



Redeemer Reporter

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OCTOBER, 2009

“A MESSAGE KEPT HIDDEN”

I suppose it's not so unusual to have God reveal things you really want to know without you knowing it. What I mean is; I suppose it's not unusual for God to supply the answer to your prayers, without you becoming cognizant of His response until a later time.

Lisa and I had one such revelation. You see about five years ago I had asked my District President to place me on a call list. In the usual way, he asked to give him five districts I would like my name to be submitted. It was an easy task for a Midwest Chicago boy to provide: Northern Illinois, Central Illinois, Southern Illinois, South Wisconsin, and Indiana.

As you may well know by now I didn't receive a single call over the next five years, that is, until I heard from Mr. Beaber of Redeemer Lutheran Church, Englewood FL on February 28, 2009. You know the rest of the story, or so one might think.

After accepting the call to Redeemer, Lisa and I only packed a few suitcases full of clothes thinking we would find a home quickly and begin to settle in. All of our belongings were stored away in the garage of the rental home. The house was completely furnished, so there was no need to start unpacking. The search for a home dragged on, but we trusted that the Lord knew exactly which house He would have us live. It has turned out to be at 14118 Appleton Blvd. in South Gulf Cove.

Just a few days after moving into our home, Lisa began to unpack the rest of our clothes. I have a tremendous collection of t-shirts. I wear them when working around the house, running, lifting, or any other function that may make me sweat. I also have a number of favorites that I wear to bed. Upon coming home from work the day she unpacked our clothes, I walked into the closet and noticed how nice it was to see my favorite t-shirts again. And after spotting one of my favorite, most comfortable t-shirts, I took a refreshing sniff of it and immediately put it on. I then walked into our bedroom and said to Lisa, "It's so nice to finally come home and put on one of my favorite t-shirts." And at that, I looked down and noticed what was written on my shirt. (see photo) I was stunned, perplexed, and flabbergasted.

I paused and asked, "Is this my shirt?" "Well of course it is," Lisa responded.

I would recognize this shirt anywhere. I love its color, its comfort, its smell. Besides, Lisa just unpacked it. Lisa too was amazed.

We then asked each other, "How could this be?"

I asked, "How long have I had this shirt?" "At least 4 or 5 years," Lisa

replied. "You mean to tell me all this time I've been wearing this shirt we never paid attention to what was written on it?" I responded. Or perhaps its message was kept hidden from us until the proper time?

Consider Jesus' disciples. He would tell them something and yet they were unable to comprehend His message. For example, St. Luke writes: "But while they [disciples] were all marveling at everything He was doing, Jesus said to His disciples, 'Let these words sink into your ears: The Son of Man is about to be delivered into the hands of men.' But they did not understand this saying, and *it was concealed from them*, so that they might not perceive it. And they were afraid to ask Him about this saying." (Luke 9:43b-45, *emphasis mine*)

The message about the Son of Man being delivered into the hands of men was kept from the disciples understanding. Why was such a thing done and who kept it from their understanding? Well, God kept it hidden from them because He didn't want the disciples to think that Jesus' ministry was only about performing miracles and teaching. God's plan of salvation for man was to be completed and fulfilled in Jesus' suffering, death, and resurrection. So the divine plan was to wait until the appropriate time before revealing the full portrait of Jesus as both Lord and Savior.

We can also visit the two men on the road to Emmaus on the first day of the week following the crucifixion (Luke 24:13-35) to see another example of God having kept hidden things from men. And in that case it wasn't until

after Jesus' teaching and then finally the breaking of bread that the eyes of the men became open and recognized Jesus.



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President's Corner



The President's Corner

First of all let me share some positives. The Child Care continues to maintain their enrollment of over 70 children, with great leadership, and the flexibility of our two vans. Our church continues to grow each week, with our associate members starting to return South, and with more visitors that are returning week after week. While the Holy Spirit is responsible for people coming to us, it is our friendly congregation and especially our Pastor and his loving follow up that I believe brings these folks back.

Charlie Vovcsko announced to the Council that he will not run to return as head of Property and Maintenance. Charlie let me know early this year that he was not going to be able to continue his Church position; he needs to spend more time with his young family, and his business. Charlie did a great job and has taken his Council positions very seriously. We will all miss his dedication and attention to detail, and I will miss him most of all. Thank you Charlie for all you have done, and will do for our Church.

