

REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - JUNE 2010

“SCHOOL’S OUT FOR SUMMER!”

The above phrase is certainly music to the ears of a middle or high school student. In fact, when a high school student myself in the late 70’s it was literally music to my ears. These lyrics belong to the 1972 hit “School’s Out” written and performed by Alice Cooper. The lyrics of the song go on to indicate that not only is the school year ended for summer vacation, but ended forever, and that the school itself has been blown up. It incorporates the childhood rhyme, “No more pencils, no more books, no more teachers’ dirty looks” into its lyrics. Cooper did well putting to song the very thoughts of nearly every school boy and girl.

Recently at Redeemer we confirmed four eighth-grade students: Anthony Bruno, Matthew Geist, Maddy Keller, and Billy Ruccatano. Prior to confirmation, they were examined by the members of the Board of Elders. Between the four catechumens, they answered 72 questions correctly and confidently receiving certification from the board for confirmation. Consider for a moment, the course of study they underwent. For each of them it began at the Baptismal font. The Holy Spirit entered their heart planting the seed of faith in which enables them to believe in Jesus and His Word. The parents faithfully brought them to church, Sunday school, and to vacation Bible school. Include also family prayers, devotions, and reading of scripture. Then throw in after school confirmation instruction beginning in the 6th grade and concluding with 8th confirmation class with the pastor. WOW! That’s a lot of preparation. Consider also the gift in which they now receive as a result of all that preparation: the true body and blood of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins. So, it’s all over for them right?

At Redeemer, we also recently gave recognition to four of our High School graduates: Hannah Altmann, Samantha Brewer, Erik Glidden, and Miranda Leksche. As each one had completed their high school education and received their diploma, they each are continuing their education at either a four year college or community college. Obviously, they have decided their learning isn’t over. For these eager students, school might be out for the summer, but it isn’t out forever nor has it blown up.

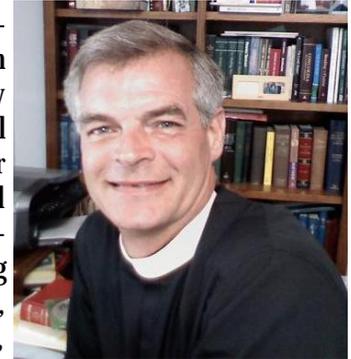
From each of these examples, we can all learn from them. The study of Holy Scripture or the Small Catechism should never be over. There should never be an end or a conclusion to our learning God’s Word. Jesus said, “If you abide in My Word, you are truly My disciples,

and you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free” (John 8:31). Jesus here is explaining that discipleship meant receiving and also believing all of His teachings and remaining faithful to them.

The Apostle Paul wrote, “All Scripture is God breathed and profitable for teaching, for rebuking, for correcting, and for training in righteousness” (2 Timothy 3:16). In other words, the One who said “let there be ... and there was” is also with His breath breathing His living, effective Word into your ear and into your heart and mind with a purpose: (for teaching) to impart knowledge of His teaching and doctrines; (for rebuking) to call to repentance over sins committed; (for correcting) through His Word of truth; and (for training) childhood discipline and instruction.

Let us therefore be reminded that even though summer is here; even though our school days and confirmation instruction are behind us, we still are encouraged by the working of the Holy Spirit to remain faithful to God’s Word in attendance in the Divine Service, an individual or family devotional and prayer life, actively living out your faith in what you say and do, and a verbal sharing of the faith with others. Our mind and attitude should always be: “I am forever a student of God Word.” What a precious gift this truly is to cling to and abide in. Have a great summer.

In His Service,
Pastor Kress



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OUTREACH NEWS

“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 everything I have commanded you.” (Matthew 28:19-20)

Our country was founded as a Christian nation, based upon Judeo-Christian principles. For the first 200 years, we had a Christian society. Most people went to church regularly, and trusted in God in their daily lives. Christians were the “insiders.” Today, Christians feel like “outsiders,” in our country and in the world, much as we were in the early days of the Church. It is a secular world, believing in gay marriage, evolution, abortion, etc. and otherwise not following God’s will.

