

REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHILD CARE - MARCH 2013

“MARCH GOES OUT WITH THE LAMB ... WILL THE LION RETURN?”

You have all probably heard of the proverbial phrase describing the month of March As: “In like a lion and out like a lamb.” If you’re from the northern region of our country this phrase might ring well with you, however, there are others who might disagree. Growing up in Chicago, where the weather changes as quickly as the clock turns, this phrase never did take hold with me because of the unpredictable weather we experienced (not just in March, but throughout the entire year). Living in Florida these past four years, where the sun shines constantly and the weather is very predictable, usually HOT!, this phrase is even less effective. So, why do I bring it up? This year on the last day of March we celebrate of the Resurrection of our Lord, Easter Day. Truly, March is going out with “the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world” (John 1:29).

Yet, the end of March or the celebration of Easter doesn’t take place without first experiencing some difficulty and in the case of Jesus, sacrifice. That phrase, “In like a lion,” refers to the blustery and fierce cold weather the beginning of March sometimes will generate (and we did experience it this year in southwest Florida). But in this monthly newsletter I will refer to it with regard to Holy Week, beginning with the Sunday of the Passion/Palm Sunday.

Traditionally the first four days of Holy Week is reserved for the reading of the passion story from each of the four Gospels. Because we are in the three-year lectionary series, Sunday we will read Luke 22:1–23:56; on Monday, Matthew 26:1–27:66 is read; on Tuesday, Mark 14:1–15:47 is read; and on Wednesday it would be fitting to read John 18:1–19:42, even though the lectionary recommends reading Luke again, because John’s Gospel is reserved for Good Friday.

My point being that in reading all four Gospel accounts of the passion of our Lord, we hear and are reminded again and again and again of the great pain, bitter suffering and death He endured for you and all humanity. Reading the Gospel accounts or hearing them read isn’t easy on the

ears. There are many of us who would rather not hear again of His painful sacrifice.

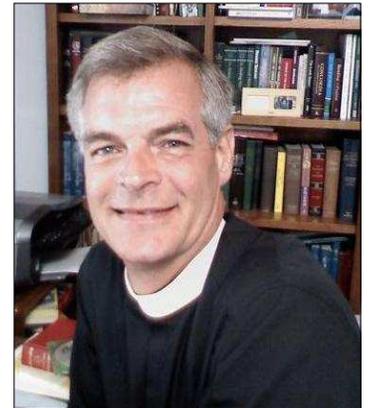
Many of you are familiar with the Mel Gibson produced film, *The Passion of the Christ*, well how often do you pull out the DVD to watch it? Not too often, in fact, for some of

us will avoid viewing the brutal scourging and beating of Jesus. Personally, I had difficulty watching some parts of the movie, especially where His flesh was being ripped apart from His body by the scourging and His face so bloodied and disfigured as a result of all the blows to His head.

I suppose that’s why many of us don’t like to see a corpus of Jesus on the cross. It’s a sad reminder of what He had to experience, what He had to suffer for our full and complete redemption.

But, then again if we don’t read or listen of the account of Jesus’ bitter suffering and death on the cross, does our redemption come without knowing the price paid? If we aren’t reminded of His suffering and death, even through the interpretation of a movie, are we reconciled to the Father apart from a bloody death? Therefore a cross without Jesus would be in a sense looking at salvation without a sacrifice.

I’m not suggesting we read the passion story every Sunday, or watch *The Passion of the Christ* every Friday night, or that everyone should wear a cross with the body of Jesus on it. What I am suggesting is that we poor sinners need to hear and see how we were reconciled to the Father, how the price for sin was paid, and that salvation came with a bloody, sacrificial death of the unblemished Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world ... Jesus, the only-begotten of the Father.



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What a joy it is to see the number of people in church each Sunday. We are so happy to have our associate members, guests, and visitors with us each week. It is a blessing to be able to share our "Winter weather" and our church with you.

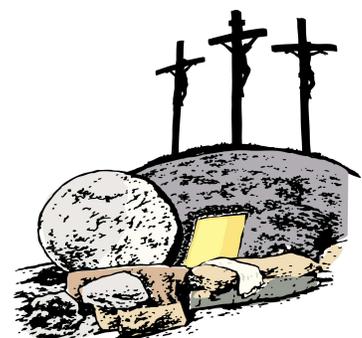
By this time, our small Bible study groups should be in full swing. For those who signed up, I hope you enjoy the learning experience and the fellowship with your Redeemer family.

Thanks to all who worked so diligently to produce our new pictorial directory. Our hope is that it will be ready for distribution by the end of the month.

