

## What's Goin' On at Church



The President's Corner

First of all, I have noticed some very positive things. I see a lot of smiles and hand shakes every Sunday morning, and attendance and giving have increased. We have really helped the "cash flow" situation by being blessed enough to pay off the mortgage and by having the funds to pay our large property insurance premium for the year this spring. The budget for the church is below expected for expenses and over what we predicted would be for giving. This is Great News.

The Child Care is gearing up for the expected increase in young people with plans to purchase a new shed to store things that will allow one of the rooms to be used as an additional classroom as well as let the Church have some additional storage. The budget is in the black as members continue to donate funds and supplies. The Child Care Sunday was a great way to say Thank You for our dedicated Child Care Workers and having the children at the service was such a blessing. Positions have been filled for summer coverage of the Youth Group, and Christian Education. The Counsel voted at our last meeting to have Sunday school continue all summer even though we expect a drop in attendance. We will be "open for business" all summer so invite all the children in your life to learn about our Savior.

I have spoken to Pastor Ferrier weekly and hope to continue our "chats" to keep him in the loop as to what is new at the church and be updated with news on his recovery. I am pleased to report that he has been released by his Cardiologist. He continues with his scheduled appointments with his Counselor and Family Physician. Some weeks he is very "up" and reported he has been feeling much better, sometimes he seems sad. This is the nature of the illness. Until he

recovers we will not know when he will be able to return to Redeemer or even if he will return.

Please continue to pray for Pastor and his family as they work through this illness.

By the time this newsletter reaches you we will have had our Congregational meeting with our Counsel reports, and hopefully the 2007 Annual report (Mary is working on this as I type this article). The report will look a little different this year, and I promise you will receive it in a more complete and timely manner at the end of this year.

What great news it was at the Elder's meeting when Pastor Winkle reported that Pastor Ferrier has agreed to support the Elder's recommendation of Pastor Thomason. I hope we can continue to come together as a congregation and continue to give our support to our pastors.

I think we all need to say a heartfelt THANK YOU to Pastor Schmidt as he returns to the frozen tundra for the summer. He has served us above and beyond what we should have expected from our Winter Pastor in this time of difficulty and need.

With the pastor situation for the time being, the Child Care coming together, and at least for the time being, financial situation under control, I am glad to be able to relax a little and thank God for all our blessings.

Please don't hesitate to call on your Elders or myself (941-238-7925) with any questions or concerns.

*Ron Beaber*

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Ferrier

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Dear Redeemer Family,

A special Thank You to Pastor Schmidt and our Redeemer church family for all your prayers, phone calls, cards and sympathy during the sudden loss of my mother Doris Voorheis of Westland, MI. Your thoughts and concern were very much appreciated.

God's blessing to our Redeemer family.

*Sybil & Cecil Grahl*



FELLOW MEMBERS IN CHRIST

You will never know what a blessing your prayers and concerns have been over the past year, especially the last six months. After five surgeries and three months in rehab, it is such a blessing to be home and walking. Thanks also to those who visited, brought gifts, flowers and the many phone calls.



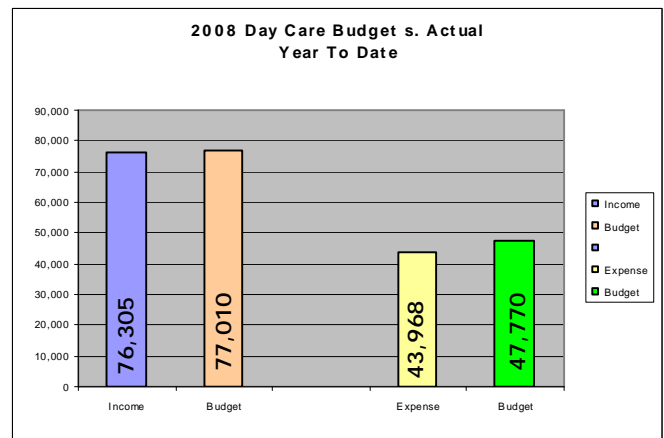
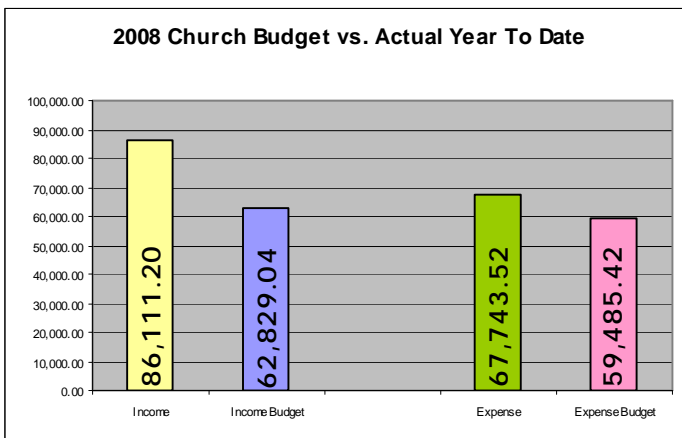
Prayer is such a wonderful healer. I have really missed the Redeemer family, but now hope to be constant in your presence.

