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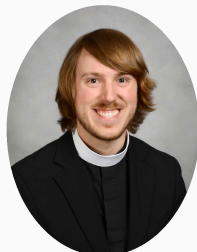
from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

The time of the church year we are in now goes by a number of names. The most common name is rather obvious. We are in the time after Pentecost. That's how this season is referred to on the front page of the bulletins and before the readings each Sunday. "The _____ Sunday after Pentecost," with some number, the 5th, the 14th, the 26th, filling in that blank. Other names for this season include "the Time of the Church" and "Ordinary Time." Though, my favorite is how an older, wiser pastor friend of mine referred to this season: the "never-ending green season." Never-ending because the season after Pentecost fills up just about half of the calendar year. There are 26 Sundays after Pentecost this year, making it feel like it goes on forever. Advent truly is a reprieve from the season after Pentecost. And "green season" because aside from a feast day here or there the paraments and vestments are green for all those Sundays after Pentecost.

Why the color green for the season after Pentecost? Helpful for answering that question is to consider one of the other names for this season, the Time of the Church. The other half of the church year, the one we finished at the end of May, is referred to as the festival half, because we celebrate the festivals related to the person and work of Jesus Christ, His birth, death, resurrection, etc. During the non-festival half, the Time of the Church, we as church members, we the church, are strengthened in faith and knowledge of God and holy living, particularly through the weekly rhythms of the Divine Service. In other words, as branches of the vine, Jesus Christ, we are growing in faith and love during the Time of the Church. What color represents growth? Green! That's not to say we aren't growing during the festival half, we are; but that's the main focus of the non-festival half. Growth as members of the body of Christ. And our green banner behind the lectern reflects that so well. Branches growing off the vine which is Christ and His cross. That growth will cause us to look to Christ crucified even more for our life of faith, and to produce the fruits of faith, the good works that flow from Christ's cross and that cause the



church to grow and expand.

How does such growth take place? Consider again one of the other names for this season, Ordinary Time. Nothing extra-ordinary is taking place during the season after Pentecost. There's nothing added or removed from the Divine Service; there's no special seasonal themes to focus on; everything is as you would expect; everything is ordinary. There is simply the weekly repetition of repentance, confession, absolution, the proclamation of God's Word, and the reception of the Lord's Supper. There is simply the daily repetition of living in your Baptism, reading God's Word, and praying. And through those rather simple, mundane, sometimes tedious means, God gives the growth. Gives you growth in faith and good works and your spiritual life. And gives the church growth in strengthened Christians and even new Christians. And so it happens that growth occurs just as Jesus described it in one of my favorite parables from Mark 4. **"And [Jesus] said, 'the kingdom of God is as if a man should scatter seed on the ground. He sleeps and rises night and day, and the seed sprouts and grows; he knows not how.'"**

If the season after Pentecost is known for anything, besides being ordinary, it's probably the unique method of Bible reading that occurs during the Time of the Church. For the Epistle reading and Gospel reading of each Sunday service, the *lectio continua* method is utilized, a Latin phrase simply meaning "continuous reading." Possibly you've already noticed this. For the past several weeks our Epistle reading has been a nearly-continuous reading of Romans and our Gospel reading has been a nearly-continuous reading of Matthew. Sure we've skipped over some sets of verses here and there, maybe because those verses show up in the festival half of the church year, or because they're not very conducive to preaching, but with this method in a few months time you will have heard most of the Gospel of Matthew and the Epistle to the Romans. There are three lectionary years (a lectionary is just the set of Bible passages we read each Sunday in a given year) with Year A going through the Gospel of Matthew, Year B the Gospel of Mark,

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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., 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

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 - May 31, 2026

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

| | |
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| OFFERING INCOME | 77,330.88 |
| SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND | 2,207.20 |
| REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME | 8,250.00 |
| FACILITY USE INCOME | 1,330.00 |
| INTEREST INCOME | 1,178.35 |
| OTHER INCOME (gift from Rollingwood LC, San Pablo) | 101,000.00 |
| TOTAL INCOME | 191,396.43 |
| TOTAL EXPENSES | <u>96,831.76</u> |
| NET INCOME | 94,564.67 |
| RETAINED EARNINGS | <u>74,080.13</u> |
| CURRENT BALANCE | 168,644.80 |

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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DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

FRED SHERMAN: ALLEN - HUNT

TIM WENSLAFF: JOHNSON - RUBKE

JAY ERWIN: SAWYER - ZIEGLER

JULY

09 RACHAEL THOMASON
12 ROBERT ENGELKEN
16 DONNA RAMEY
18 ISABELLA MAGUIRE
22 LOUISE URNESS
25 ROLAND LOFINK
26 CAROLINE ZIEGLER