Most of my effort as of lately has been on next years budget. Bill Bowers and I have been working with Wendy on the Child Care Budget. With the Child Care in the black we have several neat options, to be able to increase salaries and benefits for all the great ladies that work with us, and be able to have the Child Care pay part of the taxes, insurance and transportation expenses. The budget for the Church is a little different. With our property and vehicle insurance increasing significantly it leaves a lot less of our income for other line items. I am working with our new vice-president to look into increasing our deductibles in both areas to reduce our premiums. We have not had a property insurance claim that I am aware of, and we are in a position to self insure part of our property insurance as long as we continue to have catastrophic coverage. Ed and I will look into different amounts of deductibles to see how each will affect the total premium. Ed is also looking into the vehicle insurance, which is more than was quoted when we added the vans. We will also look at increasing the deductible on the vehicle policy. These are some of the important decisions that will be made at the Oct. Voters/Town Hall meeting when we have input from the congregation before the budget is finalized for next year. Your Counsel has been working hard to fine tune each of their areas of the budget, cutting costs where they can. Please plan to attend the Oct. meeting, after the 2nd service on the 25th, I think, be sure to check on the October Calendar.

I hope you have all signed up for the Youth Golf Outing, I have agreed to make a fool of myself once again. Speaking of making a fool of myself, I hope you got a chance to "splash" Pastor and me at the Sunday School rally day. A great time?

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Ron Beaber

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It is said, “God works in mysterious ways.” I’m a firm believer in that. Great joy came to the disciples when Jesus revealed Himself to them on Easter Day. Great joy and amazement came to both Lisa and I when reading my shirt. Great joy, comfort, and amazement come to us as well in mysterious ways whether it’s an answer to prayer, a card in the mail, a good report from the doctor, or even a dirty old t-shirt.

In my coming to Redeemer Lutheran Church, God always knew and had even given me a sign, or in my case a direct message, but He didn’t say when just where. The message was kept hidden from both of us in order that we may see that God has truly been listening and working in our lives all this time. Friends, our loving, compassionate Father is working in your lives as well. Trust in the Lord and all His promises will be granted to you through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Amen!

Truly, Lisa and I are convinced, and we hope you are too, that God had planned long ago our coming to Englewood and for me to serve you as your pastor in Christ. The peace of Jesus be with you always.

In His Service,
Pastor Jim Kress

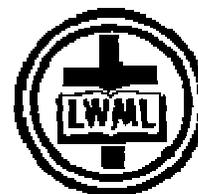
Donations to Child Care and/or Angel Fund

If you make a donation to the Child Care or Angel Fund, please make checks payable to Redeemer Child Care. They now have their own checking account.

Thank you.
Submitted by Karen Kirkland

Ladies Guild

Here we go again! Summer is behind us and it's time for the Ladies Guild to begin a new season. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone and having us all enjoy all the activities we have planned for the coming year. Our first meeting is Wed. Oct. 7th at 12:30 with desert and coffee. Business meeting starts at 1 PM. Our guest speaker will be Tom Choats. He will be speaking about Seniors vs. Crime. All members of Redeemer are welcome.



Plans are well under way for the Fall Rally Sat. Nov. 7th at Redeemer. Mark your calendar and plan to attend. It will be an inspiration for all of us. If any Guild member can help in any way please call Avis at 941-475-7862.

LWML Sunday is Oct. 11th. Mite boxes will be in the Narthex. Your gift of Mites go toward the District Mission Grants. Every little gift that you give has a purpose.

Join us Oct. 7th and bring a friend so they can share the experience of good fellowship and devotion.

Submitted by Linda Rogers, V.P.

Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for submission of articles for November is **Sunday, October 25th by 6 p.m.**

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to letastender@gmail.com or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after **October 25** will be held for the **December** newsletter.

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

Leta Stender

To the Members of Redeemer

Please accept our sincere thanks for all you did to make our grief and sorrow easier when we lost our loved one, Lorna Straub. There were so many of you that did so much that we hesitate to name you individually for fear of missing someone. It's during times like these that we appreciate our friends and fellow church members.



