



REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - MAY 2010

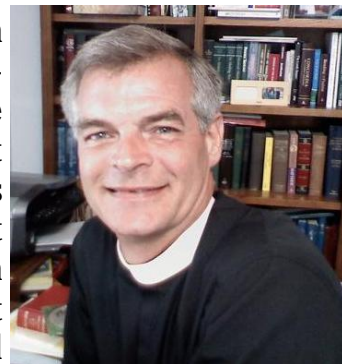
One Full Season

Well, it's been one year since I was installed as pastor at Redeemer Lutheran Church. It's been one full cycle in the church year since my coming to Englewood. It's been one full season for Lisa and me in meeting our northern brothers and sisters in Christ, our members and associate members. Without a doubt it has been a very busy first year here. It has been probably as busy in this one year as it was for me in my previous 7 years in Southern Illinois. Furthermore, all this was done without the assistance of a winter pastor. Although Pastor Schmidt so graciously stepped in for me on a couple of occasions, I managed fairly well given all that took place this past year.

One of the first things I wanted to establish when getting here was to visit all the members and associate members within two or three years. Some of my visits were accompanied by my wife and some were not. I haven't visited all of you, but it still remains a goal of mine. In case you're wondering, the point of the visits are to establish a parishioner/pastor relationship and for each of us to get to know one another more in-depth. In a place where nearly everyone is from a different part of the country, I think it is good for you and I to get to know one another. I've been surprised as to how close some of our paths have come to directly crossing.

I'm not going to say, "I'm not your ordinary pastor." However, in getting to know me and even Lisa more personally you will know that I do not want, nor have never desired to be a pastor. This is God's doing. He has been calling me into the ministry since I was 14 years of age, but I did everything to

ignore His call. Even during my sinful, independent living years, He kept calling, but I kept ignoring. When I was finally worn out, not just from running away from God, but also from guilt and shame, He opened up doors for me and my family that have been beyond my wildest dreams. God's word is true, "Everything is possible with God."



Interestingly, even after confessing my sins and hearing the Gospel message that I am saved by God's grace through faith in Jesus, I have never considered myself worthy to be an under-shepherd to the Chief Shepherd. All I really wanted to do was be a faithful husband, a loving father, and the best memorial granite cutter in the Chicago area. I don't think there was anything wrong with wanting to be and do any of those things. I was truly content. But no, God had His plan and purpose for me and my family.

When entering the seminary 10 years ago I had no idea what to expect. I went with one book underneath my arm, the Bible. But, before leaving a Lutheran pastor told me that he hoped the seminary would make me a Lutheran. I believe the seminary was successful. Although I have Roman Catholic roots, I have no desire to go back because it was in the Lutheran Church where I heard the saving Gospel message; that Jesus died for all my sins and that heaven is for me.

“ONE FULL SEASON” - CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1

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I enjoy being a Lutheran. Knowing the freedom we have as children of God redeemed by His beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Being Lutheran is to believe you are saved by God’s grace and to believe you have the assurance of eternal life in heaven. For more than 30 years I didn’t know any of that. For more than 30 years I was content that forgiveness, eternal life, and salvation wasn’t for me because I couldn’t overcome all the sin I had done and I continue to do. But for me, Lutheran theology has changed all of that and I am eternally grateful to the teachings of Doctor Luther and the many other faithful preachers and teachers of the Holy Scriptures and the Lutheran Confessions.

I also love the Lutheran traditions which aren’t necessarily purely Lutheran. Luther himself, at the time of the Reformation, restored all the godly things of the church and did away with the ungodly practices of men.

While at the seminary, I was thoroughly trained in areas of study involving history, systematic theology (the doctrines of the church), exegetics (translation and interpretation of God’s Word), worship, and pastoral care and counseling.

I’m no expert, but this is what the Lord has decided for me to do. I look forward to meeting many more of you in the future and continuing our relationship with those I’ve already established. I have no idea what is in store for us at Redeemer for this next year, but I have put all things into God’s care. I encourage you to do the same.