AUGUST

03 CANDIE THURMAN
04 TIMOTHY WENSLAFF
07 RANDY SIEMENS
08 MICHAEL HOFFIE
11 DIANE SCOTT
11 LUKE THOMASON
11 DIANNE WILKINSON
13 BONNIE HUNT
14 BRIAN MARSHALL
17 MATTHEW THOMASON
19 RYAN GODSIL
19 JANET JOKSCH
19 JEANIE SAWYER
21 REBECCA BERGENDAHL
21 MEGAN GODSIL
23 SHERRY GODSIL
25 WALT GODSIL



BAPTISMS

JULY

00 DR. NORMAN McCANN
14 DUSTY SIEMENS

AUGUST

01 BRUCE HOLDERBEIN
02 ROBERT ENGELKEN
08 ROLAND LOFINK
09 LACEY VANDERMATE
11 BERYL COTTER
13 BONNIE HUNT
19 WESTON VANDERMATE
21 KARL WEINREICH
24 DIANNE WILKINSON
30 CAROLINE ZIEGLER
30 AMANDA SIEMENS
31 JANET JOKSCH

Deadline

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FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

and Year C the Gospel of Luke. John's Gospel gets interspersed, particularly in the festival half of the church year. If you want a chart of the Epistles for each lectionary year, I can provide that. As for the Old Testament reading each week, that continues to jump around, though always having some connection to the Gospel reading, such as prophecy/fulfilment, direct quotation, etc.

That's what's going on at church during the season after Pentecost. What about for you personally? Besides continuing to attend the Divine Service week after week, the length of the "never-ending green season," allows for the opportunity to develop new rhythms and habits. Wanting to try a new Bible reading plan? Give it a go during this season. Wanting to incorporate the catechism more into your daily devotions? Read one of the chief parts Sundays through Fridays and read the Christian Questions with their Answers on Saturdays. Wanting to have a new prayer routine? Try to develop the habit during the summer months. Send a few greeting cards every week. Visit with someone new each week. Or just keep doing the ordinary, even though it may feel tedious, and let God give the growth.

~Pastor DeForest

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE



To support the Mites program birthday cards will be sold in the Parish Hall on Sundays July 12 & 19. So far, this year, \$412.56

has been

generated for the Mites program. Thank you for your continued support.



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FROM THE PRESIDENT

Brothers and Sisters,

As I look around our congregation this year, I am encouraged by what I see. The pews are filled with both familiar and new faces and to me that signals a healthy church. From visitors who became regular attenders and then new members, to families with children, to our college students who worship with us while away from home, it is encouraging to see who chooses Redeemer. I see parishioners that are drawn to our confessional congregation because they have not found that somewhere else. I see families wanting their children to grow up, as many of us did, in a deeply traditional place. But most of all, I see God guiding those to us who need to hear His inerrant infallible Word instilled in them. I pray for our congregation, our Pastor and our leadership that we may continue this ministry for another 100 years.

I want to thank the 30 members who participated in our May 17th Voters' Assembly. The Church Council came to voters with a plan for the replacement of the sanctuary roof. After some good discussion, the voters approved the Council's plan. Sierra Roofing was selected as the contractor, and we expect work to begin in a few months. We will be sure to keep you informed about the project and the timeline for its completion.

Lastly, as we are about halfway through the year it is never too early to start thinking about our annual Voters' Assembly in December where we will present next year's budget and elect officers to lead the congregation. Please consider serving as a council officer or on a Board and contribute your time and talents to our church. If you have any questions or are interested in learning more, please feel free to talk to myself, Pastor, your Deacon or any officer or board member.

In His Service,
Jacy Krogh

Keep up with the missionaries we support by reading their newsletters.
<https://www.redeemerchico.org/category/missions-outreach/>
Keep up with the business of the church by reading the minutes and agendas.
<https://www.redeemerchico.org/category/announcements/>

NEW MEMBERS

TANNER & GILLIAN DURFEE

Transfer In from St. Lukes Lutheran Church,
Reno, Nevada
June 9, 2026

MITCHELL, JESSICA, CONSTANTINE, KATARINA,
CYPRIAN & ANASTASIA MOUTARD

Transfer In from Calvary Lutheran Church
Jacksonville, North Carolina
June 15, 2026

TERESA FARRELL

Transfer In from Calvary Lutheran Church,
Oroville, California
Pending

2026 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$6,130.92; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$6,130.92
- 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. Jonathan Anderson, Panama
- 4Q Women's Resource Clinic; KKXX Sermons; The Lutheran Hour; Issues, Etc

THANK YOU FROM CRAIG POTTER

Dear Pastor DeForest and my Redeemer Church Family,
I want to thank you for the generous financial blessing in helping with my recent bill. I am truly grateful for your kindness which serves as a reminder of God's love.

