

# Redeemer REVIEW



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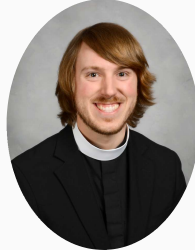
from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

Do you remember learning table manners as a child? Things like “elbows off the table” or “don’t talk with your mouth full” or “don’t reach over someone to grab food.” Two lessons I heard all the time from my parents growing up were “chew with your mouth closed” and “don’t play with your food.” One of those manners I mastered, the other one not so much. (And I’ll leave it up to you to figure out which manner I’m lacking.) Even if you’re a little lax on your table manners at home, I’m sure you mind your manners when you’re eating out, either at a restaurant or at someone else’s house. You probably even mind your manners without thinking about it. And when you’re eating somewhere new or with someone new, you might especially focus on having good manners, even observing your surroundings and asking questions to ensure your manners are at their best.

Each and every Divine Service, Jesus invites you to a very special meal. He sets the table and gets everything ready for a feast of His own body and



blood. And that meal, the Lord’s Supper, is one of the main things in the Divine Service. At its most basic, the Divine Service is where God’s Word is faithfully proclaimed and His Sacraments are faithfully administered. But, you wouldn’t go to a meal without minding some sort of manners. Especially at a meal hosted by Jesus Christ, you’d want some structure, you’d want some liturgical elements, you’d want some ceremonies to help you figure out your manners at the Lord’s table. Therefore, our ceremonies, or what I’m calling in this article our “table manners,” both my manners as I administer the Lord’s Supper, and your manners as you receive the Lord’s Supper, become helpful parts of the Divine Service.

Our Service of the Sacrament liturgy has some elements shared between the pastor and congregation which are our collective table manners. These include the Preface and Proper Preface versicles, the *Sanctus* and *Agnus Dei* canticles, the prayers, and the *Pax Domini* versicle. Together all of these liturgical elements prepare our hearts and minds to believe and know what we are receiving in the Lord’s Supper and why we are receiving that meal.

As the one who administers the Lord’s Supper in this place I have my own table manners during the Service of the Sacrament liturgy. After saying the Words of Institution over them, I elevate the host and the chalice above my head. Since my back is turned to you and my body obscures your view during the Words of Institution, I elevate the elements so that as a good server I show you your meal before you receive it. And I show you in a way that also confesses what we are about to receive, not simply a wafer and a little drink of wine, but the very body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. After the elevation, then I kneel. This is a table manner that shows even though I’m Christ’s appointed minister in this place, I’m also just like you, a sinner in need of forgiveness. And since you kneel before receiving the Lord’s Supper, so do I, in

## NEW PASTOR WARRANTY

\*It has come to our attention that the pastor you received was shipped with a slight defect -- he is not psychic. Because of this, you must observe certain procedures to ensure optimum performance.

\*It is necessary to inform him of any members who are hospitalized. If someone you know is in need of prayer, the pastor must be told, or he won’t know. If you are in need of a pastoral visit, you will get the best results if you ask him.

\*We regret any inconvenience this may cause.

“A chuckle from the office manager”

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## DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

Lutheran Hour Ministries: <https://www.lhm.org/dailydevotions>

Higher Things: <https://higherthings.org/content/#reflections>

Portals of Prayer: <https://www.l.cph.org/portals/default.aspx>

## LUTHERAN PUBLIC RADIO

Listen to good Lutheran radio programs at Lutheran Public Radio, Issues Etc., KFUO, St. Louis. 94.3 The Bridge.

### PASTOR'S SERMONS

KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM  
Saturday & Sunday 1:00 & 5:00 PM

THE LUTHERAN HOUR  
KKXX.net - Tunein.com KKXX 930 AM, 103.9 FM  
Saturday & Sunday 1:30 PM

## BIBLE STUDIES



Children's Sunday School is 8:45 a.m.  
Adult Sunday Bible class is 8:45 a.m.  
Thursday Bible Study is 9:30 a.m.

