



## 8:00am Worship for the Week of August 30, 2026

*Our Purpose: "Know Christ. Make Christ known."*

*Our Vision: "Making Christ-Centered, Emotionally Healthy Disciples of Jesus, One Life at a Time."*

*Our Mission: "Reach and serve our local community, Equip their hearts, minds and souls, and Release them into the world to share God's love."*

### WELCOME TO RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH!

If you are worshipping with us this morning, please visit [redhillchurch.org](http://redhillchurch.org) and scroll down to the "Connections Card".

Also, so that we may ensure you are receiving news about the life of our church, please let us know if you have moved or changed your contact information by emailing any updates to [info@redhillchurch.org](mailto:info@redhillchurch.org).

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### Sunday Morning Schedule:

- 8:00 to 9:00 am Classical worship
- 9:15 to 10:00 am Bible studies and groups for all ages ("DiscipleU")
- 10:15 to 11:15 am Contemporary worship

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# RED HILL LUTHERAN CHURCH

8:00 a.m. – 14th Sunday After Pentecost

Rev. Dr. Seth Britton, Senior Pastor

## PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

*Vindicate me, O LORD, for I have walked in my integrity, and I have trusted in the LORD without wavering. Prove me, O LORD, and try me; test my heart and my mind. For your steadfast love is before my eyes, and I walk in your faithfulness. –Psalm 26*

*Congregation responses are in **BOLD print**.*

## +GATHERING+

### PRELUDE

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord  
*Dr. Linda Brown*

*Benjamin M. Culli*

### OPENING HYMN

#### Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and  
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of  
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful, all the gifts they  
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,  
hosts, and stay; come with all your lov - ing - kind - ness,  
ask to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er  
to the Son, praise and hon - or to the Spir - it,

bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's  
hear your peo - ple as they pray; and your full - est  
with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter  
ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and

help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.  
ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.  
in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.  
one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

*Matthew 28:19; [18:20]*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins,  
God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1: 8-9*

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.

I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## APOSTOLIC GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

## KYRIE *Mark 10:47*



1 Have mer - cy on us, Lord, and hear our sol - emn prayer.  
2 Have mer - cy on us, Christ, and wash a - way our sin.  
3 Have mer - cy on us, Lord; make sin and shame de - part.



We come to hear your liv - ing word; it saves us from de - spair.  
Pour out your grace and make us whole that new life may be - gin.  
Re - new us with your sav - ing pow'r; cre - ate in us new hearts!

## HYMN OF PRAISE



1 Glo-ry be to God in heav-en; peace, good-will to all the earth.  
2 Glo-ry be to Christ for - ev - er, Lamb of God and Lord of love.  
3 Ho - ly One we now ac-claim you; Lord a - lone, to you we call;



Might-y God of all cre - a - tion, Fa - ther of sur - pass - ing worth:  
Son of God and gra - cious Sav - ior, you have come from heav'n a - bove;  
Ho - ly One in faith we name you, God most high, yet near to all:



we ex - alt you, we a - dore you, we lift high our thanks and praise.  
on the cross you died to save us; now you reign at God's right hand.  
Je - sus Christ, with God the Spir - it, in the Fa - ther's splen - dor bright.



Saints and an - gels bow be - fore you; here on earth our songs we raise.  
Hear our prayer; re - store, for - give us; in your prom - ise firm we stand.  
For the peace that we in - her - it, glo - ry be to God on high!

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray...

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## +WORD+

### READING

### Jeremiah 15:15–21

O LORD, you know; remember me and visit me, and take vengeance for me on my persecutors. In your forbearance take me not away; know that for your sake I bear reproach. <sup>16</sup> Your words were found, and I ate them, and your words became to me a joy and the delight of my heart, for I am called by your name, O LORD, God of hosts. <sup>17</sup> I did not sit in the company of revelers, nor did I rejoice; I sat alone, because your hand was upon me, for you had filled me with indignation. <sup>18</sup> Why is my pain unceasing, my wound incurable, refusing to be healed? Will you be to me like a deceitful brook, like waters that fail?