Finally, we are still in need of your stewardship; both financially and your time and talent. We are particularly in need of a vice-president and property chairman. Many committees would also be appreciative of more volunteers. Please prayerfully consider your personal stewardship with the many blessings our Lord has bestowed on us.

Please enjoy the onset of Spring and the blessings of Easter.

Rich



Continued from page 1 ... "WILL THE LION RETURN?"

If that were enough for us to read or hear or see during Holy Week then Maundy Thursday at least delivers us the refreshing institution of the Lord's Supper (Luke 22:7-20). However, when Jesus says "Do this in remembrance of Me," our focus is again directed toward Jesus and His sacrificial death on the cross of Calvary. Moreover, shortly after the institution of the memorial meal, Jesus in great anguish prays to the Father that the cup of God's wrath would be removed, but not according to Jesus' will rather according to God the Father's will. Jesus was in such great agony, His sweat became like great drops of blood falling down to the ground.

Our Thursday evening ends with the stripping of the altar. Indeed a very sad experience to see the beautiful chancel area stripped of its colorful paraments, linens, etc. It's a lonesome site to see the place where we receive the means of grace lay bare.

Continuing our fierce lion-like journey through Holy Week we finally come to Good Friday. Again we hear of the bitter suffering and death in which Jesus offered Himself for the payment of all sin.

Here at Redeemer we offer three services on Good Friday. At noontime we celebrate what is called the Tre Ore (Latin for three hour) Service which focuses on the three hours of darkness which covered the earth from the 6th hour until the 9th hour. During that time Jesus, according to Holy Scripture, speaks seven (7) words or phrases from the cross.

Later on in the day at 4:30 & 7:00 PM we celebrate a service of darkness, that is, the Tenebrae Service. This service is quite emotional, but offers the reality of our salvation in the real bitter suffering and bloody death of Jesus. We leave the darkened sanctuary saddened, yet with restricted joy eagerly awaiting the announcement after His three day rest in the tomb, "He is not here, He is risen."

My friends, as believers in Christ Jesus we live in Easter joy EVERYDAY! YES! EVERYDAY! Remembering, hearing, listening, watching the brutal suffering and bloody death of Christ Jesus is meaningful. So meaningful was His death and so perfect was His sacrifice, death and the grave could not contain Him. He is King of kings and Lord of lords. He is our Victor! He is our Savior.

The month of March may go out like a lamb with the blossom of flowers and fresh cut grass; but Holy Week concludes with the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. And, if that weren't enough to cling to, "Weep no more; behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered" (Revelation 5:5), He will come again to take you home.

In His Service,
Pastor Kress



YOUTH GROUP FUNDRAISER DINNER

On Wednesday, March 20th our last Midweek Lenten Dinner will consist of a Youth Group Fundraiser. Mike Guastella will be preparing a delicious Italian dinner: Anti Pasta and Baked Ziti. Yum, yum! Of course we hope to receive a few scrumptious desserts from our members as we have throughout the Lenten Dinner Season. As you may well know, our Youth Group hasn't been very active before the beginning of this year. With the leadership of both Dan & Rebecca Fernandez and your support, we hope that our Youth Group will again grow and flourish. There is a free-will offering for this fundraising dinner. The Board of Youth expresses its appreciation and gratitude in advance for your support and prayers. Dinner will be served beginning at 5:15 PM. Looking forward to seeing you there.

CHILDREN'S EASTER EGG HUNT

The Sunday School children along with children from the Child Care will be processing with palm branches and singing "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" (Hymn 443) on Palm Sunday. Also, we would like to invite you to the annual Easter egg hunt that will take place at 9:30 AM on Easter Sunday. There will be light snacks and activities provided as well. All are welcome to attend. As always, if you have little ones in your life or know of a family with children who might like to attend Sunday School, we encourage you to invite them. Sunday School hours are 9:15 to 10:15 every Sunday! Hope to see you there.

Submitted by The Board of Christian Education



Easter Egg Hunt



ASSIMILATION

Our pictorial directory committee was treated to a 'sneak preview' at a recent meeting. As this was passed around our group, we were all more than impressed with the results. The software that my husband, Rich found on the internet (MyCongregation) seemed to work well for our needs. Pastor Kress had suggested we use Floridian foliage as a background for our pictures and that looked terrific. The talented camera ladies (Susan Moore, Karen Kirkland, and Pam Replinger) did such an outstanding job of 'saying cheese', that I believe everyone will be pleased.

