



**Our Redeemer  
Lutheran Church**

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## THE GOOD WORD

*A newsletter for family and friends of  
Our Redeemer Lutheran Church*

**FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER**



He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah! Hold your horses, not so fast. April is the month Easter falls in this year, but before we get to celebrate the resurrection some very significant things had to happen. Holy Week starts with Palm Sunday. Jesus rides into Jerusalem and is welcomed by crowds of people proclaiming, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!"

Then we celebrate "Maundy Thursday". That is the day Jesus gave us a new commandment, which was really an old commandment, just re-emphasized! "Love one another as I have loved you!" Jesus tells His disciples, and us today, to love one another. Oh, what a timely message and reminder for those who follow Jesus to hear in this day and age. Jesus also "morphed" the Passover feast into what we recognize today as the Eucharist. We are blessed to have Rabbi Barney Kasdan demonstrate "Christ in the Passover" Wednesday April 6 at 7:00 PM.

Then came Jesus' arrest in the Garden of Gethsemane. He was put through a series of mock trials, handed over to Rome for sentencing to death on a cross. After being severely flogged, Jesus carried His cross to Golgotha where He was crucified. We remember that day with a Good Friday Tenebrae Service. We recall the Words from the cross that our sinless Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world spoke. I was given a hand carved crucifix with Jesus hanging on it from a dear friend. I have always been of the mindset that Jesus isn't on the cross anymore, He is risen. But my friend shared with me that he understands that, but seeing Jesus on the cross reminds him of the price Jesus had to pay to bring about the forgiveness we so freely receive from God.

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After Jesus was dead, and make no mistake, Jesus was dead, He was laid in a tomb. A stone was rolled over the entrance to the tomb on Friday and made secure by guards posted there. Jesus was there all day Saturday and on the third day He was raised back to life from the dead. He appeared to many people and eventually ascended into heaven. That God raised Jesus from the dead is our assurance that He accepted Jesus' atoning death on the cross.

How wonderful it is that we have been called out of the darkness into the wonderful light of Jesus Christ. Jesus did not leave us as orphans when He ascended into Heaven. The Father sent us the "Paraclete", counselor, The Holy Spirit to remind us of everything

Jesus taught us. It is also through the Holy Spirit that God calls us to faith. God is the Creator of everything visible and invisible. God alone has power over death. We have been called to faith and in faith God makes us heirs of His Kingdom.

When we proclaim, "He is risen!" it is a joyful proclamation. The more we understand what that cost, the more we will appreciate the gift and love the giver. He is risen! He is risen indeed! Hallelujah!!!!

Pastor Dave

The Chosen is the first-ever multi-season TV show about the life of Jesus. Created outside of the Hollywood system, The Chosen allows us to see Him through the eyes of those who knew Him. No matter where you are in your journey in life, this TV show is for you. The series is financed via crowdfunding, and is free to watch. Viewers are asked to "pay it forward" by contributing whatever amount they wish to future seasons. As of March 21st, there have been over 377 million views in 50 different languages.



The youth and fellowship of Our Redeemer will be showing the first 2 episodes of season one on Saturday, April 23rd at 7pm, in the main Sanctuary. Each Saturday thereafter, at 7pm, 2 more episodes will be shown. There are 8 episodes in 2 seasons, so the final 2 episodes will be shown on Saturday June 11th at 7pm. Each Sunday an announcement will be made at the end of each service about upcoming episodes by an Elder. For more information, please contact David Conant by text, voice, or email at (619)274-9092, or [sailordave597@gmail.com](mailto:sailordave597@gmail.com).

Season one episode one is called "I Have Called You By Name". It is about 2 brothers, Peter and Andrew, struggling with their tax debt to Rome. While a woman, Mary of Magdala in the Red Quarter, wrestles with her demons. Episode two is titled, "Shabbat", (Sabbath). Matthew the tax collector, validates Simon's claims with Praetor Quintus, Nicodemus investigates the miracle reported in the Red Quarter, and Mary receives surprise guests at her Shabbat dinner.

To find out more information about the series "The Chosen", download the app on Android or Apple. Also available on Amazon Prime Video and Peacock streaming service. Once you have this app, you can do a deep dive on each episode, with the writer and producer, Dallas Jenkins and his 3 special consultants. His consultants are Messianic Rabbi, Jason Sobel, Catholic Priest, father David Guffrey, and Professor of New Testament, Dr. Doug Hoffman. They review scripts and provide facts or context on the biblical, cultural, and socio-political history of the story line. Dallas Jenkins wanted to create a series about Jesus that could be "binge watched". Jenkins' intention was not only to dig deeper into the people who encountered Jesus and to see Jesus through the eyes of those who met Him, but also to show Him in a way that is more "personal" intimate and immediate.

Please bring a friend or neighbor. There are many hurting people in our neighborhoods. Sometimes we need to use as many mediums as possible to reach them. Please pray about this series and those you wish to bring. This will be a time of fellowship, laughter and tears of joy.

Sincerely, David Conant

## Council President Report


### April Showers Bring May Flowers

There are lots of events happening at church as we move forward through Covid. Spring is here and we start Spring cleaning in my house. I go through all of my children's things and start giving away clothes and toys they don't use. When my mom passed away I remember we kept her room untouched for almost 6 months until my sister Jessica moved her stuff in. It was hard to give away her things and we kept the most important things. A sequined shirt that she loved to wear that she wore for her last Christmas with us for example. It is sometimes hard to let go of things. We attach so much sentimental value to them. But the more you get rid of the clutter around you the better you feel. This rule I try to keep is one new thing in two old things out. In a lot of ways our hearts can get cluttered like this. I like to invite new experiences in and not have room for thoughts that weigh me down.

