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Carlsbad, CA... Lutheran Churches across San Diego County will help one of their own welcome a new pastor. Rev. Augie Iadicicco will be installed as the new Pastor on April 3rd at 3:00 pm at Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church in Carlsbad.

“Pastor Augie” comes from Saving Grace Lutheran Church just outside of Phoenix, Arizona where he has been Pastor for eight years. When he began at Saving Grace only two dozen people were regularly worshipping each week. Today, the church has grown to more than 2-hundred attendees with a thriving youth group and traditional and contemporary services.

Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church is located in Aviara, a residential community with many families. “I'm most excited about encouraging our church to engage the community in creative and helpful ways. There is a misconception that churches are only interested in self-preservation. However, to the contrary, as the people of God we have much to offer a world in need. Our goal will be to love and serve our community so generously that they would truly miss us if we were not here,” said Pastor Augie.

Pastor Augie will be joining a church that operates a dynamic Kindergarten and Preschool. It's a thriving school in state of the art facilities with more than 270 children.

Originally from Western New York, Pastor Augie brings passion for people both young and old. “We believe that ministry should be a joy and that our love for Christ should be contagious,” said Pastor Augie Iadicicco.

Rev. Dr. Allen Kolkman will preside over the installation and a message on ‘Beginning a New Chapter’ will be delivered by the LCMS District President Rev. Dr. Larry Stoterau. Area pastors from throughout San Diego County will be in attendance. A reception will immediately follow the service.

Rev. Robert McDonald, the founding Pastor of Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church, retired in 2009. Since then Rev. Peter Alexander has served as the interim Pastor.

The installation of a new Pastor is a time of celebration and rejoicing. It is somewhat of a wedding between the incoming Pastor and the Church congregation. Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church is looking forward to this marriage.

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