



MOVING FORWARD: A VISION OF GROWTH IN THE BODY OF CHRIST

Now that it has been decided by the will of God through the voice of the Voter's Assembly that I will remain as your pastor here at Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care, it is time for all of us, yes all of us, to move forward. However, the question for us here at Redeemer shouldn't be "*Where* shall we move forward," rather the question should be, "*How* shall we move forward?"

The Book of Proverbs instructs us, "Let your eyes look directly forward, and your gaze be straight before you" (Proverbs 4:25).

It is not enough for us to have common sense, wisdom, or experience to move forward. We must focus on God and the things of God. Through the means of grace (Word and Sacrament), God sustains wisdom and faith and mercy and charity and hope and love. Therefore in order to move positively forward we need to come to God's house where He promises to come to us enabling us to move forward according to His will and purpose.

You know, there isn't a single organization, business, or government that can enjoy success

unless it is equipped with dedicated, devout, and faithful leaders. The same is to be said about the Church on earth. To be sure, Jesus is the Head of the Church and the Church was established on the foundation and teaching of Christ's Word. Even with the establishment of the Office of Preaching, the men called to that Office, that is, the pastor, are sinners just like all men and women. However, the teaching of the Church must always remain Christ's and not man's. Let us remember that our focus is on Christ, not on the sinful man in the Office – his charming personality or his many faults.

Throughout Holy Scripture, God used men and women to share the Gospel and to teach the faith. Yes, God called some men to be Prophets, Apostles, and Preachers for the purpose of bringing the message of salvation to all people through the salvific work of His Son Jesus Christ; His suffering and death on the cross, and His resurrection from the dead. But, He also called both men and women to service in His Church.

The Apostle Paul has written

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Create in me a clean
heart, O God;
and renew a right spirit
within me.

Psalm 51:10

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STEWARDSHIP

Stewardship is the caring for our assets which is in reality the caring for God's assets. It is more than time, talent, and treasure. Stewardship also includes living determination, loyalty, faithfulness, the Sacraments, the Word and defending that which is right. Stewardship is a response to the call of God in our lives. How we respond to that call is our vocation to be stewards.

There are many heroes of stewardship at Redeemer. (insert names here) who met to make plans concerning the past few voters' meetings. (insert name here) who made phone calls to search for volunteers to fill in the vacancies at church. (insert names here) who volunteered to fill in the voids in the counsel. (insert name here) who has been praying for Redeemer and the success of the Lord's mission. (insert name here) who has been reaching out trying to unify Redeemer Lutheran Church and Daycare. (insert names here) who have been attending services. If I

missed anyone, I am truly sorry. This is a demonstration of stewardship in its most active form. You of course can insert your name in any of those blanks.

The stewardship of the church becomes all the more vital during a time of transformation. The word of God does not change, nor is it weakened. The mission of God is the ministry of the Church. However, there are those who may have lost confidence and they must be reassured by the Gospel. Resources are lost and must be replaced by the gifts God has already given to the church. This is the point at which we are now.

The Lord has blessed us during this past year with many gifts. He has revealed those gifts to us and He has given us the power and the direction in which we will go. May the Lord continue to bless each and every one of us... His stewards.

Rev. Mark Steinke





plainly about the body of Christ, that is, the Church. This analogy of the body and its members was a favorite of his. He writes, "For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one

body, so it is with Christ. For in one Spirit we were all baptized into one body ... For the body does not consist of one member but of many ... Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it" (1 Corinthians 12:12-13a, 14, 27).

The profound theme in what the Apostle Paul writes concerns the unity of the body of Christ, that is, the unity of the members of the Church.

Paul further demonstrates this as he writes, "If the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,' that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would be the sense of hearing? If the whole body were an ear, where would be the sense of smell? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as He chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many parts, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you,' nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.' On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and on those parts of the body that we think less honorable we bestow the greater honor, and our unpresentable parts are treated with greater modesty, which our more presentable parts do not require. But God has so composed the body, giving greater honor to the part that lacked it, that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together; if one member is honored, all rejoice together" (1 Corinthians 12:15-26).

As we are called to this one body, the Church, not all of us can be the eye or the mouth or the ear, the apparent leading parts of the body. Some will need to be a hand or a foot. Even still, some will need to be the hidden parts of the body, working behind the scenes, if you will, which of course are vitally important to the life and function of the body, that is, the body of Christ the Church.

