

## *Volunteer Opportunities*

- ♦ Altar Guild
- ♦ Changing of the Banners
- ♦ Reading Scriptures
- ♦ Fellowship Coffee
- ♦ Ushers
- ♦ Acolytes
- ♦ Prayer Chain

For information, please see Carol Kirst

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# The Redeemer Report

## S U M M E R I S S U E

July-Aug 2016



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## ***A Message From Pastor***

### True Love

Jesus said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another." (John 13:34-35; NIV) This statement by Jesus is echoed in the Christian contemporary song, "They Will Know We Are Christians by Our Love." Finally, we have the words that the Holy Spirit gave John to write in 1 John 4:10-11. "This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins. Dear friends, since God so loved us, we also ought to love one another." (NIV) People may wonder why there is so much violence but it is not a great mystery. Where there is violence, God's love, the only true love there is, is either not known or not being practiced. When we see so much prejudice, hate, and violence in our society, God's love needs to be seen. This is why Christians cannot withdraw from society when things get unpleasant. The best way God's love can be seen is in the people who believe in Jesus Christ's sacrifice on the cross. Faith in Jesus for the forgiveness of our sin is why we know true love, God's love.

So Paul's words in Romans 10:14 become very important. "How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?" (NIV) This is why God's people are in the world. So people can see God's love through the faith God's people have been given in Jesus Christ.

### ***3rd Quarter Mission Outreach***

#### **Grace and Mercy Charitable Foundation**, located on N.

Sacramento Street in Lodi, provides a place for food service and distribution. Their soup kitchen is open Mondays, Wednesday and the last Saturday of each month for freshly prepared hot meals. Most all of the food they provide is donated by our local grocery stores. Redeemer's mission contribution will go towards the purchase of a 3 X 5 ft. box freezer for the freezer room and shelving for the warehouse. Their goal is to facilitate transitioning people into jobs and their own permanent resident. .



**LET'S GO OUT TO THE BALLGAME! IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR! - IT'S** Mark your calendars for Saturday, July 30. The game begins at 7:10 pm. The Stockton Ports will be playing and our seats are on the First Base Line! Tickets are \$6.00 each and cost for parking is \$5.00. Come early for best parking! The evening will conclude with **FIREWORKS!!** If you have a question or wish to purchase tickets see Dave Stolz or Sylvia Peters. The last day to purchase tickets is Sunday, July 24th.



### **Picnic**

#### **Mark your calendars!**

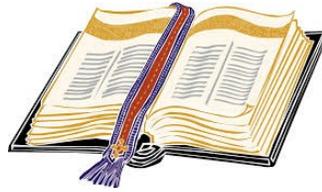
Our annual church picnic will be held on September 11, 2016 at Emerson Park in Lodi

## What's going on...



### **The Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

We will not meet in July or August. We will resume our monthly meetings on Tuesday, September 20 at 1:00 pm in the Fireside Room. All women are welcome to join us! Our Lutheran Women's Missionary League theme is "Serve the Lord with Gladness" based on Psalm 100:2. One of the ways we seek to serve is through our Mites and Mission Outreach and we are grateful to everyone for their support through our Mite Boxes. The current National and District projects are listed at the LWML table. Our local projects include the food baskets in the Narthex for Lodi Community Center and Building Blocks, with our recycle donations through CRV aluminum cans and plastic and glass bottles. Thank You everyone for your contributions to these projects. We couldn't do it without your help!!



**Men's Bible Fellowship** will not meet in July and August.. Our study will resume on September 13 with the Book of Hebrews. All men of our congregation are encouraged to join us and are welcome to invite their friends to join us as well. Class meets in the Fireside Room Tuesday evenings at 7:00 pm with the exception of the last Tuesday of each month when we meet at 6:00 pm for Pizza and a time of fellowship. If you have a question or would like more information, please contact George Miller or Wally Peters.

**The Women's Bible Study** will meet through summer. Classes meet on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Our studies are taken from the LWML Quarterly so each study topic is different. Carol Fennern is our study leader and all women of our congregation and their friends are invited and encouraged to join us. Please contact Carol Fennern or Sylvia Peters if you would like more info



### **Church Council Meeting**

2nd Wednesday monthly (resumes in September)

6pm-Fireside Room

### **Birthday Luncheon**

3rd Thursday of monthly

11:30am-Location to be announced

### **Lutheran Women's Missionary League**

3rd Tuesday of monthly

1pm-Fireside Room

Summer schedule: April 19, May 17 and June 21

### **Woman's Bible Fellowship**

1st and 3rd Thursday monthly beginning April 21

1pm-Fireside Room

### **Men's Bible Fellowship**

7pm – 1st, 2nd and 3rd Tuesday monthly  
6pm on the 4th Tuesday (no July or August class)

Fireside room

### **Third Quarter Mission Outreach**

Grace and Mercy Charitable Foundation

### ***Coming soon!***

Redeemer Lutheran Church Website  
What would you like to see included?

Pastor Bruce would like  
to hear from you!

## ***Board of Properties***

As you may know, we started working on all of our trees as they were very overgrown and very much needing trimming, especially to be good neighbors to the adjacent residential area. We bid out the tree trimming work and Acampo Tree Service was the low bidder who would work with us on making payments over a couple years. The cost was \$10,000.

The work was completed and almost at the same time we found that we had a water main leak close to the Chablis Drive frontage near the kitchen. We found that due to the very mature trees, roots had again damaged the water line and we needed major help to dig out the root sand repair the line. This took almost a month to work through.

After we were just about done with this problem, another water line break occurred again due to tree roots, but instead of a main service water line, it was the main line for our sprinkler system. The largest redwood tree roots caused another break. And, of course, this 2" water line was directly under an electrical conduit that supplied power to our frontage and large parking lot lighting.

After trying to repair the line as it sat in the trench, it was found to be almost impossible to repair in its location, so on Saturday June 18th, the plumber was able to re-route the pipe out and around the junction and finally get the leak fixed.

The Church Council approved having Exterior Design Landscape Inc., re-landscape the area along Chablis Drive where all this work was completed and trees removed. They will commence their work on June 20th and should have the system back online and looking much better soon.

The reality to all these problems is that we have not spent much money on major repairs or remodels for a long, long time, but now the "piper has to be paid" for that deferred maintenance. The tree trimming was \$10,000. The first plumbing repair was \$ 2,055, the subsequent tree removal cost \$5,000. And the last plumbing repair will be \$350 and the landscape update will cost \$ 4,000 + .

We ask that you pray on these concerns and if you are able, please think about contributing a little extra to help off-set all this work. The cost will take over 25% of our reserves.

## ***Our prayers have power!***

Our Lord could carry out His purposes for our world without us. But in grace He has chosen to make us partners with Him. What an honor! Please keep our church and loved ones in your prayers.

- ◇ Julie Ashbaugh
- ◇ Ida Bentz
- ◇ Marlene Purdhel
- ◇ Bill Reynolds
- ◇ David Stoltz

## ***Evangelism***

If you are aware of someone who is ill or absent from church, and would like us to send a card or a note; please contact Betty Hartwig. Diane Amaral notifies the Lodi New Sentinel with any information we would like published regarding the church.

If you have any information or comments for the Redeemer Report, please contact Diane Amaral. The deadline is August 1, 2016.