As I am writing this, Pat Finkenbine (and hubby, Charlie, by her side) will be putting together and editing the pictures taken of our committees, boards, choir, and all our fun activities. Rumor has it that she is ever so talented at this. Don't know what Assimilation would have done without our 'fearless leader' Bob Buie and his wife, Marion. Thank the Lord for inspiring them to devote their entire winter stay here with us, to work on this project.

Assimilation members, Arlene Harden, Linda Rogers, and Erna Able were all on board each Sunday to make certain folks signed up and that the photo sessions went smoothly. I could keep on going here with endless praise for this committee, who put in endless amounts of hours, so much effort, plotting, planning and yes, love for the completion of this 'huge project'. Thank you, thank you, and God bless you all.

Simply cannot wait to see and distribute the final product, which should be around Easter. ENJOY!!!!!!

Submitted by Deb Kueker, Chairman

***The deadline for the April Newsletter is March 17th.
Please have all your submissions sent to
REDEEMERFL@VERIZON.NET by the time indicated above.
Thank you.***

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

January 2013

<i>Income</i>	<i>Expense</i>
\$25,274.52	\$22,436.52

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us for our next monthly "Property Appreciation" Day on the second Saturday of the month, March 9th!!! We begin at 8 AM. Join us in keeping our buildings and properties beautiful. There's a little something to do for anyone who is willing to help... THANK YOU!-Property Management

LOST AND FOUND

If anyone is missing any items, namely eyeglasses, gloves, umbrellas, etc., please check the Lost & Found box located in the narthex.

LADIES GUILD/LWML

The next Ladies Guild meeting is being held on March 6th at 1:00 PM. If you would like dessert, it will be served at 12:30 PM. We want to thank Tim Byrne for his presentation at our last meeting.

In March, the program will be presented by Pastor Earl Schmidt titled "The Danger that Missed Us". I know you will not want to miss this. We are very fortunate to have Pastor Schmidt with his busy schedule—So ladies lets give him our full support.

The ongoing items for discussion are the usual—quilting, Zone Rally, Lenten Dinners, etc.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR NOW FOR MARCH 6TH.

Submitted by Lessie Kirch

SINGLES LUNCHEON

The Singles Lunch for March will be at Ricaltini's Grill, located at the corner of Placida Rd & Kentucky Ave. in Englewood. We will meet at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, March 12th. PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, MARCH 10TH.

Our April Singles Lunch will be on Tuesday, April 9th at 11:30 AM. We will meet at Compadre's, located at 498 W. Dearborn St. in Englewood. PLEASE SIGN UP NO LATER THAN SUNDAY, APRIL 7TH.

The sign up sheets are located in the Narthex, on the Visitors table. Invite a single friend to join us.

Submitted by Lessie Kirch



BIG RED BUS BLOOD DRIVE



Redeemer had another **“WOW”** from the Florida Blood Center. We had another record turn out. Twenty-three registered donors and three first-time donors. Fifty-four lives were saved with your “Gift of Life”.

Shauna, the FBC representative says Redeemer may become the top donating church in a three city area.

At one point, there were too many volunteers and some were asked to come back a little later. FBC is aware of this and will increase the hours and add another staff member to the Big Red Bus in March.

Many thanks to all who gave and to those who attempted to give but couldn't at this time.

The Big Red Bus will be back on March 24th from 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM.



THURSDAY SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

We would love to have you join us for a fun time of playing cards from 10:00 until Noon. We can use more players. There are several different games we play, take your choice. Followed by games, we break for lunch. Presently everyone is brown bagging. Dessert, coffee and tea are furnished. Tell your friends and join us!

Submitted by Lessie Kirch

ALTAR GUILD

We will be accepting orders for the placement of Easter Lily plants around our altar for the Easter services. They may be purchased for \$7.50 per plant and you may include your payment with your weekly contribution envelope. Write “Easter Lily” on the line below Child Care, show the \$7.50 amount and include this amount with your normal pledge check. To order your plant, a sign up sheet will be on the activity desk in the narthex beginning March 3rd. You are welcome to take your plant home after the Easter morning services.

Submitted by Carol Sheahan



BOARD OF COMMUNITY & PARISH FELLOWSHIP

Anyone interested in exploring a very rewarding experience in giving back to the community and to the church, please prayerfully consider joining the Board of Community & Parish Fellowship. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via e-mail at tylersddy@yahoo.com or you can call me at (941) 286-4122. We have a meeting once a month on the last Thursday of each month @ 7 PM. However, in the month of March we will meet on Wednesday, Mar. 27th. Please feel free to attend.