Just as the human body is a unit, a single entity, comprised of many parts, "so it is with Christ." In Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth, the unity of the Church was his concern. Therefore, the unity of Redeemer Lutheran Church should be our concern as well. The unity of the body of Christ is grounded in our Baptism into that one body and our constant and faithful reception of the Lord's body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar.

Redeemer Lutheran Church and her Child Care Center has been supplied with knowledgeable, wise, and experienced leaders, both past and present. Unfortunately we lost our focus as well as our vision.

So comes the answer to our question, "*How shall we move forward?*" First, let us repent of our sins looking directly and distinctly forward to Christ. Then, by the power of the Holy Spirit through the means of His Word and blessed Sacraments, let us see Christ's vision for the growth of His body the Church. Yes! Let us all stand together in unity. Let us all work together as brothers and sisters in Christ. Furthermore, let us revisit our Vision Path Experience. Let us support our church leadership as well as one another. Additionally, let us all make a commitment to move forward in unity as one body in Christ. Let us make a commitment to use our varied gifts and talents that God has given us toward the spread of the Gospel. Let us make a commitment to be better stewards in our tithes and offerings. Let us make a commitment to remain focused on Christ and His means of grace, coming to Him as a faithful member of His body the Church in order that, by His sustaining power, He may use every one of us to carry out His work, His will, and

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ALL ELECTED OFFICERS, COUNCIL, BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Below are all the members and associate members who are currently serving in positions of leadership here at Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care. As you will notice there are some vacancies. If you believe the Lord of the Church is moving you to volunteer to serve in these or other capacities in the church, please contact Pastor Kress or President Joe Carlos. Please keep all who are serving in your daily prayers.

Officers:

Joe Carlos – President
Stephen Wurster – Vice President
June Brown – Congregation Secretary
Vacant – Treasurer
Rev. James Kress—Pastor

Church Council Members:

Vacant – Head Elder
Deb Horner, Chairman – Board of Finance
Rev. Mark Steinke, Chairman – Board of Stewardship
Carol Carlos, Chairman – Board of Human Care Ministries
Todd Armstrong, Chairman – Property Management
Mary Kay Straw, Chairman – Board of Assimilation
Cindy Johnson, Chairman – Board of Comm. & Parish Fellowship
Jim Straw, Chairman – Board of Youth Programs
Pam Replinger, Chairman – Board of Christian Education
Bill Bowers, Chairman – School Board

School Board Elected Positions:

Jenni Dolphin – Parent Representative
Vacant – Associate Member Representative

Endowment Committee: (three-year term)

George Dykhuizen (beginning three year term)
Vacant (two years remaining)
Vacant (one year remaining)

Audit Committee: (one-year term)

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Nominating Committee: (one-year term)

Laurie Steinke
Wendy Horvath
Stacy Neef
Cathy Mielke

SERVING THE LORD

Pastor	Rev. James Kress
Seasonal Pastor	
LHM Ambassador	
Child Care Director	Wendy Horvath
Office Secretary	Deb Horner
Organist	Bill Bowers
Choir Director	Collins Sita
Newsletter Editor	Deb Horner

OFFICERS

President	Joe Carlos
Vice President	Steve Wurster
Treasurer	
Secretary	June Brown

BOARDS

Head Elder	
Christian Ed.	Pam Replinger
Human Care	Carol Carlos
Outreach	Cindy Johnson
Assimilation	Mary Kay Straw
School Board	Bill Bowers
Stewardship	Rev. Mark Steinke
Youth	James Straw
Financial Secretary	Deb Horner
Property Mgmt.	Todd Armstrong

GROUPS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild	Sally Zierdt
Men's Group	
Altar Guild	

His purpose here at Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care and the community that surrounds us. Let us work together, yes, work together in unity and harmony for the sake of the Gospel and for the good of the body of Christ the Church.

Your Pastor and Fellow Servant in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Jim Kress



FROM THE PRESIDENT

We have done much already this year. We have an elected Council that has been working hard since December in order to keep things going as smooth as possible and have taken steps to get our finances in order.

Since a number of our Brothers and Sisters in Christ have chosen to no longer worship and contribute to the work of our congregation we are stretched pretty thin. In order to meet expenses we have been dipping into our reserves. We cannot continue to do so. We have to increase our income and somehow cut expenses. Any addition to your regular contribution will ease the pressure.