## REDEEMER FINANCIAL SUMMARY

January 1 - July 31, 2025

### CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

CREDIT CARD POINTS EARNED	450.00
OFFERING INCOME	97,759.94
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	2,673.42
REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME	11,550.00
FACILITY USE INCOME	380.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>2,256.52</u>
TOTAL INCOME	115,069.88
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>126,176.75</u>
NET INCOME	-11,106.87
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>98,814.34</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	87,806.47

*See the Office Manager for more information.*



Submit prayer requests to Pastor by email, text,  
voice mail, or in writing, using the form in the  
pew rack. [pastorbd4est@gmail.com](mailto:pastorbd4est@gmail.com)

(801) 910-6937 or (530) 342-6085 Opt 1



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BIRTHDAYS

SEPTEMBER

- 07 MARTHA JONES
- 07 ALICIA SCOTT
- 09 MARNÉ SIVESIND
- 17 DANIEL SIEMENS
- 18 AUDREY HOFFIE
- 20 YUHUAN WENSLAFF
- 21 KATHY SWEET
- 22 GLENN BERGENDAHL
- 26 AARON ASHWORTH
- 26 REV. BRENNAN DEFOREST
- 27 WARREN LOFINK
- 30 MARGE HOLDERBEIN

OCTOBER

- 02 JAY ERWIN
- 05 WESTON VANDERMATE
- 18 JACY KROGH
- 23 TIM KRESSIN



BAPTISMS

SEPTEMBER

- 09 LUKE THOMASON
- 13 PAT LILLIE
- 14 TIM WENSLAFF
- 21 JAY ERWIN
- 21 JOSHUA VANDERMATE
- 27 RAY SCOTT

OCTOBER

- 00 AUDREY HOFFIE
- 04 DANIEL SIEMENS
- 05 REV. BRENNAN DEFOREST
- 28 MARTHA JONES



Deadline

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FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

thankful praise and worship to Jesus Christ for feeding me His own body and blood for my forgiveness and life. Then during the *Pax Domini*, I hold up the host and chalice facing towards you, once again showing you the meal you're about to receive and telling you what this meal gives you, the very peace of the Lord! A final table manner of mine, which you may notice I do differently from the hymnal, is to dismiss you with "peace and great joy" from the altar rail. Doing this not only tells you when it's time to leave the table, but also reminds you what you've received in the meal, peace with God and your fellow communicants, and joy over sins forgiven and fullness of life. This dismissal sets you up to mindfully leave the Lord's Supper and apply that meal to your daily life.

What then are your table manners at the Lord's Supper? I've already mentioned one. That if you are able, you kneel in humble praise and worship to receive Holy Communion. Now, I've seen some confusion about whether to wait and kneel with others or kneel as soon as you get up to the altar rail. You've been invited to Christ's feast, and by virtue of your Baptism you have access to Jesus Christ, to the altar, to the Lord's Supper. Feel free to kneel as soon as you arrive at the altar rail. You don't have to wait for anyone else to arrive. Another table manner is to have a clear "place setting" to receive the elements. The wafer especially can easily slip out of fingers and hands, and so it is helpful to have one hand open with the palm lying flat as a clear place to receive Christ's body. Similarly, it is helpful if you use your hands to tip the chalice to receive Christ's blood. Finally, when someone has provided you with food, it is generally a good manner to thank them. This is a good manner at the Lord's Supper too. The hymnal indicates you can say "Amen" immediately after receiving the body and blood as a way to say "thank you." You can also say thank you when you return to your seat by praying or reading a Psalm or other Scripture passage. And of course as a congregation, we all say "thank you" together while singing the post-communion canticle.

Overall, I pray that thinking about the liturgical rites and ceremonies surrounding the Lord's Supper as table manners aids your understanding regarding why they are helpful parts of the Divine Service. And thus, until next time, the Lord be with you! ~Pastor DeForest

~Pastor DeForest

ASLEEP IN JESUS



BLANCHE  
SCHAFFER

SEPT. 9, 1920  
JUL. 10, 2025



SONYA  
BROWN

AUG. 25, 1935  
JUL. 17, 2025

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Lutheran Women's Missionary League is an organization of our Lutheran Synod. Every two years, grant requests are submitted for mission minded projects.

