

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

February, 2025

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

Sundays in February

AED Training Session

Sunday, Feb. 2, 10:30.

Virtual Study: JONAH

Tuesdays at 5 PM on
Skype beginning 2/4

New Member Welcome

Sunday, Feb. 16th

Elders & Council

Tues., 2/18 at 6:30 PM
at Muths

**Book Club: Peace Like
a River— at Richards'**

Wed. 2/19 at 6 PM

Ladies' Guild-Sat. 2/22

local eatery TBA

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!

Why Be Lutheran?

When I was a youth in Confirmation classes at Grace Lutheran Church back home, our Pastor personally chose the Bible passages that he spoke over each of us at our Confirmation. I remember that day vividly. I remember the suit I wore. I remember the robes and the pictures being taken. A whole slew of us took up the front rows at church on a warm Sunday in May.

We made our vows according to the tradition, to remain faithful to our Lutheran confession, and *suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it.*

That day I found out the Bible verse my Pastor chose for me. He chose Romans 1:16: **"I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes."** Ever since, this has been one of my most-treasured verses in the Bible. With these words, St. Paul, speaking in the Spirit, announces the power for our salvation. He removes any idea that *faithfulness* is our gift to God—or something that lies in our ability to provide or contribute to in the least. *Faithfulness* is the way our God deals with us. It is the way He sees to it that we have faith and remain in the faith. We suffer all, yes: *with the help of God.*

St. Paul puts all his confidence in

God's Word of Gospel for salvation. St. Paul preaches into our hearts to do the same: for us, and for the world. The Gospel he is talking about is the forgiveness of sins in Christ crucified for us. The forgiveness of sins confers on us new spiritual life and brings the promise of bodily resurrection for eternal salvation. That's what Lutherans believe. That's what you believe, when you believe.

The Gospel of *Christ crucified for sinners* is the power of God for our salvation. The Gospel of Christ crucified for sinners is the power of God for the salvation of the world. The Gospel of Christ, crucified for us, is at the heart of the Bible. That Gospel is applied to us in the Baptism we receive in Jesus' Name for the washing away of all sin. That Gospel is announced to us in the Absolution and addressed to us in the sermon. It takes the shape of *true food* and *true drink* in the Sacrament of the Altar, which is infinitely more than just a symbol or an empty reminder of an absent Christ. It is His Body that was nailed to the cross for us, once and for all, and the blood He shed for the life of the world, now given to us for the remission of all our sins.

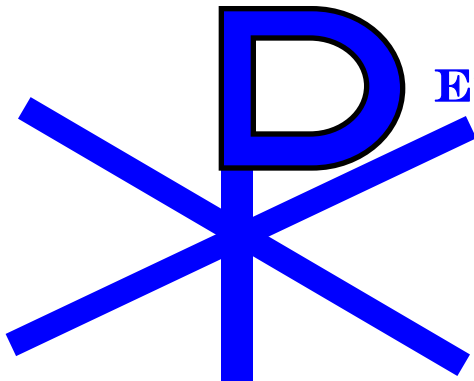
If you would be Lutheran—be so for that!

God bless you all, see you Sunday!

Welcome to our Newest Members!

God Bless Your Membership!

- Fred & Patti Mayer
- Dave & Vicki Richards
- Dick & Ginger Welling



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In response to various requests from some of our membership to stay informed about meetings, plans and projects, this back page of our newsletter is provided. Please let Pastor know if there is more that we can do to keep everyone in touch and informed!

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and Facebook:*

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*Please Promote our
Worship Services and
any Online Content*

**THANK YOU TO
EVERYONE WHO
HELPED WELCOME
PASTOR BRYANT
TO OUR CHURCH
LAST MONTH!**

***PLEASE PRAY FOR
THE EFFORT AS
THE DECISION IS
MADE HOW BEST
TO PROCEED...***

**COMING UP:
REDEEMER PLANS
TO HOST
THE PASTORS OF
THE ELS
WEST COAST
CONFERENCE**

April 30-May 1

**Volunteers Needed for
Services & Hosting**

Please Contact Pastor

- **Voters Met in January.**
- **An AED Training Session** is scheduled for **Sunday, February 2nd at 10:30 AM** in place of the Bible Class Hour. Please plan to attend.
- **Midweek Bible Class** is moving to **Tuesday Evenings at 5PM** on Skype beginning this month. Please join us to study the **book of Jonah** in the month of February. All are welcome!
- **Welcome to our Newest Members** at Redeemer! **Sunday, February 16th** after worship, a Cake Reception is planned. Welcome Fred & Patti, Dave & Vicki, Dick & Ginger! God bless you!
- **Elders & Church Council** plan a meeting on **Tuesday, February 18 at 6:30 PM** at the **Muth's home. Thank you for hosting!** The Following Items are Anticipated for Discussion:
 - Nominations for Office for 2025
 - Additional musical support options for worship
 - Potential Engagement: ELS Congregational Counsellor, Pastor Ed Bryant
 - West Coast Pastor's Conference
 - Internet Service, Website, and Consultation/Support Options
- **Thank you to Dave & Vicki Richards** for hosting the new **Book Club for us!** The book: **Peace Like a River**— at **Richards' home, on Wednesday, February 19, 6 PM.** Dave & Vicki Richards' home: 7700 E. Nimitz Road, Scottsdale. The Book Club is for men and women, members of the church as well as family, friends and neighbors. The Book to read before that day is Peace Like a River by Leif Enger. The book is available from Amazon. Phoenix Online Public Library also has many downloadable copies of both the book and audio-book. **Please RSVP** by text to Vicki Richards at 520-449-3300. If you do not text, please send an email to Vicki at jdvail@hotmail.com.
- **Ladies' Guild**— scheduled to meet on **Saturday, February 22nd**, at a local eatery, TBA. We anticipate **Wildflower Bread Company** at 7001 N. Scottsdale Rd., unless other plans are announced. Please watch bulletins and emails. Thank you to Sue Muth for all her time taking charge of the kitchen! As Sue steps away, Vicki Richards and Susan McIver are stepping in to take over. Thank you! We currently have Judy, Marilyn, Vicki, and Erika doing communion preparation: Thank you!
- **New Altar Guild and Communion Assistant** volunteers are needed. Also: If anyone would like to help prepare and distribute a **spiritual gifts inventory**, please let Pastor know.