We are also experiencing a short fall in man power. Some of our Brothers and Sisters that left were doing many tasks that many of us were not

even aware that they were being done until now. We now have many opportunities for you to utilize the talents your were given. We all know that one of the best ways to stay healthy is to be active and have a meaningful reason for getting up in the morning. Therefore, think of what you like to do and join one of the boards and say yes if asked. By the way, getting involved is the best way to really get to know your fellow Brothers and Sisters.

None of us have all the answers, but together and with God's help we can overcome our current situation.

God bless each and every one of us. See you in church.

Joe Carlos, President

STEPHEN MINISTRY

Each year I write an articles explaining Stephen Ministry. It refreshes everyone's memory and enlightens our new members as to what is Stephen Ministry.

Our modern day Stephen Ministry dates back to 1974 when a Pastor, Kenneth C. Haugk, graduated from Concordia, St. Louis Seminary and became Pastor of his first church in St. Louis, Missouri. Being a psychologist also, he looked forward to helping people with life's difficulties. He quickly became frustrated because there were many people slipping through the cracks because

of not enough time to visit them all. After talking it over with some Pastor friends he decided to start a training class with some people in the congregation. He recruited a group interested in caring for people. They were taught Christian caregiving and were commissioned as Stephen Ministers. They assisted Pastor with the visits. It became an immediate success and Pastor was encouraged to expand the training to other churches. In 1975 Pastor and his wife founded the not for profit Stephen Ministries Organization and began bringing Stephen Ministry to other

Christian churches around the world. Since that time, over a quarter of a million people have been trained as Stephen Ministers and each year it grows by tens of thousands. More than a million people in the United States, Canada, and the world have been touched by God's love through a Stephen Minister.

Having said all that, Stephen Ministry 's name comes from St. Stephen, who was the first lay person commissioned by the apostles to provide caring ministry to those in need in Acts 6.

What do Stephen Ministers do? We are caring Christian friends who listen, understand,

accept, and pray for and with someone going through a tough time in their life. We are not counselors but trained lay people who attend 50 hours of training. The training takes place at our church and is conducted by our Stephen Minister leader. At the finish of the classes our Stephen Ministers are commissioned by Pastor. Please consider and pray about this opportunity. Our church body is in dire need of Stephen Ministers. For further information concerning the ministry please contact Carol Carlos 941-255-3354.

Jesus said "Take care of my sheep."

DID YOU KNOW? - LCEF

Did you know :

- *that the Young Investor Account has a **3.5% interest rate**? (0-18 years old)
- *that LCEF has a scholarship opportunity for high school seniors who have an LCEF account?
- *that **less than 5%** of LCMS members are investors with LCEF?
- *that LCEF has many services to offer congregations
- *that LCEF has many types of investment opportunities for individuals and congregations?
- *that Redeemer has **only 14 accounts** that are credited to our congregation?
- *that even if you have an account with your church/district "up north", you can open one here in Florida?
- *that your money really is safe? LCEF has to have **twice the amount of money available** to back its accounts that banks and other investment agencies in Florida have. Otherwise, LCEF is not given authority to operate in Florida.
- *that even you can help expand ministry

opportunities within our synod and congregation with just a small investment?

Why do we keep letting you know about LCEF? What's the point? We all have investments, or have thought about having them. When we choose to invest in companies other than LCEF, we never really know where our money is going. A bank can choose to use your money anyway it wants. With LCEF, you can rest assured that your money will always be working to further mission and ministry of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, both near and far. Your investment will fund loans and services that are available to congregations, church workers, and RSOs of the LCMS.



When we invest with LCEF, we extend God's church. Hence the "Extension" in Lutheran Church Extension Fund. For the price of a dinner out, we can extend God's Kingdom and start to fulfill His mission command to bring the lost to the saving knowledge of our Lord and Savior

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Steinke

INQUIRING MINDS WANT TO KNOW, “WHAT DOES THIS MEAN?”

Another cycle of information classes will start **Thursday, February 5th** beginning at 7 pm in the large meeting room in Fellowship Hall (a full schedule of classes is provided below). If you have been attending worship services here at Redeemer, but are not sure what it is that Lutherans believe, teach, and confess, this is the class for you! If you have been attending worship services here at Redeemer and would like to become a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care, this is the class for you! If you are member or associate member of Redeemer, but haven't brushed the dust off the old catechism in some time and would like to be refreshed in the teachings of the Christian faith, this is the class of you! This is a relatively painless opportunity to understand more clearly why you believe what you believe. Our classes will conclude on March 19th with the hope of welcoming new members into our fellowship on Sunday, March 22nd. Should you ever have a question, please ask the Pastor.

