

REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - JUNE 2012

“Showing Love to Precious Gifts”

As I write this newsletter article, Lisa and I are in the midst of caring for three of our five grandchildren; Charlie (5), Maegan (3), and Ashlyn (16 mos). Our son, Steven is busy with his military duties and our daughter-in-law, Jorji is off on a mission trip in Uganda, Africa. For twelve days we have the pleasure and joy of being with our grandchildren 24 hours a day! Presently we are halfway through our time together.

We all have daily routines. Some get up early to read the paper or catch the early news programs while others will simply enjoy a hot cup of java and play games like Sudoku. Obviously, our routine at home has undertaken a major adjustment with the visit of the grandbabies. Perhaps many of you have similar experiences when entertaining out of town family and friends. Daily routines are put aside for the care of others.

Not meaning to bore you with specific details of how our daily routine has changed, I will mention this: Because Lisa was scheduled to work at 7 am this week she got up at 5:30 am every morning in order to set out the clothes for the kids to wear, make their lunches, and then get ready to leave for work. I would get up shortly after her to prepare the breakfast detail. As each child would arise beginning around 6 am or so, I would sit with them to make sure they ate all their cereal. Then I would have them brush their teeth and help them get dressed. Yes, even with little Ashlyn I would change her diaper. I hope that picture doesn't stay in your mind for too long. Finally, I would get dressed and we would all head off to work between 8 and 8:30 am.

I have enjoyed bringing our grandchildren to Redeemer Child Care. The staff was so gracious to receive each child in their class and all the kids made new friends fast.

One morning after parking the car; getting the kids out of their car seats and walking over to the Child Care with Ashlyn in my arm, Maegan holding my hand, and Charlie leading the way and then finally getting to my office, I received a text message from Lisa. The conversation went as follows:

Lisa: You are so cute.

Pastor: How? And why do you say that?

Lisa: Because you are so careful with the kids and you are so cute how you take care of them.

Pastor: Isn't this the manner in which a loving grandparent or parent are to care for the children? I love them and you of

course for loving them.

Lisa: I guess I just enjoy seeing you care for them ... it's so sweet ... I love that side of you.

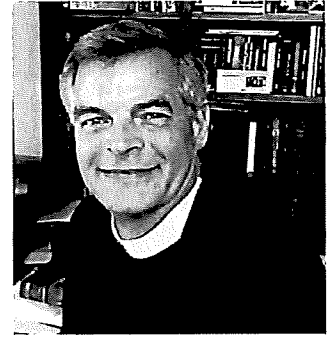
Following our brief text message conversation, it dawned on me that this is the way it should be, always. Not just with grandchildren, or with my wife, but with all people. I love showing love to my grandchildren because they are truly precious gifts from God. And so are my sons and daughter, my son-in-law, and daughter-in-laws. They too are precious gifts from God. Moreover, my wife is the most precious gift because without her I wouldn't have the others.

Then I quickly began to ponder my position here at Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care as your pastor. Each and every one of you is a precious gift from God. Although I have always known that, I haven't always expressed it. And because I am a sinner, I will not always express it correctly nor will I meet the expectation of others regarding the expression of that love.

As often as I tell my wife, "I love you," and as often as I tell my kids and grandkids, "I love you," I also show them my love in the things I do for them. Now I don't always show them my love perfectly, I do love showing love to these precious gifts given me from God.

And yet, as often as I say and show such love to them, my family, I realize that I don't often say "I love you," or show such love to you, God's children; Jesus' flock; my family in Christ.

To be sure, "we love because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19). We can say and show such love to others because God is love. Also remembering how Jesus summed up the two tables of the Law saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength ... you shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Mark 12:30-31), we are to not only love God, but also our neighbor. And who is our neighbor? Well, everyone is of course!



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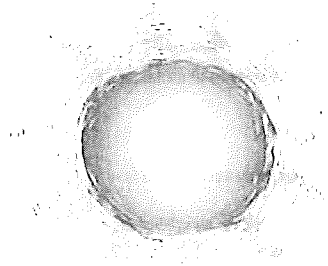
Ladies Guild Sally Zierdt
 Men's Group Bob Mortenson

The summer season is here and many of our friends have returned to their northern homes. Despite the reduced attendance, the work at Redeemer goes on and it has been wonderful to see all the kids at the "Feeding of the Lambs" on Sunday morning. These kids are truly a blessing for our church family. The new communion process seems to be working very well. I know I like the idea of approaching the cross each time; it gives me time to reflect on why I am there.

Thanks to Steve and Lee Procuk for drawing names from a hat of all the participants at Faith Night at the ballpark. The individuals lucky enough to have their names drawn have been notified and will represent Redeemer in a suite at a future StoneCrabs game. The generous outpouring of our Redeemer family was greatly appreciated by "Helping Hands".

To everyone at Redeemer and to those who have left our family for the season: Have a safe and wonderful summer; it is a gift from God. See you in church on Sunday or next fall for our Northern friends.

