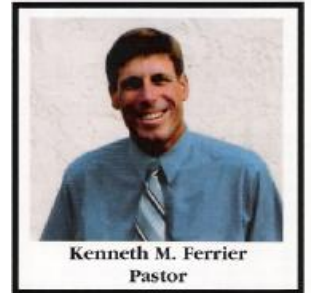


Holy Week Wholly Observed

This year Holy Week begins on Sunday, April 9, with the observance of Palm Sunday. Hymns filled with "Hosannas" will help us recall the day when Jesus rode into Jerusalem ... the King of Kings, on the back of a donkey. Crowds surrounded Him with cries of adulation. Palm branches paved the path before Him.

But as the week progresses we quickly discover that His path is leading to anything but popular acclaim. Thursday evening finds Him with His disciples sharing a Last Supper in the Upper Room. It is a night of sorrow...of parting...of betrayal. It is also a night of love. He, the Lord and Master, kneels to wash His disciples' feet. He bequeaths to them - and us -- the Sacrament of His holy body and blood. He also leaves His "new commandment": "Love one another as I have loved you." It is this *mandate* which gave rise to the tradition of calling this night "Maundy Thursday".



Kenneth M. Ferrier
Pastor

With breathtaking rapidity the scene moves to the Garden of Gethsemane...the kiss of betrayal...armed arrest...Jewish trial...Roman trial...biting lash...crown of thorns... cruel cross...He gives up His spirit -- and our spirits come alive in His blood-bought forgiveness. It is more than GOOD Friday. It is holy ... glorious.

But throughout Friday night and all day Saturday that glory is veiled in darkness... in fear...in despair. Brokenhearted women rise early to finish their dreary devotion. They have no plan, "Who will move the stone?" They have no hope.

But they soon discover a hope reborn. He has risen...He's alive...ALIVE!!! And His life gives life -- to hope...to forgiveness...to joy...to peace...to you and me.

Plan now to be with us every step of the way throughout this "Divine Drama".

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday -- 7:00 pm

Easter Sunday -- 8:00 and 10:30 am

THANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOUTHANKYOU

Have you noticed the new Redeemer bus??? A big thank you goes out to Don and Mary Blakley and to the family of Marilyn Evers (Steve and Eunice Bain, and Ruth Evers) for making the purchase of the bus possible through their generous contributions.

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Pastor Ferrier

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Elders Message



Satan called a worldwide convention. In his opening address to his evil angels, he said, "We can't keep the Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate, abiding relationship experience in Christ. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken.

So let them go to their churches; let them have their conservative lifestyles, but steal their time, so they can't gain that relationship with Jesus Christ. This is what I want you to do, angels. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!"

"How shall we do this?" shouted his angels.

"Keep them busy in the nonessentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered. "Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow.

Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their family fragments, soon, their home will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive. To keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ." "Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards.

Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes. Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines so their husbands will believe that external beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. That will fragment those families quickly!"

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Elders Message *(continued)*



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"Even in their recreation, let them be excessive. Have them return from their recreation exhausted, disquieted and unprepared for the coming week. Don't let them go out in nature to reflect on God's wonders. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, concerts and movies instead.

Keep them busy, busy, busy!

And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, involve them in gossip and small talk so that they leave with troubled consciences and unsettled emotions. Go ahead, let them be involved in soul winning; but crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus.

Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

It was quite a convention. The evil angels went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to get more busy and more rushed, going here and there. I guess the question is: Has the devil been successful at his scheme?

You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

B-ing

U-nder

S-atan's

Y-oke?

With You in His Service,

Tim Byrne, Elder Chairperson

Easter Lilies

Help beautify our Altar with the purchase of an Easter lily. Cost is \$7.00 per plant and you can take yours home after the 10:30 a.m. service Easter Sunday. **Deadline for ordering is Palm Sunday.** There is a sign up sheet on the activity table in the Narthex. You may pay for your lily by writing Lily on the line under Child Care on your offering envelope.



Christian Support Group

Hmmm. Here it is April already--over a quarter of 2006 gone forever. This special Easter season culminating on April 16 is in full swing, leading us to the joyful news of our Savior's Gift of Eternity for us. Through Him and what He suffered on the cross for us, we now have the choice to live for Him or ignore what He did for us. It's really up to us, isn't it.

The support group invites any and all persons, whether or not your burden in life is physical or some kind of ordeal which you believe to be insurmountable. Come and discover what all of us have experienced in sharing our burdens: Some degree of Spiritual and earthly peace. Maybe we can help you, too. There's an empty chair around the table just waiting for you, and the chair next to you: Surprise! Our Savior, the Unseen Guest.