Submitted by Ty Schulte, Chairman

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING - JANUARY 14, 2013

PRESENT: Rich Kueker, Pastor Kress, Tim Byrne, Bill Bowers, Pam Replinger, Karen Kirkland, Judy Murphy, Carol Carlos, Ty Schulte, Dan Fernandez, Deb Kueker, Betty Clemens. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 PM by President Rich Kueker. Pastor Kress opened with a prayer.

MINUTES of December 10, 2012 were reviewed. BILL MOVED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. TIM SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

CALENDAR for February was presented. The time of the Outreach Meeting was changed from 6:30 to 7:00 PM. If the Sunday date of January 24th is correct for the Crop Walk at 8:00 AM, Pastor said we will not participate physically but can still support with donations. It is usually held on the last Saturday of the month. Dan Reichert from LCEF will be here on January 27th.

REPORTS

PASTOR - Reports attached.

*Missionary to Guinea, West Africa, Jack Carlos preached Sunday, Dec. 30th.

*Thanks to Tim, Rich and the entire Elder Board in giving me time away in celebration of our 25th Wedding Anniversary with family and Rev. David Thiele and his wife, Patty.

*Thanks to Rev. Mark Steinke for filling in on New Year's Eve.

*Sunday, January 27th installation of all Officers, Council Members, Elected Board Members and Elders.

*Sunday, February 3rd Lutheran Hour Ministry Sunday-Rev. Earl Schmidt will preach & have Bible Class

*Lent: ASH WEDNESDAY-February 13th (4:30 & 7:00 PM) Imposition of Ashes & Holy Communion

LENTEN SERVICES-Feb. 20th, 27th, Mar. 6th, 13th, conclude on Mar. 20th in preparation of Holy Week

Holy Week: Palm Sunday/The Passion of Our Lord-March 24th

Maundy Thursday-March 28th (4:30 & 7:00 PM) Holy Communion and Stripping of the Altar at the

Conclusion of the 7:00 PM Divine Service.

Good Friday-March 29th Special Services:

Noon: Tre Ore Service: The Preaching on the Last Seven Words of Jesus

4:30 & 7:00 PM: Tenebrae Service: The Service of Darkness

*Seasonal Pastor Schedule:

-Preaching one Sunday (usually the 3rd Sun.) Each month beginning Jan. and concluding April

-Teaching Bible Class between services on Sunday mornings during same time frame as above

-Available to make visitations to shut-ins, hospitals, and emergencies

*Board of Youth:

-Dan & Rebecca Fernandez elected to Co-Chair

-2013 Spring Calendar

-Starting out small working toward building up interest among Church & Child Care kids in 3rd-8th Grade

*Board of Community & Parish Fellowship:

-Ty Schulte elected as Chairman

-Same principles with the Board of Youth, to focus on the things & events we are currently doing and doing them well and then build up to new ideas.

*Youth Confirmation Class: Thursday 4-5:30 Pm

*Bible Class Opportunities: -Sunday Morning @ 9:15 AM by Rev. Mark Steinke~Genesis 1-11

-Tuesday Morning @ 10:00 AM by Rev. Jim Kress~Three Sixteen

-Thursday Morning Ladies @ 10:00 AM by Rev. Jim Kress~Adoption

PRESIDENT: Welcomed new members, Dan, Ty and Betty. January Voter's meeting Sunday. Keep reports brief and email to Susan by Thursday.

ELDERS: Report attached. Written Wedding Policy & Procedures, approved by Elders & submitted to Council. Pastor Schmidt Material presentation on 2-3-13. Steve Horvath is a new communion assistant.

TREASURER. Reports attached. Judy is trying to correct things that are out of balance. An

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audit will be done next week.

HUMAN CARE BOARD: Report attached. Members in facilities reviewed and discussed. Senior Fellowship running smoothly with 16 to 18 members. Caring Network: Entire congregation divided into groups of 8-10 people. Leaders should be checking on and calling people. Blood Drive had a record of 23 for donation. Dale & Pat Whipple to assist with Crop Walk. Health Advocate Mary Ann is ill. Neva is looking into volunteers to take blood pressure. Mary is revising list of military. Health Fair as outreach, Fall is goal for this project. They are working on small groups of 8-10 people to get together to encourage and support each other in Christ. A leader should be designated to have bible study.

ASSIMILATION: Margie Cypher resigned as treasurer and from committee. Pictorial directory doing well. They are about half done.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: No Report Submitted.

COMMUNITY & PARISH FELLOWSHIP: Report attached. Will continue to do what is already in place and add or make improvements as we go along.