Sincerely,
Craig Potter

THANK YOU FROM
VICAR PAUL & COURTNEY MROZCZENSKI

Dear Saints at Redeemer,
Thank you for your continued financial support for our mission work and Seminary studies. It was a great privilege to serve and learn on the mission field. It was a blessing to visit and worship with you. We are now transitioning our family back to the seminary in Fort Wayne. Gods blessings to you!
In Christ,

Vicar Paul, Courtney, Jacqueline, + baby Mrozczenki





FALL BANQUET

"BOOTS, BABIES & BLESSINGS"

SEPTMEBER 25TH 2026



Featuring Guest Speakers Alan & Lisa Robertson

Al & Lisa Robertson are beloved members of the famous Robertson family from Duck Dynasty. Al (Alan), the oldest son of Phil and Miss Kay, earned the nickname "the beardless brother" as the only clean-shaven adult male in the clan.

After serving as a pastor at White's Ferry Road Church in West Monroe, Louisiana for over 22 years, he returned to the family business at Duck Commander in 2012 and joined the hit A&E series.

Lisa, the original Robertson daughter-in-law, married Al in 1984 when they were just teenagers. Their love story began in a McDonald's parking lot during high school. Together, they've openly shared their powerful journey of redemption after overcoming infidelity in their marriage, renewing their vows in 1999, and rebuilding stronger than ever.

Now popular speakers and authors, they've co-written several books including A New Season, The Duck Commander Devotional for Couples, and Desperate Forgiveness. They travel the country ministering to couples, sharing messages of faith, forgiveness, and restoration. Al and Lisa have two married daughters & six grandchildren.

alandlisarobertson.com



Join us for a wonder night with Alan & Lisa's testimony, client stories, and Clinic updates!

Friday, September 25th, 2026 at the Chico Elks Lodge.

Doors will open at 5:00 p.m., with dinner and program beginning promptly at 6:00 p.m.



Enclosed is my check to reserve _____ table(s) for eight \$275, or _____ individual ticket(s) at \$35 each for the 2026 Fall Banquet on Friday, September 25th, 2026.

The last day to purchase tickets is Monday, September 21st, 2026.

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Address _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Phone Number _____

Email _____

Register online!



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and mail to Women's Resource Clinic at 115 West 2nd Ave, Chico, CA 95926



MISSIONARIES

Rev. Dennis & Deaconess Lorna Meeker



4KenyasKids

In late 2007, Reverend Dennis and Deaconess Lorna Meeker began working with orphans and widows in the Kibera slum of Nairobi while serving under the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya. During late 2008, Jacob Fraher also began volunteering with community schools and orphanages in the Kibera slum.

When Jacob discovered two desperate children in need of care, the Meekers offered to provide them both a loving home. Six months later, in July 2009, Jacob partnered with Dennis and Lorna to form CSCM as a U.S. based 501(c)(3) organization. In 2011, Redeemer Lutheran Church in Seymour, IN began managing the U.S. side of operations and rebranded CSCM as 4KenyasKids. By the Grace of God, 4KenyasKids now supports the education of over 700 orphans through a child sponsorship program, strengthens widows and extended families to care for vulnerable children, and operates a Family Based Care Rescue Center for children in desperate need. Grace of God, 4KenyasKids now supports the education of over 700 orphans through a child sponsorship program, strengthens widows and extended families to care for vulnerable children, and operates a Family Based Care Rescue Center for children in desperate need.

Pamela Boehle Silva

Always Mercy

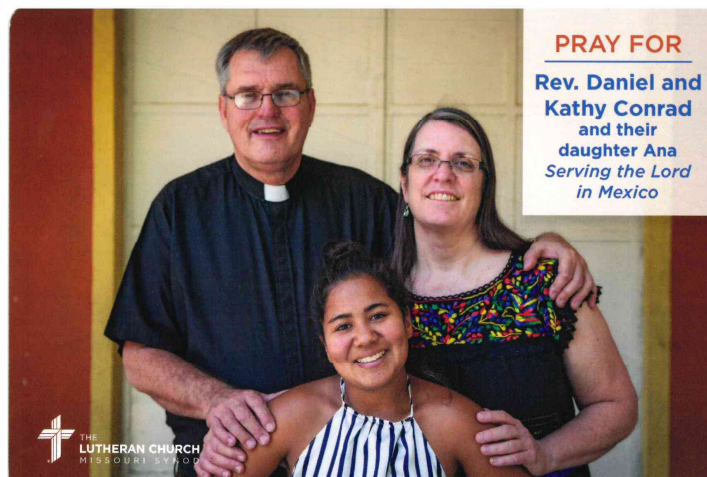
Deaconess Pamela Boehle-Silva, RN, of Rocklin, California, met the Reverend David Chuchu, a pastor of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Kenya (ELCK) from Kisumu. Their desire was to care for families, widows and orphans (over 1 million of them) devastated by the HIV/AIDS pandemic crippling Kenya at the time. In Kenya, Reverend Chuchu worked with church workers called deaconesses who tirelessly cared for AIDS sufferers in their communities, but who had no medical background. They needed support from someone trained in nursing from the United States. Deaconess Pamela's nursing skills were put to good use, but she also found that beyond helping AIDS sufferers, there was an epidemic of stigma, shame and fear that separated families and communities. Something needed to change.



