



# Redeemer Reflections

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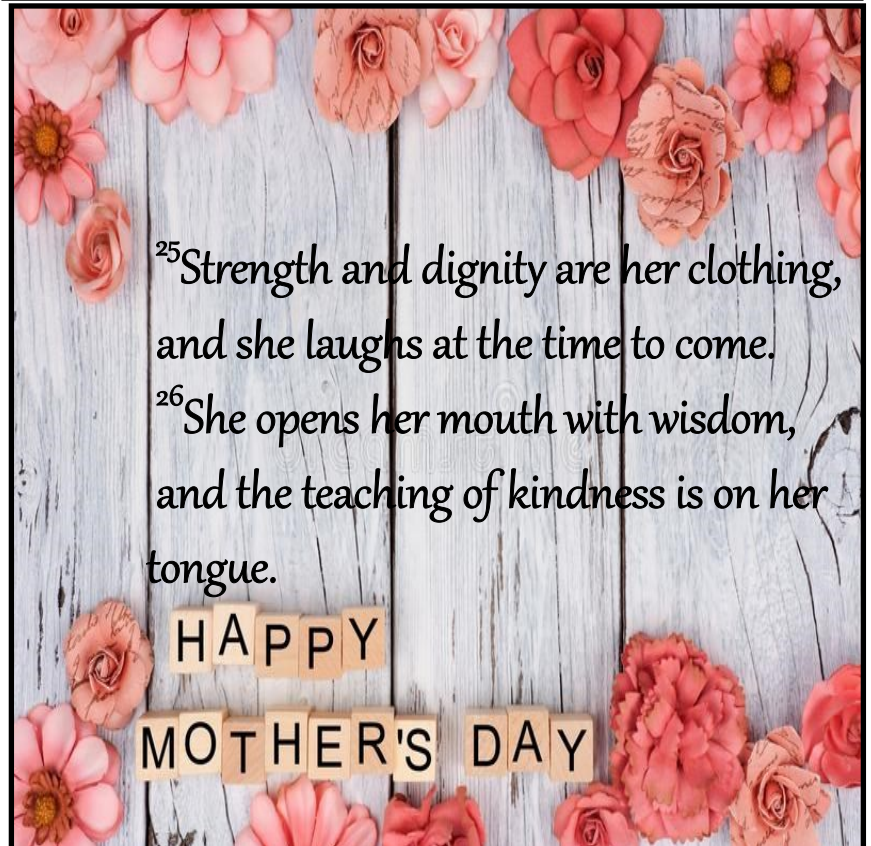
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## Our Mission Statement:

To spread the Good News to all through joyful worship and  
service, so that others may believe and accept Jesus Christ  
as their Lord and Savior.

*Our Redeemer Lives!*



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### From The Desk of Pastor Misael . . .

In the seven weeks of Easter, we find the disciples to be in a time of transition between the Resurrection of Jesus and the Day of Pentecost. During the fifty days between these two major events, Jesus' disciples have some very unique experiences. This period is a holy time, marked by joy from their encounters with the Risen Christ, but also fraught with confusion as the disciples struggle to understand the resurrection and come to terms with the fact that Jesus was ascending to the Father.

In the midst of this time period, Jesus breathes on the disciples and gives them the Holy Spirit. This is just a taste of what is to come.

Transition time in the church setting is also a holy time, similarly characterized by joy and excitement, yet we can find ourselves confused and overwhelmed.

The disciples spent their post-resurrection time in self-study, revisiting Jesus' teachings while getting a glimpse of what was to come for them in their future ministry. This was a formative time for them, where the Holy Spirit helped them remember Jesus' teachings and how those lessons had changed and shaped their lives.

Our texts for Sunday Worship Service include passages from the book of Acts, which describe what God was doing as the church was expanding. These texts come at a very opportune time for Our Redeemer; we are examining ORC's vision and mission.

I pray that you will continue to be filled with the Holy Spirit to give you clarity, rekindle excitement and joy, and affirm your vision and mission for today and into the future.

The Peace of the Risen Christ be with you!

***Pastor Misael***

**Notes and comments** to the Transition Committee can be dropped off in the "Transition Team" mailbox in the church narthex or email Carol Tuntland at [ctuntland02@yahoo.com](mailto:ctuntland02@yahoo.com).

*A Conversation with . . .***Tony Caltagirone, a True Gentleman***by Will Fleming*

**TONY CALTAGIRONE** has been a member of Our Redeemer Church for more than 40 years. On June 10th, Tony will celebrate his 94th birthday. His story starts in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania in 1928, where he was born and resided, along with sister Josephine and his parents, until moving to Lowellville, Ohio in 1940.