In His Service,
 Pastor Kress

CONFIRMATION DAY REMINDER

As our five Confirmands continue to prepare to give public confession of their faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, everyone is invited to the Confirmation Public Examination Service held on Thursday, May 13th at 7:00 PM. Upon the certification of their confirmation, they will be confirmed on Sunday, May 16th. Please keep Maddy Keller, Billy Ruccatano, Matthew Geist, Anthony Bruno and Donna Dahlberg in your prayers.

LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION - - - LWML

INTERNATIONAL STUDENT MINISTRY GRANT - - \$30,000

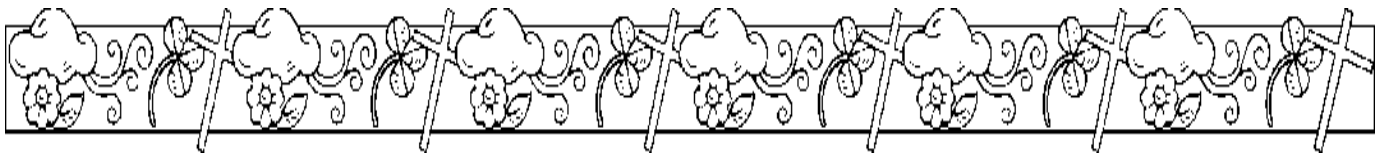
There are over 90 LCMS student ministry sites where International Student Ministries has been encouraging the Church to reach out with intentional friendship, hospitality, and the Gospel among international students and their families on campuses of higher education. They provide bilingual Bibles, Bible studies, and Christ-centered materials for all international students. An international scholar stated, "I learned so much about Jesus and the Bible in English, but I learned to love Him when I read about Him in Chinese." The large Mite Box will be in the Narthex, Sun-

day, May 2. Bring Mite Boxes and coins from pockets and purses to help fund this grant. Your help makes YOU a Missionary!

With the expert, cautious driving of Sam Jollay, ten Redeemer women rode the Church Van to the LWML Spring Rally at Punta Gorda. Through word, song and Bible references we were affirmed in our faith to "Pray, Praise, and Give Thanks" in all circumstances. The 85 women and 3 Pastors were inspired, encouraged and laughed as Jan Struck, a Christian humorous, motivational

speaker, led the afternoon session. And no one will forget the tasty luncheon topped off with chocolate bread pudding with whipped cream and warm vanilla sauce! Pastor Dana Narring, Punta Gorda, will be our new Zone Counselor. The Fall Rally will be hosted by Lutheran Church of the Cross, Pt. Charlotte, on Nov. 6, 2010.

Submitted By Vickie Davis



LADIES GUILD/LWML

As summer draws near a lot of our friends will be going back North. We wish you all a safe trip and look forward to seeing you again in the fall.

The Ladies Guild last meeting and luncheon was April 7th. Our next meeting will be in October. We had a fabulous variety of salads and desserts. We enjoyed having the Dulcimer's for entertainment. What a joy to have them. Their music was beautiful.

Business Meeting began at 1 PM. Pastor Kress gave an interesting devotion

and spoke about wagging tongues.

The Guild has set aside \$601.73 from the Bakeless Bake Sale to go towards soundproofing the Fellowship Hall. If you would like to donate to this fund please see Avis Stuck.

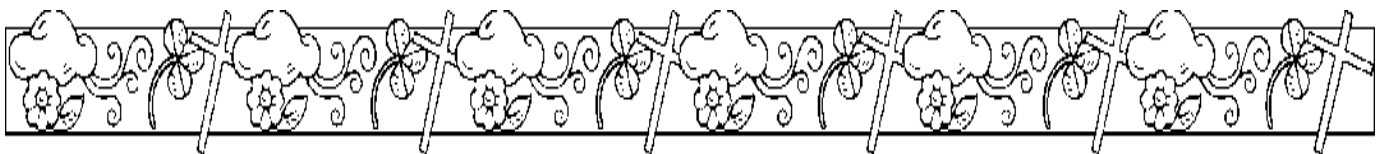
On Saturday April 17th ten of us ladies attended the Sarasota Zone Spring Rally in Punta Gorda. A big thank you to Sammy Jollay for driving the church van. It was a very inspiring Rally. We enjoyed speaker Jan Struck as she enter-

tained us with her journey of faith and her sense of humor as she shared her life that left us laughing.