Your continued prayers are greatly appreciated with the continued healing. I thank God for the wonderful members of Redeemer.

Yours in Christ,  
Lessie Kirch

# Finance

	<u>2008 Income</u>	<u>2008 Expense</u>	<u>2008 Expense Budget</u>
<b>Church</b>			
January	26,354	21,397	17,469
February	28,934	29,127	23,519
March	30,823	17,220	18,497
Year To Date	86,111	67,744	59,485
<b>Day Care</b>			
January	45,015 (Includes \$27,600 Gift)	9,774	15,225
February	16,823	18,571	16,270
March	14,468	15,623	16,275
Year to Date	76,277	43,968	47,770



# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

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

Pressure Cleaning - Matt & Michelle Finley - Hoover Pressure Cleaning – 697-6886

Tell us you saw us in the Redeemer Newsletter & get a 10% discount.

Licensed & Insured – [www.hooverpressure.com](http://www.hooverpressure.com)

Hoover Pressure Cleaning ~ “The Plant Friendly People”

6” Seamless Gutters

Jim W. Gossett, Residential Construction, Licensed & Insured

Home: (941) 698-9940; Cell: (941) 445-2074



## For Sale

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.

Do you need an extra refrigerator with top freezer? Haul and it's yours.

Call Ray Janssen 697-9186

# Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for submission of articles for June/July is **Sunday, May 18th** by 12 noon.

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

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

Leta Stender

# USHERS

THIS MONTH

- May 4 Patrick & Jackie Wall  
Ron & Mary Beaber
- May 11 Tommy & Karen Kirkland  
Ray & Leta Stender
- May 18 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Dallas & Rusty Queck
- May 25 Pat Wilcoxen & Pam DeGourse  
Carol Haupt & Susie Haupt

*Submitted by Ray Stender*

- May 4 Confirmation &  
Pastor Schmidt  
Farewell  
By THRIVENT
- May 11 Mother's Day &  
Pentecost  
Carol & Susie Haupt
- May 18 Erv & Betty Maki
- May 25 Carolyn Jordan



*Submitted by Pat Wilcoxen*



**Acolytes**

## GREETERS SCHEDULE

- May 4 Carol & Ed Sheahan
- May 11 Shirley Zatkalik & Marie Talley
- May 8 Inge Tringali & Dee Baird
- May 25 Dorothy Sinowetski & Linda Rogers

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

- May 4 Alex Wall
- May 11 Nathan Gunterman
- May 18 McKenna Heldenbrand
- May 25 Madeline Keller

*Submitted by Pat Wilcoxen*

Dear Redeemer Friends,

Thank you all so much for your prayers, support, cards, and phone calls during my illness.

We're leaving for the Pocono Mountains the second week in May where I will finish my chemo treatments.

We'll see you in the fall.

Yours in Christ,  
Ellie Ratzlaff



## Belated Thank You—-Thank You—-Thank You

The Redeemer Ladies Guild would like to extend a great big THANK YOU to everyone who helped in any way to make our annual Style Show/Luncheon a success— — men who set up and took down tables chairs and clothes racks, created and printed the tickets, transported a shut-in to and from the event, ladies who made phone calls, set the tables, cleared the tables, washed dishes, shopped for food, prepared food, put the food on plates, served the meals, made and served coffee and ices tea, made cakes, created decorations, decorated the tables, put up wall décor and removed it, solicited for door prizes, made listing of the door prizes and donors, wrote thank you letters to merchants, created and printed programs, made copies of letters and reports, recruited models, the models, drivers to A'Tu Jewelry & Gift Outlet, sold and took tickets at the door, emceed, gave the opening prayers and gave out door prizes, donated table prizes, ordered and picked up croissants, donation of ingredients. Thank you to all who attended.