Rich



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But love is not in the saying “I love you” only, but also in the doing. “God shows His love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us” (Romans 5:8). And: “This is how God showed His love among us: He sent His one and only Son into the world that we might live through Him. This is love: not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins (1 John 4:9-10 NIV). This is what true love is: sacrifice. And as Lutherans we understand well we are saved not by our love for God but by the love of God for us in sending Christ Jesus to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.

However, in regards to showing love to our neighbor the Apostle John continues: “Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and His love is perfected in us. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit” (1 John 4:11-12). In a similar way that I mentioned earlier when entertaining out of town family or friends, we put aside our normal routines in order to care for them. We make sacrifices not for the sake of salvation, but for the revealing of the love of God who abides in us.

We have entered into the season of Pentecost, the season of the Church in action through the Word of God in the sending of the Holy Spirit. You have received the Holy Spirit in the water and the Word. The Holy Spirit continues to work in and through you in the hearing of God’s Word and the receiving of Christ’ true body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. You are in Christ and He is in you.

Therefore, let us love one another in Christ Jesus. Let us also love those who visit us and who are lead by the Spirit to find a church home. How do we do this love stuff? The same way you would show love to a visiting family member or friend: putting aside your normal routine and extending a loving hand to welcome them, assist them, and to guide them.

I will do my very best to be an example and leader of this expression of love to others. I extend a loving challenge to the members of the Board of Elders, the Officers and members of the Church Council to also lead by example, showing love to others. And not to exclude, but rather to include, an invitation is extended out to our entire congregation to join me and all in positions of leadership in expressing love to others in not only words but in deeds as well.

It is certain that your salvation, the promise of eternal life has been completed and fulfilled in the work of Christ on the cross and His resurrection from the dead. But, the future of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care rests in the love of God in Christ Jesus that we say and show to others.

You know, when these 12 days of showing love to our grandkids comes to an end, I will look forward to returning to our old routine. But, I will miss them and look forward to the next opportunity to be with them and show them my love. In the meantime, I will do my best to not only show my love to my wife, but also to you, my family in Christ Jesus.

Oh, by the way ... “I love you.”

In His Service,
Pastor Kress

STEPHEN MINISTRY

One of the ways that God can work in you is through Stephen Ministers. He knows the number of hairs on your head, the source of your pain, the depth of your suffering and the specifics of your needs. He can bring you hope and encouragement through a Stephen Minister. Our Stephen Ministers are clothed with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. We pray that each of us, during difficult times in our lives, will recognize our need to receive care from others. No matter how vast and powerful our position in life has been we all have those times when we need others. Seek out a Stephen Minister. You may contact Carol Carlos (941-255-3354) or Carol Haupt (941-460-8830). A reminder that Stephen Ministry is strictly confidential and that we have male Stephen Ministers for our men and female Stephen Ministers for our women.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" - Matthew 11:28

Submitted by Carol Carlos

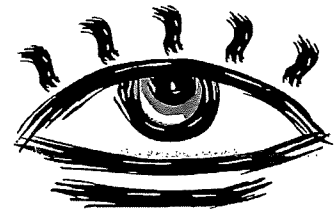
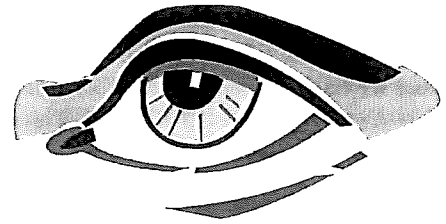
Take a Vacation From Eye Strain

Summer winds breeze through the open window as you wind your way through the highways during a driving adventure. You and your fellow travelers scour maps for the perfect roadside attraction to explore. And then it hits you. Your eyes are suddenly burning, a headache is forming and your neck is beginning to tense.

These are common symptoms of eye strain. You may have difficulty focusing.

Six tips to re-focus tired eyes:

1. Take frequent breaks
2. Drink plenty of water
3. Wear proper eyewear
4. Wear sunglasses
5. Invest in prescription sunglasses
6. Don't press on your eyes if you experience some of the symptoms listed above. Take a break and give your eyes time to rest.



Submitted by MaryAnn Sochacki

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Redeemer Friends,

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your concerns, hugs, phone calls, cards and visits by Pastor Kress, Tim Frees, Deb and Rich Kueker and Karl-Heinz and Edda Specht during recovery from surgery. Vern's new parts are now working great. We are so blessed to have such a supportive network here at Redeemer. Please continue to keep our daughter Debbie in your prayers.

Yours in Christ

Vern and Ruth Speer

CELL PHONES FOR SOLDIERS

A "Cell Phone for Soldiers" drop box is located in the narthex. Drop off your old cell phone and our troops serving overseas will receive sixty-minute calling cards good anywhere in the world. Thank you for your help.

SINGLES LUNCHEON: Please sign-up for the Singles Luncheon in the narthex. Sunday, June 3rd is the last day! If you want to carpool, please be at the church at 11:00 AM promptly on June 12th! We will be going to the Lock and Key restaurant on Beach Road.

FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

2012 Church Actual vs. Budget Through April 30th, 2012

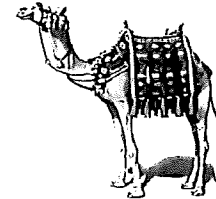
| <i>Income</i> | <i>Expense</i> | <i>Budget</i> |
|---------------|----------------|---------------|
| \$26,380.00 | \$19,204.25 | 86% |

The Newsletter deadline for the July Newsletter is June 17th. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time. Thank you. Electronic submissions are best sent to redaemorfl@verizon.net

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us for our monthly "Property Appreciation" Day on the second Saturday of the month, June 9th!!! Join us in keeping our buildings and properties beautiful. There's a little something to do for anyone willing to help... For more information please contact Charlie Vovesko at 941-266-5118. THANK YOU! *Property Management*

VBS 2012 - JULY 9-13



Concordia's Amazing Desert Journey *Where Jesus Leads Us Home*

On this Amazing Desert Journey, the children will learn about God's plan to rescue them from sin and death through His Son, Jesus, who even now is preparing a heavenly home for them and all who believe! As they hear the accounts of God's forgiveness, mercy, and salvation from Scripture, they will begin to relate these Bible truths to their own life of faith now and for eternity.

"For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens." - 2 Corinthians 5:1

VBS 2012 MISSION PROJECT

Project: Clean Water
A glass of water to you...
The gift of life to them.

We all need water, but some families do not have safe water to drink. You can help! \$10.00 gives a water filter to children in Cambodia; \$35.00 gives a water filtration system to a family in Haiti; \$500.00 helps bring water to a community in rural China.

**PLEASE CALL WENDY AT 941-475-2631 TO SIGN UP YOUR CHILD OR GRANDCHILDREN,
OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS! THANK YOU!**

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING

APRIL 9, 2012

PRESENT: Rich Kueker, Pastor Kress, Tim Byrne, Carol Haupt, Charlie Vovcsko, Carol Carlos, Pam Replinger, Judy Murphy, Karen Kirkland, Deb Kueker, Bill Bowers, Dorothy Sinowetski

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Rich Kueker

Pastor opened with a prayer.

MINUTES of March 12, 2012 was presented. BILL BOWERS MOVED, TIM SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED. *President Rich Kueker asked Council members to keep their reports as brief as possible and only report on items that require action and/or voted upon.

CALENDER for May was presented and updated.

REPORTS

PASTOR KRESS: Pastor Kress reported

- Baptized Karmella Rose Murray on March 18th.
- Timmins/Moore wedding will be on April 20th.
- Confirmation exam will be May 16th. Confirmation will be May 20th.
- Appreciation to Pastors Schmidt and Steinke for assisting on Easter Sunday.

PRESIDENT: Rich reminded that the Voter's Assembly will be April 22nd. The main agenda is the approval of the revised Constitution. Boards are to submit a short report to Jennifer so she can compile a booklet. Reports may be given if time allows.

ELDERS: Tim Byrne reported that attendance during Lent and Holy Week was outstanding. Easter had an attendance of about 423. About 32 children participated in the Easter Egg Hunt with children from Sunday School, Child Care and the neighborhood.

- The FL/GA Convention is June 22-24 Kress and Tim will attend.
- The Timmins/Moore wedding have requested the use of the fellowship hall. TIM MOVED, PAM REPLINGER SECONDED TO GRANT THEM PERMISSION TO HAVE A CHAMPAGNE TOAST AT THE RECEPTION. THE ELDERS ALSO APPROVED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Report attached.

- Maintenance included Lift Station at Sanctuary was replaced and Septic Tank pumped.
- 11 people worked on the March Property Appreciation Day. Next day on April 14th.
- Al-Anon held their first meeting in the fellowship hall.
- Tim and Dale worked on the Child Care playground area.
- Pamphlet wall unit and picture was moved and reinstalled in the narthex.
- A new battery was installed in the van.
- CHARLIE MOVED THAT TOM KIRKLAND WILL BE THE CUSTODIAN EFFECTIVE MAY 1ST, AT THE SAME COST. TIM SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.
- CHARLIE MOVED FOR APPROVAL TO GIVE \$25 GIFT CERTIFICATE TO 10 PEOPLE IN APPRECIATION FROM PROPERTY MANAGEMENT, AT A COST OF \$250 TO BE TAKEN FROM DEDICATED PROPERTY FUNDS. TIM SECONDED THE MOTION. MOTION CARRIED.

TREASURER: Reports attached.

HUMAN CARE: Carol Carlos reporting.

April 31st a pancake breakfast with a silent auction will be held to benefit a young boy who has leukemia. Donations will be gratefully accepted.

ASSIMILATION: Report attached. Deb Kueker reported they had a final meeting on March 20th and will resume in the fall. In April, a luncheon will be attended to thank Karen Kirkland, Ellie Ratzlaff and Dorothy Sinowetski for their service to this committee. The board has 8 members and would like to have at least 12 to cover all of the months and continue the work of assimilating new members as their #1 priority along with greeters and coffee hour. Checks were written for both the Quiet Room and the Guardian Angel Fund.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Pam reported a new addition to the Cradle Role: Karmella Rose Murray. The Children's Choir sang on Palm Sunday and Easter. VBS will be July 9-13 with the theme "Amazing Desert Journey".