As “outsiders,” how can we bring the Gospel of Jesus to our society? Peter says that “as aliens and strangers, abstain from fleshly lusts” so that by our good behavior “among the Gentiles, we may, on account of our good deeds, glorify God.” (1 Peter 2:11-12) Our good behavior will give us favor among secular society. By doing so, we “outsiders” will be invited by the new “insiders.”

As outsiders, we win attention and opportunity to share our faith when we have effectively modeled the Christian faith. People see us as the “real thing;” they will hunger to learn about our life, and we can then tell about our hope in Jesus. “Always be ready to give an account of the hope that is in you to everyone who asks.” (1 Peter 3:15)

Friendship Sunday

On May 23, we had about 9 visitors/guests. This was a great turnout. Thank you all for your outreach efforts. By your kindness you have exposed your “friend” to the Word of God. You have planted and watered the seed; God will do the work of bringing them to faith. **LET’S MAKE EVERY SUNDAY FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY!**

4th of July Potluck

We will again sponsor the Independence Day Potluck/BBQ on July 4, after church. We will provide fried chicken and BBQ pork. We will sing songs, play games and bingo.

Ice Cream Social

Save Sunday afternoon, August 8, for Redeemer’s Ice Cream Social, jointly sponsored by Child Care and Outreach. This will be another great opportunity to invite friends and relative to Christian fun and fellowship.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

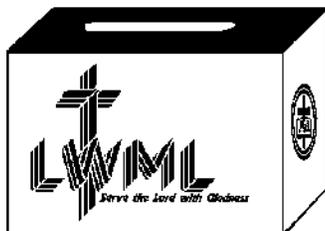
LUTHERAN WOMEN IN MISSION - - - LWML

ALL ABOUT LWML MITES

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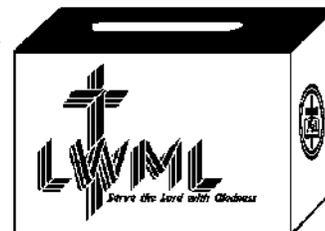
Gainesville, FL - - - October 1 - 3, 2010

"Fix Our Eyes On Jesus" Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God."



Registration forms, Convention Highlights and Information are in the LWML Box in the Church office and should be mailed by July 30, 2010.

Submitted by Vickie Davis



LUTHERAN PRISON MINISTRY

Lutheran Prison Ministry

Lutheran Prison Ministry was organized in April of 1979. Al Hanson (a well known Missouri Lutheran Layman) had just been released from Minnesota State Prison after serving a nine-month sentence for a white color crime. His first presentation about the new ministry was made just two weeks after his release at an LWML Rally in St. Cloud, MN before an audience of more than 200 women delegates. As a ex-offender with a heart for the Gospel of Jesus Christ he began to write for national

publications on the prison ministry and accept more and more speaking engagements. By the winter of 1981, he and his wife, started to travel three months out of each year in Texas, Florida, Arizona and other areas speaking to Rallies and Churches.

Lutheran Prison Ministry assists Churches in training prison volunteers and recommends marking Bibles in English or Spanish for local jails and prisons. They also buy and distribute thousands of Bibles for shipment direct from the publishers

to high security prison with donations from Churches throughout the United States. Lutheran Prison Ministry encourages prayer for prisoners and their families and the prison staff.

The Ladies Guild/LWML of Redeemer has been active with this program for many years purchasing and marking bibles. In 2010, Bibles were purchased as a Love Gift and given to the Charlotte County Prison system.

VBS 2010 MISSION PROJECT

Put your faith in action by supporting the VBS mission project for children in the Dominican Republic. We will be Collecting supplies on the following Sundays. Please drop off your donations in the specially marked box in the Narthex.

Sunday July 11, 2010: Washcloths

Sunday July 18, 2010: Hand Towels

Sunday July 25, 2010: Bath Towels

Sunday August 1, 2010: Bed Sheets (twin and crib) & Infant Cloth Bibs



CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The Support group met and the lesson was from Luke 18:25 - It is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God.

The Camel and the Needle's Eye

In wall of the city was a large gate, and beside it was a smaller gate that allowed travelers to enter or leave the city at night when the large main gates were barred fast, and could not be opened except for special permit from the head man of the city. In the ancient city of Damascus, the gate was called the "needle's eye: The Jaffa gate in Jerusalem also has a very fine example of one of these small "needle's eye" entrances.

