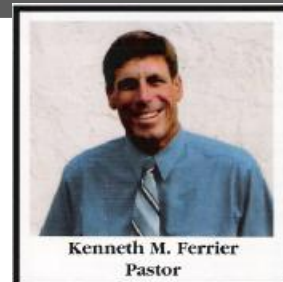


## Reflect, Repent, Renew



Kenneth M. Ferrier  
Pastor

At our house we just recently got all of the Christmas decorations put away, but my calendar tells me that Ash Wednesday...and the spiritual discipline of the Lenten Season...is just a few weeks away. The season of Lent gives us a much needed "time out" from the ordinary flow of our routines. *"Is my relationship with my Savior everything I want it to be?" "Is it everything HE wants it to be?" "Has some sinful pattern of behavior crept into my life...my heart?" "Am I listening to the voice of my Good Shepherd, or are other voices drowning Him out?"*

Lent is a time for asking oneself these kinds of soul-searching questions. Even more importantly, Lent is a time for listening as God answers such questions through His holy Word. To help us do just that, our Mid-week Services this year will focus on the various "I AM..." statements of our Savior as they are recorded in the Gospel according to St. John.

*Services each week are at 4:00 and 7:00 PM, with a Lenten Supper served in between.*

Ash Wednesday	Feb. 21	"I am the Vine"
Wednesday	Feb. 28	"I am the Door"
Wednesday	Mar. 7	"I am the Light of the World"
Wednesday	Mar. 14	"I am the Resurrection..."
Wednesday	Mar. 21	"I am the Way..."
Wednesday	Mar. 28	"I am a King"

### HOLY WEEK

- (7 pm. ONLY) Maundy Thursday, April 5  
*"I am Teacher and Lord"*
- (7pm. ONLY) Good Friday, April 6  
Tenebrae Service of our Lord's Passion
- EASTER SUNDAY - 8:00 and 10:30 AM  
Resurrection Celebration with Holy Communion

Plan now to make the most of these opportunities for drawing closer to our Lord, and to one another...as we Reflect, Repent, and Renew our faith together.

*Pastor Ferrier*

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# President's Corner



The President's Corner

The Church Council and I thank you for your continued prayers and support.

We thank God daily for all the blessings he showers on us.

Due to a technical snafu, The Presidents Corner was not in last month's newsletter and I am sorry about that.

What a joyful time we are in right now. A little over a month ago we celebrated the birth of our Savior and some of us got the opportunity to spend time with family, loved ones and friends. The last few weeks we have been learning how God chose to reveal His Son our Redeemer to us. For all these blessings we are thankful.

We need to thank our Lord for the work of our nominating committee and the prayerful consideration made by all that were asked to serve. We are looking forward to working with our new board leaders.

We have a brand new year ahead of us with its challenges and opportunities yet to be unfolded. It's like a Christmas present waiting to be opened. We can anticipate what is inside the box but cannot be sure until the box is opened.

The coming year promises to be an exciting year as we evaluate, deliberate, and start to implement some of the ideas and suggestions coming out of our Retreat, Long Range Committee, and the Child Task Force. We have some new board leaders. I expect, they too will have ideas they will want to pursue.

Our family rallies have been well accepted and we will be seeking ways to expand the opportunities for fellowship among ourselves and with our community.

The above is what I expect in our Redeemer box. Together we as a Body will open the box day by day and ask our Lord for guidance in how best to respond to those challenges and opportunities to reach out to those that don't know Him as their Redeemer.

*Joe Carlos*

# Stewardship



## *"Stewardship and Lent"*

On February 21 we will observe the beginning of the season of Lent with the observance of Ash Wednesday. Like Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter, many people in the world who are not active Christians will also celebrate this season of the year. Many communities commemorate "Fat Tuesday," the last day of living it up before Ash Wednesday. In New Orleans many people, Christians as well as non-Christians, will observe Mardi Gras. Many of them will also put on ashes when the clock strikes midnight on February 20.