The Guild is in desperate need of a president and vice-president for the coming year. Please pray that someone will consider taking these offices. Sybil Grahl is staying on as secretary and Avis Stuck treasurer.

Have a safe and happy summer and may the Lord guide and bless you.

Linda Rogers, Ladies Guild V.P.



OUTREACH NEWS

March was a very busy month continuing with our Lenten Services leading up to Holy Week and the celebration of our Lord's Resurrection on Sunday, April 4th.

Visitor packets continue to be handed out to 1st time visitors at all services. They include a copy of the newsletter, Prayers for Lutherans, Redeemer tri-fold, pen and a couple testaments (mints).

The attendance was great on Easter Sunday. Easter mints were handed out to everyone attending church.

Easter Sunday was very popular with the children. We have an estimated 40 children taking part in the Easter Egg Hunt and within 7-10 minutes had found all 300 eggs. They were then served fruit and juice. This was a joint effort between Christian Education, Youth and Outreach.

Best wishes on Mother's Day to all the mothers, grandmothers and great-grandmothers.

May 23rd will be Friendship Sunday. Plan to bring someone.

Happy Memorial Day.



*Submitted
by Karen
Kirkland*

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group meets on the last Thursday of the month at 10:00 am in the Quiet Room off the Narthex of the Church.

Members and friends who are interested in attending may telephone Pastor Kress or Helena DeGourse. The Lesson for the March 31st meeting was from Ephesians 2:8-10: for it is by grace you have been saved. Through faith – and this not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The members discussed Palm Sunday, Jesus' entrance into the city of Jerusalem for the Passover. Maundy Thursday and the Last Supper when Jesus met with his disciples in the upper room, Good Friday and the death on the cross for our sins, and Easter in celebration of Christ's resurrection.

From the first sunrise at the International Date Line, Christians are singing "Alleluia, Hosanna to Christ the

Lord". This continues to ring out from Christians in all countries around the world.

Easter was originally observed on the day following the end of the Passover fast (14 Nisan), regardless of the day of the week. Currently Easter is celebrated on the first Sunday after the first full moon following the vernal equinox.

The symbols of Easter: Eggs: a symbol of new life – of the tomb in which Jesus was laid, the Easter Lily because they are shaped like trumpets, and are a symbol of immortality, Butterfly with its life cycle of as a symbol of eternal life. (While in the cocoon, it undergoes a metamorphosis and emerges in a new and beautiful form), the lamb, a symbol associated with Jesus. He is often referred to in the Bible as the "Lamb of God". John the Baptist described Jesus as the "Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world". The Passover lamb has been interpreted by Christians as foreshadowing Jesus' sacrificial death. The cross is a symbol of Jesus' crucifixion and resurrection.

The dogwood – the dogwood was the tree chosen to construct the Cross. The bloom speaks in the shape of a cross with holes in the tips of the petals signifying the nails that were driven into the Cross. If you look closely at these holes you can notice a faint red stain representing the Blood. In the center you will find a green bloom symbolizing the crown of thorns placed on the head of Jesus and the Jelly Beans, JELLY BEANS: BLACK is the sins of man, for which our Savior died,

RED is the blood he shed, when he was crucified, WHITE is for atonement, he redeemed us from death and sin, GREEN is our new life in Christ, as in baptism did begin, PINK is for the hope, that we live according to his way, ORANGE is the Holy Spirit, that fills our heart we pray, PURPLE is for royalty, for Jesus is the King of Kings and YELLOW is for celebration, and the joy Easter morning brings.

