck

Juanita Townsend
Delbert and Lisa Nunley
(in honor of Gil and
Lavona Moore)
The Trust of Gilbert C.
Moore and Lavona B.
Moore
John Robinson and Betty
Lucero
Sandra Langdale
Ray Friedrichsen
Nancy Luebben
Susan Sinner



“God’s Work. Our Hands.” Sunday

Thank you to everyone who participated in our “God’s Work, Our Hands.”, the ELCA’s annual day of service program, on September 7th. It was a very successful food drive with food covering the Narthex, and we had more people from the community participating than last year. Carl Keene and Mickey Costello made two trips to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church on Monday. The staff, and those who receive the food, wanted us to know how very grateful they are for our generous congregation and community. Thank You to all who have volunteered for this project, brought food, shared our project with others, or wore your yellow “God’s Work. Our Hands.” T-shirt.

Operation Christmas Child

We will be participating in the Operation Christmas Child project sponsored by Samaritan’s Purse this fall. We are asking members to pick up a box, and fill it with one larger “WOW” toy, school and personal care items which will be sent to 170 countries around the world. You can pick a boy or girl and an age range of 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14. Think ahead, and on your trips to Dollar Tree, start collecting items. Some items **not allowed** are soap, toothpaste, lotion, bubbles or food of any kind. They also ask for \$10 to cover shipping costs. The boxes will be collected **by November 17**. Please see Kay or me, Susan Avila, for the decorated boxes ready to be filled. More info will be coming, and if you have any questions, please contact me: Susan Avila, Chairman at (516) 459-7640.

Bible Study

The Bible Study meets on Wednesdays at noon in the Fellowship Hall to continue the study of the **Women of the Bible** focusing on the **New Testament**. 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.

Brass Rubbing Medieval Arts Center

St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Long Beach is again offering their Brass Rubbing Educational Docent Talk October 7 through November 8. You can make reservations at (email): brass.rubbing.lb@gmail.com. For a little more details you can go online at: www.brassrubbing.org.

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 AND EXPENSES THROUGH AUGUST 31, 2025

<u>Income</u>	<u>One Month</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>
Current Offering	\$9,716.00	\$65,445.06
Fundraiser-Boutique	\$61.00	\$306.25
Fundraiser-Bake Sale	\$0.00	\$40.00
Fundraiser – Bazaar	\$0.00	\$2,518.55
Fundraiser-Ralph's	\$66.48	\$66.48
Memorial	\$2,000.00	\$2,500.00
Memorial Wall	<u>\$603.85*</u>	<u>\$953.85</u>
Total Operating Income	\$12,447.33	\$71,830.19
	* Memorial Wall Net (Income less Expenses)	
 Total Operating Income	 \$12,447.33	 \$71,830.19
Total Expenses	<u>\$9,325.56</u>	<u>\$75,631.55</u>
Gain/(Loss)	\$3,121.77	(\$3,801.36)
	(Less than Income)	(Exceed Income)

BUDGET INCOME AND EXPENSES through August 31, 2025

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Budget	\$71,936.00	\$71,936.00
Actual	<u>\$71,830.19</u>	<u>\$75,631.55</u>
Gain/(Loss)	(\$105.81)	(\$3,695.55)
	(Less than Budget)	(More than Budget)

OTHER INCOME & EXPENSES

	<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>
Disaster Relief	\$550.00	\$550.00 (In & Out)
World Hunger	\$300.00	\$300.00 (In & Out)
HVAC		\$1,000.00
Pacifica Synod Grant	\$25,000.00	
Grant: Episcopal Diocese of LA	\$12,500.00	
B2B2B Fundraiser	\$36,110.00	

Respectfully Submitted
Doris Weinert
Finance Chair

CYCLE C – Year of Luke
THE SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
THROUGH THANKSGIVING DAY

October 5, 2025 — *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
Psalm 37:1-9
2 Timothy 1:1-14
Luke 17:5-10

October 12, 2025 — *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

2 Kings 5:1-3, 7-15c
Psalm 111
2 Timothy 2:8-15
Luke 17:11-19

October 19, 2025 — *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

Genesis 32:22-31
Psalm 121
2 Timothy 3:14—4:5
Luke 18:1-8

October 26, 2025 — *Reformation Sunday*

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

October 26, 2025 — *Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost*

Jeremiah 14:7-10, 19-22
Sirach 35:12-17 {alternate}
Psalm 84:1-7
2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18
Luke 18:9-14

November 2, 2025 — *All Saints Sunday*

Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18
Psalm 149
Ephesians 1:11-23
Luke 6:20-31

November 2, 2025 — *Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost*

Isaiah 1:10-18
Psalm 32:1-7
2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
Luke 19:1-10

November 9 — *Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost*

Job 19:23-27a
Psalm 17:1-9
2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
Luke 20:27-38

November 16, 2025 — *Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost*

Readings
Malachi 4:1-2a
Psalm 98
2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
Luke 21:5-19

November 23, 2025 — *Christ the King Sunday / Last Sunday after Pentecost*

Readings
Jeremiah 23:1-6
Psalm 46
Colossians 1:11-20
Luke 23:33-43

November 27, 2025 — *Thanksgiving Day*

Deuteronomy 26:1-11
Psalm 100
Philippians 4:4-9
John 6:25-35

Worship and Discipleship by Margo Geesing

“Journeying in Faith”