SCHOOL BOARD: Bill Bowers reported about \$1,750 was made from the Golf Outing. Child Care is doing well, VPK class will be filled, the fee increase has helped and the participation to the Guardian Angel Fund was great.

NEW BUSINESS

Tim Byrne reported about the "Choice Dollars" and how it works and what the members can do to take advantage of getting Thrivent monies for Redeemer. So far we have only collected \$814.00 and other churches receive a lot more. We would need to have more members join Thrivent. Tim would like to make a presentation to the congregation in the near future.

Tim moved, Pam seconded to adjourn at 8:25pm. Meeting adjourned with prayer and the Doxology.

Submitted by Dorothy Sinowetski, Congregation Secretary

STEWARDSHIP

"Hooray, hallelujah, school is out and vacation time is here!" That may very well express the feeling that a lot of students and teachers have when June comes around. Life is filled with all kinds of "stops" and "starts." Isn't there an old saying that goes something like this: *"Variety is the spice of life?"*

Just as students and teachers look forward to a break from all the school activities, as workers look forward to some days off, as families look forward to some vacation time, and as many look forward to the crazy hazy days of summer, so also Christian stewards may look forward to a break from the weekly routine that involves worship, Bible study and giving of time, talents and treasure. Is there such a thing as a break from being a Christian steward? What do you think? It surely depends upon how you define Christian stewardship. If you define Christian stewardship as something "you have to do," then a break might feel pretty good. But is Christian stewardship something that you have to do?

In our church body we have defined *"Christian stewardship as the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."* According to that definition Christian stewardship is not so much a matter of "having to do" but more a matter of "getting to do." Christian stewards are privileged people who find joy in doing privileged things. For a good example of this kind of stewardship consider the Macedonian example in 2 Corinthians 8:1-5. Christian churches throughout the then known world joined in a special offering for the saints in Jerusalem who were suffering from a severe famine. The Macedonians were

financially poor people and most people probably thought that they should not even ask the Macedonians to take part in the offering. But here's the surprise: *"Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service to the saints."* They might have appeared to many as poor, unprivileged people but in their own hearts and minds, they considered themselves privileged people who wanted to do privileged things. Why??? Because they had heard and believed the good news of Jesus as their Savior and Lord and therefore they wanted to respond to Christ's love with their own acts of love.

June might mean a break from many of the routine activities of life, but for Christian stewards it simply means having another month to use all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. By God's grace we never take a break from being Christian stewards because our stewardship is always a response to God's love which continues in every day and season of life. Whether we are at school, at work, on vacation or at home we are God's stewards who freely and joyfully manage all we are and have for God's purposes.

So, this summer, look for ways to use your time, abilities and financial resources in ways that bring glory to God and blessings to others as well as us. In Christ we are children of our Heavenly Father who long to be more like Him in loving and giving because those are two activities that our God delights in doing (John 3:16).

Enjoy June as another month to display God-pleasing and people-blessing works of love. And do it, not because you have to, but because in Christ you get to.

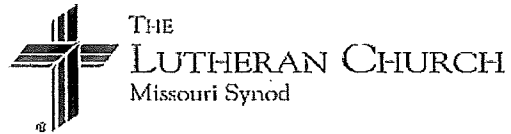
HUMAN CARE

The Human Care Board will be having their first singles luncheon (anyone without a partner) for the Redeemer family on Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 11:30AM. There will be a carpool leaving from church at 11:00AM. The luncheon will be held at the Lock & Key Restaurant on Manasota Key. Sounds like fun! Give it a try. If the first luncheon is successful, Lessie Kirch will be planning the luncheons monthly. Lessie also organizes the Caring Network for the Human Care Board and works diligently on Thursday mornings at the Senior Fellowship get togethers where games are played and a luncheon is served.

KC Wright would like everyone to be aware of the CareNotes found in the narthex. She earnestly changes out these CareNotes frequently and is very conscious of what we may need help with personally. Some of the titles in the past have been "Humor--It Helps Us as We Age", "Easing the Burden of Stress", "Overcoming Worry in an Uncertain World". The CareNotes philosophy is:

**Take One----and take heart.
Give One----and give hope.**

Submitted by the Human Care Board



April 4, 2012

Dear Friends in Christ,

This week we are formally introducing refreshed branding for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. One of the most notable changes in our updated branding is an expanded color palette for the LCMS cross logo. This is meant to provide more flexibility for international, national, district and congregational communications.

For years, many congregations and schools have been using colors for the LCMS cross logo other than burgundy, so as to match or complement their school colors. This week, we are introducing blue as a new color choice for the LCMS cross logo. You also will begin to see red, purple and green treatments for the LCMS logo cross.