Countless hours were spent in making everything come together.

Your time and effort is greatly appreciated. If we forgot anything or anyone, let us know.

The proceeds will be given as Love Gifts to various local and church charities and scholarships to congregation students.

Thank you again.

Ellis Ratzlaff, Ruth Speer, and Sybil Grahl  
Chairmen of the Style Show/Luncheon.

P.S. Thank you to Ellie Ratzlaff who made the initial contact with A'Tu after Steinmart cancelled, but was unable to help due to illness.

# Human Care

I'm happy to report that Lessie Kirch has indicated that she will again take over our Caring Network. If you know of anyone who is in need of help, let her know. (Meals after surgery, ride to medical appointments, etc.)



Our shut-ins are always looking for visitors! Herb Bohm is still at Drury Lane, but may be going back to his house soon. (Check with Dorothy Sinowetski for info.) Ruth Sutley and Gloria Carlson remain at River Oaks Assisted Living. Tom McGrath was recently transferred to Douglas Jacobson State Veteran's Nursing Home at 21281 Grayton Terrace, Port Charlotte, FL 33954. If you aren't able to visit, perhaps you could call or send a card to these folks.

Remember that Sr. Fellowship now meets on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month at 10:00 a.m. There is a sign-up sheet in the narthex so we know how many to plan for. We plan to keep this going over the summer months, so if you like to play cards or games, please join us.

Thanks to all who registered and donated blood on April 6<sup>th</sup>. Thirteen people registered and 11 were able to give. New dates for the next "Big Red Bus" here at Redeemer will be posted in the fall.

Thanks also to all who donated to the Horvath family fund at the March 30<sup>th</sup> door offering. We received a little over \$1,000.00. We are still almost \$500.00 short of the total that was needed for our final payment. If anyone would still like to give, please give your donation to Pat in the church office.

The Christian Support Group has changed their meeting times to 10:00 a.m. on the last Thursday of the month instead of 9:00 a.m. At the end of summer, they will discuss another change so as to not interfere with Pastor Schmidt's Bible Study. They have requested that a Stephen Minister be present at their meetings. Carol Haupt states that this is in the Stephen Minister's plan.

There will be no Human Care meetings during the summer, but most of our programs are ongoing.

Carry each other's burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ.

Galatians 6:2

*Submitted by Marj Sterriker*

**HEALING:**

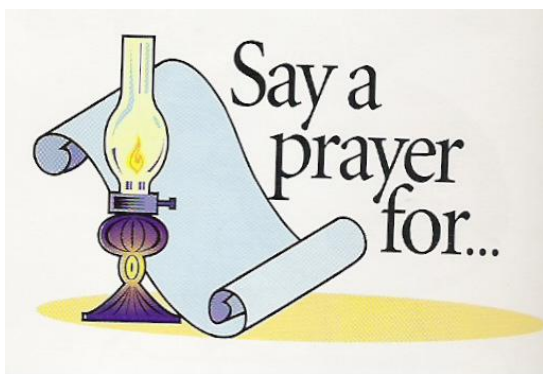
Members

Joe Carlos  
 Pastor Ferrier  
 Mark Horvath  
 Bob & Joan Johnson  
 Lessie Kirch  
 Cliff Larsen  
 Tom McGrath  
 Ellie Ratzlaff  
 Katie Rudolph  
 David Schurr  
 Ben Strefling  
 Lee Vandercook

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PRAYERS OF COMFORT for the family of Valerie Wolgast of Michigan. Valerie is the daughter-in-law of Barbara Wolgast. Valerie (age 50) died suddenly.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT for the family of Mark Cooper's Grandmother who dies in April in Ireland. Mark is Sarah Bruno Cooper's husband.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



Herb Bohm  
 Gloria Carlson  
 Ruth Jansch  
 Ruth Sutley



# Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women In Mission

## MITES for MISSIONS

Our Mites affect people all over the world including Muslim Outreach & Education in Bangladesh. This \$75,000 grant will help construct a permanent school building in Bangladesh which will open the door for equality in education and for sharing the Gospel with Christian converts and their families. The facility will education 500-700 students per year from the primary grades through high school. The large MITE BOX will be in the Narthex the first Sunday of every month through October. Thanks for your well-filled MITE boxes of coins, paper money or checks payable to LWML Missions.