Many people typically "give up" something for Lent, whether food, entertainment, or whatever. For us Christian stewards Lent is a very solemn time of year, a good time to reflect on one's spiritual life. Christian stewards may very well "give up" something for Lent or "take on" something for Lent. One of these options of "taking on" is attending mid-week Lenten services in addition to Sunday services. Another option may be to do some additional special work for the church or community. Still another option may be to increase one's giving to support the work of the church. Some Christians have used the season of Lent to try "tithing," that is, giving 10% of one's income for the work of the Lord, normally through the local congregation. Many Christians who have tried "tithing" on a trial basis have continued that practice with great joy! What a good spiritual exercise "tithing" can be!

"Giving up" something or "taking on" something new are good exercises for Christian stewards. Both involve reflecting on our spiritual life in view of the great sacrifice that Jesus made for our temporal and eternal welfare.

Regardless of how you choose to celebrate Lent, remember St. Paul's words to the Galatians: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." (Galatians 6:9-10)

"Motivated by the love of Jesus and empowered by the Holy Spirit maturing stewards do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do!

*Submitted by Ray Altmann*

# Stephen Ministry



Due to a glitch in the computer system my New Years wish and January Stephen Ministry newsletter was not conveyed; therefore, a blessed, healthy New Year to you all. Stephen Ministry looks forward to this wonderful new year with expectation of a strong, joyful ministry.

Once again Stephen Ministry has been blessed with two new members for our weekly Stephen Ministry training. The Lord truly works in wondrous ways. One member didn't realize he was going to join the classes until a few days before we were to begin our new session. The other member realized she was joining our group the day before we were to begin. The Holy Spirit never stops working. Ask our two new members about their experience and how they came to join Stephen Ministry. They are **Ed Doenges** and **Deb Kueker**. We are truly happy to have them and already feel they have enriched our ministry with their participation in the classes.

On January 7th. **Nancy Fandrlick** headed to Orlando, Florida for the week long Stephen Ministry Leadership classes. **CONGRATULATIONS, NANCY!** She has already begun teaching the weekly Stephen Ministry training classes, along with **Carol Carlos**.

**Carol Haupt** is handling the Stephen Ministry supervision group and continuing education classes on the 1st. and 3rd. Thursday of every month. Those in the supervision group and continuing education classes are **Mary Beaber, Sharon Grcevic, Erwin and Maureen Nesvacil and Sandy Sita**. **THANK YOU ALL** for your dedication to Stephen Ministry.

The Stephen Ministry training classes are held every Friday from 9:00am to 2:00pm. We would like to invite any member of the congregation to join us to see what we talk about, feel the spirit and laugh about ourselves. You may stay the whole time or just spend one class time with us which would be from 9:00am to 11:30am.

Please pray that God will powerfully use Stephen Ministry as an instrument of His peace, His healing and reconciliation in the Body of Christ.

*Submitted by Carol Carlos*

# Redeemer Web Site



A new web site has been established for Redeemer Lutheran Church. The web address is [WWW.REDEEMERFL.COM](http://WWW.REDEEMERFL.COM) or REDEEMERFL.com will also work.

The purpose of the web site is to serve existing members by providing them with news, schedules, documents (bulletins & monthly news letters), sermons and other information. The web site also serves and an information source for prospective members, child care users, and transferees that are looking for their future church. With those two primary purposes in mind, we need to add and maintain content to serve those needs.

I developed this site and am volunteering my time to maintain it, but I need everyone's help in providing content to keep everything up to date. If you have some ideas or suggestions to add new sections or updates please let me know. It is best to email me the text in an email body or Word document. You can also email me photos; but if there is a lot of them, we may need to make other arrangements due to the size limits in the email system. My email is [jfriess@ewol.com](mailto:jfriess@ewol.com) and my home telephone number is 941-828-0408.