YOUTH: Report attached. 12 children have signed up. They meet every 2nd Thursday at 5:30 PM after confirmation class. Future events include a fund raising dinner in March, fishing in May and a Car Wash in April.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Thanks to Susan for her work on the Cradle Roll and teaching a S.S. class. Plans are being made for the S.S. Rally Day, 2013. Children will sing on Feb. 10th, 2013.

SCHOOL BOARD: Report attached. An application to the Endowment Committee has been made, asking for a grant for a concrete bike path and bikes, etc. There will be rules for bus/van drivers. No radio, texting, etc. BILL MADE A MOTION TO USE \$1000 FROM THE MEMORIAL FUND FOR THE REPAIR OF THE WATER FOUNTAINS. PAM SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED. LATER BILL RESCINDED THIS MOTION BECAUSE INFORMATION WAS OBTAINED THAT THE COST WOULD ONLY BE \$130. Childcare finished the year showing a profit however there is a deficit to the church in the amounts of \$4500 for mileage and \$4200 for Wind & Hail. BILL MADE A MOTION FOR THE CHURCH TO FORGIVE THE DEBT OF \$8700. TIM SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

NEW BUSINESS:

*Tim stated the need to replace 10 robes for the Elders from the designated Memorial Fund in the amount of \$920. The was table for next month. TIM MADE A MOTION TO OBTAIN 4 CASSOCKS NOW IN THE AMOUNT OF \$314.40. TY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

*TIM MADE A MOTION TO SEND PASTOR KRES AND LISA TO WASHING D.C. ON JAN. 25TH AND 26TH FOR THE "PRO LIFE" CONFERENCE TO REPRESENT OUR CONGREGATION. SECONDED BY PAM. MOTION CARRIED.

*Tim asked everyone to pray and think about supporting Jack Carlos in opening his new clinic in West Africa by getting donations from our community.

*TIM MADE A MOTION FOR HIM TO BE ABLE TO HOLD HIS FIRE ARM SAFETY CLASSES IN OUR FELLOWSHIP HALL. TY SECONDED. 5 IN FAVOR, 3 OPPOSED. MOTION CARRIED. Fees to be discussed later.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 with the singing of the Doxology.

Betty Clemens
Congregation Secretary

SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

Many scientists teach us that we have much evidence that the world was made millions of years ago. The Bible teaches us that we have much evidence that the world was made thousands of years ago. In an interview, Bill Nye the "Science Guy" told the world that anyone who would teach their child that the world is not billions of years old should be accused of child abuse. Who is right? Bill Nye and many other scientists or the Bible telling the account of someone who was actually present at creation? Come to Bible Study on Sundays between the services as Rev. Steinke leads us in a study of Genesis 1-11, from Creation to Noah.

Submitted by Rev. Mark Steinke

PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Marjorie Boliere, Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Erv Maki, Clara Mitchell, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Bill Balogh Jr., Ermand Citrone, Fred Fernald, Bernice Heppner, Jane Hoivik, Marva Jonas, Sandi McGrath, Ron Ratzlaff, Michael Sanders, Duwayne Schoeneck, Sandy Sita, Edda Specht, Marie Talley, and Ronald Woller.

Friends & Relatives: Michael Aldene, David Anderson & father, Linny Aspery, Jean Bajner, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Jack & Cathy Carlos, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Lee & Ute Daniels, Carly DeFeos, Renee Dempsey, Jim Diffell, John and Irene DiTommaso, Barb Dumeah, Heidi Everson, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Nancy Gleis, Donald Grahl, Lucas Hall, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, David Hirtle, Tom Holt, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Debbie Jackson, Carl Jennejahn, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Paul Kandt, John Kearns, Bill Keller, Mary Krueger, Jim Lane, Denise Lines, Harold Lowe, Don Luffingwell, Sean Maki, Elsie Malecki, Joe Manson, Tom Markle, Pete Mogg, Linda Mohr, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Pastor Dennis Neigh, Maureen Nesvacil, Dan Niemann, Darwin & Noreen Oliver, Charles Pentecost Jr., Mary Raines, Pamela Robinson, Ryan Sheahan, Joey Sigfrid, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Virginia Stanley, Marj Sterriker, Gary Stokes, Eva Tabbitas, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Dick Voelker, Pat Vovcsko, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Angel Zavala.



Military Personnel: Michael Canavan, Brian Jackson, Brett Keck, Michael Monson.

Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you.

ITEMS OF DISCARD

If you are doing Spring Cleaning and have items to discard, please call Bobbie Sue Burton at Project Phoenix at (941) 681-0748. Project Phoenix is located in Englewood. They help all people in distress. Some people have nothing. They can use: any furniture, kitchen items, all household items, bedding, etc. They can use food and money donations as well. Even if you think your old sofa, chair, table or whatever is not good enough, call Bobbie Sue. Something is better to a person who has nothing. They will pick up the items. They work strictly on donations. They have storage space to keep items until needed, if they don't distribute them right away.