Recently, \$7,500 was awarded to Grant #12. It was for youth ministry training in Hayward, California.

Children of immigrants often don't see how they fit in the church of their parents. This grant will expand Linking Individuals to their Natural Community (LINC).

Bay Area's efforts to train 15 local immigrant churches to run effective Children's and Youth Ministries so that in the future, these children won't leave the church, they will lead it. (LINC, Bay area continues the work of planting churches that are led by culturally diverse leaders ministering to immigrant families from the same culture and language group)

Every man, woman and child can help support these mission minded projects. Please help yourself to a box found in the Narthex. The first Sunday of the month is designated as MITE BOX SUNDAY. However, coins can be deposited in the blue and white large mite box in Narthex any time. Thank you!!!

## THANK YOU

Dear Members of Redeemer,

The summer days are passing by quickly. During the first week of August we attended the Latin American missionary study conference. This event took place at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis. Dr. Lawrence Rast of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, was the guest speaker. He did an excellent presentation on the history of The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod during the 19th century. A very excellent presentation indeed!

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran Churches of Latin America, we thank you for your donation of \$3860.42 to God's mission. Your donation helps to provide materials, theological preparation, and spiritual formation to future pastors, deacons, and deaconesses who will serve the Lord throughout Latin America.

Thank you again for your prayers and support. Attached please find a photo of Dan with Rev. Michael Tanney and Rev. Henry Witte. This photo was taken during the Latin American missionary alumni reunion that took place during the study conference in St. Luis. The three of them served together as missionaries in Venezuela and it was a great reunion after so many years. God's richest blessings!

*"Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen." (Ephesians 3:20,21)*



In Christ,  
Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

Thank you, dear saints at Redeemer for another generous gift. It helps in our outreach (getting LARGE print PORTALS OF PRAYER for our ministry at care homes) and for numerous repairs to our facility in the past year. And thank you for loaning us the "treasure" that is Pastor Roberts to fill in. The rest did me some good. He tells me my fellow past seminarian Brennan DeForest is doing a good job. Blessings as you continue to grow

in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and in your efforts to reach the lost.

Your brother in  
Christ Pastor Sultre  
Faith Lutheran Ukiah

### 2025 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Latin America; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya
- 3Q Lutheran Heritage Foundation; Luther Classical College, Casper, Wyoming; St. Mark Lutheran Church, Ferndale, CA
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc

## THANK YOU

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I am deeply grateful for your generous support in awarding me the full amount I requested through the scholarship. Your kindness means so much to me, and I am truly honored to be selected as a recipient.

This scholarship will significantly ease the financial burden of my education and allow me to focus more fully on my academics. It is a true blessing to know that your church believes in my potential and is willing to invest in my future.

Thank you again for your overwhelming generosity and encouragement.

In Christ, Bethany Bramwell



Taking Care of Body and Soul

1 August 2025

Dear Saints at Redeemer,

We are grateful for your ongoing support of Always Mercy and Rehema Hospice and Clinic in Kenya. What a gift you are to those who come through the doors at Rehema. At Rehema, people receive Christ's embodied care of body and soul. Since April 2024, Rehema has served over 2,600 patients! God is good.

Rehema continues to grow! We are currently building our pediatric palliative care ward, along with a small surgical suite, physical therapy center and offices for counseling.

Thank you again for walking with us on this journey of mercy.

Always Mercy,

Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, RN

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Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,  
I want to thank you all for blessing me with this generous scholarship. I am incredibly grateful for your investment in my future. Your generosity is more than just financial support, it is a powerful reminder of the love and encouragement that exists within the Lutheran community. Thank you again, I am truly grateful.