Our monthly gatherings resume on Wednesday, October 1 at 12:30 as we enjoy dessert and coffee. Devotions and business meeting begin at 1 pm. Carol Sheahan, our newly elected president, will serve with Linda Rogers, newly elected vice-president, Sybil Grahl, secretary; Margie Cypher, treasurer; and Vicky Davis, LWML Rep. May we be blessed by Carol and Linda's leadership as they are a blessing to us! Fellowship and inspiration are included in our monthly gatherings as we plan for the fall bazaar, Christmas party, winter style show, Lenten dinners and spring luncheon. We continue to save Mites for Missions, give college scholarships, support Englewood's Helping Hands, Orphan Grain Train, Migrant Mission and many more. Weekly Bible Studies are under the leadership of Helen Sturzenbecker. ALL women are invited to join us for fellowship and fun as we "Serve Our Lord with Gladness." COME — you will meet a new friend. God be with you till we meet again in October.

THANK YOU — to all T-E-A-M players (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) who generously donated supplies for Redeemer's Child Care. Way to go TEAM!! These small consumable items saved dollars in the Child Care budget. Their inventory will be assessed next season and donations may be taken again. May God BLESS each of you as YOU are a Blessing to the Child Care!

*Submitted by Vicky Davis*

## COMFORTS OF LOVE

The Monday morning quilting women completed 35 Comforts of Love of various sizes between January 7 and March 24. Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, will receive 20 quilts personally delivered by Willa Boxstahler and her husband as they are enroute to Michigan. Nine are being saved for sale at the Fall Craft Bazaar. Any that are not sold plus five more will be sent either to the Orphan Grain Train or the Migrant Mission. Thanks to all who helped or donated materials. We hope that more of you will join us next season.

*Submitted by Georgia Lang*

## Ladies Guild



### Lutheran Prison Ministry

Thank you to lone Comstock, Susie Haupt, Clare Kieselberg, Dottie LaMere, Linda Rogers, Avis Stuck, and Helen Sturzenbecker for marking Bibles for the Lutheran Prison Ministry. Forty eight Bibles were mailed to Orlando for distribution to Florida prisons. Thankfulness and appreciation were expressed for the donation of these Bibles.

Thank you to all who helped with the Ladies Guild Easter Coffee hour. Your donations of food were greatly appreciated. A special Thank You to Georgia Lang who stepped in to take charge when I had to travel north. Thanks again.

### Scrip

Starting in May, Pat Wilcoxon will be handling Scrip orders until my return in the fall. Watch the church bulletin for dates. Your continued support of this program will be appreciated. Thank You.

*Submitted by Sybil Grahl*

## Building & Grounds



Thank you to all the willing volunteers for Building and Grounds that helped me. You have truly shown me your willingness to help. For those of you that were not contacted, I had to first get a handle on what my duties were to be. I still have your names and will be contacting you soon.

Thank you all so much, I really appreciate it.

Also, a huge thanks to the Finleys for all their help and hard work. What a great job they did pressure washing the church exterior and sidewalks, and the childcare building and play equipment.

Thank you so much!!!!

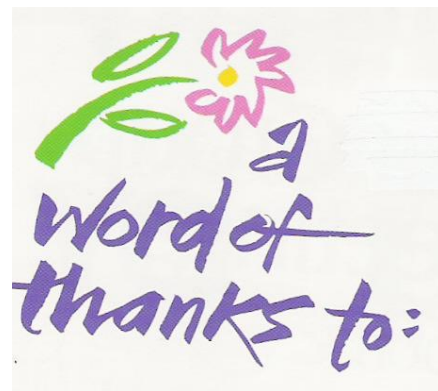
Thanks also to the anonymous donors of funds for the repair of our electrical system!!

*Submitted by Ray Janssen*

# Choir

To the Choir of Redeemer Church

I would like to thank the singers of the Redeemer choir or their dedication, and hard work they put into this choir year. Psalm 92:1 It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High. They took time out of their busy lives to make a joyful noise to the Lord. Every Wednesday they spent an hour practicing, fellowshiping, and hopefully just having a good time. I was blessed that they picked me to be the choir director. Once again, thanks to all in the choir for a great year.



Matthew 17:20-21, Jesus said "I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, Mover here to there, and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you." you may not feel you have a voice that should be in a choir, but have that faith and voice of a mustard seed and join the choir next September and make music unto the Lord. You may be surprised that your voice may move mountains.