Tony attended Ohio Northern University, and graduated with a degree in pre-medicine. He then attended Ohio State University and graduated with a degree in medical technology. Tony used the knowledge he gained from his formal education by holding several positions in hospital laboratories.

When Tony moved to California, he took a position with A.H. Robbins Pharmaceuticals. He continued his employment with that pharmaceutical company for over 30 years.

In 1965, Tony married Bernice, who was running her own private elementary school. Bernice shared her knowledge with Our Redeemer and assisted with the formation and establishment of our preschool.

Prior to his marriage to Bernice, Tony had been a Methodist. Bernice, who was a Lutheran, convinced Tony to join Our Redeemer. Tony does not regret his decision. Tony smiled as he said, "The best part of ORC is the congregation—everyone is nice and very enjoyable to be around. And the pastors have been wonderful."

Tony is a spiffy dresser—you'll see him every Sunday in his suit, attending Worship Services!



## SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

ARE YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW PLANNING TO ATTEND COLLEGE IN THE FALL?? Our Redeemer has TWO memorial scholarships available to assist students:

### Phil Lochhaas Memorial Scholarship

This \$500 scholarship honors Phil Lochhaas, who served as the Youth Director at ORC. Our Redeemer members who are pursuing a college education are eligible to apply; applicants need to show they will be enrolled in a degree-granting program this Fall. The scholarship can be re-applied for as long as the student is continuing his/her education. This is a non-competitive scholarship.

### Pat Stearns Memorial Scholarship

This scholarship honors Pat Stearns, a registered nurse who regarded nursing as not just a profession, but a calling. The scholarship is open to everyone who is pursuing a career in an accredited nursing program. This scholarship is competitive, but ORC has been able to support more than one student in prior years.

Applications are available at the church office  
and June 6, 2022, is the deadline to apply.

**PLEASE KEEP THE TRANSITION COMMITTEE IN YOUR PRAYERS** as they meet and prepare to begin the search for a new pastor.

Committee Members: Carol Tuntland (Chair); Annette Agosta; Kameron Andersen; Edmund Channita; Pastor Misael Fajardo-Perez; Will Fleming; Ron Stearns

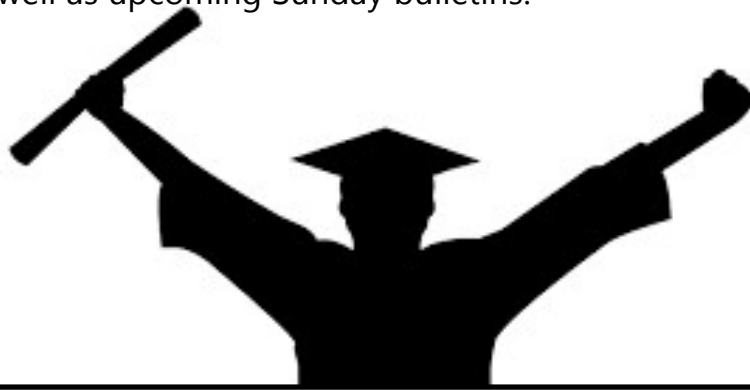


### IMPORTANT DATES:

May 9th @ 4:30pm Ministry Resources Mtg  
 May 9th @ 5:30pm Preschool Board Mtg  
 May 10th @ 7:00pm Church Council Mtg  
 May 14th @ 12:00pm Boy Scout Court of Honor  
 May 30th Memorial Day ~ Office Closed

## WE ARE PROUD OF YOU . . . 2022 Graduates

Do you have a child, grandchild, niece, nephew, or other relative who is graduating from Junior High, High School, College/University, or Graduate School? If you would like to acknowledge their accomplishment, please provide the graduate's name, your name and relationship to the graduate, name of school from which they are graduating, and any future plans to Julie at the church office (office@orcgg.org or 714.539.9541). This information will be published in the June newsletter as well as upcoming Sunday bulletins.



## ORC PRESCHOOL TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK May 16th through May 20th

ORC would like to express our love and appreciation to Our Redeemer Preschool teachers during the week of May 16th through May 20th. (Officially designated as "Teacher Appreciation Week.") There will be a card for each teacher starting **May 8th** in the narthex if you would like to express your thanks. If you would like to drop off your own individual card for each teacher, you can send them to/drop them off at the church office.