LUTHER'S
SMALL
CATECHISM
with Explanation



Thursday, February 5th

Tuesday, March 3rd

Thursday, February 12th

Thursday, March 5th

Tuesday, February 17th

Thursday, March 12th

Thursday, February 19th

Tuesday, March 17th

Tuesday, February 24th

Thursday, March 19th

LADIES THURSDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS

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Come Join Us Every Thursday at 10:00 AM

Jesus Christ commands us “make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the I commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20). It is not easy to teach what He has commanded in our world today. Why? Different denominations frequently teach different and confusing interpretations of Holy Scripture. You can overcome this confusion by turning, not to human opinions, but to God and His Scriptures. The ladies of Redeemer will gather to study particular *DEFINITIONS* of God's Word.

We will once again use *GOOD NEWS* magazine as our guide to hear God explain to us His basic *DEFINITIONS* of His revelation, thereby strengthening our faith for this life and giving us the assurance of eternity in heaven. As we study God's revelation, may we always remember that God's Word is more than ink on a page or mere information, rather, Jesus says His Words “are Spirit and are life” (John 6:63). His Word is living and life-giving. Ladies Bible Class begins **Thursday, October 9th at 10:00 AM** in the large meeting room in Fellowship Hall. All ladies are welcome to join us. You may also invite your girlfriend, sister, mother, or daughter.

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SOMETHING EXTRA SPECIAL TO READ

Often I am asked, “Where is the Son of God in the creation account in Genesis?” And often I have explained that the Hebrew word for God is *elohim* (pronounced as e-lo-HEEM) and is in the plural. The English translation doesn’t properly communicate the plurality of the Hebrew name God in Genesis. Thus, God the Father and God the Son were in the beginning creating.

It’s not a terrible explanation, but it’s not the best one either. The article below, written by Chad Bird, absolutely opened my eyes to the best explanation and answer to the question, “Where is the Son of God in the creation account in Genesis?” I was blown away at this epiphany and I hope you are too. Enjoy.

You’ll Never Hear the Opening Words of the Bible the Same Again
by Chad Bird

I suppose everything needs a birthday, including the world. From the womb of nothingness, the baby heavens and the infant earth were born. Like Aslan sang creation into existence in *The Magician’s Nephew*, so God’s song has verses like “let there be light” and “let the waters swarm.” Whatever rolls off His tongue, rolls from not-being to being. It all starts, quite fittingly, “in the beginning.”

In those three words, however, I detect more than “this is how all this stuff began.” I do hear that, to be sure, but also something bigger and better. When I put my ear really close to the page, I hear the whisper of something else, and someone else, in the Bible’s opening words. And after reading this, I hope you do the same.

What we hear in English as three words is compressed into only one word in Hebrew. “In the beginning” is *bereshit* (pronounced as buh-ray-SHEET). The *be-* means “in” and *-reshit* means “the beginning.” Maybe you’re thinking,

“Okay, but this all sounds pretty straightforward to me. A beginning is a beginning. It’s a start. When God kicked off creation, He did so ‘in the beginning.’ How else would he do it?”

I like an illustration given by a teacher in the church centuries ago named Origen. He compared the Bible to a large house full of locked rooms, in which the keys to all the rooms are scattered throughout the house. The task—the joyful task!—of the interpreter is to go around the house, trying various keys in various doors, until they are all opened. This is one way to picture our reading of the Bible. Like a man trying keys in all the locks, we try this verse to that verse, this OT story to that NT parable, in an attempt to open up the full meaning of the Scriptures. Ultimately, however, there is one key that opens all the rooms. It is the key of Christ Himself. As He opened the minds of His disciples to see that Moses and all the prophets wrote about the Messiah (Luke 24:27,45), so He opens our minds to see the same.

So if we insert various verse-keys into the opening word of the Bible, especially the key shaped like Jesus, what will we find when we crack open the door?

