



Redeemer Lutheran Church



Voice of Redeemer

Volume 55—Number 06

June 2026

A few days ago, an email appeared in my mail box that caught my attention. It was from *Crosswalk Daily Update*, and the subject was: "What Does the Bible say About Guardian Angels?" *Crosswalk Daily Update* is a part of Christianity.com and consists of various contributors. This particular article was presented by Meg Bucher, a writer, author, editor, and digital content creator

The article was very interesting and quoted several Bible verses to reinforce the statements. Some quotes from the article include: "Angels are awesome agents of our great God, and we can put on the full armor of God through Christ daily knowing we have a literal army at the ready to protect us from what we may not be able to see coming," and "Guardian angels are servants of the Most High God, and so shouldn't be prayed to or lofted above God who has ultimate authority over them, nor Jesus who reigns. Billy Graham once answered the question of guardian angels, "if we know Christ, His angels continually watch over us-God surrounds us with a host of angels to protect us and go before us."

After reading this article, I Googled: Lutheran's position on angels. If you are interested in reading further I suggest you do the same. Many choices on answers to that question. I copied one quote from Martin Luther's stand on Angels. "That angels are with us is very sure, and no one should ever have doubted it," Martin Luther states matter-of-factly to any Christian who would question or deny their existence. Angels appear repeatedly throughout the Old and New Testaments and are present in all of the principal events of the life of Christ, from the Annunciation to the defeat of Satan in the Luke and Revelation accounts."

In Lutheran theology, the Holy Spirit is the third person of the Trinity—fully God and worthy of worship. In contrast, angels are created beings without divine attributes. While the Holy Spirit creates and sustains saving faith in humans, angels act as ministering servants tasked with protecting believers from evil. Because the Holy Spirit is God, Christians pray to the Holy Spirit as part of the Triune God, asking Him to dwell in our hearts and strengthen our faith. Angels: Lutherans do not pray to angels, as prayer is reserved for God alone. However, Lutherans do thank and praise God for sending His angels to protect us. This is reflected in Martin Luther's traditional Morning and Evening Prayers, which include the petition: "Let Your holy angel be with me, that the evil foe may have no power over me."

If you find this brief study on Angels/Holy Spirit of interest to you, I urge you to use your computer to get more information...there is a lot posted, but read those connected to Lutheran theology or Bible based, so that you don't get a lot of conflicting information.

Blessings, Jan



TRANSITION TEAM UPDATE

The Transition Team has been busy these past weeks. Unfortunately, in our last meeting, with Pastor Jon Gathje (who has been assigned to us by the synod), we were told that there are not any interim pastors available.

We completed the first draft of the MSP (Ministry Site Profile) which was submitted to Pastor Jon Gathje and have received feedback. There are some improvements that we need to make to help make Redeemer look more desirable as a place where a member of the clergy would want to accept a call.

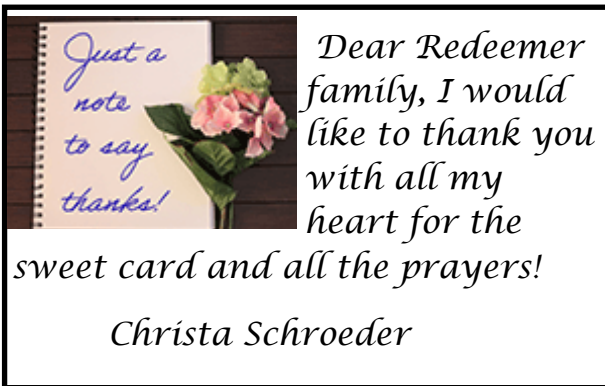
The team will be looking for some positive story lines of positive experiences with Redeemer; something that can be included in a narrative within the MSP that we will submit for further review.

The team has been given some suggestions, and we will be making strides to set up some different types of meetings to help with the development of the narrative portion of the process.

In the meantime, council is working on maintaining our Supply Pastors for the Sunday Services.

Blessings from your Transition Team Members:

Dakota, Jack, Julie & Laura



MISSING TREES

You will no doubt you notice the trees that were on the East side of the church are gone. About 8 years ago, the council had them checked for disease, we were told that yes, they had the starting of disease but not severe enough to be removed at that time. However, in one of our wind storms this spring a large branch broke, so we had them checked again. The disease is bad, Dakota can verify, as she was shown the hollow branches and trunks. Out of caution as to damage that could result from the diseased trees, the council's decision was to get them removed. We got a very reasonable bid and the next step will be to replace them.



