

Redeemer REVIEW



REDEEMER EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH - MISSOURI SYNOD

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from the Pastor...

Rev. Brennan DeForest

Dear Saints of Redeemer,

Do you recall my article from the previous Redeemer Review? I talked about the season of the church year that goes by a number of names. Ordinary Time, the Time of the Church, the Season After Pentecost, the never-ending green season. Two months later, we're in the same season. Two months from now, we'll still be in the same season. Not until the very last week of November will we be out of this season. See what I mean? Never-ending green season! But like the green plants all around us, how is your spiritual growth during this season? I pray you are still growing in faith and the knowledge of God, and growing in sanctification, during this time.

Do you also recall from last issue's article that we do break up the never-ending green season with feast days every year? We haven't had any feast days fall on a Sunday yet this summer, but during summer 2025 there were a plethora that we celebrated. First, a word about feast and festival days. Just as your personal calendar has days special to you every year, in addition to the usual holidays, special days like your birthday, your spouse's birthday, your anniversary, your kids' birthdays, the day you started at work, the day you retired, etc., so also the church calendar has other special days in addition to the usual holidays. These include saint days celebrating the New Testament apostles, evangelists, martyrs, pastors, and other important figures, plus days celebrating important New Testament events, like the Conversion of St. Paul, the Confession of St. Peter, the Circumcision and Naming of Jesus, the Annunciation of our Lord, the Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth, or the Martyrdom of John the Baptist. (For a complete list of the feast and festival days, check out page *xi* in the very front of the hymnal in the pew rack. If you have a question about why there's a specific feast day, please ask me sometime!).

Celebrating a feast day is just like when we celebrate major church holidays. We celebrate by adding some extra ceremonies to the Divine Service, like a cross processional and recessional, and a gospel procession. The paraments will change color, either to red (for apostles, evangelists, and martyrs), or white



(for events, pastors, and other figures). And there are set readings for each feast day that never change, since those readings highlight some aspect of the person or event being celebrated.

But why? Why have special days for special people and events? Well, quite practically, feast days, just like the major holidays, do

break up the monotony of the calendar and also help us grow in faith and knowledge of God, particularly how God has worked through a specific person or event. But feast days also remind us of Hebrews 12:1, that we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, the saints who have gone before us. And celebrating feast days doesn't mean we're elevating a specific person above God. Rather, one of our Lutheran confessional documents, the Augsburg Confession, in article XXI, commends us to celebrate and remember the saints, so that we may give thanks for them, and also imitate their faith and good works according to our own calling and vocations.

This Redeemer Review is apt for having a little reflection on feast days because every year in the months of October and November we always celebrate two feast days. On the last Sunday of October we celebrate the feast of Reformation Day. And then one week later, on the first Sunday of November we celebrate the feast of All Saints' Day, a particularly meaningful feast since that's the one where we remember the saints from our own personal lives who have gone before us, like our parents, grandparents, or siblings. As for celebrating all the other feast days, there are some churches that have a Divine Service for every feast, no matter what day of the week it falls on. Our practice here at Redeemer is that if a feast falls on a Sunday, we'll usually celebrate it. Though there are some instances when I choose not to replace with the feast because I want to focus on the themes for that Sunday in the three-year lectionary (which usually happens during the seasons of Advent, Lent, and Easter). Other churches will celebrate the eve of a feast, if there's a feast on a Monday. And still other churches will transfer feast days from the middle of the week and observe them on the nearest Sunday,

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DIGITAL DAILY DEVOTIONS

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

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

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PASTOR'S SERMONS

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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 - July 31, 2026

CHURCH INCOME/EXPENSE – ACTUAL:

OFFERING INCOME	107,806.15
SCHOOL LEASE (5%) GENERAL FUND	3,177.12
REDEEMER HOUSE INCOME	11,550.00
FACILITY USE INCOME	1,530.00
INTEREST INCOME	1,600.75
OTHER INCOME (gift from Rollingwood LC, San Pablo)	101,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	125,664.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	137,146.98
NET INCOME	-11,482.45
RETAINED EARNINGS	74,080.13
CURRENT BALANCE	62,597.68
OTHER INCOME (Contribution from Rollingwood LC, San Pablo)	101,000.00
TOTAL INCOME	163,597.68