Let’s first try a key from Proverbs (probably not the first place you’d think to look!). What does Proverbs have to do with Genesis? Proverbs 8 focuses on the place of wisdom in creation—only this wisdom is spelled Wisdom, for it is not a thing but a person. Wisdom says, “Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth, before [God] had made the earth with its fields, or the first of the dust of the world. When He established the heavens, I was there,” (8:25-27a). And a few verses later, Wisdom continues, “I was beside Him, like a master workman, and I was daily

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His delight, rejoicing before Him always, rejoicing in His inhabited world and delighting in the children of man,” (8:30-31). Who is this Wisdom? None other than the one “whom God has made our wisdom” (1 Cor 1:30), the one through whom “all things were made” and without whom there “was not any thing made that was made,” (John 1:3). The Wisdom who speaks in Proverbs 8 is the Son of God.

But what does Christ as divine Wisdom have to do with Genesis 1:1’s “in the beginning”? Earlier in Proverbs 8, Christ as Wisdom says this, “The LORD possessed me—the beginning of His way—before His works of old.” This is my own literal translation from the Hebrew. Wisdom is saying, “Before anything was made, I belonged to the Father. I am the beginning of His way, the beginning of how the Father works. The Hebrew for “beginning” is *reshit*, the same word that we find in Genesis 1:1. Thus, the Wisdom of God, the Son of the Father, is the *reshit* of the Creator. Jesus is the Beginning.

Interestingly, even early Jewish translators and interpreters looked at Genesis 1:1 not merely as the temporal beginning. One early paraphrase or translation, known as a *targum*, rendered Genesis 1:1 this way, “In Wisdom, God created the heavens and the earth.” And the early Jewish commentary on Genesis, known as *Bereshit Rabbah*, says that the “beginning” in Gen 1:1 refers to the Torah, for it understands the Torah as the “beginning of God’s way” in Proverbs 8.

Now let’s use some NT keys to see if we can unlock “in the beginning” even more. John begins his Gospel with words that are, in Greek, a direct link to Genesis 1:1. He writes, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.” In Greek, the phrase “in the beginning” is *en arche*

(pronounced “in arkay”). This word, *arche*, occurs a few other places in the NT in reference to Christ. Paul writes that Jesus “is the beginning [*arche*], the firstborn from the dead, that in everything He might be preeminent,” (Col 1:18). Twice in Revelation, John calls Christ “the beginning [*arche*] and the end,” (21:6 and 22:13). But best of all, in Rev 3:14, Jesus himself says, “To the angel of the church of Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning [*arche*] of the creation of God.’” Did you hear that? Jesus identifies Himself as the “beginning of the creation of God.” He is the Beginning, the *arche*, who is directly linked to God’s creative work.

If we mold all these verses together into a sort of biblical stethoscope, and place it onto opening words of Scripture, what do we hear beating within the heart of this verse? ***We hear that this “beginning” is not simply the start of time. This beginning is a personal Beginning [emphasis mine].*** “In the beginning” means “in Wisdom, in the Word, in Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, God created the heavens and the earth.” He is indeed the “beginning of the creation of God,” (Rev 3:14). “By Him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through Him and for Him,” (Col 1:15-16).

I promised that you’d never hear the opening words of the Bible the same again. And I hope that holds true. In the very first word of the Scriptures, we hear of Christ. And appropriately so. For He is Himself the Word. He is the fullness of the Scriptures. Jesus Himself testified that Moses wrote of Him (John 5:46). Indeed, Moses did. The very first word He penned onto the scroll of the Torah was *bereshit*, that is, “in Christ.”

PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Carl & Betty Bertka, Marjorie Boliere, Helen Perry, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Caleb Borza, Melissa Brew, Elma Cancellieri, Sarah Cooper, Pat Finkenbine, Arlene Harden, Bernice Heppner, Sandy McGrath, Carolyn Plesner, Steve Procuik, Ron Ratzlaff, Henry Rudolph, Michael Sanders, Duwayne Schoeneck, The family and friends of Ted Simis, Rev. Mark Steinke, Earl Stuck, Marie Talley, Fred Toth, Lois Webster, and Arlene Wiley.