*Submitted by Collins Sita*



Missing is Pam DeGourse

## Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School

### Recipe/ Snack Idea

#### Mini Cracker

#### Sandwiches

#### You will need:

- 12 crackers
- 2 tbsp. salad dressing
- 2 cheese slices
- 2 slices bologna
- 1 plum tomato, cut into 6 slices
- 1 peeled cucumber, cut into 6 slices

Spread crackers evenly with dressing. Cut 3 small circles from the cheese and bologna slices.

Place 1 cheese circle and 1 bologna circle on each of the 6 crackers; cover each with 1 tomato slice and 1 cucumber slice.

Top with second cracker to make sandwich.

### Birthdays

- Grace 5/16
- Justin 5/20
- Amy 5/27



### No School

There will be no school Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.

(Tuition is due as normal)

### Thank You's

The supplies keep coming!

Thank you all for your continuous donation of supplies.

### Events

Child care will be planning a Hop-A-Thon fundraiser on Friday, May 9<sup>th</sup>. Registration will begin at 5:00 in front of the childcare building. Please see Brandy or Michelle Finley for more information on how to sponsor a child.

The child care will also be hosting an Artwork Auction & dinner Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. The location is TBA. More information will be given later in the month.

We hope to see you there!

*Submitted by Brandy Bilhardt*

## A HEART FOR Mom

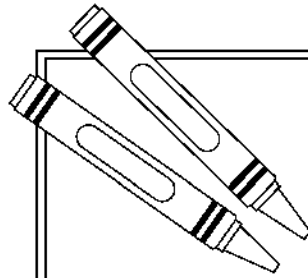
Show Mom how much you appreciate all she does for you with this "heartfelt" craft. Give it to her on Mother's Day.

### What you need:

- Floral stem wire
- Dried cranberries (about 100, depending on the wire's length)
- Pliers
- Decorative ribbon (about 12 inches for each craft)
- Construction paper or cardstock
- Hole punch
- Crayons or markers

### What you do:

1. With an adult's help, thread cranberries, one at a time with no space between them, onto the straight wire.
2. Bend the wire into a heart shape.
3. With pliers, twist the wire together at the top of the heart.
4. Tie ribbon to make a loop atop the heart (so your mom can hang it up).
5. Fold the paper into a card, and write a message of love and gratitude to your mom. You might want to add a verse from Proverbs 31 that best describes her.
6. Punch a hole in the card. Attach it to the ribbon that's tied to the heart.



## Just for KIDS

### A Mother of Noble Character

In Proverbs 31 (NIV), God provides the best example of a godly woman. Write the number of the sentence in the space next to the character quality it best describes.

- 1 "A wife of noble character who can find? She is worth far more than rubies" (v. 10).
- 2 "She brings [her husband] good, not harm, all the days of her life" (v. 12).
- 3 "She selects wool and flax and works with eager hands" (v. 13).
- 4 "She sets about her work vigorously; her arms are strong for her tasks" (v. 17).
- 5 "She opens her arms to the poor and extends her hands to the needy" (v. 20).
- 6 "When it snows, she has no fear for her household; for all of them are clothed in scarlet" (v. 21).
- 7 "Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised" (v. 30).

Caring       Godly       Prepared  
 Hardworking       Hearty       Priceless  
 Kind

Answers: 1. priceless, 2. kind, 3. hardworking, 4. hearty, 5. caring, 6. prepared, 7. godly

# Youth News



Just wanted to take a second and thank the youth for their participation with ushering and putting on the coffee hour on March 30th , Youth Sunday. Thank you also to the parents that made it possible.

Sorry to inform you that we have not yet picked a day for the beach party in May. The committee is working on it and will inform you through the church bulletin. Can't wait to see you there.

Gods Blessings, Jim Wright

## Redeemer Child Care Monthly Review

- Enrollment stands at 51 children.
- No expenses except for staff salaries
- 2008 approved Budget holding
- Again, many thanks to Ladies Guild for organizing "supply" donations as one their missions.
- Welcome to Christin Wacker who will become the liaison
- The Child Care recently passed the state inspection with flying colors! Thanks to the staff for all their hard work.



Daycare News

### You Can Help!

- Volunteer to be a Congregational Reader for children
- Call Brandy directly – 475-2631, mornings only
- Help with extra supplies as listed

*Submitted by Barbara Bishop*

## From the Office

Its that's time of year again when you Northerners start going back north. Please make sure you let the office know.

*Thank you,  
Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*



# Ladies Guild



# Choir Party

