

THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

August, 2025

Redeemer Lutheran Church

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Scottsdale, AZ 85262
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Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Online Bible Study:

+ Proverbs +

NEW DAY & TIME!

Thursdays, 6PM
On Microsoft Teams.

Moms in Prayer

On hiatus till December

Ladies' Guild

Meets Sunday, August
17th, after the Service.

Elders & Council

Monday, 8/18, 6:30 PM
at Redeemer.

**Book Club: The
Flames of Rome – at
Erika's, Monday, 8/11
at 6 PM.**

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
- Christianity 101
- Jr. Confirmation

The Congregation
Prays:
A Devotional Guide
In Sunday's Bulletin!

The Full House of Faith

You're Adopted.

We used to say that to each other when we were kids. It was playful. It was also an insult. Brothers and cousins used the words to isolate and ostracise one another. Sometimes it was just for a laugh. Maybe at other times it was really meant to hurt somebody.

That's when the idea was to convince you that you are not really part of the family. You are not one of us. You don't belong.

I have heard it said that adoption is (or can be) challenging for families. The bonds between parent and child are forged later, and without the same sense of belonging that comes with natural descent. There may be some truth to this.

But make no mistake about it: adoption does not isolate or ostracise. Adoption includes. Adoption brings you into the family, just as much a part of it as any natural born child would be. Adoption means *you are one of us*. Adoption means you belong.

In God's household, the Church, the rite of adoption is by water and the word. Baptism and Gospel promise guarantee your family membership and your place as a child and heir.

In his book *Thank, Praise, Serve and Obey*, William Chancellor Weedon

writes about this. He says:

“Think about our earthly adoptions for a moment. A child is legally declared to be a member of a new family. That child, then, is a member of that family objectively; his or her behavior does not have anything to do with obtaining that new status. The parents rejoice and celebrate the gift of the new member of their family.”

Adoption is costly—never moreso than in God's family, where the price was the blood and death of the Father's Only-begotten Son on the Cross.

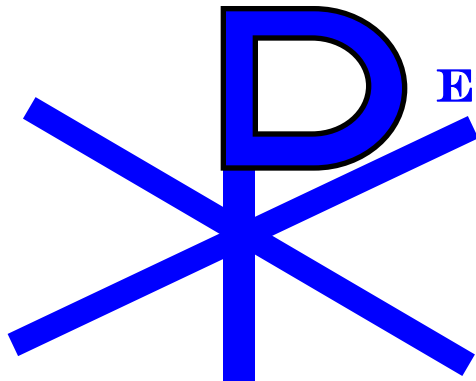
Adoption is challenging—with the children of adoption struggling against the rules of the house because of the sinful nature they have from birth, now and again breaking out in bad words, behaviors, and even impure thoughts. But God chose it—to *create* you; to *redeem* you when you were lost and estranged from Him; to *wash your sins away and adopt* you into His family.

*For in Christ Jesus you are all sons of God, through faith.*²⁷ *For as many of you as were baptized into Christ have put on Christ.* (Galatians 3:26-27.) Weedon says: “The family has patterns into which the adopted child will now grow.” That is to say:

God Bless you—See you Sunday!
With Love in Christ, Pastor.

Please Pray for
Our Sister Congregation,
Hope Lutheran, Leander, Texas
And Pastor Jerry Gernander

Midsummer with Matthew—
Devotionals for the Summer with
Pastors from around our Synod,
on our church facebook page



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Our Church Forum met Sunday, July 13th, after the Service. **Our Voters Assembly** met on Monday, July 14th at 6:30 PM at Redeemer. Thank you to everyone for their attendance, discussion and input, and willingness to serve! Below are **unofficial minutes** from the meeting.

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**Thank you to each of
the Officers and the
Elders who have
served our congrega-
tion so faithfully in
this last term!**

**Thank you to Norm
Hartigan, Bill Muth,
Bryan Carlson, and
Jim Bonnell**

**Learn More about
our Evangelical Lu-
theran Synod and
Bethany Lutheran
College through the
synod website**

www.els.org

**Please Consider
Volunteering
for our Shared
Work!**

Summary: The Voters approved the purchase of a new organ, purchase of some new furnishings for the pastor's study, and elected officials for the present term. President Norm Hartigan called the meeting to order at 6:32pm. Pastor led an opening prayer. Reports from the Treasurer, Trustees, and the Pastor had been presented to the forum on the prior Sunday. There were no notable questions or clarifications asked after these reports at the Voter's assembly.

Item: The organ is broken and deemed irreparable. A motion was made to allocate \$6000 for the purchase of a new Allen organ pending its inspection and approval by Cheryl Hartigan. m/s/p.

Item: New bookshelves are sought for the pastor's study to free up room for storage and organizing the closet. The motion was made to allocate up to \$500 for the purchase of a new Ikea bookshelf. m/s/p.

Item: Elections. A motion was made to elect Mike McIver to the office of congregational president. m/s/p.

Item: Elections. A motion was made to elect the full slate of candidates to their respective offices. m/s/p.

Officers elected: President: Mike McIver. Vice President/Elder Chair: Dick Welling. Treasurer: Bryan Carlson. Financial Secretary: Norm Hartigan. Evangelism: [Temporary Vacancy.] Secretary: Dave Richards. Head Trustee: Jim Bonnell.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. m/s/p.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer around 7:25pm.

It is expected that the Council will appoint two additional elders, one of whom will be John Colville, and that formal installation, and an organ dedication will take place, dates to be determined.

- **Midweek Bible Class** continues the **book of Proverbs** this month: **Thursday Evenings at 6PM**. We meet on Microsoft Teams. Coming soon: I Peter.

***The Link for Thursday Bible Class (to paste into your browser) is:

<https://teams.live.com/meet/9367419412339?p=3VieYxdvLBuNh2dpyl>

- This month, our **Book Club** will be reading the book: **The Flames of Rome** by **Paul L. Maier**. Next month, we'll meet at **Erika Schmeissing's home**, on **Monday, August 11th** at **6 PM** to discuss it. The book is available for purchase on Amazon.com and available on loan from the church library. Please RSVP to Erika: 480.773.5330.
- The **Christian Crash Course**: The Bible, Explained for anybody, Subject by Subject, for you and your loved ones. Call or Text 715.497.0089.

Thank you to everyone for their volunteer efforts! Please talk to Pastor, Mike, Carole, or a Ladies' Guild member to volunteer. God bless you!