Picture the metaphor Jesus used. Camels loaded with sacks of grain, wood, charcoal, or other commodities entered the city daily. If a merchant should happen to arrive in the evening after the main gates of the

city were closed, the only way he and his beast could possibly enter would be for the camel to be unloaded of all of the baggage, and made to kneel and literally crawl through the "needle's eye" on his knees. Stripped bare and down on its knees!

The clear implication is that a wealthy man, in order to become a Christian, must be ready to let go of his material wealth and humble himself to the level of a poverty stricken sinner at the feet of Jesus. The rich young man would not do this: hence, we could not enter.

Nothing is too hard for God to achieve in a human soul. When men are at a loss, God is not. Many a rich man has met the terms of Christ and entered into the kingdom of heaven stripped of all dependence on material assets and humbly kneeling at the foot of the cross. A good New Testament example is Zaccheus. This man

gloriously released his grasp on wealth and material assets, relieved himself of the burden of a guilty conscience and humbly repented of this sinful life to join the fellowship of Jesus Christ, his Savior and Master.

After the lesson, we had a discussion that involved each of the members. A prayer was offered for members, their family and friends. We close with the "Lord's Prayer" and a group hug.

The support group will meet the last Wednesday each month at 10:00 – 11:00 am in the Quiet Room off the Church Narthex. If you have any questions about the group, please call Helena DeCourse – 697-2638.

Submitted by Margie Cypher

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

July 26-30, 2010

Concordia's PLANET ZOOM

Where Bold Bee-lievers Zip, Zap & Zoom for Jesus

At Planet Zoom, Bold bee-lievers zip, zap and zoom for Jesus. Energetic songs and sticky activities put kids in the middle of five Bible events that feature kids and youth just like them.

Kids grow in faith, confess that they BEE-LIEVE in Jesus, our Savior and share Jesus' love in the world.

PLEASE CALL WENDY AT 475-2631 TO SIGN UP
TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEARS VBS.



YOUTH GROUP

The youth group would like to congratulate our Confirmands and wish them many blessings, Madeline Keller, Anthony Bruno, Matthew Geist, and Billy Ruccatano. The four of you did a wonderful job answering your questions and we are all so proud of you.

We celebrated the four children after their questioning on May 13 with coffee and lots of sweets. We also celebrated their Holy Confirmation on Sunday, May 16 with a beautiful cake and goodies after the service.

The Confirmands would like to thank the Ladies Guild for their gracious donations of flowers and personalized Bibles for each of them. Ladies your kindness is always greatly appreciated from all our youth- thank you.

We will be taking our grand finale outing May 30 to Orlando. We will be visiting Sea World & Aquatica Water Park. The youth are very excited and have been counting the days until we leave. We are getting to go on this trip thanks to all our fundraising this year. Also thanks to Pastor Kress for saying yes to Ms. Lisa to have this

outing. We will be leaving after church service with Lisa Vassallo & Rick Vassallo as chaperones and 9 children.

We thank Pastor Kress, Mrs. Doris and Mrs. Pat for a wonderful and blessed year in Confirmation class. The youth group and I wish everyone a happy and safe summer. The youth will get together once in July & August before we go back to school.

Submitted by Lisa Vassallo



SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday School has moved into the Summer lesson plans. The series is called "Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him". It begins with "God Leads in Cloud and Fire" on Sunday June 6 and concludes with "God Preserves in a Storm" as the Fall series begins in September. This series can be used with multiple age levels and is wonderful in showing how God uses His creation to protect and preserve His people.

Summer Sunday School continues to run following the 9:15 AM service at 10:30 AM, with dismissal at 11:30 AM. Bus service is provided with a phone call to the office before Friday. We welcome all to join us!

