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## *Message from Our President…*

Dear Members and Friends,

July has been a very exciting month for at our July 13, 2025 Congregational Meeting, we unanimously voted to accept the Council's Resolution to have Greenwood Heating and Air install HVAC systems in our Sanctuary, offices, and fellowship hall. We sincerely owe Reverend Finck a debt of gratitude, as this wouldn't have happened without his diligence. He alone worked with vendors, and went to the Pacifica Synod and the Episcopalian Diocese for financial help. Consequently, after their help, we are working to raise the final $15,000 using the "Blessed To Be Two Blessings" (B2B2B), which was voted on and accepted by the Church Council at the July 16, 2025 meeting. 90% will be applied toward our HVAC system cost, and 10% of the funds raised will be donated to the non-profit Leisure World Cares Fund, which is helping vetted persons that are having trouble paying the increased association dues in Leisure World. As of July 27, we have raised $6,510 toward our $15,000 goal thanks to many generous donations.

Again, many thanks to Reverend Finck. We will be thanking you many times over as we have heat in the winter, and cooling in the summer. We are waiting for the building permits from the City of Seal Beach, and anticipate the installation of the systems to begin soon.

As with any building, particularly one that was built in 1965, there are problems that occur. Over this month, we have had a termite infestation in our Electrical Room, which is off the outside Memorial Cross Wall. We did hire a company to take care of this infestation. Thank you to Sylvia Makus, who cleaned up the mess after them. We had GRF do some needed maintenance which included replacing tubes in overhead lighting fixtures to led tubes which cost $156. We also needed to replace the refrigerator in the kitchen which cost $873.01. Thanks to a generous donation from a member, out actual cost of the replacement is only $178.01. Also, we had a slow running faucet in the kitchen. The Council was all set to call a plumber, and Reverend Finck stepped in and said, let me look at it. He fixed it. Thank you again.

There is another Congregational Meeting scheduled for August 10 after our Worship Service. We have been approached by the Sa Rang Congregation, a non-denominational church to use our facility for a donation of at least $2,000 a month. They carry their own insurance liability and will indemnify Redeemer / St. Theodore. The Council has passed a motion for them to use the facility for a 12:30 Sunday Worship, Bible Study on Wednesday from 6:00pm-7:00pm, and

Prayer meetings Tuesday-Saturday from 6:00 am-7:00 am. The Congregation will be voting on this recommendation from the Church Council at this special meeting. Please plan on attending.

Pastor Murray will be offering another New Member Reception in September. We would love to have you join, but, if not, we are so glad you are choosing to worship with us. If this is something you have been praying about, and have any questions or concerns, please speak to him.

Reverend Finck is working on developing a program whereby lay people would serve as Eucharistic Ministers that would bring the Sacrament from the altar to our homebound members and friends.

As you all know, Reverend Finck is an interim Pastor for us, and truly a blessing. However, we are required to be actively looking for a permanent pastor. At this point, the Synod has not presented us with any pastors. A letter is being mailed to all the Bishops in the United States which tells of all of the benefits of Leisure World, and offering a part-time position to any pastor that would choose to move to California, and perhaps live in Leisure World.

As always, many thanks for your continued prayers for my full recovery.

God's Blessings,

*Kay Pushman*
Council President