

# THE DESERT STREAM



—Isaiah 35.6

September, 2025

## Redeemer Lutheran Church

*redeemerscottsdale.org*  
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Scottsdale, AZ 85262  
Tel.: 480-585-7002

Sunday Worship... 9a

Sunday School... 10:30

Midweek Bible Study:

+ 1 Peter +

Thursdays, 6PM  
On Microsoft Teams  
And at Redeemer  
(No Class 9/11/25)

Moms in Prayer

*On hiatus till December*

Ladies' Guild

Meets Sunday, Sept. 21,  
after the Service.

Elders & Council

No September Meeting

Forum & Voters

10/5 & 10/6, at Church

Book Club: A Skeleton  
in God's Closet – at  
Erika's, Monday, 9/15  
at 6 PM.

Please Contact Pastor—

- Private Confession
  - Christianity 101
  - Jr. Confirmation
- The Congregation  
Prays:  
A Devotional Guide  
In Sunday's Bulletin!

## *Sprachgefühl*

Toward the end of the summer I finally opened a gift that I have had waiting for me since Christmas. I had wanted to brush up on language skills, and my wife Heather got me a lifetime membership with Rosetta Stone. I couldn't be more delighted!

Luther writes in German. So I started there. I had studied German before, but I was surprised to find how quickly it got rusty. You start to lose it if you don't make use of it. So I went to the very beginning, and started learning like a novice, or like a child would.

Pretty soon my wife and I were sitting together, and I'm learning from the software, and she's learning from me, and we're learning together. We laugh at the particularities of the language and our own attempts to imitate it. I laughed out loud at the sentence we made by mistake, here in translation,

*The Apples is Blue.*

You don't naturally know a language. You learn it. You might learn it slower or faster, with more or less aptitude, but the words and the forms and the structure—they all come to your ears and impress themselves on your mind. You learn them by heart. You repeat them and reinforce them by the use of them. I actually think you can develop a *Sprachgefühl*—you start to get a feel for the language!

The same lesson holds for matters of faith. There's a reason the Apostle tells us to *hold fast the form of sound words*, 2 Timothy 1:3. That's not just a safeguard against innovation—that's a divine calling to God's Words: to *hear them, read, mark, learn, and take them to heart*, as the familiar prayer says.

The Bible says that salvation is by faith. It says: faith cometh by hearing. As you hear the words, repeat them, think about them, and make use of them in prayer, you become more and more proficient. You get a feel for the language of faith! So it says: *Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly.*

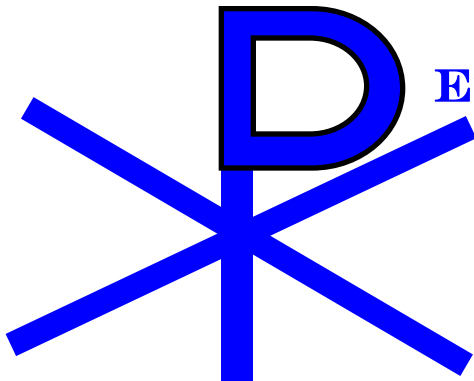
Yet since we are all students of Jesus and learners of His Word, we will learn together from Him. Questions are welcome! There's no reason to blush if it takes time to learn (and learn again) the language of faith. We have every encouragement for this very thing:

**What does it say? "The word is near you, in your mouth and in your heart" (that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); because, if you confess with your mouth that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:8-9.)**

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

**Coming Soon, this Fall: Work Party  
Social Events at the Church! Let's  
spruce the place up, pray, and eat!**

**Roger Macholl's Funeral Service  
Will be at the National Memorial  
Cemetery of Arizona  
On Wednesday, Sept. 24th, 9am.  
*Blessed be his memory.***



# DESERT STREAM CLASSIFIEDS

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**Our Elders and Council** met at Redeemer on Monday, August 25th at 6PM. Thank you once again to everyone for their attendance, discussion and input, and willingness to serve! Below are **unofficial minutes** from the meeting.

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the Officers and the  
Elders who will now  
serve our congrega-  
tion in the present  
term.**

**Thank you to our  
Ladies' Groups for  
all their faithful ef-  
forts!**

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Volunteering  
for our Shared  
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Summary: The Church Council took steps to establish regular meeting times and dates, identify and prioritize projects, and assign oversight of these projects: Updated church signage, low voltage lighting and landscaping, online presence (website/social media), community-based Bible classes and information classes, rooftop cross replacement, church clean-up and social events, and grading the parking lot. A generous allocation for developing our online presence was designated. John Colville was appointed an Elder. Jonathan Hamilton was approved for voting membership.

President Mike McIver called the meeting to order at 6:23 pm.

Pastor Hamilton led an opening devotion from 2 Timothy 1.1-2.

Roll Call: Jim Bonnell, Bryan Carlson, John Colville, Pastor Hamilton, Jonathan Hamilton, Norm Hartigan, Mike McIver, Dick Welling.

Item: Approval of secretary's minutes from the previous meeting. m/s/p.

Reports: Pastor's report, Treasurer's report. Trustees & Elders, No report.

Old Business: Special giving to defray the cost of the new organ was discussed. No action was taken.

New Business: Setting meetings and calendar population, listing and prioritization of projects and responsible persons,

Item: The first Monday of the month was selected for regular meetings.

Item: \$5000 allocation for online presence development. m/s/p.

Item: John Colville appointed to the Board of Elders. m/s/p.

Item: Jonathan Hamilton approval for Voting Membership. m/s/p.

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

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer around 7:20pm.

### **Sundries**

- **Midweek Bible Class** will take up the **book of 1 Peter** this month: **Thursday Evenings at 6PM**. We meet on Microsoft Teams, and **beginning this month in person at the Church!** (Please note: no class 9/11)

\*\*\*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: **A Skeleton in God's Closet** by **Paul L. Maier**. Next month, we'll meet at **Erika Schmeissing's home**, on **Monday, September 15th** 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!*