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## Why Lincoln Stood

When it came time for the pastoral prayer at the church Abraham Lincoln attended, the New York Avenue Presbyterian Church, in Washington, D.C., the president stood up. Because most of the worshipers remained seated, someone asked the president why he stood. The president responded, "When my generals come into the Oval Office, they stand for their commander-in-chief. Isn't it proper then, that I stand for my commander-in-chief?"



# Endowment Fund

Your Endowment Committee has voted to consider grant requests at this time. A grant procedure has been prepared and copies are available upon request through the Church Office Secretary.



Grants are to be funded from the earned income net of fees, and are of course meant to serve the mission of Redeemer, the District and or Synod. Requests for Grants will be reviewed and if Committee approved will be presented to Council and Voters' Assembly for final approval. The amount of the grants will of course be governed by the available balance of earned income.

The Grant procedure documents include a list of Endowment Fund Members. Please feel free to contact any one of these members if you have questions concerning our Endowment Fund.

*Submitted by Ray Altmann*

# Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for March is Sunday, February 18th by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [shortstack44@ewol.com](mailto:shortstack44@ewol.com) or [letastender@yahoo.com](mailto:letastender@yahoo.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after February 18th will be held for the April newsletter.



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

Please Note: My regular email is up and running again, but I am keeping both addresses just in case there is another problem. You can send it to either address or both!

Also, I have changed my phone number to (941) 830-1412!!

*Leta Stender*

# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

Beautician/Manicurist      Debbie Balogh      Purple Palace      941-475-0731

## Classified

1999 Ford Ranger, extended cab pickup — 6 cyl., 5 speed standard transmission, 86K miles. Runs Good. 4,600 or best offer.      Call Ray Stender at 628-3939.

Fostoria American Dishes (large lot). The Youth are selling this online at eBay. However, if you are a collector or know someone who is and would like to buy it directly from them, please call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502.

Tommy Hilfiger "tommy" cologne spray, 1.7 fl. Oz/50 ml. Brand new in box.  
7 bottles available.  
\$10.00 ea.      Call Michelle Ferrier — 697-0502

Do we have any electricians, plumbers, handymen, babysitters, computer experts, etc.? Let us know so we can add your name to our service list!!!, Contact Leta Stender at 830-1412 or email to [letastender@yahoo.com](mailto:letastender@yahoo.com)

## From the Office

Northern Members When you return, remember to check in with the Church Secretary to let her know you are here.

*Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*



# GREETERS SCHEDULE

## 8:00 A.M.

- Feb 4 Sara Bruno & Shirley Woller
- Feb 11 Ken & Cathy Mielke
- Feb 18 Marv & Shirley Mielke
- Feb 25 Steve & Lee Procuk

## 10:30 A.M.

- Feb 4 Anthony & Sharon Grcevic
- Feb 11 Ken & Betty Heimlich
- Feb 18 Ron & Shirley Woller
- Feb 25 Inge Tringali & Betty Rowe

## Assimilation

- Feb 4 Mary Turner & Dottie LaMere
- Feb. 11 Karen Sleichert & Harriet Payne
- Feb. 18 Clara Jo Toth & Phyllis Lehner
- Feb. 25 Phyllis Lehner & Shirley Dieman

*Submitted by Betty Rowe & Pam DeGourse*



## Housekeeping

- Feb. 3 Patrick & Jacki Wall
- Feb. 10 Ernie & Shirley Ferguson
- Feb. 17 Bob & Harriet Payne
- Feb. 24 Cheryl & Kyle Thatcher

*Submitted by Harv Sterriker*

# Child Care

February 14, 2007 we will have our Valentine's Day party with pizza and treats. The party will begin at 11:30 a.m. — 1:00 p.m.

Come and join in on the fun! RSVP for lunch to Shawn or Wendy at 475-2631.

