

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD CHICO, CALIFORNIA MAY/JUN 2026 VOL. 40 No. 03

from the Pastor...

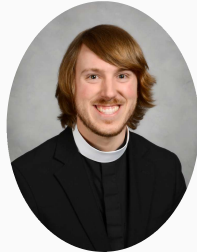
Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

I promised at the end of last newsletter's "Note from the Pastor" to speak more about the season of Easter in this newsletter. We've already hit on some important things about the Easter season, like the church wearing white during the 50 days, and the Gospel readings predominantly coming from the Gospel of John. What else sets Easter apart from the other seasons of the church year?

Many perhaps noticed in April there was only a Gospel processional (where the processional crucifix and lectionary book move into the center of the church for the Gospel reading) on the day of Easter and on the second Sunday of Easter. Gospel processions especially designate high, holy days in the church year. But is not every Sunday of Easter a high, holy day? True! But also we should think of every single Sunday of every single year as a mini-Easter, a holy day. How then do we designate the most important days in the church calendar? With a Gospel processional. The two most important Sundays of the Easter season are Easter itself (salvation won) and the week after (salvation delivered). Hence why those Sundays have a Gospel processional, and we tone it down just slightly on the other Sundays of Easter, while still amplifying our praises with processions and recessions to begin and end each service during the Easter season.

Many also probably notice that how I start and end my sermons changes during the Easter season. Of course to begin there is the Easter proclamation, *Alleluia, Christ is risen!*, which is fitting to proclaim throughout the Easter season. But then instead of ending my sermons by invoking the Trinity, I say "to Christ the crucified and risen one be all the glory forever and ever." Saying this reminds us of the same thing the disciples and followers of Jesus were assured of during the 40 days after Jesus' resurrection, that Christ the crucified one is also the risen one. Saying this also proclaims what our



response is to Jesus, that because He most fully revealed the glory of God in His death and resurrection, we give Him all the glory of our worship and praise and thanksgiving, and we do this now and we will do this in the life everlasting.

During the Easter season an additional candle is lit in the chancel area, the Paschal Candle, located right behind the baptismal font. Paschal comes from the Greek word *pascha* meaning "Passover," since Jesus' death and resurrection occurred during the weekend of Passover. Christ is even called our paschal lamb. The Paschal Candle represents that Jesus is the light of the world, and the candle is lit during the Easter season because it is Jesus' death and resurrection that gives light to the world. Outside of the Easter season, the Paschal candle is lit for every Baptism and every funeral, which is also good symbolism for having Jesus as our light both at the beginning and end of our life.

And during the Easter season, instead of our first reading coming from the Old Testament, the first reading comes from the book of Acts. This is fitting as Acts provides the continued story of our risen Lord Jesus, in particular how the good news of His death and resurrection is spread throughout the world by means of the Holy Spirit and the apostles. If not for the events of the book of Acts, the good news of Easter would've been confined to a particular region at a particular time. So we read Acts to be encouraged by the early church and hear the ongoing good news of the day of resurrection.

The Easter season concludes just as joyfully as it began, with three high feast days, Ascension (40 days after Easter, always on a Thursday; when Jesus took His seat at God's right hand so He could reign over heaven and earth), Pentecost (50 days after Easter, always on a Sunday; when the Holy Spirit came upon the disciples and empowered them to proclaim the gospel), and Trinity Sunday (the week after Pentecost, celebrating

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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 (LPR App), Issues Etc., KFUE, 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

North State Redeemed - Apple Podcasts

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 - March 31, 2026

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

OFFERING INCOME	46,113.61
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	1,384.32
REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME	4,950.00
FACILITY USE INCOME	500.00
INTEREST INCOME	<u>703.73</u>
TOTAL INCOME	53,651.66
TOTAL EXPENSES	<u>55,419.27</u>
NET INCOME	-1,767.61
RETAINED EARNINGS	<u>74,080.13</u>
CURRENT BALANCE	72,232.52

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

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02 RAY SCOTT
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27 YUFEI WENSLAFF
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MAY

04 LINDA SWEET
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11 PAUL DEGARMO
11 MATTHEW THOMASON
12 LORI JORDAN
12 MARILYN BROWNFIELD
15 MONICA JORDAN
20 REV. ROBERT ROBERTS

Deadline

July/August

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FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

not an event, but a doctrine, the mystery of the Holy Trinity). If we were to make a list of the highest festival days in the church calendar, we could probably limit it to a shortlist of five: Christmas, Epiphany, Easter, Ascension, and Pentecost. Unfortunately, because Pentecost comes at the end of the already joyous Easter season and because the focus of Pentecost is on the Holy Spirit (rather than Jesus), it is often the forgotten high feast day. And yet Pentecost was even celebrated in the Old Testament (known then as the Feast of Weeks). And Pentecost is like a birthday celebration, the birthday of the Christian church. And so we should make a greater effort to celebrate Pentecost, rather than see it as the conclusion of the Easter season.