Daniel & Kathy Conrad

Latin America

We thank God for the mission in Latin America. Your support provides Biblical training for national pastors, deacons, and deaconesses. Prayerfully consider how the Lord may be leading you to support this vital mission. The Lord provides the funding for His mission efforts through the donations of His local churches and its individual members. Through your financial donations national pastors and deaconesses will be formed and mentored so that they may spread the Gospel throughout Latin America. Together we partner with God to take the Gospel to the far ends of the earth. We thank you for supporting the mission in Latin America. God's richest blessings! Have a blessed summer!



THANK YOU FROM JESUS CENTER



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750 Moss Ave
Chico, CA 95926

Hi Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Today, we pause with deep gratitude, for you. Because of your faithful support, your neighbors in need are met with compassion. Each day meals are shared, shelter is provided, lives are restored. In these moments, we are reminded of the words of Matthew 25:40 that in serving others, we are serving Him.

Each day, new faces arrive longing for belonging; because of you, we are able to say “yes” to them. Because of you, hope continues to grow. As we look ahead, we hold fast to the promise of Galatians 6:9; to not grow weary in doing good, trusting that a harvest is coming. Your generosity is already bearing fruit in ways both seen and unseen.

| Date | Amount | Fund |
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| 4/20/2026 | \$485.00 | General |

Thank you for being part of this work. Thank you for helping us remain rooted in faith as we continue growing in impact.

Blessings,

Amber Abney-Bass
Chief Executive Officer

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THANK YOU FROM RICHARD PEPERKORN

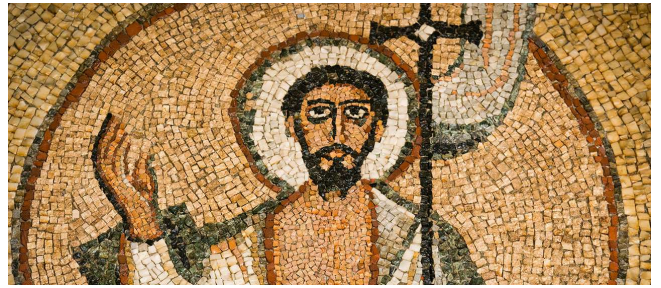
-Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church
This is Richard Peperkorn,
whom you support financially while
I go to Concordia University Nebraska.
I wanted to write to you in thank
for your support, and to tell you a bit
about how my semester is progressing.
The year is going very well so far,
but it has been exceptionally busy.

I am in the honors program here
which allows me to take more than
18 credits without paying an extra
fee. I am currently taking 25 credits,
which is a lot, but is going well.
I have also started to learn organ
this semester which has been ~~at~~ great!
I have played for chapel a few times
and I recently played vespers for Evening
Prayer. Thank you again for your continued
support financially and through your
prayers.
-Richard Peperkorn

THANK YOU FROM CORY WILLWEBER

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,
Thank you for your gracious and continued
financial support and prayers. You have been
a wonderful blessing to me and I thank
the Lord for the good fruits of His children
to strengthen and support their fellow believers.
I am now in my last quarter at the
seminary and look forward to call night.
May God continue to bless and preserve
you in the faith and the hearing and sharing
of His Gospel.
In Christ,
Cory Willweber

WHO IS JESUS?



This is the most important question we can ask:

Who is Jesus?

In a world in which information is readily available and opinions abound, this fundamental question stands above all other inquiries and considerations.

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod believes Jesus is exactly who He said He is. Along with the ancient Church, we confess that Jesus is true God and true man in one person. He is the Son of God who was crucified and raised from the dead for the salvation of all who trust in Him.

Christ is not Jesus's last name, but identifies Him as the Messiah (Christ is the Greek translation of Messiah), the fulfillment of the Old Testament promises that God saves His people.

This fulfillment and salvation happened in history in real time and in a real place (first century AD in Israel) through a flesh-and-blood person named Jesus.

The Bible is the true and trustworthy Word of God that records God's love for the world through His Son Jesus. The miracles recorded in the Gospels and the teachings of Jesus are true and accurate.

Jesus physically died on a cross and physically rose from the dead in three days. He physically ascended into heaven, and the Church awaits His second coming when He will judge all people.

Those who trust in Jesus as their Savior will rise to eternal life in heaven. Those who deny Jesus and live in their sin will be cast out of His presence to hell.

John 1:1–5, 14

Philippians 2:5–11

Colossians 1:13–20

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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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