

# The Valley Evangel

*Serving the Members and Friends of Redeemer Lutheran Church in Scottsdale and Sun of Righteousness Lutheran Mission in Queen Creek*



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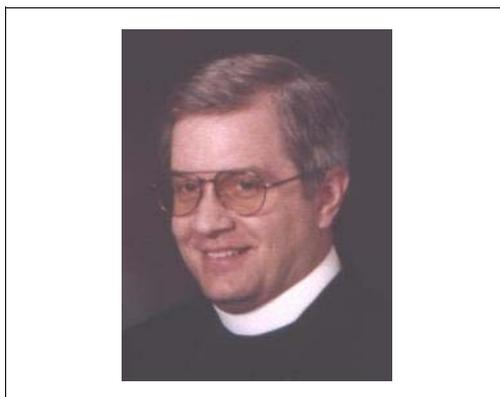
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## FROM THE PASTOR'S DESK

The season of Epiphany is short this year. So, February 6 is already the first day in Lent: Ash Wednesday. According to our custom, we will offer the imposition of ashes for those wish to receive this emblem of repentance at the beginning of that evening's Communion Service, at 7 p.m.

On the following Wednesday evenings during the season of Lent (February 13, 20, & 27, and March 5 & 12), the Ladies Guild will host a soup supper at Redeemer in Scottsdale, serving from 6 to 6:30 p.m., to be followed by Vespers at 7 p.m. The sermon in each of these mid-week services will be based on the Epistle Lesson from the preceding Sunday.

On the six Sundays of Lent (February 10, 17, & 24, and March 2, 9, & 16), during the Adult Class hour in both Scottsdale and Queen Creek, we will go through a special six-part study of the Augsburg Confession. This Confession was compiled and composed by the theologian Philip Melanchthon, and was presented



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by the Lutheran princes at the Imperial Diet of Augsburg in 1530. It is the chief official doctrinal statement of the Lutheran Church. Through the words of this Confession, orthodox Lutherans still declare to the world what the Divine Scriptures teach – and what they therefore believe – about God, man, and God's salvation of man.

In some places in eastern Europe, such as Slovakia and Poland, the Lutheran Church

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## WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY TIMES

**Scottsdale:**

Sunday Divine Service: 9:00 a.m.  
Refreshments after the Service  
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 10:30 a.m.

**Queen Creek:**

Sunday Divine Service: 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday School/Adult Bible Class 5:15 p.m.

**Wednesday "Bible & Theology" Study Group: 7:00 p.m.**

Loughran home in Scottsdale  
Note: This Study will not be meeting during Lent

**Friday Bible Study: 10:00 a.m.**

Calvin home in Scottsdale

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## California/Arizona 2008 Women's Mission Rally

### *Celebrating 25 Years of Mission Gatherings*

Mark your calendars for Saturday, March 1<sup>st</sup>, 2008!! Make plans now for you and your friends to attend the Silver Anniversary of the California/Arizona 2008 Women's Mission Rally being held at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 7670 E. Jomax Rd., Scottsdale, AZ 85266 from 9:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Early registration is appreciated! An inspirational program and scrumptious lunch is planned!!

As keynote speaker presenting **Mission Work Begins in the Home**, Joslyn Moldstad, author of "*Jesus, Our Family Guest*," encourages us to share our spiritual gifts, to teach mission work daily to our families and friends through example, illustrating how our contributions inspire others and create leaders in the mission field.

In **Mission Work in Our Communities**, Pastor Jay Webber offers ideas for grassroots mission opportunities closer to home that have built "sister" congregations.

Pastor Steve Petersen concludes with **Mission Work Globally** demonstrating how we can continually make a difference in the lives of other children and families through our support of Cross-stitch programs.

**We are very excited to host this important Mission Rally and encourage all of you to join us!! We would love to see each church from our circuit represented. Our prayer is that this Rally will strengthen and inspire our own mission work and be a blessing to us and to those near us who do not yet know Christ!**

## California/Arizona 2008 Women's Mission Rally

### *Early Registration Form*

*Please send early registration forms in by Feb. 10, 2008*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone No. \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Church \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Yes, I will need babysitting services.  
Number of children \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ My \$15.00 registration fee is included.  
(Please make check payable to Redeemer Ladies Guild and mail to: Sarah Kissinger, 21710 N. 78<sup>th</sup> St., Scottsdale, AZ 85255)

Questions? Call Lucille Calvin at 480-502-0590 or visit our website  
<http://www.angelfire.com/ny4/djw/redeemer.html>

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historically has not used the word "Lutheran" in its name, but instead referred to itself as the "Evangelical Church of the Augsburg Confession." These Lutherans wanted to accentuate the fact that their church should not be defined on the basis of an individual personality or heroic figure, but on the basis of the doctrine it confessed. Our congregation, too, while it does include the word "Lutheran" in its name, is also bound constitutionally to the teachings of the Augsburg Confession. This is true also of our synod, and for every other Confessional Lutheran synod in the world.