April meeting: April 25 @ 10 a.m., Fellowship Hall

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY: What peace it brings to the Christian's heart to realize that our Heavenly Father never differs from Himself. In coming to Him at any time, we need not wonder whether we shall find Him in a receptive mood. He is always sensitive to misery and need, to love and faith as well. He does not keep office nor set aside appointments for when He can find time to see us. Neither does He change His mind about anything. Today, this moment, He feels toward His creatures, toward babies, the fallen, the lame in body and spirit, exactly as He did when He sent His only Son into the world to die for all of us.

OUR BEAUTIFUL SAVIOR NEVER CHANGES HIS LOVE FOR US! BE ASSURED.

*In His Most Holy Name,
Shay and Rol Thurow*



While a crowd greeted Jesus with cheering approval on Palm Sunday, some people were quite disturbed with the crowd's actions. They thought the demonstration was "out of order" and asked Jesus to silence the crowd. Jesus responded that if the people were silent, "the _____ would shout out" (Luke 19:40, NRSV).

What did Jesus say would shout out?

- | | |
|-----------|------------|
| A. Trees | C. Animals |
| B. Stones | D. Sky |



Ladies Guild

NOTICE DATE: In April the meeting of the Ladies Guild will be held THURSDAY April 6th instead of Wednesday, due to Lenten Suppers. This meeting will be the last one until the Fall season, so hopefully everyone will make a point to attend. We will meet at NOON for a lunch of salads, dessert and drinks. Everyone is asked to bring a Salad to share. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

Thanks to everyone for contributing to the "Bake Bakeless" fund. We are happy to announce \$553.00 was made. The style show made \$966. Thanks to Georgette for arranging the style show and all the ladies who helped.

A reminder to all if you have not read about the scholarship fund that is available to young people from our church who will be attending college this year. If you have questions or would like to apply, please see Margie Cypher.

The quilting group is making lap quilts for shut-ins and the nursing home on Drury Lane. Please come and join in the making of these quilts. If you would like to see the ones already made come on Monday. The ladies have done a beautiful job, but many more are needed. If you have any materials etc to donate, talk to the Quilting ladies.

The vertical blinds, donated to the quiet room by the ladies, have been installed.

The Fall bazaar will be held again this year. **NEEDED** --items home made. We have received, in the past, items donated similar to a yard sale. Since this is a bazaar, we need things that **YOU** have made. If you will have a donation, please call Margie Cypher. **START NOW**

Thanks to Margie Cypher for preparing coffee, orange juice and donuts for the April 4th Circuit Pastor's meeting.

The April meeting is important to attend. We will have election for a President and Vice-President for the coming year. A special **THANKS** goes to Georgia Lang for her service as President. We will be sorry to lose her.

New Item: Note the new refrigerator in the kitchen. This was purchased and donated by the ladies. **THANKS LADIES** for a good choice.

If you need to make any corrections in whatever, please feel free to do so. Thanks!

Submitted by Lessie Kirch

President's Corner

The Church Council and I thank you for your continued prayers and support. A great big thanks to The Ladies Guild on behalf of the Congregation for the new refrigerator. I am sure it will be greatly be appreciated by all.

Hey folks its time for the Redeemer family to have a cook out. Mark your calendars for April 30th. The Church Council and School Board are sponsoring this event. Featured will be the two H's of American cuisine and culinary delights, hamburgers and hot dogs.

For some this will be the last opportunity to gather together in fellowship this season since the urges to migrate north again are getting pretty strong. Plan to be there since it would not be a family cook out with out you.

Child Care is part of the Redeemer family and we are asking those children and their parents to attend. The parents already trust us with taking care of their children. I wonder what would happen if we reach out to these parents. Let's conduct that experiment and see what happens.

A freewill offering will be taken to offset the costs. There will be two sign up sheets in the Narthex. One so that we can determine how much food to get and the other for volunteers to help.

Remember this is a family cookout and without you the family will not be complete.

Submitted by Joe Carlos

New Members

MEMBERS

Rev. Earl & Lanette Schmidt
 7345 Swinton Avenue
 Port Charlotte,FL 33981
 651-357-6210

Earl & Lanette are from Ada, MN where Earl retired as a Lutheran Minister MS after 40 years service. Lanette was the organist at Zion Lutheran Church in Ada, MN. She was also a music teacher and plays the organ and piano. Earl enjoys fishing, chess, cards and traveling. Lanette's hobbies are knitting, scrabble crossword puzzles, gardening, music and traveling.