Friends & Relatives: Esther Ahtila, Catherine Armstrong, Linny Aspery, Gioconda Barlow, Dick & Marilyn Bjornas, Grace Blum, Michelle Bernard, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Beverly Carper, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Joanne Clymo, Martin Cressman, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Darla Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Diane Giroux, Nancy Gleis, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Rick Hill, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun,



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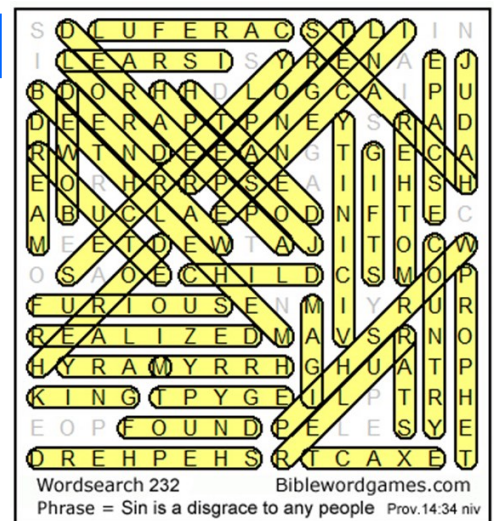
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Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove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

Thank you.

***The deadline for the March Newsletter is February 16th
Please have all your submissions sent to redeemerfl@verizon.net
OR drop it off at the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.
Thank You!***

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Wordsearch 232 Biblewordgames.com
Phrase = Sin is a disgrace to any people Prov.14:34 niv

NEW SUNDAY BIBLE STUDY

DYING TO LIVE ***The Power of Forgiveness***

A nine part DVD series featuring Rev. Dr. Harold Senkbeil

More and more it seems that the world and its media are shaping our culture. We work to be spiritual people ... but how does one get and stay connected to the Creator?

In this DVD series Rev. Senkbeil helps us to better understand as baptized Christians how this spiritual relationship takes place, and how this gives us a life of forgiveness and hope.

Each DVD session is approximately 20 minutes in length. A study guide is also included that provides appropriate discussion questions for each segment. The sessions include:

Part I: The Incarnational Foundation of the Christian Life

Our Dying World

Our Living Lord

Our Death/His Cross

Part II: The Sacramental Focus of the Christian Life

Holy Baptism: Water of Life

Holy Absolution: Word of Life

Holy Supper: Feast of Life

Part III: The Liturgical Shape of the Christian Life

Divine Service: The Liturgical Life Together

Private Prayer: Liturgical Life Alone

Christian Vocation: Liturgical Life in the World

This series will begin Sunday, January 4, 2015.

Come join us on Sunday mornings at 8:30 AM before services.

**Dying
to Live**



SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING

There will be a Special Voter's Meeting on February 15th after the 9:15 AM Divine Service. The Church Council will be presenting a budget at this meeting.

2014 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

2104 Contribution statements in the Narthex by the contribution envelopes. If you need an itemized statement, please contact Deb Horner, Financial Secretary @ 475-2410.

2015 CONTRIBUTION ENVELOPES

2105 Contribution envelopes have been removed from the Narthex. If you did not get your envelopes, please contact Deb Horner at 475-2410.

KRAFT KORNER

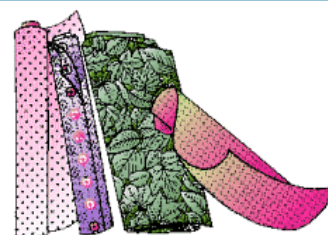
We are always in need of items we can sell in our corner. Even if you think it is junk "remember, your junk is someone else's treasure. Please check around and see what you might have. We have a pretty good supply of books if you need to read while relaxing or waiting in Dr's office. Come check it out.

SERVICE TIME CHANGE

If there was ever a time that we should be united in worship, that time is now. The change to one service was presented to the voting members on Jan. 11th, 2015 and the motion passed. Starting February 1st we will be going to a one service schedule. The worship service will be held at 9:15 AM, Bible Class will be at 8:30 AM and Sunday School will be at 9:15 AM (after Feeding of the Lambs). We

QUILTERS GROUP

MATERIAL IS NEEDED!!! If you have material that is taking up space and you no longer need, please bring it to the Church office for the Quilting Group to use. The quilting group meets on Mondays, at 9:00 AM. If you have some skill in sewing, stitching, or needlework please consider joining us every Monday morning for a couple of hours or as much time as you can offer to make and create beautiful tapestry.



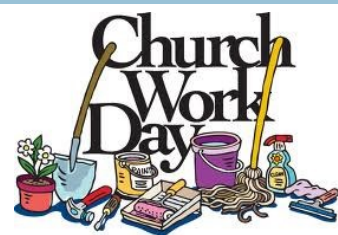
SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00. Several of our Snow birds are returning and we have a full house of tables. We are happy to add more. The most popular things to play are: Pinochle, Phase 10, SkipBO, and Hand & Foot. We also have Dominoes or other games if they are requested. There must be something you would like to have fun with, so come on out. Once in awhile we have a special home made lunch but usually everyone brings a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.



PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

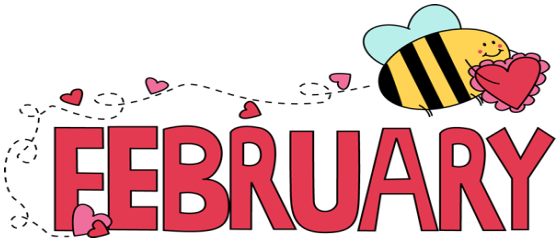
We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciations Days every month. With the weather getting a little cooler, we can tackle more jobs around the property. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is February 21st, at 10:00 AM.**



ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

At this time of year, Englewood Helping Hands is very busy and are always in need of supplies for their pantry. **Also, if you would like to volunteer to help at the pantry, contact Englewood Helping Hands at 941-474-5864.** If you would like to donate to their pantry, following is a list of the current needs: canned chicken, tuna or ham, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, canned fruit, cereal, rice, soups, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, shampoo, clothes detergent and dish soap. Thank you for all your support.





Redeemer Child Care



February 2015 Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

2/2 Jesus Tells His
Children to Come

Mark 10:13-16

2/9 Jesus Says to Show
Mercy

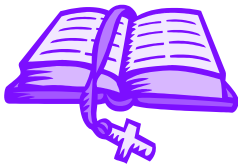
Luke 10:25-37

2/16 God Provides for
His Children

Luke 21:1-4

2/23 Jesus Came to
Save Sinners

Luke 19:1-10



Dear Jesus, Thank You
for pastors and
teachers who tell me of
Your love. I rejoice that
my name is written in
heaven.
Amen

Birthdays

Laura 2/1

Alexandrea 2/12

Ms. Lisa 2/18

Dominic 2/20

Bailey W. 2/26



Congratulations on your years of service!



Ms. Jadilyn 1 year

Closings

Child Care will be closed
February 16th for
Presidents' Day.



What We Are Learning

2/2 Jesus Blesses the
Children

2/9 The Parable of the
Good Samaritan

2/16 The Widow's Mite

2/23 Jesus Eats with
Zacchaeus



A Great Big Thank You!

Ms. Cherylann for 5
years of service. We
wish you the best of luck
in your future endeavors.

Ms. Jackie for 8 years
of service. We wish you
the best of luck in
Miami.

We will miss you!

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

CLASSIFIEDS

Sales—Rentals

Cleaning Services

Free estimates! Please contact Sheila Murphy at 941-473-1747.

Lawn Care

Call Todd Armstrong at 941-961-7584 for your lawn care needs.

Construction

Call Rob Long! A.C.S., Inc. - Licensed General Contractor - Anything from full remodels, full lanai's, window and door installation and ALL phases of construction. State certified licensed and insured. Please call for a free estimate at 941-475-5008.

For Sale

Electric wheelchair/scooter—only used for two months. In brand new condition. Has battery and charger. You will need a way to transport the chair. Please contact Deb Horner @ 941-468-3923, if you are interested.

LOST AND FOUND

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

GREETERS

February 1st *TBD*

February 8th *TBD*

February 15th *TBD*

February 22nd *TBD*

*Submitted by
Assimilation*



COFFEE HOUR

February 1st *Dottie Lamere
Marge Bleick*

February 8th *Sue Poyer*

February 15th *TBD*

February 22nd *TBD*

*Submitted by Brd. of
Community &
Parish Fellowship*



Wordsearch 232 and Solution

Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 232 Matt.2:6-16

Fleeing To Egypt

S	D	L	U	F	E	R	A	C	S	T	L	I	I	N
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After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

ANGEL APPEARED

BOWED BETHLEHEM

CHILD CAREFUL

DEATH COUNTRY

DREAM FURIOUS

EGYPT INCENSE

ESCAPE JOSEPH

EXACT MOTHER

FOUND PROPHET

GIFTS REALIZED

HEROD REPORT

ISRAEL ROUTE

JUDAH RULER

KING SEARCH

LORD SECRETLY

MAGI SHEPHERD

MARY VICINITY

MYRRH WARNED

STAR WORSHIP

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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.