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 OF THE MONTH:

SEPTEMBER
TIM WENSLAFF

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TIM KRESSIN
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SEPTEMBER

07 MARTHA JONES
07 ALICIA SCOTT
09 KATARINA MOUTARD
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
21 KATARINA MOUTARD
27 RAY SCOTT

OCTOBER

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

Deadline

November/December
Redeemer Review
October 20

DEACON ASSIGNMENTS

FRED SHERMAN:	ALLEN - HUNT
TIM WENSLAFF:	JOHNSON - RUBKE
JAY ERWIN:	SAWYER - ZIEGLER

ASLEEP IN JESUS

**ESTHER
HENRY**

July 13, 2026



**WILLIAM
HARDY**

August 25,
2026



**JOHN
DURFEE**

September 2,
2026

FROM THE PASTOR...CONTINUED

which is how we celebrate Reformation Day and All Saints' Day the majority of the time.

One more thing: in addition to feast days there are commemorations for a host of other people and events, such as the Old Testament saints, other lesser New Testament figures, early church fathers, additional martyrs, Lutheran fathers, etc. The full list of commemorations can be found on pages *xii–xiii* in the front part of the hymnal. Again, if you have questions about a commemoration, please ask me! For commemorations there is typically not a Divine Service, but there may be a fun little tradition (like oranges and coins in a sock on St. Nicholas day) or mention in a sermon or Bible study. You may notice here at Redeemer we list every feast day and commemoration in the calendar on the back page of the weekly bulletin in small capital letters, LIKE THIS; a small way to remember and observe some of those saints who have gone before us.

~Pastor DeForest

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Thank you for your congregation's faithful financial support and your heartfelt prayers. This summer, Lutheran Hour Ministries participated in the LCMS Convention in Phoenix, Arizona. Because of **YOUR** church's partnership, we continue working **TOGETHER** in *Bringing Christ to the Nations—and the Nations to the Church*. We are grateful for the ways God is using **YOU** to advance His mission.

FROM THE BOARD OF FELLOWSHIP

Thanks to all of our Redeemer members and friends who spread the fellowship every Sunday in the Parish Hall. If you have never ventured into our Coffee Hour, stop by and enjoy a pre-lunch snack and cup of coffee with old or new friends!

Also thanks to our committed Board members who make the coffee, provide the goodies and clean up every Sunday—Diane Scott, Carol Varley, Shirley Wilson, Marilyn Brownfield, Robin Maguire, Sherri Hardy and Linda Allen.

We will be hosting the Annual Congregational Dinner on Sunday, November 1st after church. We hope you'll all attend and enjoy a delicious meal with your church family. Soon a sign-up sheet will be posted so you can let us know how many will attend and what you can bring.

Even though it looks as though we have plenty of members, things come up and we always can use more Sunday hostesses. This involves making coffee, providing a few baked items or snacks and cleaning up afterwards. If you would like to join the Board, please talk to one of us! Men and women can serve and we do train new members!

The Board of Fellowship

THANK YOU FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

I just want to sincerely thank you for blessing me with this scholarship. With your help I'll be able to attend Concordia to study to become a Director of Christian Education, which I am so grateful for. I'm so thankful that you chose to support me and invest in my future as a church worker. Your generosity means so much to me and my family. Thank you for believing in me and being part of this journey.

Thank you so much!

Love Katelyn Merrick

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you all for your generosity and support through my career at Concordia! I am so grateful for the time I have had at Concordia building connections with incredible people and other church workers. The experiences Concordia has given me to explore the world and make connections with people from many cultures through my study abroad in England and my mission trip to Hungary have been greatly impactful to my perspective and growth. I've already grown so much in my ability to teach and connect with others and I can't wait to continue growing in my faith and understanding. Thank you again for supporting me as I continue growing into a diligent and dedicated teacher.

In Christ, Hollyn Merrick

THANK YOU FROM REV. DANIEL AND KATHY CONRAD

Dear Members of Redeemer,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. The days of summer are flying past very quickly and the beginning of the seminary fall academic semester is right around the corner. Dan is busy preparing his Biblical Greek classes that he will be teaching this fall. On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran churches of Latin America, we thank you for your donation of \$2424.95 to God's mission. Attached please find a photo of our seminarians as they sing the sermon hymn for one of our worship services. Thank you again for your prayers and financial support. God's richest blessings!