The rationale for the change in the color of the logo cross is multifaceted. It serves to acknowledge that there has been much change taking place within the church; namely, historic, sweeping changes to the church body's system of structure and governance as a result of the restructuring resolutions. It allows for better integration with the color palette of the *Witness, Mercy, Life Together* emphasis for the church. And, it provides more options for other programs of the church to use a complementary cross logo in their communications.

However, by not altering the shape or the theological intent of the logo cross design, we are conveying that the core of who the LCMS is and what we do remains the same.

This week, you will begin to see the blue logo cross appearing on official Synod communications, including the website, the official periodicals, other publications, brochures, etc. The red, purple and green logo crosses will begin appearing when we talk specifically about witness, mercy and life together work.

You may be asking, "Can we keep the burgundy cross logo?" The answer is absolutely. Our refreshed branding standards are widening the colors available for use.

Congregations, schools and districts using the burgundy color or another color they have selected are welcome to continue using it. When and if the time arises for LCMS organizations to reorder or replace ministry resources that include the LCMS cross logo, we would encourage them to consider adopting the blue logo, if that serves their ministry.

I invite you to learn more about the LCMS' refreshed branding by reading the numerous resources available online at www.lcms.org/brand. Also, look for our ads in *Reporter* and *The Lutheran Witness* and updated exhibits at district conventions this spring.

Meanwhile, if you have questions, please don't hesitate to contact the LCMS Church Information Center at infocenter@lcms.org or 888-843-5267.

In His service,

The Rev. Gregory K. Williamson
Chief Mission Officer

PRAYERS

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

HEALING: Members: Alice Borowski, Kathryn Demma, Donna Hansen, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Clara Mitchell, Bob Mortenson, Bob Payne, Herb Petersen, Ron Ratzlaff, Michael Sanders, Sandy Sita, Helen Sturzenbecker, Marie Talley, Fred & Clara Jo Toth, Ronald Woller.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Linny Aspery, Jean Bajner, Mary Beaber, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Jack & Cathy Carlos, Debbie Carr, Bobbett Clark, Harry Dahlburg, Ute Daniels, Carly DeFeos, Renee Dempsey, John and Irene DiTommaso, Barb Dumeah, Nick Frees, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Nancy Gleis, Malia Grayer, Lucas Hall, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Tom Holt, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Ashley Johnston, Rachel Kagay, Wayne Kaltwasser, Marinela Kandt, Julie Keck, Mary Krueger, Jim Lane, Denise Lines, Sean Maki, Elsie Malecki, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Pete Mogg, Linda Mohr, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Dan Niemann, Darwin & Noreen Oliver, Charles Pentecost Jr., Mary Raines, Delaney Saunders, Ryan Sheahan, Ray Sims, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Michael Stio, Eva Tabbitas, Teresa Tormala, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Angel Zavala.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Joshua Gooding, Roger Hammond, Christopher Hankins, Jonathan Hibbard, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Katherine Janssen, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Jesse Krone, Michael Monson, Jesse Morse, Christian Mosser, Jeremy Schaitz, Scott Senna, Brandon Smith, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

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. Thank you.

GREETERS

June 3rd

Herb & Pat Petersen

June 10th

Sharon Grcevic, Sally Zierdt

June 17th

Arlene Harden, Dorothy Sinowetski

June 24th

Clare Kieselburg, Sally Zierdt

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COFFEE HOUR

June 3rd

*Karen Kirkland
Ginny Doenges, Elma Cancellieri*

June 10th

Linda Rogers, Arlene Harden

June 17th

Clare Kieselburg, Gudrun Janke

June 24th

Jennifer Steele, Donna Wolf

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OUTREACH

“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

THE GREAT COMMISSION

We all have read the above verse from Matthew many times; we know it as the Great Commission. Read it again, especially the last phrase, “...teaching them to *obey everything I have commanded you.*” Jesus commanded us to go and tell others about his wonderful gift of faith, salvation, and life. He didn’t ask us, he didn’t invite us, he didn’t hope that we would share his wonderful news. No, he commanded us to do it—and he expected us to do it.

In the Old Testament, God *told* Jonah to go to Ninevah and preach against it. Jonah disobeyed and ran away from God’s commandment. Boy, did he ever get in trouble. Today, we are still running away from God’s great commandment, to go and make disciples of all nations, to tell others what he has done for us. Let us ponder how we often run away from this Great Commission. Let us pray for his guidance and strength as we try to do his will.

Thank you Lord, for your great Love. Thank you Lord, that someone told us about Jesus. Holy Spirit, please be with us as we endeavor to do your will; give us the courage, the strength, and the words. Amen.

OUTREACH NEWS

4th of July Potluck

Independence Day is fast approaching. We will again be hosting our 4th of July Potluck, a time of fellowship and fun. It will be held from 12-3:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Fried chicken, pulled pork sandwiches, and beverages will be provided. Children’s games will be offered outside, and of course, we will have Bingo inside. Entertainment will include a patriotic Sing-A-Long, and our special guest tappers. As always, it is a good time to invite your friends, especially those who do not have a church home. Hope to see you there.