<sup>19</sup> Therefore thus says the LORD:

“If you return, I will restore you, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious, and not what is worthless, you shall be as my mouth. They shall turn to you, but you shall not turn to them. <sup>20</sup> And I will make you to this people a fortified wall of bronze; they will fight against you, but they shall not prevail over you, for I am with you to save you and deliver you, declares the LORD.

<sup>21</sup> I will deliver you out of the hand of the wicked, and redeem you from the grasp of the ruthless.”

### READING

### Romans 12:9–21

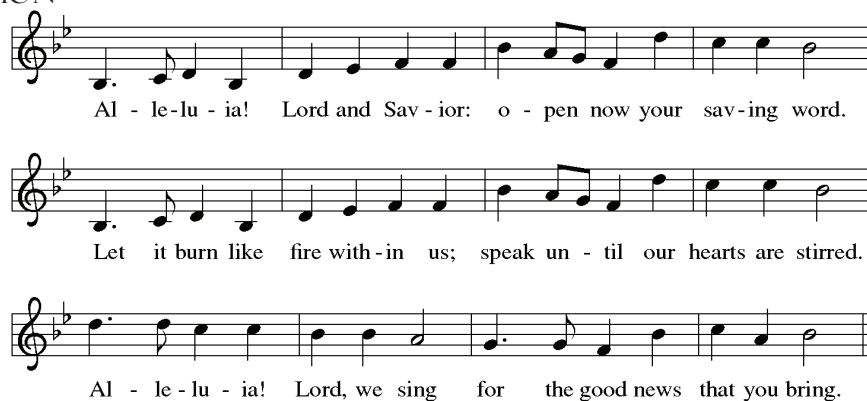
Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. <sup>10</sup> Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. <sup>11</sup> Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. <sup>13</sup> Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.

<sup>14</sup> Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. <sup>15</sup> Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. <sup>16</sup> Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. <sup>17</sup> Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. <sup>18</sup> If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. <sup>19</sup> Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” <sup>20</sup> To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him; if he is thirsty, give him something to drink; for by so doing you will heap burning coals on his head.” <sup>21</sup> Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le-lu - ia! Lord and Sav - ior: o - pen now your sav - ing word.

Let it burn like fire with - in us; speak un - til our hearts are stirred.

Al - le-lu - ia! Lord, we sing for the good news that you bring.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 16<sup>th</sup> chapter.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

HOLY GOSPEL

**Matthew 16:21–28**

From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. <sup>22</sup> And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup> But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a hindrance to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.” <sup>24</sup> Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup> For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup> For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? <sup>27</sup> For the Son of Man is going to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay each person according to what he has done. <sup>28</sup> Truly, I say to you, there are some standing here who will not taste death until they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

The Gospel of our Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

MORNING MESSAGE

*Pastor Seth Britton*

+SACRAMENT+

TITHES & OFFERINGS *If you are worshipping with us online, please consider visiting [redhillchurch.org/give](http://redhillchurch.org/give).*

OFFERTORY

Building Blocks

By: Tom Waldron

*A child playing with his blocks, builds a tower growing higher  
He keeps on stacking one by one, 'til they fall down in a pile  
Oh it doesn't matter, he won't blink an eye  
He doesn't know he can never win  
He'll keep building towers, watching them fall, over & over again*

*A mother's work is never done, between the laundry & the PTA  
Running errands, chasing the kids, trying to rest up for the next day  
Oh it doesn't matter, she won't blink an eye  
She doesn't know she can never win  
She'll keep building towers, watching them fall, over & over again*

*Oh the building blocks that we play with  
Won't amount to much when we are through  
Build them up & watch them fall  
It works the same for one and all  
Unless Jesus, is your cornerstone*