*Submitted by Shawn Richard*



## CHILDCARE



# Assimilation

## MAP CHART GAME- The results are In!

The map chart has been completed and tallied by the Assimilation Board.

Yes, as expected, the "Michiganders" HAVE WON by a large margin.

#1 = Michigan, 66, plus 8 for the UP, TOTAL=74

#2 = Illinois, 28

#3 = Ohio and Wisconsin, 17 each

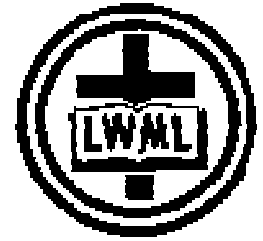
#4 = New York 16

Arizona	1	Nebraska	3
Arkansas	1	New Jersey	4
California	3	New York	16
Colorado	2	Ohio	17
Connecticut	3	Oklahoma	3
Florida	9	Pennsylvania	7
Illinois	28	Rhode Island	1
Indiana	12	South Dakota	1
Iowa	7	Tennessee	1
Kansas	1	Texas	6
Kentucky	1	Vermont	1
Maine	1	West Virginia	1
Maryland	4	Wisconsin	17
Massachusetts	7		
Michigan	66	Canada	4
Michigan-UP	8	Cuba	1
Minnesota	9	Germany	4
Mississippi	1	Italy	1
Missouri	2	Lithuania	1
North Dakota	2	Portugal	1

Thank you to all who participated. The maps will be on display in the Fellowship Hall during the month of February.

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse & Barbara Bishop*

# Ladies Guild



The Ladies Guild got off to a good start in the new year with a good attendance at our first meeting on January 3rd. First time guest K. C. Wright was welcomed.

Rev. Dana Narring of Tidewell Hospice was welcomed as our guest speaker. He explained his work at Hospice and how Hospice services can be obtained.

Carol Haupt made a motion to give the bakeless 2006 bake sale proceeds of \$563.00 plus the proceeds from this February's bakeless bake sale to the church office to purchase a folding machine and other items as needed. Lessie Kirch seconded, motion carried.

Ellie Ratzlaff reported on the progress of the January 31 Style Show and Luncheon. Bon Worth will be supplying the fashions.

Margie Cypher reported that there would only be one applicant for the Scholarship Fund this year. \$2,000 is allocated in our budget. If only \$1,000 is used, the other \$1,000 would be carried over to the next year when there may be several applicants. The funds will be divided equally among the applicants.

Kay Wright reported that she is checking on material for recovering several chairs in the Fellowship Hall.

Harvey Sterriker has requested assistance from the Ladies Guild to serve food for the Leadership Retreat Workshop to be held February 10 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. More information will be available for our February 7th meeting.

Nancy Fandrlick and K. C. Wright will co-chair the Crop Walk on February 24, 2007.

*Submitted by Linda Rogers*



## Ladies Guild Scholarship Applications

Applications for June 2007 high school graduates are available in the church office for students applying for a Ladies Guild Scholarship.

The applicant must be a confirmed member of Redeemer Lutheran Church.

In making a selection the utmost consideration is given to the applicant's level of participation in Worship and Service at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

*Submitted by Margie Cypher, Ellie Ratzlaff, Marie Talley*



# New Members

Harris, Dick & Sharon  
137 Palmetta Point Ct.  
Port Charlotte, FL 33953  
624-3508

Dick had a thirty-six year career as administrator of the Iowa Farm Bureau and the American Farm Bureau.

Sharon is a retired elementary school teacher. Dick enjoys fishing, water sports, traveling and walking. Sharon likes cooking, sewing, and travelling.

Vance, Duane & Patricia  
195 White Marsh Lane  
Rotonda West, FL 33947  
697-7977

The Vances are transferring from St. Lorenz Lutheran Church in Frankenmoth, Michigan where they owned a couple of Hallmark stores. Duane now works at Home Depot in Port charlotte. Pat is employed at the Community Eye Center in Port Charlotte and at Publix. Duane's hobbies are landscaping, stained glass and traveling. Pat is a workaholic who enjoys movies, reading, jigsaw puzzles and gardening.