October 5, 2025 — *Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost*

The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 17 verses 5-10

The first Sunday in October we have a call to faith through service. The disciples ask Jesus to increase their faith. Jesus does not just say, “Poof, your faith is increased!” no does he say, “Pray more!” rather he calls them to service; to awareness of others. He calls them to LIVE their faith to increase it. It is like a muscle – use it and it gets bigger. Jesus uses the image of the mustard seed, something that he uses on a few occasions when speaking of faith. Jesus compares faith to a mustard seed. A mustard seed is one of the smallest seeds, but it can grow to cover large areas because it increases by propagation. So also, is our faith. By using it and trusting it, we can move mountains, or in this case, trees. *How are you growing your faith? Even at this point in life it is not time to go fallow. How are you exercising your faith to make it stronger? Where are the trees that need to be moved in your life?*

October 12, 2025 — *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 17 verses 11-19

The second Sunday in October we have the story of the ten lepers. They all call on Jesus to show them mercy in their illness. All are made clean. Only one returned, before going to the priests to show himself clean and returning to society, to thank and praise God for his gift of mercy. The one who returned was a Samaritan. Here again Jesus uses a Samaritan to show that the Jews are not the only ones who will receive the mercy of God. Jesus did not come to just save the Jewish people, but rather the whole world. [Samaritans were basically enemies of the Jewish people.] Again, Jesus states that his faith made him well. *How often to we ask for God’s mercy? How often do we share God’s mercy? More importantly, how often do we thank and praise God for his mercy? It is a sign of faith to ask God for mercy, but it is also a sign of faith to thank him for his mercy. There is an almost horrible thing with God. We have a God of love, forgiveness, and mercy but we also have a God of justice. We can ask for his love, forgiveness, and mercy and we can trust we will receive it through Jesus’ death and resurrection. At the same time, we should not take this for granted.*

October 19, 2025 — *Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost*

The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 18 verses 1-8

The third Sunday Jesus reminds us to be persistent! This time Jesus tells a story about a widow who is pestering a judge to hear her case. The judge finally gives in, not because it’s the right thing to do or his job, but it is tired of seeing and hearing her! Jesus reminds us to pray always and not to lose heart. God always answers our prayers. Just not necessarily how or when we want. The final statement of the Gospel lesson should give us all pause: “*And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?*” *This is the question that each of us need to answer for ourselves. It is not an easy road to journey in faith. The best reminder we have is in prayer when we can talk and listen to our God. He is not a God way up or out there but one intimately involved in our lives.*

October 26, 2025 — Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

The Gospel Lesson is from Luke chapter 18 verses 9-14

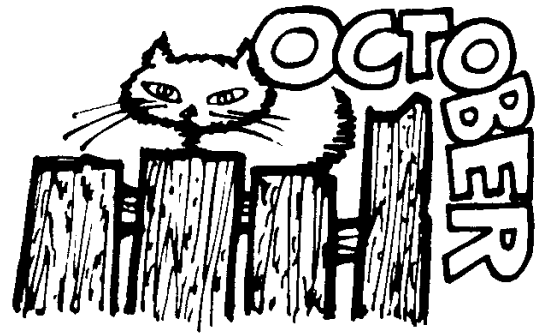
The fourth Sunday we hear a word that is not used much these days: **humble**. It means to be courteously respectful, modest, not proud or arrogant. Today it usually is looked at as having a feeling of insignificance, inferiority, subservience, low in rank, importance, status, quality; lowly. God does not look at what you owned, how much money you made, or what your social status is. He looks at what you did with what you owned and your money, he looks at how you treat others especially those who are looked at as less than. Before God, we are all humble and unworthy. Jesus is the one who allows us to come into the presence of God. He is the one that gave his life so that we might live as children of God. He is the one who makes us co-heirs to the Kingdom. *As we go through our daily routines, keep an eye out for your own thoughts and actions that describe others as less than or your own superiority. Acknowledge them and ask for God forgiveness for them. Strive to do better.*

October 26, 2025 — Reformation Sunday

The Gospel Lesson is from John chapter 8 verses 31-36

The last Sunday of October we will celebrate Reformation Sunday. We hear Jesus speak of freedom in the Gospel. Jesus is not talking about freedom to do what you want when you want. He is speaking of freedom from sin. By our nature we are a sinful people. We have fallen from grace. We all sin. What Jesus has given us by his death and resurrection is the freedom from the immediate punishment of sin. We are called by our baptism to a new life in Christ. We are call into forgiveness and mercy. It is a gift without price because Jesus has already paid the price. We were given the freedom to love God or reject God. We were given the freedom to follow Jesus or not to. We were given the freedom to live a life of service to others or to be hedonistic. We were given the freedom to live a life of faith and prayer or to go it on our own. What our choices are: how we live our lives, how we treat others, how we treat God is our answer to the freedom Jesus has purchased for us. *This is the story we tell throughout our lives. The story of who God is; who Jesus is; who the Holy Spirit is; what this means to us; and ultimately who we are. Tell the story of a person of faith found in the freedom of service through the grace of the Spirit in the honor of the Father through the love of Christ.*

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2025

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study	2	3	4
5 10:30 Holy Communion Service Guest Presider The Rev. Dean Nelson, Bishop Emeritus of Southwest California Synod, ELCA	6	7	8 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study	9	10	11
12 10:30 Holy Communion Service	13	14	15 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	16	17	18
19 10:30 Holy Communion Service	20 Newsletter Articles Due for November	21	22 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study	23	24	25
26 REFORMATION SUNDAY 10:30 Holy Communion Service <i>Birthdays Celebrated</i>	27	28	29 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Office Hours 12:00 Noon to 1:15 p.m. Bible Study	30	31	