*Meetings, phone calls, deadlines to meet, he's busy all the time  
He'll spend his energy, then come home, with tomorrow on his mind  
Oh it doesn't matter, he won't blink an eye  
He doesn't know he can never win  
He'll keep building towers, watching them fall, over & over again. (Chorus)*

*Now I'm not saying that the daily routine, shouldn't matter to you & me  
But as a child plays in futility, so without God, our lives would be. (Chorus)*  
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*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. If you are a Baptized Christian, seeking a church home, a member of a congregation that proclaims the Gospel, and a disciple of Christ who desires to be forgiven and strengthened to live more faithfully for Christ, you are welcome to commune with us (Children, ages 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and above who are Baptized and who have received First Communion Instruction, are welcome to come commune with their family).*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to come forward for a personal blessing (indicate this by crossing your arms) or you can spend this time in prayer. Our hope is that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. 2 Tim. 4:22

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. Colossians 3:1

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. Ps. 136

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy Father, through Christ our Lord; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join them in saying:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow'r and might:**

**Heav'n and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

In the night in which he was betrayed,

our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood,

shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER Matthew 6:9-13

**Our Father, who art in heaven,**

**hallowed be thy name,**

**thy kingdom come,**

**thy will be done,**

**on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;**

**and forgive us our trespasses,**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us;**

**and lead us not into temptation,**

**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,**

**forever and ever. Amen**

## COMMUNION

At Red Hill, we come forward to the altar (front area) to receive Communion.\* You will be given the bread and will eat it. You will then be invited to pick up a cup of wine or grape juice to drink. After you have drank the Blood of the Sacrament, please deposit your cup in the receptacle provided.

*\* If you are unable to come forward to receive Communion, please notify an usher and the servers will come to your seat.*

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

## COMMUNION BLESSING

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+SENDING+

## BENEDICTION *Numbers 6:24-26*

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

In the name of the Father, the +Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

## DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord!

**Thanks be to God!**

## SENDING SONG

### O God Our Help In Ages Past



- 1 O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
- 2 Un - der the shad - ow of your throne your saints have dwelt se - cure;
- 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood or earth re - ceived its frame,
- 4 A thou - sand a - ges in your sight are like an eve - ning gone,



our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
suf - fi - cient is your arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
from ev - er - last - ing you are God, to end - less years the same.  
short as the watch that ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream  
dies at the op'ning day.

- 6 O God, our help in ages past,  
our hope for years to come,  
still be our guard while troubles last  
and our eternal home!

## POSTLUDE

Fugue in E flat Major (excerpt)

*Johann Sebastian Bach*

## THIS WEEK'S BIRTHDAYS

August 30 Edward Blocker, Sally Scalzo  
August 31 Isaiah Coughran, Michael Mihalovich  
September 1 Lisa Deatherage, Audrey Sampson  
September 2 Luis "Rod" Rodriguez  
September 3 Annie Caamano, Patricia Reiten  
September 5 Carrie Dacosta

## ANNIVERSARIES

August 29 Beth and Bill Stoffregen  
August 30 Jessie and Athena Hernandez,  
September 2 Ted and Jan Hundebly

## PRAYER & CARE

### New Prayers This Week:

Requested by Dutch Kramer: Prayers for Paula Hopkins recovering from an illness.

### Continued Prayers:

Solomon Riuz, Doug Moran Clare McCollum, Carolyn Bergt, Hillary Hurt, Joshua Bransetter, Lola Campos, \*Barbara Jackson, Rob Mills, Teri Burch, Katie W., Tuck Coop, Tamara Lippert, Denise Pace, Drew Lippert, Sheila D., Barbara Miller; Jane Thorson W., David Kulcinski, Heather Hoersch, Susan Murphy, Jeff Cadwell, Edna Hohener, Eileen Hamilton, Tina Philips, Diana Godinez's dad, Tin Ngo, Peter D., Amber Benson, Rebecca Tomlinson, Gloria Thomas, Nancy Ogden, Rick Gertenson, Anita Hollis, and Danny Smith