We thank God for each teacher and the gifts they bring to the Preschool:

Cindy Myers, Director  
Charlee Arvizu

Jean Milligan  
Debra Yamashiroya



## Call Process Update

*by Carol Tuntland*

The Transition Committee met for the first time in November 2021 to begin the Our Redeemer call process. The committee members are Annette Agosta, Kameron Andersen, Edmund Channita, Will Fleming, Ron Stearns, and Carol Tuntland (chair). We have acquainted ourselves with the Ministry Site Profile, hosted a History Day on March 19, 2022, and a Core Values Day on April 23, 2022. Pastor Misael is our pastoral guidance counselor at Our Redeemer. We are also assisted through this process by Pastor Terry Tuvey Allen (Mobility and Congregational Transition) at the Pacifica Synod.

At the History Day, insights were shared by **Sharon Thompson** (who spoke about WELCA, choir, worship and music); **Gladys Bale** (whose topic was the early days at Our Redeemer); **Wendy Fitzharris** (who talked about growing up at Our Redeemer and VBS experiences); **Lori Martin** (who shared her experiences about growing up at Our Redeemer and her parents', Don and Sylvia Woodhouse's, activities at Our Redeemer); **Jim Huffman** (who discussed SHIP and the church campus/facilities); **Tom Kent** (who told stories about Our Redeemer's pastors and interns); **Jerry Engelhardt** (who provided insights about social ministries, including Compassion International, and Lynda's leadership role); and **Ann Badertscher** (who walked us through ORC's music program through the years, including Living Pictures).

Participants also shared their experiences at their lunch tables prior to the program. Stories from Lori Martin, Sharon Thompson, Jerry Engelhardt, Annette Agosta, Wendy Fitzharris, Ann Badertscher, and Tom Kent were published in the April Newsletter, which is still available at [www.orcgg.org](http://www.orcgg.org). Thanks to the speakers and all the participants for providing wonderful memories about the growth of Our Redeemer. (I encourage you to reread the April newsletter. If you can't access it online, call Julie at the church office to obtain a print copy.)

Our second event took place in Endter Hall on Saturday, April 23, where we explored Our Redeemer's core values. Currently, ORC's Mission Statement describes our purpose: *"To spread the Good News to all through joyful worship and service, so that others may believe and accept Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. Our Redeemer lives!"*

The Pacifica Synod publishes a manual which directs the call process, Embracing Transition, subtitled, "Transition and Call Process Manual." Core values are defined therein: *"Core Values are intended to communicate what the congregation stands for and on what principles it operates. They guide the everyday actions of members and staff as well as congregational planning."*

With this in mind, Kameron Andersen gave a PowerPoint presentation which defined 16 possible Core Values: Action, Collaboration, Community, Creativity, Education, Empowerment, Faith, Inclusion, Integrity, Kindness, Love, Mission, Music, Outreach, Welcome, and Worship. Each Core Value was explained and the definition appearing in the Merriman-Webster Dictionary was also incorporated.

The following speakers shared Core Values: **Dorothie Bair** (Love), **Joe Brozick** (Integrity), **Larry Collier** (Community), **Patty Erickson** (Education), **Dave Frostad** (Inclusion), **Larry Klevos** (Music), **Tina Ray** (Creativity), and **Patty Trevor** (Collaboration). You can access a video of the day's activities and hear all the speakers' presentations on the Our Redeemer website. *Soli Deo Gloria*—To God Alone be the Glory.

Participants in the Core Values Day completed two activities: They shared 10 words that they, individually, live by each day as Personal Values. After the speakers' presentations, participants were asked to share 10 values that Our Redeemer lives by. The results have been tallied and are posted with the video on ORC's website. Thanks to Patty Erickson for videoing the day.

What is next in the process? FIRST! We will listen—For God's voice in the midst of our transition from one pastor to our interim pastor—Pastor Misael—to our next pastor. We will research the demographics of our own congregation and the neighborhood surrounding Our Redeemer. We will also explore our vision of the future as a congregation. How do we do this? We talk with the congregation—we will have a meeting on **June 4th** to discuss what we have discovered through the first two events. We walk the neighborhood, talk with the schools and the businesses in the area, and visit churches in our community as we continue to explore ORC's purpose, giftedness, and mission. You—as the congregation—have a vital role in this entire process. We need everyone's input.

The Transition Committee is responsible for completing the MSP (Ministry Site Profile). The MSP is a form designed by the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA) which describes ORC's mission and search for a rostered minister. The MSP is used across the entire ELCA and provides congregations and church-related organizations (such as schools, social ministry organizations, healthcare institutions, and other agencies) a standard method to communicate their needs. The MSP is completed by leaders within the congregation or organization, under the guidance of the synod bishop or Call Process Administrator.