Submitted by Margie Cypher

YOUTH GROUP

Hello Everyone,

The youth group/confirmation class is coming to an end for the summer. We have Confirmation on Sunday May 16th at 9:15 AM service. We are so proud of our youth and our Confirmands. We extend our blessing to Billy Ruccatano, Matthew Geist, Donna Dahlberg, Anthony Bruno and Madeline Keller.

The youth just had our 2nd Annual Golf Fundraiser at The Hill's golf course in Rotonda on April 24th. It was a great success and we thank The Hill's for their generosity and great food. The golfers had a continental breakfast supplied by the youth and a wonderful lunch made by the Hill's golf course. Lunch consisted of barbeque chicken &

ribs, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, coleslaw, chips and a warm brownie with fudge sauce. We had 44 golfers and we thank them all for their support.

I would also like to thank Barbara Duff, Lisa Kress, Gudrun Janke, Kayla Reid and Rick Vassallo for all their help. I would also like to thank my youth that showed that day to help: Billy Ruccatano, Matt Geist, Maddie Keller, Samantha Brewer, Naomi and Nicole Sylvester. It was a blessed day and especially a profitable day.

May 9th the youth will be hosting a Mother/Grandmother's day tea for their families after 9:15 AM service. We will have bagels, muffins, donuts and a beverage for our special ladies in our life and also a gift. So we hope

the moms and grandmas of our youth will attend.

May will be a busy month for us as we also have Youth Sunday on May 30th at 9:15 AM and then our special end of the year outing. We look forward to seeing you all at church. Have a blessed spring and summer.

Submitted by Lisa Vassallo



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



As the church is going to one service through the summer, Sunday School will be completing the Spring quarter and moving into the Summer session and will meet at 10:30, which is immediately following the 9:15 AM service. The Sunday School took part in the Easter Egg Hunt on Easter Sunday and had a wonderful time, there were about 40 children in attendance! On Sunday April 18, 2010 the Sunday School sang "God In a Box" at the 10:30 AM service, the children sounded wonderful! Special thanks to Carole Vovcsko for her help in coordinating the children and the song! We will be giving out attendance awards for the children and service awards for the teachers. We are so excited about how many children have been in attendance at Sunday School and we hope to see many more!! All children are welcome to attend. The Sunday School would greatly appreciate donations of snacks to the Sunday School. If you have any questions about this please contact Lisa Kress!

CHILD CARE—MAY 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 3:45 PM: Chapel -Jesus Promises to be with me. Matthew 28:20 <i>Meganne Birthday</i> Summer Fun	4 Summer Fun	5 Summer Fun	6 Summer Fun	7 Summer Fun	8
9 Mother's Day <i>Aaliyah Birthday</i>	10 3:45 PM: Chapel - Timothy 2 Timothy 1:5;3:15 Preschool Paradise!	11 Preschool Paradise!	12 Preschool Paradise!	13 Preschool Paradise!	14 Preschool Paradise!	15 <i>Ms. Nichole Birthday</i> VPK's Graduation Day in the Fellowship Hall with lunch following
16	17 3:45 PM: Chapel— Children Praise Jesus Matthew 21:7-11, 14-16 Picnics	18 Picnics	19 <i>Tyler G. Birthday</i> Picnics	20 Picnics	21 Picnics	22
23 <i>Ava W. Birthday</i>	24 3:45 PM: Chapel— Jacob and Rachel Have a Baby Genesis 30:22-24 Let's Go for a Nature Walk!	25 <i>Daniel Birthday</i> Let's Go for a Nature Walk!	26 Let's Go for a Nature Walk! Summer Camp Begins!	27 <i>Amy Birthday</i> Let's Go for a Nature Walk!	28 Let's Go for a Nature Walk!	29
30 <i>Ms. Cheryl Birthday</i>	31 3:45 PM: Chapel— Hear the word of the Lord. Jeremiah 7:2 <i>Jayson Birthday</i> Memorial Day					

CHILD CARE NOTES

- If you would like to volunteer to come in and read the Bible story please call Wendy.
- Congratulations, Ms. Lisa. GREAT JOB!
- Our VPK kindergarten readiness provider rate score is in and we received a 190 out of a maximum of 200.