Heartfelt Thanks

The family of Lorna Straub, Jim, Wendy, Jim R., Will, Mimi, and Chris.

Sunday School

A HUGE THANK YOU: Thank you to all who helped at the Sunday School Rally Day! It was a great success and much fun was had by all who attended! Special thanks to Karen & Tommy Kirkland, Wendy & Steve Horvath, Miranda Leksche, Max Leksche, Mark Horvath, Ray & Leta Stender, Mary Beaber, Ray & Dolores Altmann, Barbara Duff, Lisa Vassallo, Carol & Charlie Vovcsko, Pam Replinger, Naomi Sylvester, and (for being such good sports with the dunk tank) Ron Beaber and Pastor Kress.

Sunday School is well underway with The Growing In Christ series through Concordia Publishing House. We have had wonderful support from our teachers and the children are learning about various stories in the Old Testament. Please look forward to the Christmas season as the children will be involved with the Child Care in a Christmas program titled "Savior of the Nations."

Submitted by Lisa Kress

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The members of the Support Group extend a warm invitation to members and their friends, to join us in a time together of discussion and support of each other. We meet the last Wednesday of each month, at 10:00 in the "Quiet Room" in the church narthex. The October meeting will be on October 28.

We always have a Scripture lesson and prayer. The lesson at the last meeting was from 1 Peter 1:3-9. We learned that Jesus is the only source of hope and that Jesus promises us the "living hope" of our inheritance in heaven. This is our ultimate security and anchor when the storms of life are severe. Peter reminds us that the difficulties of life can be the tools the Lord uses to increase our faith and hope in him.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

October 2009 Newsletter

Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School

Enrollment is 71 Children

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

Elisha's House
2 Kings 4:8-10

Mary and Martha
Luke 10:38-42

Building the Tabernacle
Exodus 35-40

The birth of Samuel
1 Samuel 2:11, 26



Teach me Your way,
O Lord.
Psalm 27:11

If you would like to volunteer to come in and read the Bible story of the week or help with the craft please call Wendy

Birthdays

Nicholas M. 10/3
Kiera 10/7
Bodied 10/28



Thank You's

Thank you for all the member donations and supplies. Thank you for the microwave oven.

Needed Supplies

Snacks, Batteries, Hand Soap, Baby Wipes, craft supplies for fall and Halloween and Halloween candy and treats.

What We Are Learning

Oct. 5-9 Colors, shapes and sizes

Oct. 12-16 Things that go together

Oct. 19-23 Under construction

Oct.26-30 Fall/Autumn (Halloween)

October Events

A trip to Hunsader Farms

Scholastic Book Fair

Halloween Pizza Party and Parade will be on Oct. 30th at 11:00. Please join us for the parade and lunch.

Submitted by: Wendy Horvath

Stewardship

Gratitude for God's Blessings, October, 2009



October is a great time of the year. In many parts of our country the leaves are changing colors and providing some beautiful scenery to delight our eyes. The harvesting of grain (corn, beans and the like) is either completed or in the process of being completed. Many fruits, like apples, and vegetables like pumpkins, are also being harvested and stored away.

Farmers, orchard owners and gardeners are God's stewards who prepare the fields, orchards and gardens, plant the seeds, cultivate and fertilize the plants, and then wait for the Lord's blessings of sunshine, rain, and seasonable weather so that the harvest may be gathered in to provide food for all of God's creatures. God blesses this faithful stewardship.

The Apostle James writes: "See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop and how patient he is for the autumn and spring rains." (James 5:7 NIV) Those who work in fields, orchards and gardens know that while they contribute much to a good harvest, but they also know that without the Lord's blessings there would be no harvest. They can do their best to get the fields, orchards and gardens ready for seedtime and harvest but the good harvest will take place only if the Lord blesses the fields, orchards and gardens with the kind of weather necessary for a bountiful harvest. After doing all they can, God's stewards must wait upon the Lord who "opens his hand and satisfies the desires of every living thing." Psalm 145:16 NIV)

We who have been called to faith in Jesus Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit are also called to be good stewards of all that God has entrusted to us to manage wisely and well. On October 31st we celebrate Reformation Day--a day to remember and give thanks for all the beautiful spiritual blessings God has given to us through the work and ministry of his faithful steward, Dr. Martin Luther. Through Luther God called the church back to Scripture Alone, Grace Alone and Faith Alone so we can know for sure what his will is for our Christian living and giving.