Thank you for your interest in the Call Process. We are grateful to those ORC members who participated in the events so far and encourage everyone to attend upcoming events. The members of the Transition Committee are interested in your thoughts, questions, and suggestions; we are available by telephone, email, or in-person.

## Upcoming Weekly Events at Our Redeemer

### SUNDAYS →

#### WORSHIP SERVICES —at 8:30am AND 10am

8:30am      Worship Outside (weather permitting)  
Traditional Service  
Children's Sunday School in Preschool Rm 1  
**Note: No Sunday School on Mother's Day**  
10:00am      Worship in Sanctuary (Masks required)  
Prayer & Praise Service

### MONDAYS →

#### GRIEF GROUP—at 11am

Meets in Endter Hall, with Patty Trevor leading.  
**DOES NOT MEET** the third Monday of the month  
(when Young-At-Heart meets).

### TUESDAYS →

#### BIBLE STUDY—at 12pm

Meets on ORC campus with Interim Pastor Misael.

#### PRAISE TEAM—at 7pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

### WEDNESDAYS →

#### HANDBELL CHOIR—at 5pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary).

### THURSDAYS →

#### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY—at 7am

Meets via ZOOM. Contact Lynn Badertscher  
([lbadertsch@aol.com](mailto:lbadertsch@aol.com) or 714.852.2064) for more info.

#### ADORATION CHOIR—at 7pm

Rehearsal (Sanctuary). Note:  
**No rehearsals June, July, and August**

### SATURDAYS →

#### LORD'S PANTRY—8am until 11am

Distributing food (Patio).



## Upcoming Monthly Events at Our Redeemer

### **MEN'S BREAKFAST—at 7:30am**

This month's **Men's Breakfast** is **May 14th** starting at **7:30am** (Endter Hall). After a fabulous breakfast, we will hear from **Pastor Misael**, who will share some behind-the-scenes stories of pastoral life.

*For more information, contact Will Fleming  
(714.318.3394 or [willvalran@aol.com](mailto:willvalran@aol.com))*

### **Saturday, May 14**

Second Saturday of the Month

### **Monday, May 16**

Third Monday of the Month

### **YOUNG-AT-HEART—at 11am**

Cinco de Mayo themed luncheon on **May 16** at 11am (Patio)

*Contact Dorothe Bair (714.746.6290 or  
[ddbair@gmail.com](mailto:ddbair@gmail.com)) if you have questions  
or need more information*

### **RACIAL JUSTICE GROUP —at 7pm**

All interested persons are invited to attend the **ZOOM** meeting of the Racial Justice Group on **May 18t** at **7pm**.

*Contact Traci Fitzharris ([traci.fitzharris@gmail.com](mailto:traci.fitzharris@gmail.com))  
if you have questions or need more information*

### **Wednesday, May 18**

Third Wednesday of the Month

### **Saturday, May 28**

Fourth Saturday of the  
Month

### **ORC BOOK CLUB—at 2pm**

Meeting **May 28** at **2pm** at the church for fellowship and discussion of:

Saving Freedom, by Joe Scarborough  
June's book: Inferno, by Larry Niven and Jerry Pournelle

*For more information, contact  
Ron Stearns ([rcs949@yahoo.com](mailto:rcs949@yahoo.com) or 714.891.9462)*

(Monthly Events continued on next page)

## Upcoming Monthly Events at Our Redeemer

### WELCA CIRCLE MEETINGS

Women of ORC meet in-person or via ZOOM once a month:

Grace Circle	@ 12:00pm	2nd Monday of the month	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
Sincerity Circle	@ 1:00pm	2nd Monday of the month	May 9 <sup>th</sup>
New Joy Circle	@ 7:00pm	4th Tuesday of the month	May 24 <sup>th</sup>
New Faith Circle	@ 2:30pm	4th Wednesday of the month	May 31 <sup>st</sup>

**Note: New Faith Circle is meeting May 31st (not the usual date of May 24) due to vacation schedules**

*If you are interested in joining a Circle, please contact:*

Grace Circle: Susan Kent ([susankent682002@yahoo.com](mailto:susankent682002@yahoo.com))