STEWARDSHIP

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

In the month of May in many parts of our country the fields, gardens and orchards are green and growing, giving us the promise that seedtime and harvest will again prevail, and with God's blessing the earth will yield its increase and provide food for all God's creatures. According to God's design the sun will warm the fertile soil, the rains will cause the seeds to sprout and grow into healthy, productive plants, vines, trees and bushes. Last month's newsletter article had the title of *"April showers bring May flowers."* We are now seeing evidence that this old saying is true.

In May we will also be celebrating two special church year events: Ascension Day on May 14 and Pentecost Day on May 23. These two very important events help to encourage and empower us as God's stewards. On Ascension Day our Lord returned to the right hand of the Father, not to escape from the world, but rather to serve as our Advocate to the Father. It is so encouraging for us to know that Jesus is at the right hand of the Father pleading for the forgiveness of our sins which results in fresh starts for us as God's stewards. At the price of His own life Jesus earned for us the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. His resurrection was proof positive that the Father accepted His suffering and death on the cross as the perfect and complete sacrifice, and

His ascension provided proof positive that just as He came from heaven to be our Savior so He returned to heaven to rule all things for the sake of His church—that is, the sake of us—His stewards.

Pentecost Day reminds us of when the Holy Spirit descended upon the first apostles and empowered them to be renewed servants of Jesus who became bold and effective witnesses of the good news of salvation in Christ Jesus. Pentecost Day also reminds us of the new birth of faith in us through the marvelous, yet mysterious, working of the Holy Spirit. For most of us that started with our baptisms. That new life continues as the Holy Spirit works through His Word and the sacrament of Holy Communion to strengthen and equip us to be effective stewards. As God's stewards we have the promise that the Holy Spirit empowers us to do what we otherwise could not do.

The seventh Biblical Stewardship Principle states that *"God's stewards are served and serving."* This means that *"God's stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life which is demonstrated in servanthood within all the arenas of life."* By the grace of God we are reminded that we are to serve our Lord with personal acts of compassion and service as well as financial gifts. Some people seem inclined to think that stewardship is just about money. Yes, it is about money and

how we manage it, but that is only the tip of the iceberg. Stewardship involves our wise management and use of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.

What a blessing and encouragement it is to know and believe that Christ died for us, rose again from the dead, ascended into heaven as the divine conqueror of sin, death and the devil, and now sends His Holy Spirit to be the Lord and Giver of life. May the Holy Spirit enable us to use our time, talents, relationships, treasure and all the other special gifts and blessings in a way that honors our God and blesses our neighbors.

Joseph Friess
Stewardship Chairman



ASSIMILATION

The Pictorial Directory was completed and distributed on Palm Sunday. This was ahead of the scheduled date! We wanted the Associate members to be able to have their copy prior to heading north. Directories are still available at the Activity Desk in the Narthex. We trust everyone will enjoy putting a face to a name!

This first "In-House" directory was completed thanks to:

Joe Friess – who researched the program and did training on the program.

Barb Bishop and Pat Wilcoxon – photographers, disc and list makers, helped with organizing, ETC!

Church Council – who appropriated funds for the project.

Jennifer Steele – cropping of photos, entering updated information and printing of directory

Pastor Kress – for reviewing member list and encouragement on the project.

Assimilation Board – helping direct members for photographs, updating addresses, and assembly of directory.

YOU – for having your smiling faces photographed! We had over 90% participation.

We want EVERYONE to have a Pictorial Directory so you will know your Redeemer Family.

Pam DeGourse, Assimilation Chairperson



2010 SPRING CLEAN-UP

The 2010 annual Spring Clean-Up will take place on May 8, 2010 beginning at 9am. Since this is my first time being involved with the event I am counting on a lot of help and guidance from all the veterans of past clean-ups as well as rookies like myself. Bring your rakes and any other tools and cleaning materials you think might be needed. With a good turn-out I'm sure it will be a successful project. Thank you in advance.