**Healthy Pregnancy** - Stacia Davis, Kari Woodward, Danielle Scalzo, Alison Kooistra, Denise Estrada

### US Military Service:

Air Force: Gavin Crawford, Joey Schell, Captain Grant Fox. Army: Calvin Tyler Crawford, Army/JAG: Major Brianna Tuohy; Navy: Matt Browne, Matthew Curiel, Max Daucher, John Farinacci; Eric Belgen. Marine Corps: Marlo Britton; Giacomo Hennigan.

## THOSE SERVING IN WORSHIP

**Altar Guild:** Patti Sullivan, Debbie Hays, Laurie Henry, Rosa Dalton, Donna Wiksell, Melissa Gomez, Patty Reiten, Renee Mihalovich, Sue Raybourn, Betty Flowers-Ackerman, Jennifer Brown, Susan Hansen, Kathy Groff

**Ushers:** 8:00: Ken Hays, Doug Lehman, Joe Heneghan 10:15: Jim Weber, Ray Gomez, Toni Sweeney, Bill Stoffregen

**Readers:** 8:00 Chuck Rogers 10:15 Jerry Unis

**Communion Servers:** 8:00 Carol Pickford & Amy Ronce, Shannon McNiel (B) 10:15 Brian Crooker & Jodi Sprosty, Laurie Henry (B)

## WORSHIP AND MUSIC

### Join our Church Music Ministry!

To get connected to one of our classical music ministry groups, please email [jharney@redhillchurch.org](mailto:jharney@redhillchurch.org). Chancel Choir meets Thursdays at 7:15pm in the choir loft. Handbells rehearse Thursdays at 5:45pm in the narthex.

For contemporary music: [icoughran@redhillchurch.org](mailto:icoughran@redhillchurch.org)

## Ministry Expo – Find Your Place at Red Hill!

Join us on Sunday, September 13th, from 9:00AM to 12:30 PM in the CLC for one of our favorite Sundays of the year! Explore the many ministries of Red Hill Lutheran Church & School, meet ministry leaders, enjoy delicious treats, family activities, raffle prizes, and discover how you can get connected. Pick up a beautifully designed ministry guide at each table, complete your stamp card for a chance to win prizes, and find your next step in the life of our church. There's a place for you here! For more information contact Stephanie McArthur at [smcarthur@redhillchurch.org](mailto:smcarthur@redhillchurch.org)

## BIBLE STUDY/COMMUNITY

### DiscipleU Study – The Gospel and Christian Ethics

This Sunday, August 30th from 9:15am - 10:00am in the CLC

Taught by Stephanie McArthur

If someone asked you, "What is the Gospel?" could you answer in one sentence?

As we transition from our summer Recovering the Way study into Foundations, join us for a special one-week class exploring The Gospel & Christian Ethics. We'll consider what the Gospel is, and what it isn't, why Christians so easily confuse faith with morality, and what Luther meant when he said, "God doesn't need your good works, but your neighbor does."

If our good works don't earn God's love, why do they matter? What really is the "Christian thing to do"? And what if Christian ethics is less about the good things we do for God and more about recognizing the ways God is already at work through us for the sake of our neighbor?

Come ready to think, wrestle, and rediscover how the Gospel sets us free to love and serve.

### "Foundations: Called to be God's People." The Ministry and Mission of Red Hill Lutheran Church and School.

Begins Sunday, September 6th through 27th 9:15 to 10:00am. In the Christian Life Center (CLC)

Are you looking to be a part of Red Hill, or looking to learn more about who we are? During the month of September in "Disciple U", we will offer a four-week class entitled, "Foundations: Called to be God's People. The Ministry and Mission of Red Hill Lutheran Church and School. This course will examine the nature of the Christian church generally, as well as the mission, values and commitments of Red Hill Lutheran Church specifically. We will explore questions such as: "Why does the church exist?" "What is the purpose of the church today?" "Why is it important to be a member of a local church?"