Service awards will be presented during Divine Service on June 6 to Carole Vovcsko and Miranda Leksche for their dedicated service to the children of the Sunday School. Also, attendance awards will be presented to the children with the most consistent attendance these past 9 months. The following children will be receiving this award: Naomi Sylvester, Billy Ruccatano, Donna Dahlberg, Matthew Geist, Madeline Keller, Haley Scott, Tyler Gandy, Samantha Martel, Lauren Skau, Aiden Skau, Nicole Sylvester, Martin Altmann, Mark Horvath, Nathan Altmann, Zachary Vovcsko, Amy Vovcsko, Ethan King, Natalya Colon, Mackenzie Hopkins, and Logan Black.

What a blessing the Sunday School is to our church! We enjoyed singing in church in April and look forward to serving in worship in the future...dates to be announced! Rally Day will be announced in the July Newsletter. Finally, please keep in mind donations of snacks to the Sunday School. Thank you as always for your support of the Sunday School!

Peace be with You, Lisa Kress

CHILD CARE - JUNE 2010

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Caden Ice Cream 3:45 Chapel	8 Makayla Ice Cream	9 Ice Cream	10 Ice Cream	11 Ice Cream	12
13	14 Gardens 3:45 Chapel	15 Nevaeh Gardens	16 Ava T. Gardens	17 Gardens	18 Gardens	19
20 Father's Day	21 Colton S. Water, Water 3:45 Chapel <i>First Day of Summer</i>	22 Water, Water	23 Water, Water	24 Leland Water, Water	25 Water, Water	26
27	28	29	30			



Congratulations Ms. Lisa!

IT'S A BOY!

Donnie

7 LBS 13 OZ

20 1/2 Inches

10:24 am on May 21, 2010



STEWARDSHIP

GRATITUDE FOR GOD'S BLESSINGS

“June—what a crazy month!” June used to be the most popular month for weddings so much so that “June brides” became a part of our vocabulary. Now there may be months when more weddings take place, but June is still a hectic, busy month. Not only are there weddings, but there are also graduations, vacations, plans for vacations and other summer activities. So much happens that it can get overwhelming and take the joy out of such a special month.

The same thing can be true of our lives as God's stewards. When we start thinking about stewardship as the managing of all of life and life's resources for God's purposes, we can also get overwhelmed. Stewardship is not just about time, talents and treasure [the well-known three T's] but also about our stewardship of sharing the good news of Jesus, the building and maintaining of relationships, the care of our bodies, the care of God's creation, and so much more. The challenge of being a good steward of all that God has entrusted to us can be so big that we might be tempted to simply give up! But, to do so would rob us of some of life's greatest joys!

Stewardship is not meant to be an overwhelming thing but rather the best way to live in this world. People seek purpose and meaning in their lives. They want to make a difference! They want their lives

to be bigger than themselves. Being God's redeemed stewards is one of the best ways for bringing that real meaning and purpose to our lives. It helps us to identify who and whose we are. We are God's redeemed stewards who have been chosen and equipped to manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes. Can anything be better than that??? Not for people who appreciate the great sacrifice that Jesus made to set us free from our sinful and selfish condition and help us to be the children of God in thoughts, words and actions.

St. Paul, by inspiration of the Holy Spirit wrote these words to Titus and us: ***“For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say ‘no’ to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave Himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for Himself a people that are His very own, eager to do what is good.”***

How wonderful it is that by God's grace we are called, gathered and enlightened to live in a way that gives due glory to God and blessings to our fellow stewards! As God's children we are in this together so we can encourage others and, in return, be encouraged by others!

“God's redeemed stewards, in cooperation with and encouragement from fellow redeemed stewards, freely and joyfully manage all of life and life's resources for God's purposes!” What a blessed life that is!

Joseph Friess
Stewardship Chairman



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Jesus admonished us to “love *each other* as I have loved you.” (John 15:12)

In the New Testament, the apostles also advise us to care for *each other* :

Romans 15:7 – Accept one another.

Galatians 6:2 – Carry each other’s burdens.

Ephesians 4:2 – Be patient, bearing with one another in love.

Ephesians 4:32 – Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other.

1 Thess. 5:11 – Encourage one another, build each other up.

Hebrews 10:24 – Spur one another on toward love and good deeds.

James 5:16a – Confess your sins to each other, pray for each other.

The words “one another” or “each

other” are used over 50 times in the New Testament.