As stewards of the Gospel of Jesus as well as all the rest of life and life's resources, we are called to patiently and faithfully give of our time, talents, financial resources and Christian witness for God's glory and the welfare of people whose lives we touch.

Maturing stewards really do the right things for the right reasons and strive for excellence in all they do. Have a joy-filled October!

Joseph Friess, Stewardship Chairman

A Special Thank You,

First, to Redeemer Support Group, who has been there to support me for three years. Thank you to my Stephen Ministry person who has helped me to adjust to being a widow and alone with no family. Also, thank you for the assistance with my recent move, which was possible because of Dolores Altmann, Carol Haupt and Helena DeGourse and the men who helped me; Bill Balogh and Rick Vassallo. Last but not least, a special thank you to Pastor Kress, for all his prayers, as they mean so much to me.



God's Love and Grace, Geraldine Jaye Nistendirk

Stephen Ministry



Our Special Stephen Minister for the month of October is Ruth Greta Speer who met Vern while in high school. On July 14, 2009 they were married 53 years. They have two daughters, Deborah who is a medical technologist in Greencastle, IN and Doris Lynn, an international corporate attorney residing in Paris, France. Ruth was born in Lithuania, lived in Gillersdorf, East Germany during World War II and immigrated to the United States with her parents and three sisters from Parensen, by Goettingen in West Germany in 1952. Currently resides part time in Wyandotte, Michigan for summer fun and Englewood, Florida for her winter fun. Ruth has been in Florida since 1999. They were visiting friends, liked the area and purchased a place in Indigo Isles. They have also been members of Redeemer since 1999. Vern called the office and Doris Dykhuizen gave such a good "pitch" about Redeemer that they could not resist but become members. Her life occupation has been secretary and pupil accountant for Lincoln Park Public Schools for Michigan for 25 years. Ruth retired in 2000 to put all of her energy into her hobbies, interests and talents. She truly enjoys nature and gardening. She likes to write, enjoys poetry, sewing, crocheting, physical fitness and especially traveling and communicating with family and friends here and in Europe. Ruth is involved with the German/cultural organizations and functions, is a charter member and officer (also past president) of the Germania Club Downriver Detroit, a frequent visitor of the Venice German Club and the German Club in Cape Coral. She enjoys speaking her native language and reading the Nordamerikanische Wochen-Post. She likes to sing and is a member of the Redeemer Choir and was commissioned March 2009 as a Stephen Minister.

Ruth became a Stephen Minister because she has so much to be grateful for in her life. Her family safely came half-way around the world and life has been good to her. This does not mean that there haven't been hurdles and challenges to overcome but when she would see only "one set of footprints in the sand" she learned to believe that she was never alone but carried by the Lord. She still feels the need to gain more knowledge in the word and improve upon her faith and to share her faith with others. Ruth's favorite time of the year is Christmas when she celebrates in the circle of family and friends in Michigan.

Ruth states that she enjoyed getting to know her two colleagues, Dottie LaMere and Joe Carlos. There were hardly any dull moments because we interacted with much enthusiasm, laughter and compassion. She learned a lot from the others, their outlook on life and their experiences. Ruth says she was reluctant at first about the program but realized quickly that the instructors are truly loving, dedicated and compassionate in their work for Stephen Ministry, and "they inspired me" to pursue this very worthwhile venture. She looks up to them and hopes that when she is appointed a care receiver that she will do justice to the teachings. Ruth prays that she will fulfill that goal in her life "of making a difference" as a Stephen Minister in providing truly "Christian Care Giving" with the knowledge she has acquired.

Thank you Ruth for your interest, compassion and love of the Lord which has made you such a loving Christian.

"I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full" John 10:10

New Stephen Ministry classes will begin once again at Redeemer Lutheran Church in January 2010. It is 50 hours of classes broken into a few hours one day per week. Commissioning of Stephen Ministers is the end of March. We invite all members of the congregation to join the class. You do not have to become commissioned as a Stephen Minister. Just come and enjoy the classes.

More information will be available in the future newsletters. If interested call Carol Carlos 941-255-3354.