ASSOCIATES

Gary & Barbara Monson
 7500 Park Pointe Drive
 Englewood, FL 34224
 698-1555

Gary is a retired high school teacher. Barbara was a part-time teacher. Gary's hobby is fishing. Barbara enjoys reading, music, gardening and politics.

Jim & Mary Turner
 3412 Grand Vista Court
 Unit 102 (Riverwoods)
 Port Charlotte, FL 33953
 629-8303

Jim owned a machine tool and die company in Macomb, MI and Mary is a homemaker. Jim and Mary enjoy golf.

Please meet and greet our new members and welcome them into our Redeemer family.

Assimilation



April 2

April 9

April 16

April 23

April 30

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

April

Linda Rogers & Barbara Bishop

Sheila Curry & Jonti Lute

EASTER (Ladies Guild)

Phylis Lehner & Clare Kieselburg

Youth

GREETERS SCHEDULE

April

8:00 A.M.

April 2 Stan & Ruth Bentley
April 9 Erv & Elizabeth Maki
April 16 Jack & Marilyn Melcher
April 23 Scott & Maureen Altmann
April 30 Youth

10:30 A.M.

April 2 Ione Comstock & Georgette Callahan
April 9 Francis & Marian Zillins
April 16 Byron & Mary Beaber
April 23 Don & Bonnie Roussin
April 30 Youth

Church Housekeeping

April 1 Allan & Lois Webster
April 8 Dolores Altmann & Mary Blakley
April 15 Harvey & Marj Sterriker
April 22 Ray Janssen & Sam Jollay
April 29 Cecil & Sybil Grahl

April Birthdays

Sybil Grahl	4/1
Earl Boyd	4/2
Henry Rudolph	4/2
Pam DeGourse	4/3
Lea Wonsey	4/3
Joseph Kamp	4/4
Connie Rieck	4/5
Herb Bohm	4/6
Shirley Peterson	4/8
Cecil Grahl	4/9
Avis Stuck	4/12
Rolland Thurow	4/12
Angie Ziegler	4/14
Robin Altmann	4/16
Maxine Brunner	4/16
Jennifer Dunn	4/16
Don DeGourse	4/18
Roland Hansen	4/19
James Dunn	4/20
Sharon Grcevic	4/20
Laura Brooks	4/22
Vanessa Peterson	4/23
Edward Sita	4/23
Dora Comstock	4/25
Robert Vickey	4/27
Glenn Mossner	4/28
Linda Rogers	4/29
David Schurr	4/29

April Anniversaries

		Years
Henry & Katie Rudolph	4/3/1965	41
Edward & Virginia Doenges	4/6/1957	49
Byron & Mary Beaber II	4/10/1999	7
Harold & Esther Notter	4/12/1942	64
Charles & Betty Keller	4/24/1948	58
Roland & Donna Hansen	4/26/1948	58
Ron & Ellie Ratzlaff	4/27/1963	43

Please notify the Church Secretary if you are left off the list or if there is an incorrect date. This way the records will be correct.



**Birthdays &
Anniversaries
This Month!**

From the Office

Soon some of you will be returning to your Northern nests. Please remember to let the Church Office know when you are planning to leave.

Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for May is **Sunday, April 16th** immediately after the 10:30 service.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to shortstack44@ewol.com or place them in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after April 16th will be held for the June newsletter.

Please be sure to put your name on the article so I can contact you if there are any questions.

Thank you, Leta Leimer

Please Note: Email address has been changed!!!
(The difference is the number 44 has been added)



SPECIAL DATES

April 2	Daylight Saving Time	April 13	Maundy Thursday
April 9	Palm Sunday	April 14	Good Friday
April 9-15	Holy Week	April 16	Easter Sunday

Address Changes

Please make the following changes to your bright pink 2005-2006 Church Directory

REMOVE

Richard Borchers (Deceased 3/12/06)

ADD

Earl & Lanette Schmidh
7345 Swinton Ave.
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
651-357-6210

James & Mary Turner
3412 Grand Vista Ct., Unit 102R
Port Charlotte, FL 33953
941-629-8303

Gary & Barbara Monson
7500 Park Pointe Dr., #45
Englewood, FL 34224
941-698-1555

CHANGES

Don & Ada Hagerman—941-429-5649

Ken & Betty Heimlich—P.O. Box 224

Norma Grewe—#314

Jerold Schreiner—941-475-2014

If you find an error or know of anyone changing their address or telephone number, please contact the church office.

