

# Redeemer Review

The Episcopal Church of the Redeemer  
A caring community offering opportunities for spiritual growth  
by knowing, loving and serving God through each other

November, 2004

The Wardens, The Bishop's Committee  
And the Mission Family of Redeemer  
Invite you to the Institution  
of

The Rev. Carol Luther  
As the Ninth Vicar of the  
Episcopal Church of the Redeemer  
123 Knight Drive, San Rafael

On Sunday, the 14<sup>th</sup> of November  
Two Thousand and Four  
At Four o'Clock in the Afternoon

The Rt. Rev. William E. Swing will Preside

Childcare will be provided  
Clergy: Red Stoles

Reception to follow at  
St. Luke Presbyterian Church  
15 Bay View Avenue, San Rafael

This invitation, *which you will note is from all of us*, has gone to all the Vicars and Rectors in the Diocese. Also to Rev. Carol's friends, colleagues and family. Also invited are the past Vicars of Redeemer.

This will be both a joyous day and also a very important one in the history of this parish. Your presence and participation will be your gift to our new Vicar!

## FROM THE VICAR

Grace and peace to you in this month of Thanksgiving. Long ago, St. Teresa of Avila wrote a very famous prayer of encouragement:

Christ has no body now but yours  
No hands, no feet on earth but yours  
Yours are the eyes through which He looks  
with compassion on this world  
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Encouragement was important to her. St. Teresa lived at a time in history that was torn by war and Inquisition, but she lived only for hope. In a like spirit is that quintessentially American celebration of Thanksgiving which we celebrate each November, a holiday that came into being, not at a time when all was going well, but during one of the darkest and most divided moments in our history. The year was 1863 and we were in the middle of Civil War when President Lincoln proclaimed a national day of thanks. Thanksgiving suggests that if we hold on too tightly we will find conflict, but if we can let go, we will find peace. Contained within the single word "thanksgiving" is both gratitude and generosity. It is not what we have that saves us, but what we share.

Jesus was a great thanks-giver. By giving thanks, he was able to turn seven loaves and two fish into a meal for a multitude. The Eucharist which we celebrate each Sunday is a prayer of thanksgiving, when the Church gives thanks to God by sharing the story of how one man defeated fear and death by means of a miraculous meal.

As the Church, we are all about feeding one another. Our riches are love, community and care, family, friendship, meals, laughter, people to walk life's road with you and a story of hope that will knock your socks off. The Church freely offers you these gifts. As St. Teresa said, we are the Body of God. We seek to be the kindly village that raises our children and youth with joy and truth. We seek to be the ears that hear the wisdom of our elders. We work at being the hands that care for one another through thick and thin. President Lincoln knew this when he signed the first Thanksgiving proclamation, that at times of uncertainty, human beings stay alive by sharing, or as Bishop Mark MacDonald of Alaska put it, "There are no enemies at forty below." Gifts for a journey, gifts for births, for marriages, for anniversaries, for deaths, for growing up and going away to college, for the first home, these threshold times are when we lay our offerings and offer our support.

Each year the Church crosses its own threshold time. We exist only because you pledge to keep us. Your annual pledge to Redeemer ensures that Redeemer will thrive for another year. In the next newsletter I will talk with you about the economy of God, but first I will simply give thanks.

May your Thanksgiving table be rich in the abundance of God's love.

Blessings,



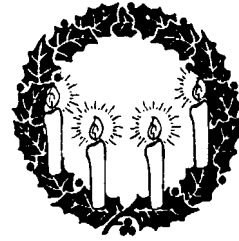
Rev. Carol Luther

**Don't forget to vote - NOVEMBER 2<sup>ND</sup>!**

**WANTED: A COUPLE OF NEW BISHOP'S COMMITTEE MEMBERS!**

Explore your interest with Cathy Kirk, Kelly Mason or Rev. Carol

## SERVICE & EVENT NOTES



### Nov 7<sup>th</sup> GIVE THANKS SUNDAY

10 AM - ONE SERVICE followed by sprucing up church and grounds in anticipation of the Bishop's visit on the 14<sup>th</sup>. Soup and Sandwich lunch follows the work!

### Nov 14<sup>th</sup>

10 AM - ONE SERVICE

4 PM - INSTITUTION OF REV. CAROL

followed by Reception at St. Luke Presbyterian Church

### Nov 24<sup>th</sup> - SERVICES OF THANKSGIVING

At NOON and 6 PM

Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> ELECTION DAY - PLEASE VOTE!