Spring is a time for new beginnings. As we celebrate Easter I see this as a new beginning also. Our hearts are overjoyed because Jesus has Risen! Through all of that hurt and sorrow there is a new beginning for all of us. I look at what Jesus (son of God) went through with new eyes. When I became a parent I could never imagine having any of my children go through what he did. May this Spring bring in new beginnings and fresh starts. There are always opportunities to help at church; ask the office.

Your humble servant,

Jade Clark



**Join us for the AED Training  
Sunday, April 3rd from  
9:45am-10:45am**



Join us on Wednesday, April 6th at  
6pm for regular midweek dinner and  
Messiah in the Passover at 7pm  
presented by Rabbi Barney Kasdan.



### Lumpia Fundraiser

Lumpia night was a great success! The Youth wanted to thank everyone who came out!! It was so fun and tasty as the kids served everyone. Lumpia, fried rice, salad and fruit was on the menu as the kids raced to the kitchen to get dishes out. Lorenzo Ramos (Pastor of Maranatha) purchased 100 lumpia to help out the Youth!! Jessica Tuiletufuga and David Conant were in the kitchen frying the tasty lumpia. And thank you to Faye for donating them; the Youth appreciate you!!!



1st - Barron Yost  
5th - Art Kuehn  
11th - William Hinkle  
14th - Brendan Hinkle, Karen Becker  
18th - Marilyn Rotnem  
23rd - Brendan Yost



On Saturday, April 2nd we are hosting the LMWL Zone Gathering. Registration begins at 9:30am and lunch is catered. The guest speaker is Darlene Chier, Co-Director of Victory Resource Center. Those attending are invited to bring items for the resource center to meet maternity, infant and baby needs. Find more information about their needs at [VictoryResourceCenter.org](http://VictoryResourceCenter.org).

## Praying

- ◆ Francesca, needs a lung transplant
- ◆ Margie Vanderpool, aging, dementia issues
- ◆ Kamden, 5, brain & spine cancer
- ◆ Sadie, 5, with acute B-cell leukemia, surgery & chemo
- ◆ Juliette, 2, suffering from seizures
- ◆ Lourdes Gallegos, Rocio's mother, aging issues
- ◆ Denise Cruz, suffering from breast cancer
- ◆ Kiki, suffering from pancreatic cancer
- ◆ Baby Malachi was born very early, growing but still in ICU
- ◆ Teresa, advancing bladder cancer
- ◆ Harold, prostate cancer radiation
- ◆ Mary Ann Inman, brain cancer
- ◆ Millie Backus, cancer
- ◆ Lindy Linderman suffered a fall, broke ribs
- ◆ Alejandra Ruis, surgery for breast cancer
- ◆ Judy Carlberg, numbness in hands & arms, possibly from recent neck surgery
- ◆ Jane Linquists' sister, Victoria Hillis, breast cancer
- ◆ Gerald Batiste, broken ankle
- ◆ Mary Elizabeth, cousin of Angela, breast cancer
- ◆ Kim Bradshaw, elevated kidney levels
- ◆ Staci Riggs, the mother of Brooklyn Clark's best friend, Nicole, breast cancer has spread into her liver
- ◆ Sue Porterfield gives thanks for her sister, Mary's, improvement with brain cancer





### Trustee Report

Our Solar Project is progressing, but slowly. We have been tied up in red tape getting the permits from the city. The company has someone handling this and we have been getting him the things he needs but it always seems like there is one more hurdle to get over. There is still time to contribute to the solar project if you wish to. To date we have raised \$11,000 of the \$62,285 needed. Our original goal was \$10,000 and I had a "stretch goal" set at \$12,000. Any amount is very appreciated.

We have a new AED device, an Automated External Defibrillator. This is by the ice machine in the coffee area. By now we have had a training class and I hope many of you attended.

As always there are many weeds just wishing to go to their eternal rest. If you would like to assist them please let me know.

As most of you know we have been renting space to the Maranatha church. This is a primarily Spanish ministry. They use our Sanctuary on Sunday evening and then have a meal after in the fellowship hall. They also have Bible study here on Tuesday night. I stopped by on March 22 to see how things were going and found out that they have the older folks meeting in the Fellowship Hall, and they have a group of 20 or so young people meeting in the Jerusalem room at the same time. Pastor Lorenzo is the Football and Wrestling coach at Crawford high school, so he always has several teenagers hanging around him. He told me the other day that out of the 20 or so kids he has, only 1 had ever gone to church before. What a great ministry this has turned out to be. I really think it is great to see our property so well used.

As always if you see something that needs attention please let either me or Mike know.

God Bless,

Dan Herman, Trustee  
619-415-7472

young  
at heart

Join us for our potluck at 11:30am & program  
at 12:00pm on Wednesday, April 27th.

For anyone who doesn't know me, my name is Sue Porterfield and I have been a member of Our Redeemer for a little over 48 years! In that time I have had the privilege of serving in many capacities.

A little personal background - I am the oldest of five girls; my Mom was the oldest of five girls and my Grandmother was the oldest of five girls. My first born was also a girl, but then the cycle was broken as Michael came along! I also broke the cycle by having only three children. Enough!!!!

Having spent the majority of my adult life in banking, I would like to share some of my experiences; ins and outs and misconceptions associated with the workings of the day to day financial operations.

Sue Porterfield







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## **MISSION / VISION STATEMENT**

Everyone is important in God's eyes.  
United by God's Word, we worship the  
Lord Jesus Christ, nurture, encourage,  
teach and share – One Word, One  
Body, One Saving Love.



## **Our Pastoral Staff:**

Pastor Dave Weber

Pastor H.W. "Mike" Mitschke – Pastor Emeritus

Parish Ministry Assistant - Jeri Youtsey