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary

Counters Needed

I am still in need of counters for the Month of May. If you are interested, please contact Leta at (941) 697-1244.



**OFFERING
COUNTERS**

Stephen Ministry

Redeemer Lutheran Church commissioned their first class of Stephen Ministers on March 26, 2006 so that they may comfort others as they have been comforted. They have worked extremely hard and their dedication has paid off. The course involved pre-class reading and in-class lecture, discussion, and role playing. The Stephen Ministers have shown real growth in knowledge and skills.

They will now receive care receivers to visit and will continue meeting twice monthly for continuing education but more importantly for small group peer supervision. The goal of small group peer supervision is for Stephen Ministers to work together to enable the best distinctively Christian care possible to benefit their care receivers. Faithful participation in supervision is an important promise that is made by each Stephen Minister.

Some Future continuing education classes are: Ministry to the Dying and Their Family and Friends, Caring for People Before, During, and after Hospitalization, Ministering to Those Experiencing Losses Related to Aging, Ministering to Persons Needing Long-Term Care and many more interesting subjects necessary for a Stephen Minister.

A Stephen Minister is not a counselor and cannot solve problems but they can listen, pray and hopefully help the care receiver find his or her path to healing and wholeness. We leave the curing to God as we care for the person.

Please pray for the Stephen Ministers " that God would develop the fruit of the spirit in them: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control ". (Galatians 5:22-23)

Please pray for our care receivers that they will be blessed by the care giving of their Stephen Ministers.

Submitted by Carol Carlos

Chartless

I never saw a moor,
I never saw the sea;
Yet I know how the heather looks,
And what a wave must be.

I never spoke with God,
Nor visited in heaven;
Yet certain am I of the spot
As if the chart were given.

—Emily Dickinson



HEALING:

Members

Sarah Bruno
 Arlene Harden
 Joan Johnson
 Marlaine Keller
 Cliff Larsen
 Jaye Nistendirik
 Don Plesner
 Irma Proehl
 Rusty Queck
 Sandra Scheel
 Edda Specht
 Shay Thurow
 Rose Wagasy

Friends & Relatives

Valerie Buie
 Irene Eckert
 Earleen Eitrem
 Judy Griffith
 Barbara Hentch
 Emily Kroll
 Ben Maloney
 Crystal Reynolds
 Kathy Rosidivito
 Joey Scarangella

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



Herb Bohm
 Bernice Heppner
 Ruth Jansch
 James and Henrietta Prather
 Bertha Sandhusen
 Norma Spaw

Child Care

Thursday, March 16 the child care hosted a Lil' Bits Safety Seat Check Point. It was conducted by the Charlotte County Fire/EMS and Charlotte Regional medical Center. Parents and others from the community came to have their car seats checked to make sure they were installed properly, using the right car seat, and to receive information on Lil' Bits Child Safety Seat Program. A program designed to keep the children of our community safe while traveling in a vehicle. Over 96% of children in the state of Florida are either not in a safety seat, not in a safety seat properly, not in a proper seat, or the seat is not installed properly. Child restraints are 71% effective in reducing infant deaths and 54% effective in reducing toddler deaths.



Let's keep our loved ones safe.



Shaylee Hesketh, one of our babies turned one on Tuesday, March 14, 2006. they sure don't stay babies very long. Happy Birthday Shaylee!!!

Submitted by Shawn Richard

Stewardship

As we prepare this newsletter article we are still receiving replies from our 2006 Stewardship Program, so it is too early to report the number of completed promise cards and updated Time and Talent surveys received. However, it is never too early to express thanks to all of our members who have participated in this annual Stewardship effort. So please know that your responses are very much appreciated and are very important. Your thoughtful and prayerful responses are critical to our success in accomplishing His work here on earth through Redeemer.

This year we have mailed out 204 Stewardship messages, requesting completed Promise cards and updated Time and Talent Surveys. We also hope that the Time and Talent emphasis on the promise card did not miss your notice. We want to make sure you all are aware of the service needs of our congregation, and hope that you are moved to serve in some needed capacity. Redeemer has consistently been blessed with willing servants, but we have recently been left with opportunities in some areas. We hope to fill those opportunities through this year's program.

As soon as we are able, we will report the number of the responses we have received during this program. We have pretty much operated at about 50% responses during the past several years and would like very much to exceed that level, so please join in and return your Time and Talent Survey form and your 2006 Promise cards. Thank you and God—guide and keep each of us in His service.