Submitted by Carol Carlos

Fall Rally

What is a rally? One dictionary term explains it as ... "a mass meeting intended to arouse group enthusiasm." Some women may ask, "Why should I interrupt my life to spend a whole day with people I may not even know?" A better question, "Why not?" Ask any of the women who attend year after year. It's exciting, energizing, educational, and inspirational.

EXCITING, because it's a rally. Churches in our area will be represented by women who work to bring Christ's love to all people. They love their work and sharing that takes place at the rallies can excite you too.

ENERGIZING, because it's a rally. A sketch, a song, or a special word from a sister in Christ, can spark an ember that will produce a fire that God will use to further His plan for you.

EDUCATIONAL, because it's a rally. McKenna Heldenbrand, recently home from a mission trip to Jamaica will speak and have pictures. Mission work, Bible studies and many fun songs are just some of the things that will remain in your mind and heart forever.

INSPIRATIONAL, because it's a rally. Matthew 18:20 "For where two or three are gathered together in My name, I am there in the midst of them". The Lord is with us as we gather for the rally and when we study God's Word and share with sisters in Christ, we will certainly be blessed.

WHAT MORE COULD YOU WANT?

ALL Redeemer women are invited to attend the LWML (Lutheran Women's Missionary League) Fall Rally HERE on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 8:45 am. Women and Pastors from the 10 churches in the Sarasota Zone will be joining us for the day. Won't YOU please come, also? To assist in our lunch planning, please call Avis Stuck, 941-475-7862. Registration and lunch \$6.00.

Why should you do this?

BECAUSE IT'S A RALLY!!

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Altar Guild

ALTAR GUILD: The Altar Guild asks all members to attend the Annual Meeting being held on October 21st, Wednesday, at 10:00 am in the sanctuary. We will be discussing some possible minor changes and looking for suggestions from all the volunteers. Pastor Kress will be in attendance to answer any of our questions.

Submitted by Avis Stuck

October Blood Drive

Our next Blood Drive will be held on Sunday, October 11, from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. All able donors are encouraged to sign up in the Narthex for a particular time slot. Many lives will be saved by this gift of life. At our last drive, we had 16 donors. The Florida Blood Center has advised that the taking of most medications will not prevent donation. Also, cancer patients only have to wait 1 year after finishing treatments, instead of the 5 years as before. As always, as a reward for your generosity, all donors will receive a free hamburger at Lickety Split Restaurant.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

Thrivent

On Sunday October 11 there will be a short but important Thrivent meeting in the Sanctuary following Bible Class at 10:05 to distribute funds, and voting for County Board positions will be held in the Cry Room on this Sunday after both services

Submitted by Ron Beaber

Outreach

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

FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Good job, Redeemer Evangelists!!!! Our Friendship Sunday on August 30, was a great success, thanks to you. Our attendance was 166, which is about 50 higher than our average has been during the summer. We met a lot of new folks--hopefully they will return to hear more of Jesus' message of salvation. And let's remember that every Sunday is "friendship Sunday." We don't have to wait for a special day to invite and bring an unchurched friend, relative, or acquaintance. See you in church!

PIONEER DAYS PARADE

It was great fun on Labor Day at the Englewood Pioneer Days Parade on Dearborn Street. The Youth did a great job with our Redeemer float, themed "water, water, water." Pastor, the Youth, and Sam Jollay walked and passed out pencils, tattoos, hand sanitizers, and even dog food for the dogs, all with Redeemer's name and information on them. The Outreach Board set up a booth in one of the parks on Dearborn Street, with photo displays of our recent events (VBS, ice cream social) and of our organizations and regular activities. Child Care also made a photo display of their information and activities. We passed out pencils, etc., Redeemer brochures, and talked to a lot of our Englewood residents. (One of our visitors recently enrolled their child in Child Care!) We all had a good time letting people know about Redeemer and that we are a loving, welcoming congregation.

HALLOWEEN SAFEWALK

Redeemer will again participate in the Halloween Safewalk on Dearborn Street on Halloween. Thousands of area kids and adults (and dogs), all in costume, visit the many stores and booths that pass out Halloween candy. A great time is had by all and it is quite a spectacular event. This year, we are asking our members to help us collect candy to pass out to the kids, thus helping to defray the cost. If you would like to share with the kids, please bring bags of individually wrapped candies, suitable for passing out. There will be a box in the Narthex for collection.