If you have been thinking about joining Red Hill Lutheran

Church, or have questions about the ministry of our church, you are invited to join us for this important class, as we welcome you into the Red Hill family! Additionally, our hope is that if you are a current member of Red Hill, this course will be a reminder of who we are as God's people, and how you make a difference in the life of our church (and you can welcome and get to know our newer members!) Mark your calendars now and plan to join us! We are looking forward to seeing YOU!

### **"Wednesdays in the Word."**

#### **Wednesday Morning Bible Study.**

"The Sermon on the Mount"

Wednesdays 7:00a.m. to 7:45a.m. in the Sanctuary (In person, Livestreamed and Recorded) Teacher: Pastor Seth Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" is found in the Gospel of Matthew, chapters 5 through 7. Beginning with the "Beatitudes" and concluding with the surrounding crowds' astonishment of Jesus' authoritative teachings, the Sermon on the Mount contains some of the most practical, ethical, and challenging instructions from Jesus about how life is lived according to the truths and values of the Kingdom of God!

Beginning this Wednesday, August 5th, we will begin a verse-by-verse study on this profound and powerful "sermon" given by Jesus in the Gospel of Matthew. You are welcome to join us as we examine...

- The historical, cultural, and contextual issues within the Sermon on the Mount
- Jesus and the Old Testament Laws
- What is prayer and living a life of prayer
- Anger, Forgiveness, and living in freedom

After the study at 7:45 a.m., those whose schedule permits, reassemble at local restaurant in Tustin for breakfast and continuing conversation.

Again, this study is livestreamed beginning at 7:15a.m., as well as recorded and posted on our website so that you can participate at any time!

You are always welcome as we study the Word of God!

### **RHL Quilters**

Quilters meet on Monday morning from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm, in Peter's Parish. We invite all adult women to bring your lunch or snack and enjoy fellowship with us. For more information on our quilts and our partnership with Lutheran World Relief, please contact Nancy Pace at [n15pace@yahoo.com](mailto:n15pace@yahoo.com).

### **Colossians Women's Bible Study - Beginning in September**

Life is busy, but God's Word offers lasting peace. Join other women as we study the book of Colossians together through honest conversation, encouragement, prayer, and the promises of Christ. Multiple groups meet throughout the week with morning and evening options to fit your schedule. Study

books are \$10.

Choose the study that works best for you:

Monday, September 14th | 6:30 PM

Rebekah Circle – Peter's Parish

Contact: Martha Toft – [martha.toft@gmail.com](mailto:martha.toft@gmail.com)

Tuesday, September 15th | 9:30 AM

Deborah Circle – Peter's Parish

Contact: Carmen Gogosha – [4gogosfam@gmail.com](mailto:4gogosfam@gmail.com)

Tuesday, October 6th | 10:00 AM

Grace Circle – The Groves, Irvine

Contact: Marlene Thorson – [emthor@cox.net](mailto:emthor@cox.net)

You can also scan the QR code, stop by the Welcome Table on the patio this Sunday, or visit [RedHillChurch.org/Women](http://RedHillChurch.org/Women) to learn more.

### **Mensday Bible Study**

All men of Red Hill are invited to an informal dinner & Bible study Monday nights, 6:30pm in Peter's Parish. We meet off-site the 1st Monday of the month. We typically discuss Pastor Seth's Compass notes. Come and give it a try! Contact: Tom Waldron [tjwaldron3@aol.com](mailto:tjwaldron3@aol.com) 714-697-5349

## **YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRIES**

### **Red Hill Youth & Family Ministry**

Are you interested in learning more about Red Hill's Youth & Family Ministry (YFM)? Stop by our table on the patio to say hello, or email our team. We're here to support and serve your family—let's connect!