What this tells us is that God did not create us to be independent. He created us to be interdependent. We are made in his own image—to be loving, caring, forgiving. He created us to need one another. “It is not good that man should be alone.” (Genesis 2:18) Also, note that these passages do not simply say “bear *others* burdens” or “love *others*.” The “one another” or “each other” phrase gives them a reciprocal meaning: I will bear your burdens, and you will bear mine. In this sense, an openness to Christian caring is not just being willing to care for and help others. It is being willing to be cared for and helped by others. For many that part can be much more difficult.

Stephen Ministry offers an organized way for us to bear *one another’s* burdens. We have ministers available to help you sort out your problems or help you through a crisis—grief,

unemployment, marital difficulties, serious illness, loneliness of aging, etc. Please consider being willing to be cared for. All matters discussed are kept confidential. (Stephen Ministry is also available to friends and relatives as well.) Contact: Carol-Carlos, Carol Haupt, or Nancy Hall.

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NOTE:

Stephen Ministry was featured on PBS, “Religion and Ethics” news show on April 9, 2010. You can watch the video online on the PBS website www.pbs.org/wnet/religionandethics/tag/stephen-ministry. Click on the April 9, 2010 “Stephen Ministry” feature. There is also a nine-minute interview with the founder and executive director of Stephen Ministries, Dr. Kenneth C. Haugk. It’s a great way to see the life-changing benefits of Stephen Ministry.

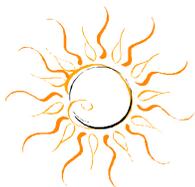
Submitted by Carol Haupt



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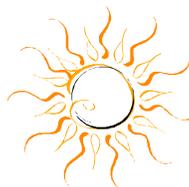
Email vs. Mailing—As mentioned last month, if you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please email or call the church office. Thank you.

The Newsletter deadline next month is June 20th. The next newsletter will be for both the July & August summer months. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time.



A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Dear Members of Redeemer, Thanks you so much for the thoughtfulness of celebrating Pastor's 1st year anniversary on May 2, 2010. We love you all very much and appreciate all of the kindness you have displayed. We look forward to many more years here with you in worship and doing the Lord's work. Please continue to keep us in your prayers as we do you. In Christ, Pastor and Lisa



PRAYERS

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

Members: Henrietta Appold, Gene Eiler, Doris Dykhuizen, Becky Heichelbech, Wendy Horvath, Dick Hughes, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Clara Mitchell, Leona Morrison, Bob Mortenson, Herb Petersen, Don Plesner, Tom Poyer, Henry Rudolph, Jerry Schriener, Duwayne Shoeneck, Ashley Schultz, Sam Simonson, Ed Sita, Anna Smith, Russ Spooner, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, Ronald Woller, Barbara Wolgast.

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

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



GREETERS

June 6

Helen Sturzenbecker and Inge Tringali

June 13

Pat Petersen and Doris Dykhuizen

June 20

Fathers Day – The DeGourse Family

June 27

Sharon Grcevic

Submitted by Pam DeGourse



COFFEE HOUR

June 6

Ed and Ginny Doenges

June 13

Joe and Carol Carlos

June 20

Sally Zierdt and Arlene Harden

June 27

Joe and Connie Friess

Submitted by Pam DeGourse



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

USHERS ARE ALWAYS NEEDED: If you would like to volunteer as an usher, please pick your date. Sign up on the board in the narthex. If you have any questions, or are unsure about being an usher, call Tom Kirkland at 474-6407. He will do a walk through of usher duties upon request.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: We are in need of volunteers to assist with ongoing building and grounds tasks here at Redeemer. If anyone is willing and able, please contact Ed Sheahan at 941-875-6312.

CLASSIFIEDS

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| Beautician/Manicurist | Debbie Balogh
Linda Pontello | Purple Palace
Purple Palace | 941-475-0731
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| John Toth Handyman | If it's broken, I can fix it. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Home: 941-697-1670, Cell: 941-320-4987. | | |
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| Sales—Rentals | Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker (Lessie Kirch's Daughter) 880 S. McCall Road Englewood, FL 34223 . Office: 941-473-0300, Cell: 941-330-7922. | | |
| For Sale | Small "Dorm Fridge" - 19"x19"x19" - \$30.00 or Best Offer. Men's "Driving Iron" - \$10.00. Call Sam Jolley at 941-697-5905. | | |
| Giveaway | Two Uniroyal Freedom Tires, size 205x70x14 used only three months. Please contact Lessie Kirch if interested at 475-3689. | | |

SCRIP

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

NEEDED FOR CHILD CARE

Full size refrigerator!!!