RADIO ADS ON WENG

During this fall football season, Redeemer has been running radio ads on the WENG radio station during the Lemon Bay Manta Ray football games on Friday evenings. This has been a great opportunity for the members of the community to hear about Redeemer and our Child Care.

ROTONDA CHRISTMAS PARADE

The Boards of Outreach and Youth are planning to have a float in the Rotonda parade again this year. This will be another opportunity for people to hear about Redeemer and be reminded of the real meaning of Christmas. Brochures and treats will again be passed out. If you would like to join us, give Carol Haupt or Lisa Vasallo a call.

OUTREACH/ASSIMILATION WORKSHOP

The Boards of Outreach and Assimilation will be bringing you a new training workshop on Saturday, January 23, 2010. The program will be conducted by members of the Confessional Lutherans for Christ's Commission (CLCC) in the Fellowship Hall. We believe this training will be very rewarding to our members and of great help to us in bringing the love of Jesus to members of our community who don't yet know or accept Jesus as our Savior. On Sunday, January 31, we will have another Friendship Sunday, to put into practice the skills we will have learned. Mark your calendars and please plan to attend.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

HEALING:

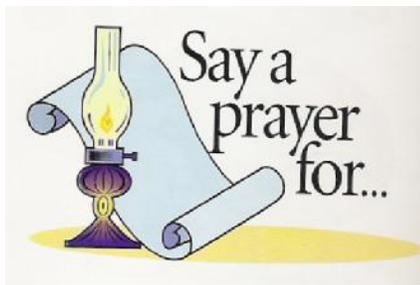
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PRAYERS OF COMFORT for family and friends of Joan Bowers whose mother was called to her eternal home on September 8th.

Military Personnel

Daniel Anderson	Brian Jackson
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Eric Byrne	Keith Janssen
Kevin Copeman	Joshua Jones
Christopher Dutch	Scott Morris
Michael Garza	Steven Siegmundt
Stephen Geib	Jeremy Twombly
Brian Hollis	Matthew Walenta
Nathan Hudson	Charles Weishaar

Youth



So good to be back! Our Youth Group has grown since last year & I'm so excited. We have 11 in our Junior Youth and 4 in our Senior Youth. We welcome all of them and encourage them to bring their friends to join. We have a wonderful group of children and I personally love them all.

Our children are back to acolyting 2 times on Sunday morning. One at the 8 a.m. service and one at the 10:30 service. Our 4th and 5th graders will also be acolyting beginning in November. We want to give them a chance to watch our older youth for a while.

The youth had a wonderful time at the Sunday School Rally on Sept. 13th after service. Some of our Youth such as Alexandria, Billy, Hailey, Naomi & Lauren all had a turn in the dunking tank. They had a lot of fun.

We also decorated the float for our church in the Pioneer Parade Sept. 7th on Dearborn Street. Our theme was water, water, water everywhere. We hope next year to do a great job as this year was our first time. Thank you to all who helped the day.

Our Youth Group is preparing for our first golf fundraiser on Oct. 3rd at Long Marsh Golf Course in Rontonda. Starting time is 11 a.m. shotgun. Wish us luck and come out and support us. We should have lots of fun.

The Youth will begin a fundraiser beginning Oct. 25th selling candles after services. This is to raise money for their outing to swim with the Manatees in Homasassa, FL.

Also, the congregation and Youth will be participating in an overnight trip to the Holy Land in Orlando, FL on Nov. 13-14 staying at the Comfort Inn with a continental breakfast, bus transportation, and a ticket to the Holy Land. Price to be announced.