Wall, Patrick & Jacki  
23 Pinehurst Ct.  
Rotonda West, FL 33947  
830-8103

Patrick & Jacki are transferring from St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Hampton, NE. Patrick is employed at Grande Aire Services on Boca Grande. Jacki is employed at Gasparilla Properties. Patrick's hobbies are golf and collecting sports cards. Jackie enjoys reading, baking and computer games. Their son, Alex, attends LA Ainger Middle School and serves as an acolyte at Redeemer.

## ASSOCIATE TO MEMBER

Plesner, Don & Carolyn  
163 Martinique Rd.  
North Port, FL 34287  
423-0586

Don is a retired project engineer. Carolyn worked as an assistant purchasing agent at Valparaiso University. Don and Carolyn enjoy reading, fishing and Carolyn is in the Redeemer choir.

Wright, Jim & K.C.  
1133 Clark Street  
Englewood, FL 34223  
474-5241

Jim is a retired battalion chief from the Saginaw, Michigan Fire Department. KC is a retired secretary. Jim loves fishing and hunting. KC is an avid letter writer and enjoys rubber stamping. She is also a cat lover, and has "adopted" six cats.

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

*Submitted by Ellie Ratzlaff*

# By Popular Demand

## Double Chocolate Banana Bread

1 Cup Granulated Sugar  
 1 1/2 Cup Flour  
 1 tsp Baking Soda  
 1 tsp Vanilla  
 2 Eggs

1/2 Cup Cocoa  
 1/3 Cup Vegetable Oil  
 1 Cup Chocolate Chips  
 3 Bananas — Mashed

Spray loaf pans. In large bowl mix sugar, oil, eggs and vanilla until smooth. In medium bowl mix flour, baking soda and cocoa. Add to sugar mix until combined (batter will be thick). Stir in bananas and chips. Spoon evenly into pans. Can add nuts, then use 1/2 chips and 1/2 nuts.

Bake at 305° for 60—70 minutes. Check when toothpick comes out clean.

Cool 10 minutes. Remove from pans and continue cooling on wire rack. Freezes well.

*Submitted by Joyce Redding*

## Bible Quiz



In Mark 9 Jesus took three disciples to a high mountain. While there, the men witnessed amazing things. Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, and then Elijah and Moses appeared to them. The disciples then heard a voice from a cloud that said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" (Mark 9:7, nrsv). Suddenly, Elijah and Moses vanished and the disciples were alone with Jesus.

Who were the three disciples who witnessed the Transfiguration?

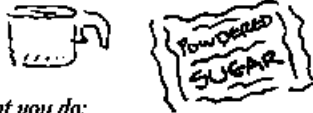
- A. Peter, Andrew and John
- B. Peter, James and John
- C. Peter, James and Andrew
- D. James, Matthew and John

# LOVE TREATS

Show others love by baking them a lovely treat!

## What you need:

- ♥ An adult to help
- ♥ Refrigerated cookie dough (sugar or chocolate chip)
- ♥ Jar of red jam (raspberry or strawberry)
- ♥ 1 or 2 heart-shaped cookie cutters. (If you use 2, make sure they are different sizes.)
- ♥ Powdered sugar
- ♥ Sifter
- ♥ Knife



## What you do:

1. Follow the cookie dough directions for rolling out the dough.
2. If you are using one cookie cutter, cut out the heart-shaped cookies and transfer to a baking sheet. Try to have an even number of hearts when finished.
3. If you are using two cookie cutters, cut out the large hearts. Take half of the hearts, and cut out a small heart window in the center with the smaller cookie cutter. Now you have a heart inside another heart.
4. Have an adult help you bake the cookies according to the dough directions.
5. After baking, place the cookies on a cooling rack.
6. When the cookies are cooled, make cookie sandwiches by spreading jam onto the flat side of half the cookies, and then placing another cookie on top of each one. (If you made cookie windows, use those for the tops.)
7. Sprinkle powdered sugar over your heart sandwiches with a sifter.
8. Share the cookies with the people you love.