#### **Contact Our YFM Team:**

- Beth Stoffregen – Director of Youth & Family Ministry | [beths@redhillchurch.org](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org)
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### **T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry**

Today, during both worship services and during our DiscipleU Educational Hour, in Classroom 11

T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry provides a nurturing environment for Christ's littlest disciples—ages six weeks to five years—to play, learn about Jesus, sing praises, and grow excited about joining the worshipping community. Our teaching series, "Love Roots," traces the story of God's redemption promise from the tree in the Garden of Eden to the shoot from the stump of Jesse. We are reciting the first part of the Apostle's Creed, praising God our Creator, and playing our way through His epics of old! Today's Bible Story is "Trumpet Tumble." Contact Katelyn Der or Brie Longoria for more information.

### **RHL Preschool Family Playdate**

Saturday, September 26th, from 10:00am to 11:30am on the RHL Playground

Calling all preschool families! We are excited to invite you to our Fall Preschool Family Playdate on the RHLS Playground! Join us for this fun and casual connection event! While the kids play, parents and families will have the chance to chat and connect with each other, our RHL Preschool Staff and our T.O.T.S. Early Childhood Ministry Staff. No registration is required.

### **K.I.D.S. Ministry (Kindergarten - 5th Grade)**

Today - DiscipleU K.I.D.S., 9:15am-10:00am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

Today - K.I.D.S. Fellowship, 10:00am-11:15am, in the K.I.D.S. Zone

K.I.D.S. Ministry brings elementary-aged kids together to Know Jesus, Impact the world around them, become Disciples of Jesus and Serve others - K.I.D.S. Today as we wrap up this month's teaching series, we are going to test our personal Biblical knowledge with a game of Bible Jeopardy. Contact Itzel Mancilla for more information.

### **K.I.D.S. Ministry September Teaching Series – “Help”**

A Teaching Series from the Book of Exodus on Moses

An important part of childhood is learning which grown-ups you can trust. The very first phone number most kids tend to learn is an emergency number because it's important to know who to call when we need help! In this teaching series, we'll help kids see that they can always call on God for the things they need. As kids hear the story of Israel escaping slavery in Egypt (and what happened afterward), they'll discover that God helps us when we're helpless, helps us in our weakness, helps us when we're in trouble, and will even help us help others. God is the help we need — always!

### **Operation Kid-to-Kid™ Summer Mission Project**

This summer, our Red Hill community partnered with World Vision through Operation Kid-to-Kid™ to bring hope and health to families in Central America. A gift of just \$9 provides a fruit tree seedling, along with training and support for planting and caring for the tree. These trees provide nutritious food for children, additional income for families, and resources that can be shared with neighbors—creating a lasting impact throughout the community. We have already raised enough to provide 200 fruit trees! Help us reach even more families by making your donation today, August 30—the final day to contribute. Donations may be made by cash or check. Please write “VBS 2026 Mission Project” in the memo line of checks. All donations will appear on your giving statement. Contact Beth Stoffregen or Itzel Mancilla with any questions.

### **Student Ministry Confirmation Classes Begin September 20!**

Sundays, 9:15am-10:00am, in Peter's Parish

Student Ministry Confirmation is starting back up for middle school and high school students who want to grow in their faith through God's Word, Lutheran teaching, and honest conversations about life and faith. Students are encouraged to bring their questions, grow in community, and deepen their understanding of who God is. For more information, please contact Tim Rivera.

### **Mid-Week Student Ministry Nights**

Tuesday, September 1st, and Wednesday, September 2nd, from 6:00pm-8:00pm in Peter's Parish

High school students are invited to gather on Tuesday evening, and middle school students are invited to meet on Wednesday evening. Both groups will meet at Peter's Parish and are welcome to come and enjoy food, fun, fellowship, and a great time in God's Word. For more information or if you have any questions, please contact Tim Rivera.