Ice Cream Social

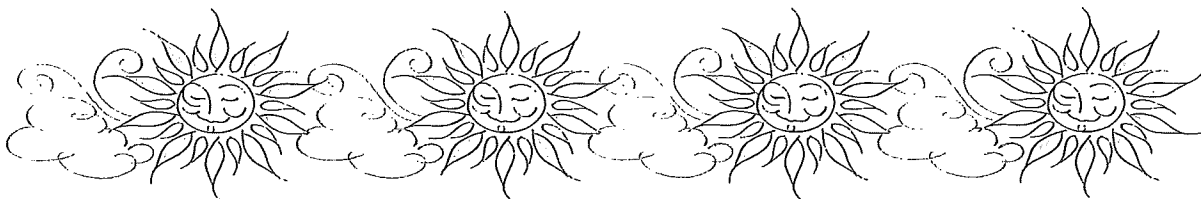
Also coming up this summer will be our annual Ice Cream Social. The date is tentatively set for August 12, and will start at 2:00 p.m. This get-together is always a lot of fun, with games and Bingo—and yummy ice cream with all the toppings. Child Care will be co-hosting this event. It’s a good opportunity to meet the Child Care staff and families, and have fellowship with them. So, mark your calendars, and plan to bring friends and family.

Pioneer Days Parade

Redeemer will again be participating in the Englewood Pioneer Days Parade on Labor Day. The theme this year will be “Hats Off to Englewood.” We can always use your help, so if you would like to help work on the float, or walk in the parade (passing out pencils, etc.), please contact Carol Haupt at 460-8830. We do this parade each year as an outreach to the Community, to help make them familiar with Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care.

Share Your Story

At our February Speed Witnessing Workshop, the participants completed an exercise in faith-sharing. We all wrote a 3-minute “story” about how we came to faith, or, how God has worked mightily in our lives. The exercise was intended to prepare us to be able to share our story with someone. We shared these stories with each other and found them to be uplifting and encouraging. One of them was published in the April edition of the Newsletter. We would like to continue to publish a story each month in the Newsletter. So...if you attended the Workshop and wrote a story, please consider sharing your story in our Newsletter. If you didn’t participate in the Workshop, you are also encouraged to try your hand at putting it down on paper. All are invited to share their story. Please submit your stories to Pastor Kress for publication. Thank you.

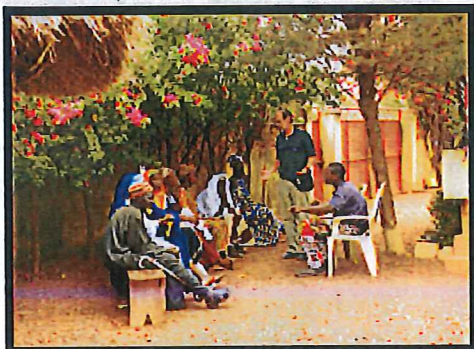




The Carlos Family Times

"So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen. For what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal." 2 Corinthians 4:18

Together In Mission to Guinea, West Africa



Rev. Tim Heiney share Jesus stories with people in our clinic 'waiting room'

God knows what we need...

Friday's are our day off. Last Friday, I was painting the cabinets in our kitchen while listening to a Classic Rock playlist on our iPod. That is when God spoke to me through the lyrics of an old Rolling Stones song. *"You can't always get what you want. But if you try sometime, you might find, you get what you need."*

The lyrics really struck me as I remembered a day earlier in the week. We had an especially long day at our porch clinic. That was followed by lunch with several people, followed by a chain of visitors, one after another, into the evening hours. We were tired and what we really WANTED was to be alone, maybe read a little or watch a movie. Just as the last visitor left, Allan arrived. He came in to greet us. During that week, Allan had been helping our colleague, Rev. Tim Heiney, share Jesus stories with the people waiting in our yard to be seen at the clinic. Tim would share the stories in French and Allan would then translate them into Maninka for those people who didn't understand French. Jack asked how it was going. Allan's eyes lit up and he launched into a full, and very animated, Gospel presentation. We were floored. It was so awesome! It was just what we NEEDED. To see the passion with which Allan shared the best news in the world – the news of God's unfailing and incomprehensible love for all people – was so encouraging.

After Allan left, we went to bed very tired, but uplifted. It was true, that day, and has been true many other times here in Guinea, we don't always get what we WANT – whether that be peace and quiet, a day when we just get to speak only English, or a burrito with chips and salsa – but God sees to it that we get what we NEED. Rely on Him who created you and redeemed you. If you do this, you will always have just what you NEED. Allah tando! (Praise God!)

A Lutheran Clinic In Siguiiri – YES!

Many of you have been praying about the opportunity that came before us recently – the invitation by the government of Guinea, to renovate and occupy an old clinic building here in Siguiiri and use it as the Lutheran Mission's clinic where health care, health care education, and evangelism could take place. Since that day, we have had a few more conversations with various government officials and today, while we were doing clinic on the porch, the Prefet (like a congressman) for our area came and presented us with a document – signed and sealed by the Minister of Public Building, the Mayor of Siguiiri, and the Prefet himself, giving us the land and building to renovate and use as long as we so desire! It's exciting and to be

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honest, hard for us to believe at times. God is moving and we are humbled by all of it. Today we are celebrating the wonderful event, tomorrow, let the planning begin!