Submitted by Lisa Vassallo

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Oct. 4	Georgette Callahan & Jane Hoivik
Oct. 11	LWML—Ladies Guild
Oct. 18	Elma Cancellieri & Jonti Lute
Oct. 25	Betty Maki & Lessie Kirch

Submitted by Pam DeGourse



8:00	
Oct. 4	Erv & Betty Maki
Oct. 11	Ray & Dolores Altmann
Oct. 18	Earl & Avis Stuck
Oct. 25	Marie Talley & Carolyn Jordan
10:30	
Oct. 4	Ray & Leta Stender
Oct. 11	Roger and Pat Luedtke
Oct. 18	Tim Byrne & Sally Zierdt
Oct. 25	Ron & Mary Beaber

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

Sr. High Youth

SR. HIGH YOUTH continues to gather for “Saturday Night Alive!” in Fellowship Hall on Saturday nights beginning at 7 pm. High school students gather for devotion, to watch a movie, play games, or just talk. On occasion, they attend other events or meet at other places. If you’re in high school and would like to get together with some of your peers for a “Saturday Night Alive!” experience, call or text Pastor Kress to find out when and where we’re meeting next (941-979-2976).

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12. **The Lutheran Study Bible's** hardback edition is burgundy, a beautiful color, with a Luther Rose stamped on the front cover. Big “wow” factor. Need we say more?

11. **The Lutheran Study Bible** is available in a larger print edition, as well as a regular print edition. Not that our eyes are getting older, type is just getting smaller.

10. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has better cross-references than any other study Bible available today, carefully prepared and supplemented with historic Lutheran cross-references and notes dating back to the Luther Bible of 1534. It is chock-full of historic Lutheran goodness.

9. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has thirty-six custom-designed maps, which are linked to from over 880 references throughout the Bible, more map references than any other Bible. Especially helpful for some of us who refuse to stop and ask for directions.

8. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has over 31,000 concordance entries, helping you locate important topics and issues throughout the Bible. If you check one reference a day, the fun won't end for 84 years!

7. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has more notes than nearly any other study Bible available today: over 26,500, all researched, written and edited by faithful Lutheran Bible scholars, pastors and Bible teachers. This is most certainly true.

6. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has over 120 diagrams and charts, prepared exclusively for this Bible to highlight and underscore key concepts, terms, teachings, events and people in the Bible. We know you like pictures. We do too.

5. **The Lutheran Study Bible** has over 220 thematic articles offering discussions on a wide variety of topics, issues and concerns dealt with in the Bible. Faithfully Lutheran, practical and relevant: can't beat that combination.

4. **The Lutheran Study Bible** contains an extensive introduction on how to read and understand the Bible, with reading plans, Luther's Catechism, and all kinds of other helps. But wait, there's more!

3. **The Lutheran Study Bible** contains many comments and insights from the entire history of the Christian Church: Early Church, Middle Ages, Reformation Era, contemporary theologians, drawing you into the rich conversation around God's Word that has been going on for millennia. Pull up a chair, listen in and join the conversation.

2. **The Lutheran Study Bible** gives you practical helps and aids to strengthen your life of prayer and meditation on God's Word with life-application notes and prayers throughout the Bible. A good study Bible does not have to read like stereo instructions.

1. **The Lutheran Study Bible** is the first, and only, study Bible in English prepared entirely from the ground up by Lutherans, offering a uniquely keen focus on the proper distinction between Law and Gospel, shining a brilliant light on the heart and center of the Scriptures: Christ and Him crucified, risen and ascended for your salvation—**it's all about Jesus, in every way, for you.**

Scrip

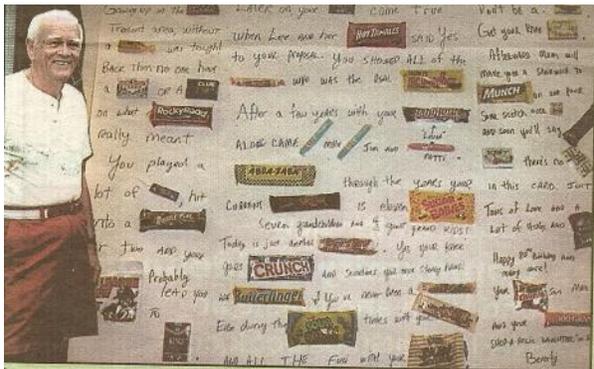


OCTOBER orders for Scrip will be taken at the **Ladies Guild meeting** on **Wednesday, October 7th**, and **Sunday October 11th**, in the church narthex after the 8:00 a.m. service and before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. Orders will be returned **Sunday, October 18th**. Thank you to everyone who placed orders in July and August.