LADIES,

we need to have a good work day to do some old fashion type of

“Spring cleaning”. Including, but not limited to: *pews need cleaning; brass needs polishing; sorting accumulated STUFF; vestry (counting room) needs attention; hanging banners, etc.*

Let's try for early in June. Please let me know a date that works and we'll get it done! Jan

CHURCH BUSINESS

January February March April May June July Aug Sep Oct Nov Dec Total

Receipts	11,945.00	19,753.00	17,244.00	18,093.37									67,035.37
Budget	16,146.00	16,146.00	16,146.00	16,146.00									64,584.00
Difference	(4,201.00)	3,607.00	1,098.00	1,947.37	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,451.37
Expenses	8,509.31	12,044.73	6,930.35	8,550.41									36,034.80
Budget	16,146.00	16,146.00	16,146.00	16,146.00									64,584.00
Difference	7,636.69	4,101.27	9,215.65	7,595.59	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	28,549.20

Total	3,435.69	7,708.27	10,313.65	9,542.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	31,000.57
-------	----------	----------	-----------	----------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	------	-----------

Compared to Budget

Loan Receipts	1,480.00	1,530.00	1,720.00	1,400.00									6,130.00
Loan Payments	1,085.00	6,420.00	1,085.00	1,085.00									9,675.00
Difference	395.00	(4,890.00)	635.00	315.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	(3,545.00)
Total All	3,830.69	2,818.27	10,948.65	9,857.96	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	27,455.57



Pictured left: ACOLYTES

Far left: Jaxx

Center front: Jethro, behind: Leo, behind Leo, Leith.

Front right: Maia, behind her, Emily, far right: Darynne

Thanks to Pastor Bryan and Karen Musgrove, we have seven well trained acolytes who all took part in our Palm Sunday processional. Karen has created a schedule. So they all take turns being Sunday servers.

June Activities



LUNCH BUNCH is Wednesday 6/3/26 @11am at Stack's Cafe, 1321 Easton Drive. Please make reservations with Judy Olson-Peterson. All are welcome.

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY AND QUILTING are Wednesday 6/10/26- 9am-3pm in the Fellowship Hall. Judy will provide snacks. Please bring your own sack lunch.

AFTERNOON CIRCLE is Wednesday 6/17/26@1:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. We will discuss Resurrection & Life from John 11 & Gather magazine. Phyllis Elrod will provide refreshments.



SENIOR GAME DAY is Wednesday, June 24@ 12 noon, if you bring lunch. Games begin @ 12:30. All are welcome, (no age limits). Bring a friend!



WINE AND DINE is Thursday 6/25/26 @ 6pm. Watch the Sunday bulletins for more information.



Join us for
VBS
AUGUST 3-7

INVITE your
friends to join you
for a fun filled
week of
**JUNK
YARD**
REDEMPTION
learning about
God's Love!

DATES TO REMEMBER



Sat. June 13
9am



Worship & Music
June 11 10 am
All are welcome!



Monday, June 15
@ 6:30



June Evans	01
Bill Silveira	10
Mara Ziegler	10
Karen Musgrove	11
Trulaine Woken	11
Hannah Shellgren	13
Laura Haywood	16
Jamie Spillers	17
Sue Anderson	20
Dianne Ladd	23

Happy Anniversary

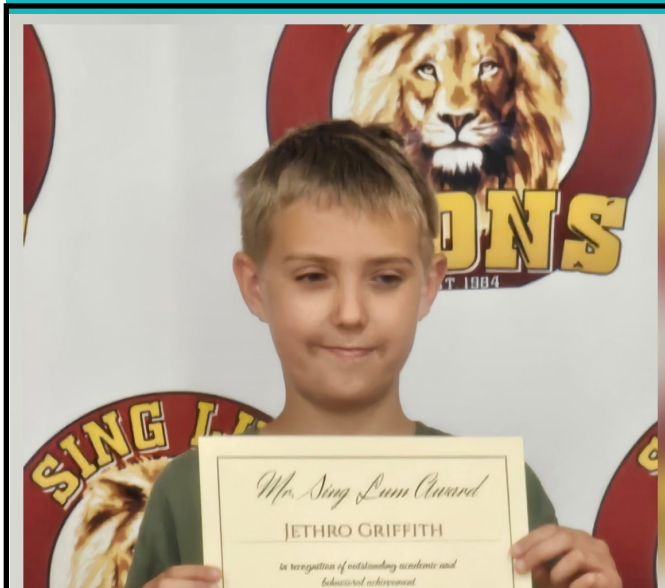
Guy & Rachel Hairfield	07
Scott & Susan Petty	21
Robert & Arlene Hamstreet	23
Jack & Sherry Clayton	26

**JUNE & JULY CHARITY
EVERGREEN SCHOOL**

**SCHOOL BEGINS
AUGUST 12**

School supplies,
back packs, hygiene
supplies, cash.