Nov 4<sup>th</sup> Lunch Bunch at noon

Nov 7<sup>th</sup> Food Drive ends

Nov 9<sup>th</sup> & 23<sup>rd</sup> Through the Wardrobe Door

Nov 10<sup>th</sup> Book Club @ Ann Zolezzi

Nov 11<sup>th</sup> VETERAN'S DAY

Nov 12<sup>th</sup> Floating Friday @ Erlers

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Diocesan Training Day 9 - 4 @

St. John's, Ross. See flyer at church

Nov 13<sup>th</sup> Holiday Bazaar @ St. Paul's 10-3

Nov 14<sup>th</sup> Family to family gift giving for Ritter House begins

Nov 21<sup>st</sup> Advent wreath making 4 pm

Nov 28 Advent begins!

"No Turkey" party for youth

Nov 30<sup>th</sup> Homeless Chaplaincy Dinner

### LOOKING AHEAD:

Dec 12<sup>th</sup>: BRING A FRIEND SUNDAY

Chevy's, Greenbrae, eat and earn  
20% of sales for Redeemer

Jan 22<sup>nd</sup>, A DAY OF DISCOVERY

For all who seek to grow in their ministry and spirituality, a full vocations conference for all the faithful!

## ADVENT WREATHS

Make your own on November 21st,  
4 pm at the Church  
Hot cider and Cookies!

Fellowship and projects for kids and adults.

Make a wreath for your family today, be ready for the first Sunday in Advent on November 28<sup>th</sup>

Please sign up in advance so that a wreath/candleholder can be purchased for you.

Donation requested to cover expenses - see sign up sheet at church.

ALSO, please bring cut greens with you.

## DIOCESAN TRAINING DAY

Sat., November 13<sup>th</sup>, 9 - 4

Are you interested in becoming a Eucharistic Minister?

Are you interested in Christian formation for parents?

IF YOU ANSWERED 'YES' to any of these, plan to attend this day at St. John's Ross. Broaden your faith.

Flyers available at church

## FROM DEACON JULIE

### BY INVITATION ONLY!!

You are cordially invited, singly, or as a family to a very special dinner. It costs you nothing but your time - doesn't that sound appealing???? Do you have two hours that you would like to share in food and fellowship with other people who also like food and fellowship? Go and take a peek at your calendar: Are you free on November 30 in the evening? Can you manage to carve out time from around 4:45, until 6:30? If you can't make it until 5:30, that's OKAY too. You see, THIS INVITATION IS OPEN TO EVERYONE! Let's all be there, the more the merrier.

Where is it? Dinner will be served at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael (across the street from the library). YOU, WE, will be the set-up crew, the servers, some of the diners, the clean-up crew. Cooks will be those people in our church and the Church of the Nativity who are not able to actually attend the dinner. Now you KNOW the food will be good!

Other diners will be those wonderful people who have taken the opportunity to talk about wellness while living outside, as offered by the Marin Interfaith Homeless Chaplaincy. Diners will include members of the staff of the Chaplaincy. It's a great way to meet new people. It's a great way to find out who are some of our neighbors - who are some of the people who are not as fortunate as we who live in warm homes. Other than where those people sleep at night, many are just like you and me. COME DINE - COME MEET - COME BE FILLED

Julie Jensen

## OUTREACH

**Marin Food Bank:** Our annual food drive will end on November 7<sup>th</sup>.

Please bring non perishable foods, especially canned meats to the church.

**Ritter House Adopt-A-Family:**

Coming in November: The adopt-a-family program is a special opportunity to give children gifts of new toys and clothing that their parents cannot afford. We will also give some special gifts to the parents. It's a special time to share our love and compassion as we begin the Advent season.

**Starcross:** Do you save aluminum cans, plastic bottles and wine bottles for Redeemer?

Anything that has a recycle surcharge on it + wine bottles will be sold and the money sent to support the children suffering from Aids in both Sonoma County and in Kenya.

Place your donations in the marked containers behind the church. THANKS!

Ps Once again, Starcross Community is selling holiday wreaths and dried fruit for Christmas. If you would like to support this friend of Redeemer, you can order online at <http://www.starcross.org/> or pick up an order form at church.

## CONGREGATIONAL CYCLE OF PRAYER

November 7 - We give thanks for all those who volunteer to keep our grounds alive and well.

November 14 - We give thanks for all of our members who so generously gave to the annual Food Drive for the Marin Food Bank.

November 21 - We give thanks that we are able to live in our land that is a blessing and haven to so many who have left their native lands.

November 28 - We give thanks for the 10:30 lay readers whose part in that service is so enriching to us all.