I've focused a lot on how we celebrate Easter together at church. But how can you celebrate Easter, and the entire 50 day Easter season, at home? My favorite Easter hymn, *Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain*, refers to Easter as the "royal feast of feasts." So do just that! Feast! Do not feast like a glutton, but feast on God's Word; feast on good food; feast on good beverages; feast on sweet or savory treats; feast on God's gifts which He so graciously showers upon you! Feast and give thanks with great, Easter joy for Christ's death and resurrection.

~Pastor DeForest

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Mention Redeemer Lutheran Church for the church to receive credit.

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Your mites continue to support the work of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League.



GRANT STATUS:

- #16 Hindu Mission Outreach
\$8,390 Our Savior Lutheran Ministries, Livermore, CA
- #17 Zion Lutheran Preschool Tuition Scholarship
\$9,200 Zion Lutheran Preschool, San Luis, Obispo, CA
- #18 Lutheran Books to Tell a New Generation in S.E. Asia \$2,500 Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

These are the last three funded grants for 2024-2026.

Thanks to the many who contribute to mite box mission here at Redeemer. Our blue mite box is located in the Narthex and contributions can be made anytime. Boxes are available for women, men and children to take home.

PENTECOST COMING MAY 24TH



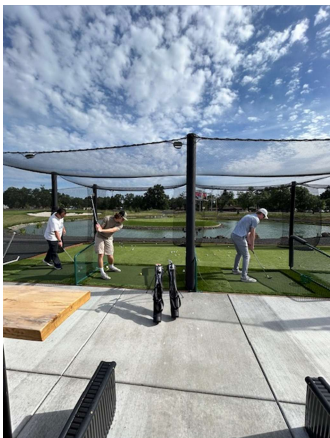
Keep up with the missionaries we support by reading their newsletters.

*https://www.redeemerchico.org/New_Website/category/missions-outreach/
Keep up with the business of the church by reading the minutes and agendas.*

https://www.redeemerchico.org/New_Website/category/announcements/

CAMPUS MINISTRY GOLF

Campus Ministry members enjoyed a day at the golf course on Sunday, April 19.



2026 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; Rev. Johnathan Anderson, Panama
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc

BAPTISMS

DELANEY GRACE & DILLON JAMES HOFFIE

BORN MAY 11, 2025

BAPTIZED APRIL 18, 2026

SON & DAUGHTER OF

MICHAEL & MORGAN HOFFIE



Needed:

JOB DESCRIPTION: Someone to take pictures of Pastoral Acts and submit them to the office manager for the newsletter.

Send photos to redeemerchicooffice@gmail.com or text to 530-228-4240.

THANK YOU FROM FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, UKIAH

Luther and Zwingli debating at the Marburg Colloquy.



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Malone, Texas

Dear Saints at Redeemer Lutheran-
Thank you so much for your
generous gift! It is very
timely in that we are
considered a "fire zone"
so we were wondering
how we could afford it -
now no problem.

We have gained a couple
of new members this past
year. Unfortunately, we
have lost one or two as
well so we are at about
25 every Sunday. I
emphasize in my sermons
the need and the privilege
of sharing the gospel with

family, friends and coworkers
We had 40 at Easter and
several unbelievers there, so
that's encouraging. As the
cover indicates in Luther's
battle with Zwingli over
the REAL PRESENCE it is
important, no matter what, to
stand in the truth of the
Scriptures and our Confessions.
Thank you for facilitating
this in Ukiah. Blessings
in Christ.

Rev.
Stuart A. Peltz



Walk For Life 2026

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND 2026

"Babies & Bluebirds"

Matthew 10:29-31

The walk will take place at Bidwell Park!

Registration begins 9:30am-10:15am. Walk begins at 10:30am.
Free lunch for registered walkers will follow the Walk at 11:30am.

We will have T-Shirts available for purchase for \$20
or free for walkers that raise \$100 or more.

We will give prizes for most money raised in each age category
and every registered walker gets a raffle ticket!

A silent auction will take place during the event.

Fun for the whole family! Bounce House, Face Painting, Crafts, Etc.

Online Registration + Virtual Fundraising at:

Partner.Womensresourceclinic.org

To get a pledge form call (530) 897-6101
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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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