There is clearly a great benefit to the Lutheran laity becoming familiar with the confessional documents of their church, and especially with Augsburg Confession. Everyone, therefore, is cordially invited, and encouraged, to attend these classes. The translation of the Augsburg Confession that we will primarily use is the one found in the recently-published "Concordia" edition of the Book of Concord, which many of the members of our parish own. Photocopies of the pertinent pages will also be provided for those who need them.

And in the meantime, if anyone wants to get a head start on preparation for this series of classes by reading the Augsburg Confession in advance, English translations of the Augsburg Confession can be found online at several locations. You can link through to one of them through this web page:

<http://tinyurl.com/hsx3>

On this web page you will also find links to the original German and Latin versions (just in case anyone is able to read those languages), and to various translations of the others confessional documents of the Lutheran Church as found in the Book of Concord.

As we prepare together for the season of Lent, let us think together about the mercy of God shown toward poor sinners like us. And let us be thankful for the salvation that we have been granted by God's grace alone.

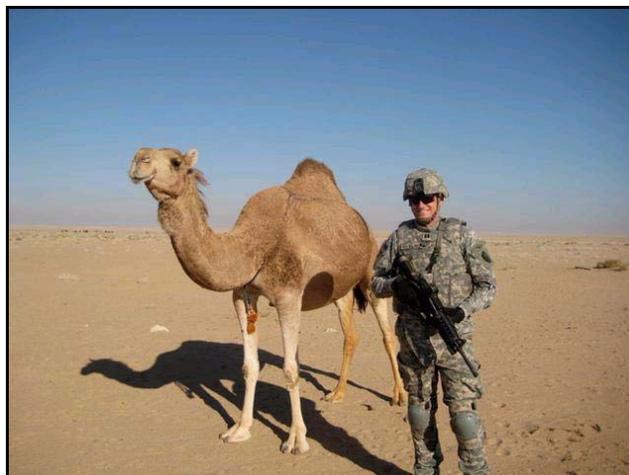
We can be helped in this respect by the testimony of Article XX of the Augsburg Confession, which reminds us that *"our works cannot reconcile us with God or obtain grace for us, for this happens only through faith, that is, when we believe that our sins are forgiven for Christ's sake, who alone is the mediator who reconciles the Father. Whoever imagines that he can accomplish this by works, or that he can merit grace, despises Christ and seeks his own way to God, contrary to the Gospel. This teaching about faith is plainly and clearly treated by Paul in many passages, especially in Eph. 2:8, 9, "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and this is not your own doing, it is the gift of God not because of works, lest any man should boast," etc. ... Although this teaching is held in great contempt among untried people, yet it is a matter of experience that weak and terrified consciences find it most comforting and salutary. The conscience cannot come to rest and peace through works, but only through faith, that is, when it is assured and knows that for Christ's sake it has a gracious God, as Paul says in Rom. 5:1, "Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God." Amen!*

Pastor Webber

### LET US CONTINUE TO REMEMBER CAPTAIN ANDREW PAWLING IN OUR PRAYERS.

Andrew, a member of Redeemer, is currently stationed in Baghdad with the U.S. Army. In spite of the dangers that he and his comrades face every day, Andrew is optimistic about the work they are doing.

He writes: "I will tell you that we have made a positive impact on this country. It is hard to tell how much because I don't have a previous deployment as a reference point. I am really starting to believe that this is a good thing." And Iraq also has its lighter moments. As this photograph shows, Andrew also has time to enjoy getting acquainted with the native fauna:



**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**FEBRUARY 2008**

<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>MONDAY</b>	<b>TUESDAY</b>	<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	<b>THURSDAY</b>	<b>FRIDAY</b>	<b>SATURDAY</b>
					<b>1</b> No Bible Study today	<b>2</b>
<b>3 Divine Service</b> 9:00am DS (S) 10:30am SS/AC (S) 4:00pm DS (Q) 5:15pm SS/AC (Q)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>6</b> 7:00pm <b>Ash Wednesday Divine Service</b>	<b>7</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10am at the Calvin residence	<b>9</b>
<b>10 Service of the Word</b> 9:00am SW (S) Ladies Guild after the service (S) 10:30am SS/AC (S) 4:00pm SW (Q) 5:15pm SS/AC (Q)	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00pm Church Council (S)	<b>13</b> 6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00 <b>Lenten Vespers Service</b>	<b>14</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>15</b> Bible Study 10am at the Calvin residence	<b>16</b>
<b>17 Divine Service</b> 9:00am DS (S) 10:30am SS/AC (S) Church Cleaning and Cookout after SS/AC (S) 4:00pm DS (Q) 5:15pm SS/AC (Q)	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> 6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00 <b>Lenten Vespers Service</b>	<b>21</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10am at the Calvin residence	<b>23</b>
<b>24 Service of the Word</b> 9:00am SW (S) 10:30am SS/AC (S) 4:00pm SW (Q) 5:15pm SS/AC (Q)	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>27</b> 6:00-6:30pm Soup Supper 7:00 <b>Lenten Vespers Service</b>	<b>28</b> 7:00pm Catechism Class	<b>29</b> Bible Study 10am at the Calvin residence	

Abbreviations:

DS—Divine Service (SW) Service of the Word SS/AC = Sunday School / Adult Bible Class

(S) = Scottsdale (Refreshments in Scottsdale immediately follow the morning Service) (Q) = Queen Creek

**Divine Service**—Full Word and Sacrament Service with Communion on 1st, 3rd and 5th Sundays

**Service of the Word**—a brief spoken order of Holy Communion follows the public service on the 2nd and 4th Sundays

## Jesus Shows that He is Divine

On one particular evening after His ministry in the region of Galilee was completed, Jesus went up on a mountainside, most possibly Mt. Hermon in Israel, to pray. Three of the disciples, Peter, James and John were with him.

During the night while the disciples were asleep, Jesus' divine nature was displayed in a way that had been hidden until now. He was "transfigured," meaning, His outward appearance had changed and He exuded a brilliance like a great white light. Moses, the great law-giver, and Elijah, the renowned prophet of long ago, appeared with Jesus on the mountain. The three of them discussed our Lord's impending death.

You may ask, "Why did all this happen?" According to His human nature, we can surmise that this event gave Jesus, strength as His bitter passion and death on the cross loomed in the very near future. But, there is more. Jesus wanted to reveal to disciples present, that He is truly God. He has not only a human nature, but also a divine one.



This is also important for you and me today! God the Father spoke and said, "*This is my Son, whom I love; with him I am well pleased. Listen to Him!*" God was indeed "*well pleased*" with His Son. He sent His Son, Christ Jesus, to earth to take all our sins upon Himself and to suffer death so that we could be set free from our sins and be declared "not guilty." Because Christ would accomplish this saving work, God was well pleased with His Son.

Trust in our Savior who is true God and true man. He has taken your sin and you are declared "not guilty!"

Thanks be to God!

*My faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly Thine!*

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## Announcements

### Golf Outing March 1, 2008

A golf outing is being planned for those that are interested. We have reserved a Tee Time at Bellair Golf Club in Glendale with a starting time of 10:30am. The club is located at 17233 N. 45th Ave. in Glendale.

Cost will be \$33.00 per person. Golf cart is included. The range is 18 holes with a par of 59. There is also a practice range available with a bucket of range balls costing \$5.00 (large) or \$3.50 (small). Two putting greens are also available, as well as a restaurant and snack bar.

For more information contact John Colville by email, with the subject line "Golf". He needs to have your confirmation by January 31 to let Bellair Golf Club know how many will be playing.

Contact John Colville at 602-996-6463 or email [jmcolville@qwest.net](mailto:jmcolville@qwest.net)

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**Sun of Righteousness Mission**  
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Elementary School  
22076 E. Village Loop Road South  
Queen Creek, AZ



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[sunofrighteousness.vze.com](http://sunofrighteousness.vze.com)

**Notice!**

Audio recordings of  
Pastor Webber's sermons  
are posted on the Internet  
weekly and are available  
through both church  
websites above, and  
published courtesy of  
[lutheransource.net](http://lutheransource.net)



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## ABOUT REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH

*Our mission is to  
preach the Word of  
God, both Law and  
Gospel, faithfully in  
accordance with the  
Holy Scriptures and  
the Confessions of  
the Evangelical Lu-  
theran Church; cor-  
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the Holy Sacraments  
for the forgiveness of  
sins; and to reach out  
to those who have not  
yet come to faith in  
Christ Jesus.*



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