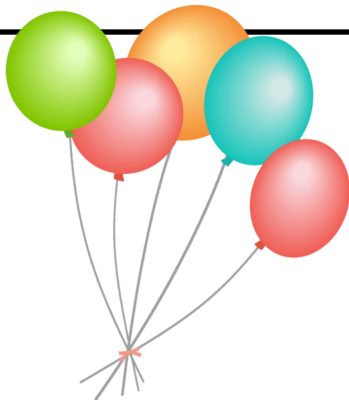
Sincerity Circle: Wendy Fitzharris ([fourfitz2@gmail.com](mailto:fourfitz2@gmail.com))

New Joy Circle: Wendy Taylor ([WTaylor486@aol.com](mailto:WTaylor486@aol.com))

New Faith Circle: Val Fleming ([willvalryan@aol.com](mailto:willvalryan@aol.com))

### May Anniversaries

Michael & Lori Martin	05/11
Sherwood & Marilyn Witt	05/16
Larry & Lorrie Klevos	05/17
Dana & Mirdza Hayden	05/17
Javier & Tracy Mendoza	05/17
John & Brenda Prothero	05/23
Will & Valerie Fleming	05/25
Rick & Wendy Fitzharris	05/26
Jake & Meghan Huffman	05/29



### May Birthdays

Birtha VanLaningham	05/01	
Alice Rosenthal	05/01	
Paul Schremp	05/05	
Alexis Erickson	05/07	
Tim Myers	05/08	
C.J. Adame	05/08	
Jacob Cisneros	05/11	
Dana Roznos	05/14	
Kameron Andersen	05/14	
Brandon Kallen	05/15	
Parker Channita	05/15	
Jerry Healy	05/16	Matthew Soto 05/16
Joyce Wallace	05/18	Patrick Channita 05/19
Ked Insouvanh	05/24	Boua Channita 05/25
Ananetta Adame	05/25	Samantha Anderson 05/26
Robin Hoyle	05/31	Arya Patel 05/31



# Our Redeemer Preschool Newsletter

~Wednesday, May 4~

Star Wars Day

May the 4th Be With You!

~Friday, May 6~

Muffins with Mommy

Share your morning snack with mommy from 7:30am until 9:30am in the Courtyard..

~Monday, May 16 thru

Friday, May 20~

TEACHER APPRECIATION  
WEEK

Let's show our gratitude to our Preschool teachers, who work so hard to help our children prepare to meet the challenges of school and the world!

~Monday, May 30~

SCHOOL CLOSED  
for Memorial Day

This federal holiday is a day set aside for mourning the United States military personnel who have died while serving in the US armed forces.

May Birthdays:

Marin I.

May 30th

Sawyer A.

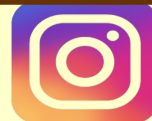
May 30th



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## ✠ MAY AT-A-GLANCE ✠

Sundays	@ 8:30am	Traditional Worship Service (Patio)
	@ 10am	Prayer & Praise Worship Service (Sanctuary)
Mondays	@ 11am	Grief Support Group
Tuesdays	@ 12pm	Bible Study
	@ 7pm	Praise Team Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
Wednesdays	@ 5pm	Handbell Choir Rehearsals (Sanctuary)
Thursdays	@ 7am	Men's Zoom Bible Study
	@ 7pm	Adoration Choir Practice (Sanctuary)
Fridays	<b>Church Office Closed</b>	
Saturdays	@ 8am-11am	Lord's Pantry (Patio)
May 9	@ 12:00pm	Grace Circle/WELCA
	@ 1:00pm	Sincerity Circle/WELCA
	@ 4:30pm	Ministry Resources Meeting (Zoom)
	@ 5:30pm	ORC Preschool Board Meeting (Zoom)
May 10	@ 1:30pm	Staff Meeting (Library)
	@ 7:00pm	Church Council Meeting (Zoom)
May 14	@ 7:30pm	Men's Breakfast (Endter Hall)
	@ 12:00pm	Boy Scout Court of Honor (Endter Hall)
May 16th—20th	<b>Preschool Teacher Appreciation Week</b>	
May 16	@ 11:00am	Young-At-Heart (NO GRIEF GROUP)
May 18	@ 7:00pm	Racial Justice Group Meeting (Zoom)
May 19th—20th	<b>Pacifica Synod Assembly</b>	
May 24	@ 9:00am	Staff Meeting (Library)
	@ 6:00pm	SHIP Board Meeting (Endter Hall)
May 25	@ 2:30pm	New Faith Circle/WELCA
May 28	@ 2:00pm	ORC Book Club
<b>May 30</b>	<b>Memorial Day—Church Office Closed</b>	
May 31	@ 7:00pm	New Joy Circle (Zoom)

**KEEP CONNECTED at Our Redeemer!**

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[www.orcgg.org](http://www.orcgg.org)