### **Save the Date: Forest Home Winter Camp Info Night**

Wednesday, Sept. 9th, from 6:00-7:00pm in Peter's Parish

Red Hill Lutheran youth are headed to Forest Home Christian Camp for Winter Camp, January 15–18, 2027! Parents are invited to a no-pressure Winter Camp Info Night on Wednesday, September 9, from 6:00pm to 7:00pm in Peter's Parish to ask questions, learn about camp, and begin planning for this meaningful investment in their student's faith. Students will still have youth group during that first hour with our youth leaders.

## **GENERAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California**

Men's Weekend: September 24th-27th, 2026

Women's Weekend: October 1st-4th, 2026

Location: St. Joseph's Retreat Facility – Rosemead, CA

Registration Deadline for the Men's Weekend: Sept. 17th

Registration Deadline for the Women's Weekend: Sept. 24th

Have you been looking for a way to deepen and enrich your faith? Or perhaps with the busyness of life you feel distant and disconnected from God. Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California is a three-day movement built just for these reasons and held locally in the Los Angeles area.

Developed out of the Catholic Cursillo movement from the Spanish Church almost 100 years ago, Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California hosts weekends dedicated to renewal, connection, and grace led by both Lutheran Lay people and members of the Lutheran Clergy. It is offered to all baptized members of the Lutheran church and is 100% free to attend. For more information about this set of weekends specifically or about Lutheran Cursillo of Southern California in general, email Beth Stoffregen at [beths@redhillchurch.org](mailto:beths@redhillchurch.org). You can also learn more at [www.lcsocal.org](http://www.lcsocal.org).

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## UPCOMING AT RED HILL

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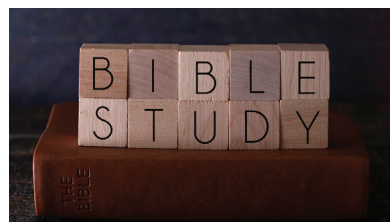
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Sunday Mornings  
 9:15am to 10:00am  
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### NEW DISCIPLEU

Starts Sept. 6th  
 9:15am to 10:00am  
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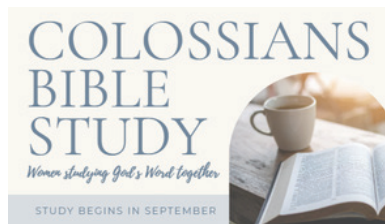
### WED. BIBLE STUDY

Wed. Mornings  
 7:00am to 7:45am  
 Sanctuary



### MENSDAY STUDY

Monday Evenings  
 6:30pm to 8:00pm  
 Peter's Parish



### WOMEN'S CIRCLES

Beginning Sept.  
 AM & PM Groups  
 Peter's Parish



### WOMEN'S BUNCO

Fri. Sept. 18th  
 5:30pm to 7:30pm  
 CLC



### MINISTRY EXPO

Sun. Sept. 13th  
 9:00am to 12:00pm  
 CLC



### CURSILLO WEEKEND

Men's September  
 Women's October  
 Contact Beth S.



## The Messiah...The Son of the Living God

*Matthew 16.16 ... Simon Peter replied, “You are the **Christ**, the Son of the living God.”*

Χριστός (*Christos*): “Christ” (“Messiah”)

### WHAT KIND OF MESSIAH?

A \_\_\_\_\_ Messiah.

*Matthew 16.21 From that time Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.*

*Isaiah 53.4-5 Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. <sup>5</sup>But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.*

*Matthew 16.22-23 And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “Far be it from you, Lord! This shall never happen to you.” <sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a **hindrance** to me. For you are not setting your mind on the things of God, but on the things of man.”*

σκάνδαλον (*skandalon*): “Stumbling block”

### WHO CALLS US TO...

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*Matthew 16.24-26 Then Jesus told his disciples, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. <sup>25</sup>For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. <sup>26</sup>For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul?*

*Romans 6.3-4 Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup>We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.*

(Answers Suffering. Surrender.)