



**Our Redeemer
Lutheran Church**

**November
2024**



THE GOOD WORD

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

FROM OUR PASTOR DAVE WEBER

We all share the same dilemma — we long for life and we're not sure where to find it. We wonder if we ever do find it, can we make it last? The longing for life within us seems at odds with the life we find around us. What is available seems at times close to what we want, but never quite a fit. Our days come to us as a riddle, and the answers aren't handed out with our birth certificates. We must journey to find the life we prize. And the guide we have been given is the desire set deep within, the desire we often overlook or mistake for something else or even choose to ignore.

The greatest human tragedy is simply to give up the search. There is nothing of greater importance than the life of our heart's deep longings. To lose heart is to lose everything. And if we are to bring our hearts along in our life's journey, we simply must not, we cannot, abandon this desire. Gerald May writes in *The Awakened Heart*:

There is a desire within each of us, in the deep center of ourselves that we call our heart. We were born with it, it is never completely satisfied, and it never dies. We are often unaware of it, but it is always awake ... Our true identity, our reason for being, is to be found in this desire. The clue as to who we really are and why we are here comes to us through our heart's desire. And our heart's desire is to be in relationship with our Creator.

Certainly, you will admit that God is glorious. Is there anyone more kind? Is there anyone more creative? Is there anyone more valiant? Is there anyone more true? Is there anyone more daring?



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Is there anyone more beautiful? Is there anyone more wise? Is there anyone more generous? You are his offspring. His child. His reflection. His likeness. You bear *his* image. Always remember that though he made the heavens and the earth in all their glory, the desert and the open sea, the meadow and the Milky Way, and said, "It is good," it was only *after* he made you that he said, "It is *very* good" (Gen. 1:31). Think of it: your original glory was greater than anything that's ever taken your breath away in nature.

To be in relationship with God is what we were created for. That is our true heart's desire. Our souls long for relationship with our Creator. Our culture offers many things that might seem pleasing and satisfying, but they will always come up short. To find true peace, to find real contentment is to find it in our Lord Jesus Christ who loves us so much He gave up His life to reconcile us to the Father. "Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added." Matthew 6:33

This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a reminder for those who have been called into faith to be thankful. Not just on this day, but always.

Happy Thanksgiving Our Redeemer!

Pastor Dave

Thankful

This November I want to remain thankful for my blessings! The Church Picnic was so fun as usual. A big thanks to Providence who set up on the beach and sounded great!! There was a fun little scavenger hunt that we were able to do with Winta and Naomi (pictured below) winning the prizes. Then, there was a guess the number game played with cute pumpkin patch lotto tickets as prizes. Thank you to Head Elder Cheyanne for helping set up and Quint for cooking up our delicious food. Really, thank everyone because it was nice to have everyone's unique dishes. From Gretchen's beans to Jane's Mega Salad to delicious pumpkin bread made by Liz, it made me think how different our congregation is but we all delightfully go together! We all complimented each other and Tara coming in with her brownies that just seemed to hit the spot with their chocolatey sweetness. Thank you for a great picnic and fellowship.

November brings Thanksgiving and its many blessings. Enjoy that dinner with your family and friends, give thanks to a God that gives us so much. That's what Thanksgiving is to me. And thank you to Taylor and Tara for organizing the Trunk or Treat! May God's Blessings of love and peace surround you this Thanksgiving.

Jade Clark

Elder of Children & Youth





The Colors of Indian Corn

Mother Nature paints colors for you and me
on all the Indian Corn that we see.
Brown is for the beauty that welcomes the fall.
Red is Mother Nature's love for us all.
Yellow is for the golden sun.
White reminds us to be kind to everyone.
Orange tells us to be thankful each day
for the beauty of nature and its wondrous ways!



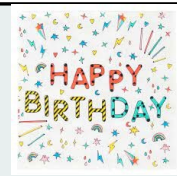
Bible Trivia

Blowing in the Wind



1. What Old Testament book speaks of life as a "chasing after the wind"?
2. Where were the disciples when they heard a noise that sounded like a mighty wind filling the house they had gathered in?
3. What prophet was told to cut off his hair and scatter a third of it in the wind?
4. How long did the wind that parted the Red Sea blow?
5. What prophet experienced a furious wind that split the hills and shattered the rocks?

Answers on page 4



Beneliza Balangcod - Friday the 1st
Pat Burry - Saturday the 2nd
Marilee Bright - Thursday the 7th
Rocio Herman - Thursday the 7th
Marie Otto - Thursday the 7th
Errol Curl - Monday the 11th
Pastor Mike Mitschke - Friday the 15th
Stephen Holm - Monday the 25th
Joy Loraine Wilson - Monday the 25th
Lori Young - Friday the 29th
Carl McCullough - Saturday the 30th



David & Jade Clark - Friday the 1st - 21 years
Art & Rita Kuehn - Thursday the 14th - 43 years
Carl & Donna McCullough - Saturday the 30th - 46 years

Answers to Bible Trivia

1. Ecclesiastes (chapters 1 & 2)
2. Jerusalem (Acts 2:2)
3. Ezekiel (5:2)
4. All night (Exodus 14:21)
5. Elijah (1 Kings 19:11)

young
at heart



Yay, here it is already THANKSGIVING.

As we do each year, we will meet a week early due to Thanksgiving. We will meet **Wednesday, November 20, at 11:30am.**

Thanks to Jane Linquist, the bird will be cooked for us. Also, mashed potatoes and gravy will be provided. Please bring a side dish, salad, or a dessert to share.

A Happy Thanksgiving to everyone.

YAH Coordinator,
Dick Fisher



*The grass withers and
the flowers fall, but
the word of our God
endures forever.*

Isaiah 40:8

forever

The Vote Center will be in the Fellowship Hall on calendar dates and on the 4th from 7am-6pm & Election Day, Nov. 5 6am-11pm



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SUN	MO	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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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—619-301-8545

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

Parish Ministry Assistant - Jeri Youtsey