## But the Greatest of These Is LOVE!

God shows love to us every day and in many ways. Fill in the blanks below with the missing letters to see how God loves us perfectly!

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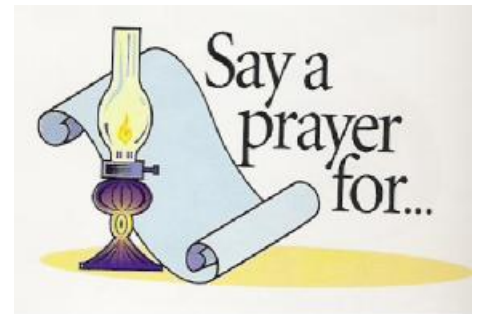
believeth \_ \_ n Him

should \_ \_ ot perish,

but have \_ \_ verlasting life.

—John 3:16, KJV

Answer: valentine



HEALING:

Members

Ron Beaber  
Elma Cancellieri  
Gene Eiler  
Joan Johnson  
Lydia Klinger  
Cliff Larsen  
Tom McGrath  
Ken Mielke  
Clara Mitchell  
Lois Overmeyer  
Don Plesner  
Katie Rudolph  
Lee Vandercook

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William Evans  
Andy Gojkov  
Pamela Hackley  
Walter Heppner  
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Elizabeth Linhardt  
Burton Mason  
Patrick McCord  
Donna Nesvacil  
Cheri Petersen  
Rae Ray  
Kyle Schultz  
Ken Stephenson  
Jill Taylor  
John Zullo

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES

**Remember**  
*Our Shut-ins*



Herb Bohm  
Ruth Jansch  
James and Henrietta Prather  
Bertha Sandhusen  
Norma Spaw  
Shirley Youngberg

# Outreach



*"Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit." --Matthew 28:19*

The Board of Outreach has started off the new year running. Members include Ed and Ginney Doenges, Betty Heimlich, Jim and Mary Turner, Margie Cypher, Leta Stender, and Phylis Lehner....so far. More are needed as there is much work the Lord has given us to do. We especially need more year-round members. All kinds of work—witnessing, mailing, making signs, telephoning,, visiting, handing out informational materials, etc. Because the Board has such a big agenda, we are meeting two times a month, on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays, at 10:00 a.m. Please join us.

## Welcoming Visitors

Because of Redeemer's outreach efforts, we will be seeing more and more visitors at Sunday services. We need to be ready to welcome them.

So many of our members have said that they joined Redeemer because of the friendliness of our congregation, that they were made to feel at home. We do a very good job of welcoming visitors to our church. The Board will soon be giving our visitors a gift packet and also a name tag, so that they will be easily identified as visitors. When you see a new person in church, someone you don't know, or someone identified as a visitor, go up and talk to them, invite them to an event or activity at church.

TIP: Wear your name tag in church, it will help break the ice. They will see what state you are from and your name—that's a good start. Also, if we all wear our name tags, we will be better able to see who the visitors are.

It is also essential that our Sunday visitors are visited soon after their visit to show our care, concern and interest. They will feel more welcome and will be more likely to return. The Word and the Holy Spirit will do the rest. The Board has established a procedure for visiting and follow-up, and has already begun visiting our "new friends."

## Signs (Name Recognition)

The Board has been contacting billboard companies, evaluating this medium for advertising Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care. We are also exploring other sign opportunities along SR776. We are planning on expanding the number of our weekend "mushroom" sign locations, reaching out further into the community—throughout Rotonda, down Placida Rd., into Old Englewood.