"To him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you before his glorious presence without fault and with great joy—to the only God our Savior be glory, majesty, power and authority, through Jesus Christ our Lord, before all ages, now and forevermore! Amen." (Jude 24,25)

In Christ, Rev. Daniel and Kathy Conrad

LUTHERAN WOMEN'S MISSIONARY LEAGUE

Lutheran Women's Missionary League is encouraged to partake in these worthwhile mission endeavors.

So far, for this 2026-2028 season, Mission Grants have been funded for the first 4 grants. They are as follows:

1. Afternoon School Engagement through Faith.- Bethany Lutheran, Vacaville. The goal is to foster Christian fellowship and spiritual growth outside of traditional classroom hours. \$4,000
2. Igniting His Children with the Word of God ~Saint Peter, Lodi. The church hosts meetings for groups of neighborhood boys and girls where they learn about Jesus and grow in faith together. \$5,400
3. Purchase Freezers to Store Food for Seminary Students at Ft. Wayne, IN. \$3000
4. Bringing Christ's Hope to the Homeless sponsored by Mercy Holistic Ministries in Sacramento Area for Homeless. Needed is support to provide meals, snacks, bottled water, and devotional and spiritual materials. \$500.



Thanking you for your support.

2026 QUARTERLY MISSIONS

- 1Q Redeemer Charity Fund - \$6,130.92; Faith Lutheran Church, Ukiah, California - \$6,130.92
- 2Q Missionary Dennis Meeker, Kenya - \$2,424.95; Missionary Daniel Conrad, Latin America - \$2,424.95; Pamela Boehle-Silva, Always Mercy Kenya - \$2,424.95
- 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

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/>

August 11, 2026

Dear Members of Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Church,

The Psalmist proclaims: "...wait for the Lord be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord." (Psalm 27:14). We oftentimes wish that the Lord would work according to our own timetable. Yet the word of God directs us to wait for the Lord and trust that everything will work out according to God's plan. Amid delays, disappointments, and uncertainty about the future, the Lord continues to reign.

On behalf of ourselves and the Lutheran churches of Latin America, we thank you for your donation of \$2,424.95 to God's mission. Your generous gift provides materials and mentoring for future national pastors who will preach the Gospel throughout Latin America. Thus, we see the fulfillment of Jesus words: "...and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.(Luke 24:47)

The days of summer are passing rapidly, and the beginning of the fall academic seminary semester is right around the corner. Dan is presently teaching a Biblical Hebrew course and will be teaching Biblical Greek during the upcoming fall semester. In addition to his other duties, Dan has been called to serve as chaplain to the missionaries that serve in Latin America.

We give thanks to God that our daughter Ana is fully recovered from her surgery. Moreover, the laboratory results concluded that the removed cyst was benign. She is back to work again. The healing process was very slow but is now complete. Thank you for your prayers of support that helped sustain us during this process.

The earthquakes in Venezuela did not destroy any of our Lutheran church buildings. Nonetheless many people have been left homeless and are desperately searching for their loved ones who are still missing. Remember the Venezuelan people in your prayers as they attempt to overcome this major disaster by the grace of God.

Thank you again for your support and prayers. Enclosed please find our prayer card and a photo of our seminarians who attend our seminary in the Danican Republic. God's richest blessings! Remember these future kingdom workers in your prayers as they prepare to serve the Lord throughout Latin America.

"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 Conras
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Women's Resource Clinic

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FRIDAY

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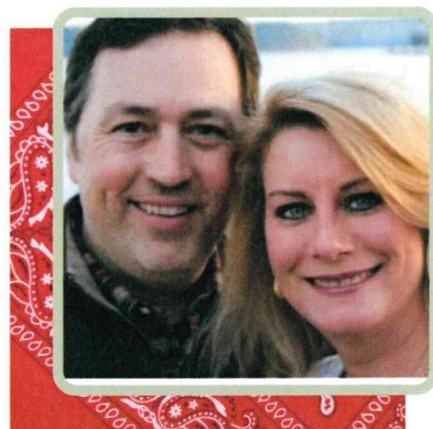
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Our Mission Statement

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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