Ed Sheahan, Vice President

CROP WALK

On another subject, I must apologize for being remiss in reporting on the 2010 CROP WALK. The CROP WALK was held on February 27. In spite of all our hopes and prayers for good weather the morning started out cold and damp and deteriorated from there. As uncomfortable as the weather was our group of approximately 25 intrepid walkers were not deterred from completing the mission. We all finished the walk and in the process raised a total of \$1410.00. As you all know, 25% or \$352.50 goes to Englewood Helping Hands with the balance going to Lutheran World Services. I thank everyone who contributed to the success of the 2010 CROP WALK and I look forward to our participation again in 2011. Thank you all very much.

Ed Sheahan, Vice President

STEPHEN MINISTRY

DEPRESSION

As God's people we all will have one or more crisis in our lives. Some crisis can include depression, such as, hospitalization, terminal illness, loss of loved one, loss of job, divorce, move to a nursing home, move to a new community or church, retirement, faith struggles and many more. There are three types of depression: Mild which is the most common and can be brought on by happy and sad events. A wedding is happy but stressful and the stress can lead to depression. Moderate depression is a feeling of hopelessness, it lasts longer and is more intense. Moderate depression is often brought on by sad events, such as death of a loved one or loss of job. Usually the person continues to function in their daily life but it can become severe. When depression becomes severe it can cause the person to lose interest in the outside world and physical changes can occur. A severely depressed person always requires professional treatment. The only way you can help a severely depressed person is by helping them to find professional

care. When conversing with a mildly or moderately depressed person always be patient. Their responses may be slow and repetitive. It is difficult for them to make a decision. Always be accepting because there may be other people who find the depressed person difficult to be around and may avoid their company. Let them know that you understand their pain by expressing caring statements, " Life is sometimes very difficult ", " It's okay to feel depressed at times." Initiate conversation because the person may be quite passive. Encourage expression of feelings because at this time they may be having difficulty expressing their feelings. Give positive encouragement when the person makes any kind of feelings statement. They may express feelings by crying. Even if they don't cry urge them to do so. Often the depressed person is angry which they need to talk about. You might say " I sense you're angry about _____. I'd like to hear about it." Don't try to humor the person to help them snap out of it. This does not work and it is not showing empathy. Sometimes the person has self defeating behavior. They may make an impulsive

decision that they will deeply regret at a later time. Offer an opinion or make a suggestion to delay the impulsive decision. Since hopelessness is the main characteristic of depression it is important to instill hope. Recognize and affirm small improvements that the person has made. This helps them to see God in their life and realize change is possible. Use Christian assurances, such as, Bible verses (Romans 8:31-39, Isaiah 40:28-31, Psalm 42:1-6a, Romans 5:1-6), Bible stories, prayer, and blessing. This is a brief overview of caring for a depressed person. We can help each other as a Christian family by recognizing the trying times each one of us has in our lives and caring for each other in a Christian manner. God is always the cure giver. He sends His Holy Spirit to work through us so we are the care giver and "Yes" we all are care givers. " *Weeping may linger for the night, but joy comes with the morning*". - Psalm 30:5b

Submitted by Carol Carlos



PRAYERS

Shut-Ins: Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Ruth Jansch, Laura Simis and Ruth Sutley.