The Board has purchased a sign to be displayed at Little League games at the Englewood Sports Complex. The sign will be 4' X 8' and advertise our church and child care. Many Englewood families will be exposed to this outreach and hopefully come see what we are all about.

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# Outreach



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## Witness Training Workshop

The Lord has commanded us to “make disciples of all nations.” But how do we do this? We give to world missions, we give money and work for our own congregation, and we pray for those who go tell the Good News. But there is more that we can do, much more. We can talk to our friends, relatives, neighbors, people we meet in doctors offices and stores, or on the golf course, about our faith and why our hope is in Jesus.

If you want to do this, but are afraid, or lack confidence, or just don't know how to begin, then this Workshop is for you! Pastor will be conducting a four-hour workshop on Saturday, March 24. We will learn how easy it is to be a “friend.” Mark your calendars and plan to attend. Watch this space for details.

## Community Events (Opportunities for Outreach)

The recent Yard Sale was a great success—for Outreach, too. Hundreds of people came to our facility, saw the friendliness of our people, their service to our Lord. Board of Outreach members passed out Redeemer's informational brochure to just about everyone who passed through our doors. Many people expressed interest in visiting our church. We also had a free drawing for a gift basket. We will follow up with those who submitted entries, further welcoming them to our midst.

Redeemer has joined the Englewood Chamber of Commerce, which will provide us with many opportunities to tell people about Redeemer. One such opportunity is the annual Chamber of Commerce Expo, to be held at the Sports Complex on April 13 and 14. Redeemer will have a booth at the Expo, and will be able to show people see who we are and what we stand for. Again, this will be a great opportunity to establish name recognition. The Chamber is expecting 10,000 visitors this year.

*Submitted by Carol Haupt*

# Crop Walk

Starting now, you can sign up to take part in this year's CROP Walk which will be on Saturday, February 24th, at 8:30 a.m. The word CROP stands for Christian Rural Overseas Program. You can be a walker and enlist the help of family and friends to sponsor your effort or you can sponsor other walkers. This is a joint effort and we need everyone's help. So please prayerfully consider signing up. Just look for the sign-up table in the narthex. Thank you.



*Submitted by K.C. Wright*



# Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women in Mission

Come and celebrate friendship in our opening devotion, February 7th in the Fellowship Hall. Who is your best friend? Will you receive a Valentine? We have a special Valentine for everyone. Are you laying out a pattern for your life? Is it filled with discontentment, low self esteem, or joy, fulfillment and happiness? "Laying Up Treasures" will be presented by five shining stars from Redeemer as they plan a tapestry that is our life. As always, hope you can come and enjoy an afternoon of inspiration and fellowship. Think of friends you would like to invite . . . Then invite them! 😊 Yummy dessert served at 12:30.

Mite Box offerings will be dedicated. These thank offerings add up to thousands of dollars from mission minded men and women throughout the United States. The Mission Grants for the FL/GA District total \$110,200 for this biennium. Scholarships for Church Worker students and the Food Co-Op at Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne are but two of the 13 Grants.

*Submitted by Vicky Davis*

## Child Care Action Committee

This committee was formed in response to the Child Care Study Report "Reflections on the Child Care" with objectives as follows:

1. Assess the Child Care Study Report
2. Identify Phase I projects (those which warrant urgent resolution and are consistent with short-term implementation).
3. Implement Phase I objectives
4. Establish tentative objectives for Phase II (mid-term) and Phase III (long-term)
5. Form follow-up committee to implement Phase II (and III where possible).

The committee has identified tasks believed to be required for Phase I and has assigned these to sub-committees which are staffed by committee members. They may be generally classified as Administration, Fiscal Management, Christian Education, Property Management, Outreach, Integration and School Board/Constitution. Action Committee members will work closely with Child Care to accomplish our common goals.

Each sub-committee will provide monthly progress reports to the Action Committee and highlights will be published regularly.