Submitted by Lessie Kirch

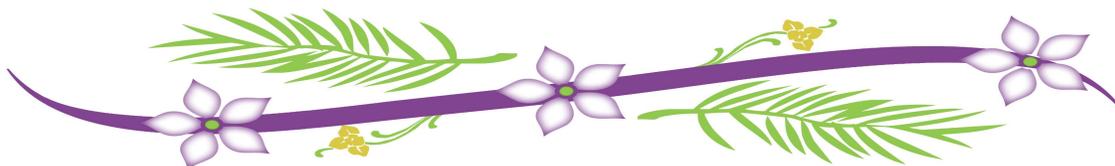
MEN'S BREAKFAST



The Men will again be gathering for their monthly breakfast. We will meet the 2nd Monday of each month at Country Hound Café at 7 AM. Come and join us for breakfast and fellowship. All men are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Charles Malecki (941) 697-0976.

CLASSIFIEDS

Beautician/Manicurist	Debbie Balogh Linda Pontello	Purple Palace Purple Palace	941-416-4688 941-475-0731
Sales—Rentals	Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker (Lessie Kirch's Daughter) 350 S. Indiana Road Englewood, FL 34223. Office: 941-473-0300, Cell: 941-330-7922.		
Avon-Sales	Anyone interested in purchasing any Avon products, please see Susan Moore in the Church Office or call 941-254-0497 to order or to get a catalog.		
Cleaning Services	Free estimates! Please contact Sheila Murphy at 941-473-1747.		
Lawn Care	Call Todd Armstrong at 941-961-7584 for your lawn care needs.		
Construction	Call Rob Long! A.C.S., Inc. - Licensed General Contractor - Anything from full re models, full lanai's, window and door installation and ALL phases of construction. State certified licensed and insured. Please call for a free estimate at 941-475-5008 or 941-232-6606!		
Real Estate	SURF & SAND REALTY - Pat Whipple, Realtor 2350 N. Beach Road, Unit 3B, Englewood 34223. I'd love to help you find your perfect home or sell it, because I really care. Please contact me at 941-882-2725 or (941) 474-7755!		
For Sale	Set of Golf Cubs with golf bag & plastic storage case. Clubs are both Spalding & Pro Extreme - \$75.00. Please call Martha Winters at 941-697-7373. Queen size Hide-A-Bed sofa - \$150.00, Kawai Electric-Digital-Piano Organ \$800 like new, Round coffee table - \$50.00 (2' 4" high-with center shelf), old oak 3 drawer chest on Wheels - \$35.00, Area rug 5'6" by 7'10" - \$50.00. Call Joyce 585-880-4783		



GREETERS

Mar. 3rd:	Joe & Carol Carlos Eric & Sharon Johnson
Mar. 10th:	Clare Kieselburg Lillian & Leslie Miles
Mar. 17th:	Laurie Steinke Jim & Mary Turner
Mar. 24th:	Ralph & Wila Bockstahler Allan & Lois Webster
Mar. 31st:	Erna Abel Gary & Jonti Lute

Submitted by Assimilation

COFFEE HOUR

Mar. 3rd:	Dottie LaMere Mae Anderson Dorothy Johnson
Mar. 10th:	Vicky Davis Barbara Monson
Mar. 17th:	Sybil Grahl
Mar. 24th:	Donna Wolf Arlene Harden
Mar. 31st:	Easter Brunch Ladies Guild

Submitted by Assimilation

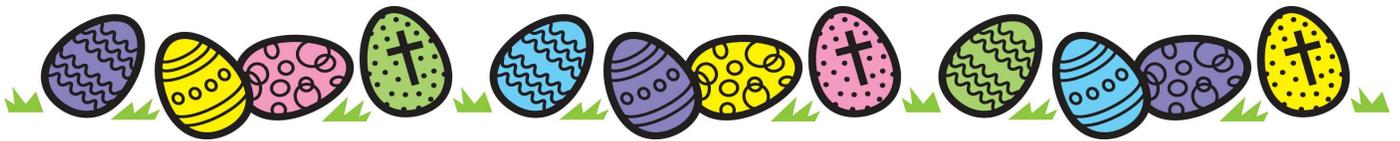
STEPHEN MINSITRY

The Call To Care, Cont.