In Christ,

Bethany Bramwell

8-4-2025

Dear Pastor DeForest and  
Congregation:

A most sincere thank you for allowing us to use your beautiful church as our home base for our mission work. The kitchen was perfect to prepare our meals and there was ample space for all to rest their heads at night. We were so appreciative of your hospitality with God's blessings always.  
Jan Nidel - NARC Disaster Response

Dear Redeemer,

Thank you for your continued investment in my education. I am honored that you have chosen to budget resources toward not only my education but my personal development as well.

Jackson Merrick

## THANK YOU!

Saints of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for your support and the generous scholarship you have provided! My fiancée and I were blown away by your generosity. We are getting married next summer, right before vicarage, and having more financial stability and freedom means so much to us.

It was a pleasure to visit your church this past spring for Kantorei tour. We all appreciated the hospitality immensely, and absolutely loved having the

opportunity to visit faithful Lutheran churches in an area foreign to us. Staying with Pastor Don and Lori for the night was an added bonus.

Thank you for your intentional support for Seminary students, both for the scholarship and for hosting our choir. It means more than we can express, and I thank God for you all. May God continue to bless your ministry!

In Christ,

Nathan Demlow + Meredith Boster



Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you for this generous gift you have given me to be able to attend my dream university. Through my first year at Concordia Irvine, I have grown so much and made so many amazing connections. The classes really pushed me academically.

Especially through my core classes, I have learned to think critically. Through my theology classes, I have already learned so much about God, His Word, and His calling for me. While the classes have been challenging, especially when studying and memorizing information, the small sized classroom format allows me to work 1 on 1 with my professors. I reached out and connected with my professors on an individual level, which helped me improve academically and grow in confidence. The small class sizes has also allowed me to connect with the other students. Through

the Christ College program, I have meet so many other students aspiring to be LCMS church workers. They have become my closest freinds and biggest supporters. It is so special to me to have freinds who hold the same values and dreams as I do. It was such an incredible year and I am so excited for year 2. My first semester will be spent in Cambridge England along with 8 of my freinds I made at concordia. I am so grateful for the opportunity to experice and study in a different culture and to face new challenges. God has blessed me with so much during my experice at Concordia and I am so grateful for your support through my journey.

-Mollyn

# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT

# KATIE SCHUERMAN, AUTHOR



Tuesday  
August 5, 2025



Katie Schuerman is a baptized child of God, pastor's wife, and author of [\*The Saints of Whistle Grove\*](#); The Creed series, including [\*The Big Father and His Little Boy\*](#) and [\*The Beloved Son and His Brother\*](#); the acclaimed Anthems of Zion fiction series, [\*House of Living Stones\*](#), [\*The Choir Immortal\*](#), and [\*The Harvest Raise\*](#); and nonfiction favorites such as [\*He Remembers the Barren\*](#), [\*He Restores My Soul\*](#), and [\*Pew Sisters\*](#). When not writing, Katie can be found making music, reading, cooking, gardening, holding babies, or trying to climb the nearest tree. Katie gave a presentation to the congregation Aug. 1st followed by a potluck dinner. Aug. 2nd she joined the Women's Book Club, joined us for lunch, then presented "The Gift of Story."





# 100th Anniversary Celebration

Saturday, October 11, 2025

- 3:00 pm - Anniversary Church Service with Guest Preacher Rev. Dr. Carl Fickenscher
- 4:00 pm - Reception Begins in the Parish Hall
- 4:30 pm - Catered Dinner Begins
- 5:00 - Reception Continues with Letters, Speakers, Videos, and Activities

If you have not already done so, please RSVP by September 27th to [redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com](mailto:redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com)

## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

First, I want to thank everyone who attended and voted at our special voters' assembly on July 13th. With your support, our Trustees worked to replace the air conditioner at the Redeemer House. I know our tenants are thankful for continued cooling as the summer is not over yet.

As the year progresses, I want to draw your attention to our voters' assembly near year's end. On December 7th we will convene for two important matters: our annual budget and election of congregational officers. I urge all of you to think and pray on contributing your time and talents as an officer, Deacon, Trustee or member of one of the boards. We can always use more members to serve in these and other capacities. It has been a privilege to serve as President this year, and I hope to continue to serve if the voters see fit. Being involved in the congregation has brought me pride and humility and I am thankful for the fellowship and trust provided by you all.