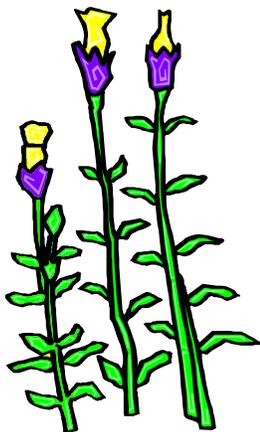
Non-scented baby wipes

Paper towels

Trash bags

Snacks

Thank you very much for your support



LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

The Kwanja people of Cameroon took no pride in their culture or language. They'd been exploited by other tribes for decades and were ashamed that they were unable to stand up to their strongest neighbor. Some of the Kwanja even felt they were lower than animals.

Then a missionary arrived and told them that God speaks their language.

It took many years and the assistance of LBT missionaries, but the

Kwanja New Testament was dedicated in 2006.

Today, Scripture is being studied and used by more and more Kwanja people. Interest in literacy has increased dramatically. Old Testament translation is in progress.

In 2009, the Kwanja New Testament was recorded, and will be available for use by literate and non-literate alike later this year.

We can only speculate what life would be like for the Kwanja today

had they not learned the Good News that God loves them and that He sent His Son so that we might have eternal life through Jesus Christ. If this had not happened they would have continued to live in fear and despair.

The Ladies Guild/LWML of Redeemer supports the Lutheran Bible Translators with their Love Gifts.

Submitted by Margie Cypher

2010 REDEEMER GRADUATES!



CONGRATULATIONS CONFIRMANDS! MAY 16, 2010



Billy Ruccatano



Matthew Geist



Anthony Bruno



Maddy Keller

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon Assimilation New Member Co-Chairperson



Submitted by Karen Kirkland

THRIVENT FINANCIAL MOVES UP 67 SPOTS TO 342ND ON FORTUNE 500 LIST

MINNEAPOLIS (April 20, 2010) – For the 16th consecutive year, Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, which has an office in North Port, FL, has been named to *Fortune* magazine's Fortune 500 list based on annual revenues. The organization moved up 67 spots in the 2010 ranking to become the 342nd largest company in the United States. The ranking was based on Thrivent Financial's 2009 revenue of \$6.514 billion. In addition, *Fortune* magazine listed Thrivent Financial as the sixth-largest mutual life/health insurance organization in the United States.

"Our *Fortune* ranking is yet another indicator of our continued overall strength and stability," said Randy Boushek, Thrivent Financial senior vice president and chief financial officer. "In 2009, we experienced significant growth in selected parts of our business, which helped us to not only move up on the list, but also allowed us to serve even more members."

Thrivent Financial is represented in the areas from Sarasota to Punta Gorda by the Gulf Coast Group, which includes Timothy Byrne and Byron Beaber, 941-488-0625.

About Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

Thrivent Financial for Lutherans is a not-for-profit, Fortune 500 financial services membership organization helping approximately 2.6 million members achieve financial security and give back to their communities. Thrivent Financial and its affiliates offer a broad range of financial products and services including life insurance, annuities, mutual funds, disability income insurance, bank products and more. As a not-for-profit organization, Thrivent Financial creates and supports national outreach programs and activities that help congregations, schools, charitable organizations and individuals in need. For more information, visit Thrivent.com. Also, you can find us on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/thrivent) and [Twitter](https://twitter.com/thrivent).

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Submitted by Tim Byrne



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*We, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church are called into the service of our Lord by
accepting His command (Matt 28: 18-20):*

- Making disciples of all nations/peoples*
- Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- Proclaiming the Gospel and teaching the Word.*

*Christ's love for us, and our love for Christ compels us to serve our Sisters and Brothers as He
served us*