Members: Henrietta Appold, Gene Eiler, Family and friends of Virginia Glotzhofer, Becky Heichelbech, Wendy Horvath, Dick Hughes, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Gary Lute, Clara Mitchell, Leona Morrison, Bob Mortenson, Herb Petersen, Don Plesner, Tom Poyer, Jerry Schriener, Duwayne Shoeneck, Ashley Schultz, Sam Simonson, Ed Sita, Anna Smith, Russ Spooner, Earl Stuck, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, Ronald Woller, Barbara Wolgast.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Julie Carroll, Shirley Chattin, Lisa Clemens, Carly DeFeos, John Denick, Don Francis, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Glory Herget, Bill Hillis, Robin Hincman, Tom Holt, Bob Jamney, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Janice Kahlich, Julie Keck, Louis Kirkland, Rev. Howie Krienke, Elsie Malecki, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Linda Merisko, Pete Mogg, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, Donna Santora-Vovcsko, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, and Andrew Wolgast.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Col. Dennis Beatty, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Stephen Geib, Christopher Hankins, Brian Hollis, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Michael Monson, Christian Mosser, Luis Oquendo, Jeremy Schaitz, Jeremy Twombly, Katherine Utroska, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.



GREETERS

May 2nd

Erwin & Gudrun Janke

May 9th

Mother's Day

Carolyn Jordan

May 16th

Confirmation Day

Lisa Vassallo

Jim Wright

May 23rd

Ed & Ginny Doenges

May 30th

Memorial Day

Youth

COFFEE HOUR

May 2nd

Pastor Kress' One Year

Anniversary

May 9th

Mother's Day—Carolyn Jordan

May 16th

Confirmation— Lisa Vassallo

Jim Wright

May 23rd

Friendship Sunday—

Shirley Zatkalik

Outreach

May 30th

Memorial Day— Lisa Vassallo

Jim Wright



USHER THANK YOU

You are a very important part of Redeemer Lutheran Church. Your friendly smile, warm welcome and handshake make everyone feel welcome. Volunteering your time and talent is GOD's blessing to Redeemer Lutheran Church. Thank You
 —Tom Kirkland

CLASSIFIEDS

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| Beautician/Manicurist | Debbie Balogh
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| Giveaway | Two Uniroyal Freedom Tires, size 205x70x14 used only three months. Please contact Lessie Kirch if interested at 475-3689. | | |

SCRIP

I will not be taking Scrip orders during the summer months. The next Scrip order will be at the Ladies Guild/LWML meeting Wednesday November 3 and also after both services on Sunday November 7. The orders will then be taken monthly . Sorry for any inconvenience. Submitted by Sybil Grahl

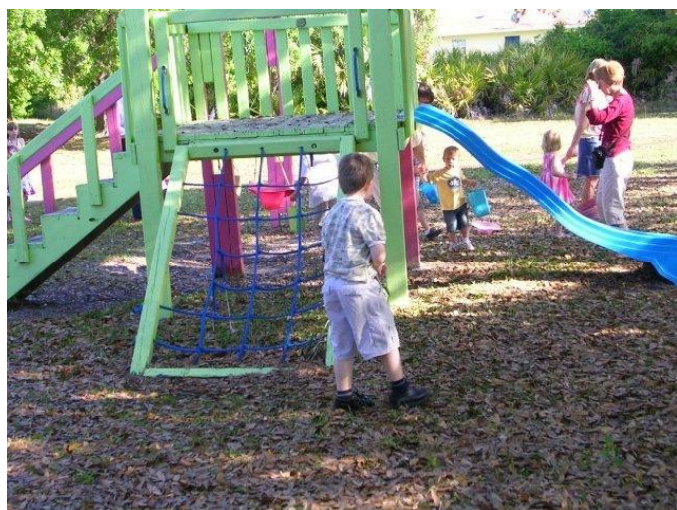
REMINDERS

- Email vs. Mailing—As mentioned last month, if you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please email or call the church office. Thank you.
- The Newsletter deadline for next months is May 23rd. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time.

THANK YOU

Before I leave for my home in Minnesota I want o say "thanks" to Pastor Kress and the members of Redeemer for the prayers and kind words of encouragement we've shared since Bob's death. "Comfort Ye My People" says the Lord and I have been comforted! In Christian Love, Dottie LaMere.

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May—September: 9:15 AM

Adult Bible Study and Sunday School: 10:30 AM

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 941-475-2410

We, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church are called into the service of our Lord by accepting His command (Matt 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, and our love for Christ compels us to serve our Sisters and Brothers as He served us