## REDEEMER LUNCH BUNCH

November 4<sup>th</sup>, December 2<sup>nd</sup>  
12 to 1 in the church

- Everyone is welcome.
- Bring your own sandwich (bag lunch)
- Coffee and tea provided

Questions? Call Betty Baird - 457-8543



## WEDNESDAY'S WOMEN

Hostess provides drinks and dessert. Attendees should bring a sandwich and RSVP to hostess each month.

October 13<sup>th</sup>, Hostess is: Sydney Kennedy. Book is Blue Latitude by Tony Horwitz.

November 13<sup>th</sup>, Hostess is: Ann Zolezzi. Book is Kite Runner by Khaled Hosseini.



## SAINTS AND ANGELS

From time to time we remember those who ascend slightly above to hover for a while and buff their halos.

**Nick Clark and Rick Skubecz** for replacing shingles on the shed roof (inbetween showersrecently)

## AT THE THREE CHURCHES

St. Paul's

St. Anne's Guild Holiday Bazaar, Sat., Nov 13<sup>th</sup> between 10 am and 3 pm.

## Website? Why have a Website?

Jay Luther

"What's the point in having a church website? I mean, after you put up the time for services, that's pretty much it, isn't it?"

Well, no.

Yes, service times are on the home page-- followed by a link to the coming week's lessons for those who want to get ahead a little. But a church has a lot more events than just services. Our Calendar page has both monthly and weekly calendars listing these events (*and* the Rota), while the home and Activities pages will usually have narratives telling you what they're all about. Major Diocesan and Three Church upcoming events are also discussed on the home page. Best yet, everything is (well, usually) kept up to date, so you don't have to stand in an empty church waiting for that rescheduled event to actually happen in a week or two. Upcoming youth events are on the (you guessed it) Youth page.

Or perhaps you're feeling nostalgic and want to remember what we were doing a few months ago. There are lots of pictures of Kids Carnival and River Rafting up now, and the *Redeemer Review* is online, too. Major sermons, like Rev. Carol's recent confirmation sermon in Grace Cathedral, are linked on the Sermons page. And if the Sermons page doesn't give you enough substance, take a look at *The Rev's Blog*, where some of the thoughts underlying the sermons may be explored.

If your younger kids are bored, there's a Bible Stories Coloring Book on the Kid's Corner page. If you want to find the current religion news here in the United States and around the world, the Episcopal News Service and moreover.com feeds are on the World News page. There is a *lot* going on, and you'll seldom learn about it from the local papers.

The Links page carries links to social ministry and church sites that Redeemer has worked with, like Starcross Community and Ritter Center, and Grace Cathedral and St. Paul's. More importantly, it also has links to religious sources- like *all* the Books of Common Prayer, Online Study Bibles, and BeliefNet, and prayer practices such as *Lectio Divina* and Centering Prayer. Yes, folks, even in a community centered religion like Christianity, some of this stuff *can* best be discovered at home by the soft gray light of your computer monitor.

And this really is only the beginning. Redeemer's website is still so young that it doesn't yet show up directly on Google, though some places that link to it will appear. As it gets older, and receives input from you, it will become ever more distinctively *our* website.

So here's the challenge: go to [www.redeemermarin.org](http://www.redeemermarin.org), see what you like and don't like, think about what features should be added or deleted, and let us know. How? Why, through the Email Us page, of course. Just click on the webmaster's link there or at the bottom of any page. And unlike that online fixit site you wish you hadn't subscribed to, a prompt response is guaranteed.

## ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Joe & Sally Garbarino 1954  
5 Glenn & Julie Godbold 1989

## BIRTHDAYS

- 9 Cathy Kirk  
11 Ann Moreira  
12 Liz Chiarolla  
13 Terri Leinsteiner  
16 Haley Godbold '95  
19 Betty Duncan  
22 John Thomason  
22 Mei Sirui Gerlach 2001  
23 Tom Jereb  
26 Sallie Wood  
29 Cynthia Poulos  
31 Kate Tuttle '97

## SUNDAY SERVICES

- 9.15 Kids' Church for children and their families  
10.30 Holy Communion with music  
(Healing prayers are offered at end of each service)

**NOTE SOME CHANGES /ADDITIONS THIS MONTH.**

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123 Knight Drive  
San Rafael, CA 94901

*Address Correction Requested*

To have communion brought to you please call  
Julie Jensen, 924-2073

**DEADLINE** for December/January  
Newsletter is November 15<sup>th</sup>

Articles received after that date may not be  
included until following issue.

Please email articles to [sueclarkca@aol.com](mailto:sueclarkca@aol.com)

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