"Don't cry, you'll make yourself sick"! Some people actually believe this and how very wrong a statement. Crying is cleansing and sometimes people just need to cry. When we don't cry we bury feelings which can lead to depression, prolonged suffering and grief. Sometimes we worry that if a hurting person breaks down in tears, we've said or done something wrong. Most of the time it means just the opposite, you've done something right. People cry in front of those they trust. Above all, don't avoid people that are weeping but reach out to them. You can share the hurt and weep with them. Remember, Jesus wept upon going to the place where Lazarus was laid to rest. Allow that person to vent which means you listen. Listen unconditionally and never criticize what the person says or feels. The best gift you can give them is an understanding heart, eyes filled with tears and ears that are listening.

Learn more through our Stephen Ministry classes which will begin very soon. Please pray about your gifts and if the Holy Spirit moves you to want to know more about Stephen Ministry please contact Carol Carlos 941-255-3354 or Carol Haupt 941-460-8830. We are looking for a few more people to complete the class.

"Rejoice with those who rejoice; mourn with those who mourn" - Romans 12:15



HUMAN CARE

Our first small group study began February 22, 2013. If you have joined a group be aware of when your group will be starting and where. If you need information please call Carol Carlos 941-255-3354. There is still time to join a group, so if interested, signup on a Sunday morning. These will be fun and thought provoking, so don't miss out.

We are in desperate need of any medical personnel to assist in taking blood pressures on the last Sunday of the month. There are two people now taking the blood pressures but we are looking for more aid. One person a month handles the blood pressures so it would not be every month for anyone volunteering. Please nurses, medical assists, we know you're out there. HELP! Call Carol Carlos at 941-255-3354.

"Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another."
— Hebrews 10:25

Submitted by The Human Care Board

REDEEMER RED HATS



The Redeemer Red Hats will have their luncheon on Tuesday, March 26th at 12:00 Noon. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more information.

DANCING WITH THE STARS

Doris Dykuizen & Pat Petersen were the organizers of this years Dancing with the Stars Gala. The members that were honored as our "stars" at the event were Gary & Jonti Lute, for all that they have done for the Church & the congregation. Many thanks to both Gary & Jonti for all their hard and heartfelt work they have done. Fun was had by all in attendance.



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LWML SPRING RALLY

LWML SARASOTA ZONE SPRING RALLY

APRIL 6, 2013 8:45 until 2:30 p.m.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND CHILD CARE

“COME TO THE LIVING WATER” Rev. 7:17

PURPOSE STATEMENT: That all women everywhere may be refreshed as they find the Living Water through faith in Christ, the Living Lord, who quenches thirst forevermore.

REGISTRATION and COFFEE 8:45 to 9:25 am (In the Sanctuary)
 OPENING DEVOTIONS 9:30 am (Without Communion)

(Offering for District & Zone Expenses)

BIBLE TIME & PROGRAM Jan Struck

Jan is a Humorous Christian Motivational Presenter as she brings a fresh approach to the journey of faith in sharing her life on a walk to the Living Water and leaves the guests laughing.

GIFTS FROM THE HEART - Ingathering to Englewood Helping Hands Food Pantry

Non-perishable items: peanut butter, jelly, canned fruit, mac-n-cheese, cereal, canned fish, canned meat, soups with meat/chicken and/or cash donations

REGISTRATION FEE Includes Lunch (Fellowship Hall) \$6.00 Payable to Avis Stuck, Betty Clemens or Vicky Davis - DEADLINE - MARCH 20, 2013

This is one Rally you will not want to miss - Come and bring a friend!

ALL women are invited and encouraged to come and hear this outstanding presenter. Men are welcome to be our guests all day or in the afternoon only.

LADIES GUILD/LWML



MITE BOX IN NARTHEX MARCH 3, 2013

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is known for Mite Box offerings. Little Box...Big Results. Did you know that in 70 years, 100 million dollars has been placed in mite boxes to spread the Gospel of Jesus around the world? God has blessed these mites to support Christian outreach in 42 countries and on five continents. Coins dropped in the MITE BOX will support a \$4,000 grant to support the production, design, and distribution of an Audio Bible Study to help the more than 12 million people in the US who are blind or visually impaired and most of them have never heard that Jesus loves them. Please pick up a complimentary BOX and one for children also!