CONGRATULATIONS !



Penelope received an award for perfect attendance for the 4th. Quarter!



ABOVE: Jethro received a school award of Mr. SING LUM and Honor Roll and earned a star for his letter, for the 4th quarter
Daphne received academic growth and perfect attendance for the 4th quarter awards.
Jaxx received academic growth and perfect attendance for the 4th quarter. Luke has something tomorrow but I think that might be the goodbye to kindergarten hello first grade assembly

Maia and Leo both were recognized with awards at school. Maia got an award for all A's (Principal's List) all year! Leo got an award for all A's all year, too! He also earned his letter H for Hart, a patch like for a letterman's jacket, for earning 500 points for school activities and service, things like opening car doors in the valet line in the mornings, participating in science fair, track, etc. He also got trophies for two activities he participated in earlier this month, the STEAM Olympiad and Battle of the Books!

(Mr. Luke continued on next page)

IN HIS SERVICE

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS—JUNE 2026

Area of service	June 7	June 14	June 21	June 28
Assistant	Jan	_____	_____	_____→
Flowers		Becky	Phyllis	Claytons
Lector	Judy	Dakota	Jan	Karen
Fellowship		Judy	Karen	Julie
Acolyte	Jaxx	Jethro	Darynne	Leith
Greeter	Karen	_____	_____	_____→
Counters	Karen			Karen
Altar Guild	AnneMarie	_____	_____	_____→

This schedule does not reflect changes or additions made after May 26th.



Con't, from page 5: (pictured above) Mr. Luke's kindergarten performance. Saying goodbye to kindergarten and hello first grade!



www.backpackusa.com

You can use this website to purchase school supplies for Evergreen School, our charity for June and July. Or just google "backpacks" and several other companies offer similar packages. If you don't want to spend the amount, get a friend to share the cost with you. Very reasonable prices, but minimum purchase is required. They also carry socks and hygiene supplies.

April 24, 2026 *In Our Thoughts & Prayers* May 26, 2026

Following is a list of our friends who have been lifted up in prayer by our faithful Prayer Warriors.

Mike Musgrove	Mickey Rivers	Cory	Loretta Jones
Laura	Stacy	Christa & David	Rick
Gary Manes	Phyllis	Debbie	

Please know that your prayers are so very much appreciated. Thanks and Blessings to all!

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH
EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH IN AMERICA
2525 BELLE TERRACE, P O BOX 13132-93389, BAKERSFIELD, CA 93304
..... 832-7881 Secretary: Dakota Warren.....
E-mail address: rlcbakersfield@gmail.com - Website: redeemerlutheran.org

JUNE 2026

Happy
FATHER'S
Day

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2 Al Anon 6:30	3 Lunch Bunch 11 am Riverstone Terrace 10am	4 Order of the Dragon 5:30 -8:30	5	6
7 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30	8	9 Hymn sing Riverstone Terrace 3 pm Al Anon 6:30	10 Prayer Shawl Ministry 9-3	11 Order of the Dragon 5:30 -8:30	12	13 9 am—noon 
14 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30  Flag Day	15 Council 6:30 pm	16 Hymn sing Riverstone Terrace 3 pm Al Anon 6:30	17 Afternoon Circle 1:30 Riverstone Terrace worship 10-11 am	18 Order of the Dragon 5:30 -8:30	19 	20 Garden Club 9—1 pm
21 Worship 9:30 Coffee hour 1030 	22	23 Hymn sing Riverstone Terrace 3 pm Al Anon 6:30	24 Senior Game Day Noon	25 Order of the Dragon 5:30 -8:30 Wine & Dine 6:00 pm	26	27 Glass Club - 11-2 pm
28 Worship 9:30 Coffee 10:30	29	30 Al Anon 6:30			