Committee members are: Ron Beaber, Tim Byrne, Margie Cypher, Pam DeGourse, Shirley Ferguson, Nancy Gunterman, Carol Haupt, Erv Maki, Harv Sterriker, Marj Sterriker, Earl Stuck, Charlie Vovcsko.

*Submitted by Earl Stuck*

# Human Care



This is my first newsletter article as Human Care Board Chair. My predecessor's (Carol Haupt) shoes will be hard to fill, but I will do my best!

We received a gracious thank you from Connie Sikkema, Executive Director of the Messiah Migrant Mission. One hundred thirty five Angel Tree Gifts were taken to the mission along with cash from door offerings, youth ministry, Wal-Mart, and matching funds from Thrivent totaling \$1,900! Watch for another door offering soon.

Our Care Notes rack was well received during the Christmas season and now we have supplied the rack with brochures covering general needs. Be sure to avail yourselves of these helpful tracts.

We are currently working on a project which involves sending "care packages" to service personnel overseas. If you have a loved one in the service, let me know and we'll include them in our mailings.

We are also establishing a "rainy day" fund for people in need. This will be in the form of gift cards for groceries or gas and will be distributed from our church office.

Don't forget our Senior Fellowship meetings at 10 a.m. on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of every month. Cards and games are played and lunch is served. We'd love to have you join us!

The Caring Network leader's meeting will be February 14th at 10 a.m. Contact Lessie Kirch (931-475-3689) if you have any questions.

A new Stephen Ministry class has started. Please contact Carol Carlos (255-3354) or Carol Haupt (941-493-0399) if interested in this ministry.

Tidewell Hospice will be conducting grief support groups in their new Englewood office. This is a free service and open to the public. There are no requirements/qualifications to attend. Specialty groups and individual counseling will also be offered. For more information, call Cathy McClung at (941-548-2300).

The Human Care Board would love to have more members. The only qualification is a loving, caring heart.

Submitted by Marj Sterriker (941) 475-0553

# Youth News

## YOUTH ACTIVITIES COMING UP

Spaghetti Supper, February 16

5 — 7 p.m.



Please watch the bulletin for further details. Tickets for the Spaghetti Supper will be available in February for a donation. Thank you for your continued support of Redeemer Lutheran youth!

*Submitted by Michelle Ferrier*

# 2007 Florida Senior Fest

Sponsored by the Association of Lutheran Older Adults (ALOA)

Co-sponsors Fla-GA District (LCMA), Fla-Ba Synod (ELCA), LSF, and Thrivent Financial

### This Year in Three Locations

Thursday, February 8  
Day Spring Conference Center  
8411 25th St. East  
Parish, FL (near Ellenton)

Tuesday, February 13  
John Knox Village  
651 SW 6th Street  
Pompano Beach, FL

Thursday, February 15  
Life Enrichment Center  
04991 Picciola Rd.  
Fruitland Park, FL

What is Senior Fest: A day of learning, food, fun, and challenge for all Lutheran seniors from far and near, and for their friends.

Who will be featured: Keynote speaker, Dr. Marva Dawn, popular and well-known theologian and author. Leading music and worship and sharing their rescue story, Dave and Barbara Anderson.

What Else: Beautiful outdoor settings, exhibits, crafts, exercise, choir, clowning, kayaking, prayer labyrinth, speakers, tours, and other activities. (Workshop activities will vary at each location).

Registration and coffee beginning at 8:30 a.m. Program 9:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Cost: \$25.00 for the day, including lunch. Space is limited. Register early!

For directions to the location, or for overnight lodging information at:

DaySpring near Ellenton call: Ruth Chancellor, 813-988-4025

John Knox Village, Pompano/Ft. Lauderdale area call: Pat Zangmeister, 954-731-3351

Life Enrichment Center, near Leesburg/The Villages call: Bonnie Andrus, 352-750-4927

Registration forms are located on the table in the Narthex.

*Submitted by Marj Sterriker*

# Yard Sale

