

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

October, 2024

Redeemer Lutheran Church

redeemerscottsdale.org

7670 E. Jomax Road
Scottsdale, AZ 85262

Tel.: 480-585-7002

Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Holy Communion

October 6, 20, 27.

Virtual Bible Study

Thursdays, 7 PM, Skype
(No Class 10/3, 10/31)

**Church Forum and
Voters Meetings**

Forum: 10/13, Before
Bible Class.

Voters: 10/15, 6:30p at
Redeemer.

Ladies' Guild

Saturday, October 12,
12p, Rudy's BBQ
15257 N Northsight
Blvd. *All Ladies Welcome!*

**Meditations & News
from around the ELS**
available in the Narthex.

Also available to you,
Please contact Pastor

- **Private Confession**
- **Christianity 101**
- **Jr. Confirmation**

**The Congregation
Prays: A Guide to
Daily Devotions
In Sunday's Bulletin!**

Bear Ye One Another's Burdens

Here are some excerpts from a couple of extended quotes from **Dietrich Bonhoeffer**, the pastor, spy, and conspirator against the Nazis:

“The Cross is that dying of the old man which is the result of his encounter with Christ. The cross is not the terrible end to an otherwise God-fearing and happy life, but it meets us at the beginning of our communion with Christ. When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die. It is the same death every time—death in Jesus Christ, the death of the old man. Only the man who is dead to his own will can follow Christ. In fact, every command of Jesus is a call to die, with all our affections and lusts. But we do not want to die, and therefore Jesus Christ and the baptism in the name of Christ means both death and life.

Baptism sets the Christian in the middle of the daily arena against sin and the devil. The wounds and scars he receives in the fray are living tokens of this participation in the cross of his Lord. While it is true that only the sufferings of Christ are a means of atonement, yet since he has suffered for and borne the sins of the whole world and shares with his disciples the fruits of his passion, the Christian also has to bear the sins of others. But he would certainly break down under this bur-

den, but for the support of him who bore the sins of all.

The passion of Christ strengthens him to overcome the sins of others by forgiving them. He becomes the bearer of other men's burdens—‘Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ’ (Gal. 6:2). As Christ bears our burdens, so ought we to bear the burdens of our fellow men. The law of Christ is the bearing of the cross. My brother's burden which I must bear is not only his outward lot, his natural characteristics and gifts, but quite literally his sin. And the only way to bear that sin is by forgiving it in the power of the cross of Christ in which I now share. Forgiveness is the Christlike suffering which it is the Christian's duty to bear.” —*Quoted from the Treasury of Daily Prayer, p. 763-764.*

“When we ask the question of where we can hear Jesus' call to discipleship today, there is no other answer than this: listen to the Word that is preached, and receive the Sacrament. In both of these, listen to Christ himself. Then you will hear His call!” —*Quoted from Dietrich Bonhoeffer's Works, vol. 4, p. 204.*

God bless you! I'll see you Sunday.
With Love, Pastor.

The Christian Crash Course

A Study on The Bible—
Story by Story, Subject by Subject
Come as you are!
Sunday mornings, 10:30a

Kids!

**Trunk-or-Treat Event
Redeemer Parking Lot
Saturday, October 26th
3—5p. Welcome!**