Submitted by Vicky Davis

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

You are all very familiar with the phrase 'The Gospel in a Nutshell' right? Well, do you know where in Scripture that summarization is located? Of course! John 3:16! "For God so loved the world that He gave His only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish, but have eternal life." Do you know how many Books of the Bible have a 3:16? Of the 66 Canonical Books, 17 do not have a 3:16. That means that 49 of them do. We have discovered beginning with Genesis on through the book of Revelation what God says to us through these 3:16 verses. But, let the reader understand, we will not take these scripture verses and let them stand alone. Some of them can't stand by itself. Some of them need assistance in order to make any sense. Context is an important tool in interpreting God's holy Word. We are nearing the end of our study so there is still time to receive a complete study guide and other pearls. So join us on **Tuesday Mornings at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall for this very interesting, yet out of the ordinary Bible Class.

THREE SIXTEEN

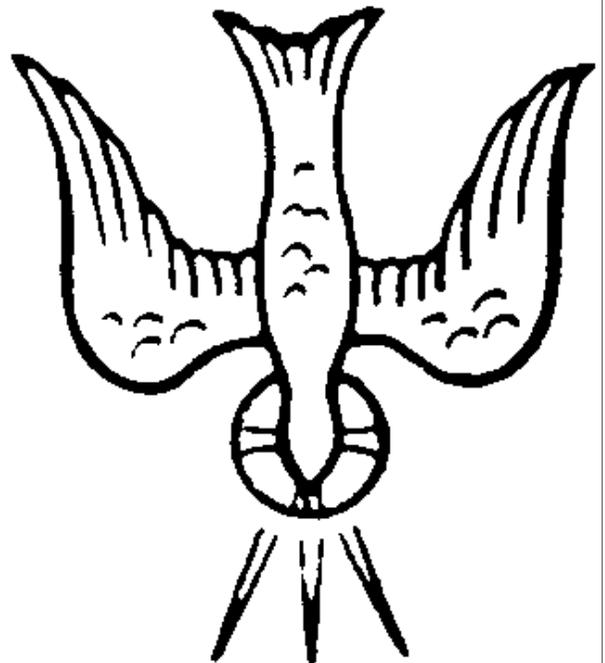


LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

You may wonder: "Why didn't Jesus remain on earth instead of ascending into heaven? If Jesus were with us, we could ask Him questions and see His miracles. Life and faith would be so much easier!" Jesus has an answer for you: "It is to your advantage," Jesus said, "that I go away; for if I do not go away, the Helper shall not come to you; but if I go, I will send Him to you" (John 16:7). The "Helper" Jesus is talking about is the Holy Spirit.

Jesus' promise to send the Holy Spirit into your life is one of the greatest gifts God gives you. However, the devil works every day to distort your understanding of the Person and work of the Holy Spirit, and thereby, keep God's gift from you. But here is some GOOD NEWS for you, God's Word helps you avoid the devil's deception and gives you the assurance that God's Spirit only comes to you in His unchanging Word.

We will once again use *GOOD NEWS* magazine as our guide through this amazing study about the purpose and work of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity, the Holy Spirit. Class continues on **Thursday Mornings at 10:00 AM** in the Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us. You may also invite your girlfriend, sister, mother, and daughter.



Happy St. Patricks Day

From Redeemer
Child Care

March 2013

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Tuesdays
at 3:45 PM

3/4 Jesus and the
Little Children

Mark 9-10

3/11 The Triumphant
Entry

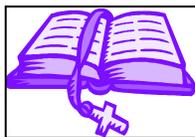
Matthew 21

3/18 Jesus Dies

Luke 23

3/25 The Resurrection
of Jesus

John 20



Dear Jesus, I am so
glad You are alive.
Help me tell others
this good news.
Amen.

Welcome to Redeemer!

Natalie, Logan, Charles
Jackson and Lillian

Birthdays

3/2 Dr. Seuss' Birthday



Mr. Tommy 3/7

Ms. Cherylann 3/11

Gavin E. 3/11

Kloe 3/11

Lily 3/12

Ms. Megan 3/19

Natalie 3/19

Vincent 3/31



Congratulations on your years of service!

Ms. Lisa

2 years on 3/9

Ms. Mallory

1 year on 3/23



What We Are Learning

3/4 What can I learn
about the earth and the
sky?

3/11 What weather can I
observe each day?

3/18 What can I learn
about day and night?

3/25 Why is caring for
the earth and sky
important?

Special Days in March

3/10 Daylight Savings
Time Begins

3/17 St. Patrick's Day

3/20 First Day of Spring

3/29 Good Friday

3/31 Easter Sunday

Easter Egg Hunt

*Submitted by Wendy
Horwath*

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November—April: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Bible Study: 9:15 AM

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We, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church are called into the service of our Lord by accepting His command (Matthew 28:18-20):

- *Making disciples of all nations /peoples.*
- *Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- *Proclaiming the Gospel and teaching the Word.*

Christ's love for us compels us to serve our neighbors as He served us.