Submitted by Board of Stewardship

Outreach

Many thanks to all of you who attended the Bohm's Ball. We had a great time and Herb Bohm really enjoyed the evening and was overwhelmed with your caring and love shown to him.

Thanks to the following people who worked and gave their time and talents:

- Committee Members: Maxine Brunner, Doris Dykhuizen, Pat Petersen, Jane Hovik, Sybil Grahl, Pam De Gourse, Cathy Mielke, Susie Haupt, Carol Haupt, Lois Webster, Dorothy Sinowetski, Ruth Speer, Inge Tringali, Pat Wilcoxen
- Food: Jane Hoivik, Sybil Grahl, Pat Petersen, Pam DeGourse
- Clean Up: Cathy Mielke, Terri Cooper, Maxine Brunner, Doris Dykhuizen, Pat Wilcoxen,
- Greeter/Ticket Inspector Inge Tringali
- Photographer: Ed Sita
- Herb Bohm's Poster: Dorothy Sinowetski
- Our Gal Friday: Pat Wilcoxen
- Set Up Tables: Doris, Pat, Maxine, and Terri
- Decorations: Terri Cooper and Maxine Brunner
- Directing the Men's
- Leg Contest: Doris Dykhuizen
- Punch: Margie Cypher
- Saturday Clean Up Cecil Grahl and Sam Brunner

Thanks to Pastor Ferrier, Joe Carlos, Pam DeGourse and Goerge Dykhuizen for being special presenters for the Ball.

Thanks to Pastor and Michelle for being King and Queen for the Ball. We selected the best looking couple!

Men's Leg Contestants: Allan Webster, Joe Carlos, Erv Maki, Steve Procuk, Henry Rudolph, Vern Speer, Collins and Ed Sita, George Dykhuizen, Dick Hughes, Sam Brunner, Harv Sterriker, Henry Krueger, Paul Davis, Ed Doenges, Earl Stuck, Tom Lang, Ron Ratzlaff, Sheridan Markert, Erwin Nesvacil and Ray Janssen.

Special thanks to the mystery guest, Carol Haupt—she was wonderful!

- Awards:

The Harriest	George Dykhuizen
The Skinniest	Dick Hughes
Mr. America	Ron Ratzlaff
Mr. Muscles	Erwin Nesvacil
Most Tanned	Allan Webster
Miss Congeniality	Carol Haupt

Many thanks to all of you!!

The Judges were fantastic—Susie Haupt, Lois Webster, Ruth Speer, Dorothy Sinowetski

A lot of people asked when we will be doing this again. It was a great way for our members, friends, visitors to visit and have a good time.

The Outreach Committee

Herb Bohm's Ball!!!





Counters Needed

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Ha Ha! Corner

Did You Hear This One?

If you know the Bible even a little, you'll find this hilarious! It comes from a Catholic elementary school test. Kids were asked questions about the old and new testaments. The following statements about the Bible were written by children. Pay special attention to the wording and spelling. They have not been retouched or corrected (other than capitalizing the word, "Bible.")

- The first book of the Bible, Guinness. God got tired of creating the world so he took the Sabbath off.
- Adam and Eve were created from an apple tree. Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. Noah built and ark and the animals came on in pears.
- Lots wife was a pillar of salt during the day, but was a ball of fire during the night.
- Sampson was a strongman who let himself be led astray by a Jezebel like Delilah.
- Samson slayed the Philistines with the axe of the apostles.
- Moses led the Jews to the Red Sea where they made unleavened bread which is bread without any ingredients.
- The Egyptians were all drowned in the dessert. Afterwards, Moses went up to Mount Cyanide to get the ten commandments.
- The first commandment was when Eve told Adam to eat the apple.
- Moses died before he ever reached Canada. Then Joshua led the Hebrews in the battle of Geritol.
- The greatest miricle in the Bible is when Joshua told his son to stand still and he obeyed him.
- David was a Hebrew king who was skilled at playing the liar. He fought the Finkelsteins, a race of people who lived in biblical times.
- Solomon, one of Davids Sons, had 300 wives and 700 porcupines.
- Jesus enunciated the golden rule, which says to do unto others before they do one to you. He also explained a man doth not live by sweat alone.
- It was a miricle when Jesus rose from the dead and managed to get the tombstone off the entrance.
- The people who followed the Lord were called the 12 Decibels.
- The Epistels were the wives of the Apostles.
- One of the oppossums was St. Matthew who was also a taximan.
- Christians have only one spouse. This is called monotony.