In closing, here are the final words of the contract that we received today...

- May God bless all those who donate to the work
- May God show his glory through the humanitarian work of the Evangelical Lutheran Mission of Guinea
- May the health center heal bodies and save souls. Amen!



The Minister of Public Buildings, Yacouba, Allama, & the Prefet of Siguiiri

Growing In Grace Lutheran Church

Our small Christian fellowship here in town is very busy these days. They have started building on the land that they purchased a few years ago near Siguiiri. Many generous donors in the US (BAH-RAH-KAH...THANK YOU) made the project possible. They are building a multi-purpose Outreach Center that will be used for worship, health clinics, EFL classes, and much more, as well as some housing. Please pray for them as they continue the work.

Thank you for your generous financial support!

If you feel led to support our work, click "Give Now" on our website www.carlostribe.wordpress.com or send a gift to (write "Carlos Support" on your check):

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 Missionary Support
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Please pray...

- Safe travel for us as we make the long, bumpy drive to Conakry, Guinea on May 27 and then fly to the US on May 29
- For Growing in Grace Lutheran Church, as they build on their church land near Siguiiri
- That English as a Foreign Language (EFL) short term missionaries would come forward to join our team here (you interested?)
- For us as we dream and plan for the new Lutheran Health Center here in Siguiiri



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Jack & Cathy Carlos are missionaries to the Maninka people of Guinea, West Africa

HALEY'S CONFIRMATION

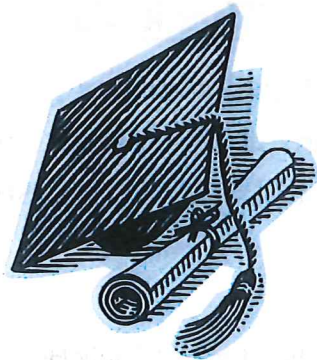
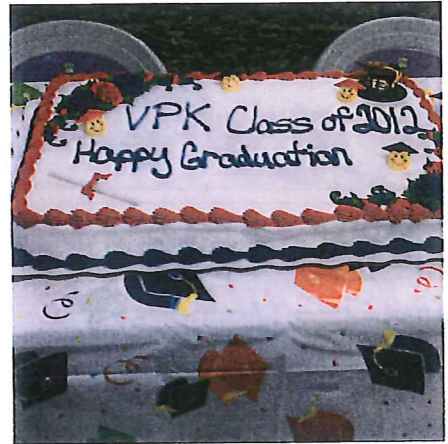
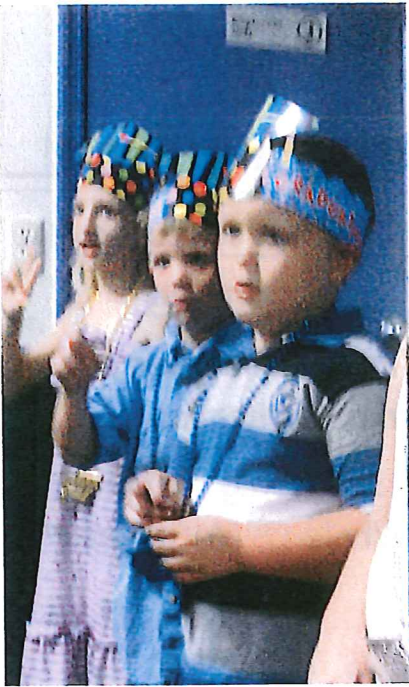


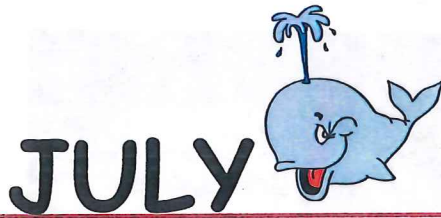
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for a Christian
is B1

Try our Sundays.
They are better
than Baskin-Robbins.

Can't sleep?
Try counting your
blessings.

VPK GRADUATION!





Redeemer Lutheran Child Care

IT'S GOING TO BE A WHALE OF A SUMMER!

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

6/4 Jonah

Jonah 1:1-4:11

6/11 The Creation Story

Genesis 1

6/18 Jesus Calms the Storm

Mark 4

6/25 Jesus Walks on Water

Matthew 14



For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

2 Corinthians 5:1

Birthdays

Logan 6/7

Makayla 6/8

Alexis H. 6/12

Caleb 6/14

Nevaeh 6/15

Ava Tosto 6/16

Clayton 6/18

Danielle 6/25



VBS 2012

July 9-13

Concordia's Amazing Desert Journey.

Where Jesus Leads

Us Home!