Scrip is a substitute for money. They are gift cards for everything from fast food restaurants, food stores, department stores, gasoline, office product stores and even hotels, cruises and many more. Every month we have an updated [list on the desk in the Narthex](#). Everyone who is interested should pick up a copy and at least see what is available.

The percentage the Ladies Guild makes is based on the scrip orders for the month. This percentage is then applied to our [mission projects](#). Your support is appreciated.

Assistant Scrip Taker, Pat Wilcoxon



Happy Birthday Steve Procuik

Steve is pictured with his “candy” birthday card which tells a story of his life. Steve’s family and friends gathered in Ohio to celebrate his 80th birthday. Attending two parties were his three children, five of his seven grandchildren and four great grandsons!!

Pastor’s Class

PASTOR’S CLASS continues to meet on Wednesday evening beginning at 7 pm in the Education Building. The purpose for these classes are tri-fold: (1) to inquire what Lutherans believe, teach, and confess; (2) to instruct and prepare for confirmation and membership in the Lutheran Church; and (3) to provide a refresher opportunity for those already instructed in the faith. The present class will conclude on November 18th, but we will begin a new class in January. If you ever have a question: Ask the Pastor.

From Our Missionary

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,
 Bonjour from France! We want to thank all of you for your prayers for safe travel. Raymond, Hannah, Jack & I are all settled in our new home and schools. We are in the midst of placement testing and orientation and our French classes begin soon. Watch our blog for updates and we will be sending a newsletter soon. God’s blessing to all of you.

In Jesus, Jack & Cathy Carlos

New Members

DONNA J. ANTONELLI:
156 Bunker Road
Rotonda West, FL 33947
Tel. (941) 698-0340



Donna transferred from St. John Lutheran Church in Cleveland, Ohio. She retired as coordinator of the Cleveland, Juvenile Court room. She enjoys walking, exercising, cards and Sudoku. She has been married 6 years to husband Joel.

WILLIAM S. and JOAN M. BOWERS
15024 Lyneburg Ave .
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
Tel. (941) 828-3668



Bill and Joan both work at Bowers Appraisal Services. They have two daughters, Stacy and Kristine. Bill enjoys playing the organ, piano and fishing. Joan enjoys babysitting her 3 month old granddaughter. She also likes fishing and working with the Sunday School. Bill and Joan were both born in Chicago, IL

SAMUEL (SAM) L. SIMONSON
2060 Pennsylvania Ave.
Englewood, FL. 34224-3654
Tel. (941) 475-9253



Sam has joined us by Affirmation of Faith. His home state is up-state New York. He retired from the Plantation Golf and Country Club. His main interest is Dancing.

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon, New Member Chairperson, Assimilation Committee

RECEIVING OF NEW MEMBER BY BAPTISM SEPTEMBER 6, 2009

BRIANA MARIE NEEF – 3 months old with parents
Stacy Bowers and Jacob Neef
5 Annapolis Lane
Rotonda West, FL. 33947
(941) 258-2325

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon, New Member Chairperson, Assimilation Committee



Moving In Day!!!

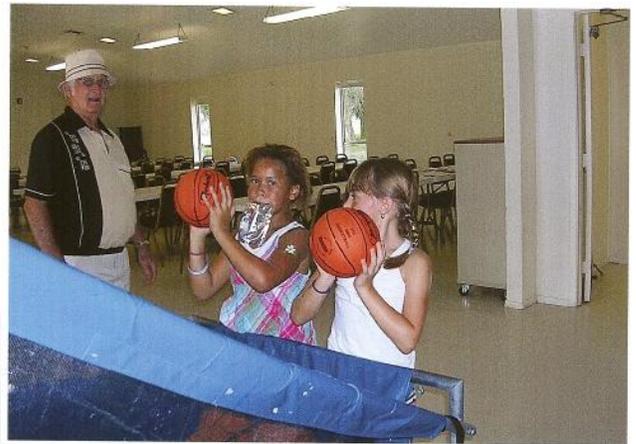
AT LAST!!

WHAT A GLORIOUS DAY
CONGRATULATIONS LISA
AND PASTOR KRESS
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PORT CHARLOTTE, FL
33981



AAH, MY OWN
COUCH!!!

Sunday School Rally Day



Pioneer Day Parade