Lastly, as a reminder you can find all the agendas, minutes and other documents for the Church Council and Voters' Assemblies on our website under the "Announcements" link. We're doing our best to keep you updated on the work the Council is doing.

Sincerely in His service,  
Jacy Krogh

## PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

The Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad serve the Lord through The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS) in the Dominican Republic. In this role, Daniel serves as chaplain for the region's alliance missionaries and as professor at Concordia the Reformer Seminary in Palmar Arriba, Dominican Republic. The seminary provides theological education to future pastors who come from 11 countries in Latin America. By the grace of God, Daniel helps prepare pastors who will serve throughout the region. Daniel was born in Saginaw, Mich. He earned a bachelor's degree in engineering from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and received his Master of Divinity from Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Ind. (1984). He is currently working on his thesis for his doctorate in missiology from Concordia Theological Seminary. Daniel completed his pastoral vicarage and was a missionary for 20 years in Venezuela (1984–2003). While serving in Venezuela, he focused on the formation and mentoring of national pastors in that country. Daniel served as the pastor at Zion Lutheran Church, Terra Bella, Calif., (2003–2014) prior to receiving the call to serve first in Mexico and now in the Dominican Republic. Kathy was born in Dearborn, Mich. She studied for two years at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor. She worked as a teacher's aide and served with Daniel in Venezuela

before heading to the mission field. Daniel and Kathy have a beautiful daughter, Ana, who is now enrolled in college in the United States. The Conrads enjoy traveling, reading and learning about the cultures in Latin America. Pray for the Conrads as they serve in the Dominican Republic. Ask God to give Daniel strength and wisdom as he teaches future pastors, as well as to raise up more pastors to serve His people throughout Latin America. Let us give thanks that the Conrads are serving God's children in this part of the world.



Keep up with the missionaries we support by reading their newsletters on our website.

[https://www.redeemerchico.org/New\\_Website/category/missions-outreach/](https://www.redeemerchico.org/New_Website/category/missions-outreach/)

# Women's Resource Clinic

Annual Fall Banquet

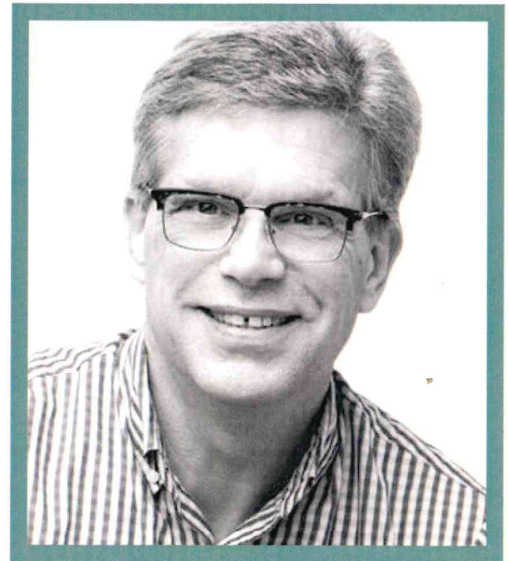
## "Bountiful Blessings"

Friday, October 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025

Chico Elks Lodge

### Featuring Guest Speaker Scott Klusendorf

Scott Klusendorf is the Founder and President of Life Training Institute, challenging and equipping pro-life advocates to persuasively defend their views.



REGISTER HERE

Individual Tickets: \$35

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Last Day to Purchase Tickets:  
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Doors Open at 5:00 p.m.  
Dinner & Program at 6:00 p.m.

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### Our Mission Statement

Welcome to Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church, a community of believers saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus Christ.

As a people enabled by the Spirit, we are committed to regular worship and the use of the sacraments, studying and teaching the Bible, praying, using our gifts and talents in God's service, for the caring and nurturing of others and sharing the message of God's salvation so that God is glorified and all people may know Jesus as their Savior and Lord.

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