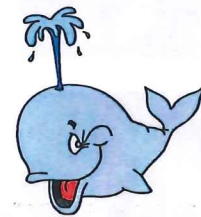
Please call Wendy at 475-2631 to sign up to volunteer for this

years VBS.

What We Are Learning

5/29 Summer Begins with the theme of:

It's Going To Be A Whale Of A Summer!



Welcome to Redeemer Child Care

Alyssa, Alexis, Laura, Bodie, Kaydon and Dylan

Thank You

Thank you for your continued support with the Angel Scholarship fund.

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

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SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

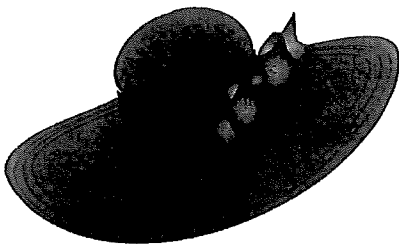
Human Care has an ongoing day for good fellowship. We play cards, dominos, games and eat. We have several members and good persons from the community who attend each week. This is a good outreach program for our church. One lady comes all the way from North Port and a couple from Venice. We meet every Thursday at 10:00 AM and have lunch at noon. We will continue to meet during the summer. Some of our snow birds will be gone but we always look forward to their return in the fall. Please come check us out, we know you will have a good time.

Submitted by Lessie Kirch

**REDEEMER RED HATS LUNCHEON**

The next Red Hat Luncheon will be Tuesday, June 26th at 12:00 Noon. The luncheon will be held at Zydeco Grille (8501 Placida Road Cape Haze).

A sign-up sheet is located in the narthex.



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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.

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--|--|--|---|---|--|--|
| <p>3 The Holy Trinity 8:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School</p>  | <p>4 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 5:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM School Board <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p>  | <p>5 9:00 AM Hula 6:00 PM Elder's Mtg 7:00 PM AA Mtg. <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p>  | <p>6 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 10:30 AM Human Care 7:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg. <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p>  | <p>7 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry 6:00 PM Early Learning Coalition Training <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p>  | <p>1 Atlantic Hurricane Season Begins</p> | <p>2 8:00 AM - ? Property Appreciation Day <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p> |
| <p>10 The 2nd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School <i>Pastor Kress Vacation</i></p> | <p>11 St. Barnabas, Apostle 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 5:30 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Outreach 7:00 PM Council Mtg</p> | <p>12 9:00 AM Hula 11:30 AM Singles Luncheon 6:00 PM Christian Education 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p> | <p>13 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg.</p> | <p>14 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship Flag Day</p> | <p>15</p> | <p>16</p> |
| <p>17 The 3rd Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School NEWSLETTER DEADLINE Happy Father's Day</p> | <p>18 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 5:30 PM Weight Watchers</p> | <p>19 9:00 AM Hula Class 12:00 NOON Red Hat Luncheon 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p> | <p>20 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg.</p> | <p>21 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry</p> | <p>22 <i>FL/GA Convention</i></p> | <p>23 <i>FL/GA Convention</i></p> |
| <p>24 The 4th Sunday after Pentecost 8:30 AM Bible Class 9:15 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School BLOOD PRESSURE <i>FL/GA Convention</i> The Nativity of St. John the Baptist</p> | <p>25 The Presentation of the Augsburg Confession, 1530 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 5:30 PM Weight Watchers</p> | <p>26 9:00 AM Hula Class 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p> | <p>27 9:00 – 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Al-Anon Mtg.</p> | <p>28 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship</p> | <p>29 St. Peter & St. Paul, Apostles</p> | <p>30</p> |

Wedding Anniversaries – June 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 Tim & Mary Ann Frees (38 Years) Tom & Karen Kirkland (42 Years) | 9 |
| 10 | 11 Warren & Lorraine Wright* (52 Years) | 12 | 13 Russ & Carol Spooner (47 Years) | 14 Paul & Vicky Davis (59 Years) Rich & Deb Kueker (43 Years) | 15 | 16 |
| 17 | 18 Clarence & Helen Sturzenbecker (63 Years) | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 |
| 24 Dale & Clare Kieselburg (51 Years) Tom & Donna Kohn (45 Years) | 25 | 26 | 27 George & Doris Dykhuizen (59 Years) | 28 | 29 | 30 |

Birthdays – June 2012

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | | 1 | 2 |
| 3 Ken Mielke* | 4 Kristine Baltimore Ada Hagerman Ray Janssen | 5 Rich Kueker | 6 | 7 Sam Jollay | 8 Vickie Fernald | 9 Peggy Blain June Markert Robert Schaitz Scottlyn Steele |
| 10 Ronald Woller | 11 Heather Brew Corky Eckman Billy Ruccatano | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 Ruth Speer | 16 Nancy Jonseck Ava Tosto |
| 17 Ted Simis | 18 Vicky Davis | 19 Margie Cypher Helen Perry | 20 | 21 Jim Straw | 22 | 23 |
| 24 | 25 Haley Scott | 26 Ginny Doenges | 27 Judy Murphy Jacob Neef | 28 James Moore | 29 | 30 |