

# REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHILD CARE - AUGUST 2014

## “A VOW TO SERVE AND A VOW TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE”

Throughout our lifetime we make vows, oaths, and promises. As a young teenager, I made an oath saying the following:

“On my honor I will do my best  
To do my duty to God and my country  
and to obey the Scout Law;  
To help other people at all times;  
To keep myself physically strong,  
mentally awake, and morally straight.”

Some of you (mostly men), recognized the oath above as the Boy Scout oath. Like I said, we all make vows, oaths, and promises throughout our lifetime. Men and women make an oath when entering into the military. In the court of law we make an oath to tell the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth, so help us God.

In our life in the church, we also make vows, vows before God and men (the congregation). In Holy Matrimony, the bride and the groom make vows not only to God, but also to each other to:

- ✝ Live together in the holy estate of matrimony as God ordained it; to
- ✝ Have and to hold from this day forward, for better, for worse, for richer, for poorer, in sickness and in health; to
- ✝ Love and to cherish, till death parts you, according to God’s holy will; and to
- ✝ Pledge your faithfulness to each other.

When we are confirmed and when we enter into membership in the local Lutheran congregation we make a vow to:

- ✝ Hear the Word of God and receive the Lord’s Supper faithfully; to
- ✝ Live according to the Word of God, and in faith, word, and deed to remain true to God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, even to death; to

- ✝ Continue steadfast in this confession and Church and to suffer all, even death, rather than fall away from it; and to

- ✝ Support the work our gracious Lord has given this congregation with your prayers and the gifts God has given you.



As members of the congregation men and women are chosen and elected into particular positions of leadership. Every January these elected men and women are installed into their various positions. These dedicated men and women make sacrifices to serve not only our Lord Jesus, but also His Church, that is, you a fellow member of the church. These elected men and women make a vow to:

- ✝ Work with the pastor and that their life together in Christ may be orderly and pleasing in His sight; to
- ✝ See that the services of God’s house are held at proper times, that the Word of God is purely preached and taught according to the Lutheran Confessions, that the Sacraments of Christ are administered according to His institution, that provision is made for the Christian instruction of young and old, that the erring are admonished, and that discipline is maintained; to
- ✝ See that the temporal affairs of the congregation are properly administered and that proper support is provided for the workers of the congregation; and to
- ✝ Assist in caring for the poor and the sick, in cultivating harmony among the members, in promoting the general welfare of the congregation, and in furthering the kingdom of Christ here and throughout the world.

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**Pastor** Rev. James Kress

**Seasonal Pastor** Rev. Mark Steinke

**LHM Ambassador**  
Rev. Earl Schmidt

**Child Care Director** Wendy Horvath

**Office Secretary** Deb Horner

**Organists** Bill Bowers  
Lanette Schmidt

**Choir Director** Collins Sita

**Newsletter Editor** Deb Horner

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**President** Rich Kueker

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**Secretary** Betty Clemens

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**Human Care** Carol Carlos

**Outreach**

**School Board** Bill Bowers

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**Youth**

**Financial Secretary** Karen Kirkland

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**Ladies Guild** Sally Zierdt

**Men's Group** Bob Mortenson

**Altar Guild** Carol Sheahan

**Coffee Hour** Lisa Kress

**STEWARDSHIP**

The parable of the unjust steward vexes us. Why would our Lord commend the unjust steward and the sons of this world as He does? It's because the sons of this world know how to treat something that they think is valuable. They love money and the earthly comforts that come with it. They jump to get the job with higher pay, better benefits, or greater prestige.

Yet all of this, as we know, will fade and wear out. And so, Jesus does not commend the sons of this world for *what* they love. He commends them for *how* zealously they love and the lengths they will go to attain it.

Mimic their zeal, but do not become a son of this world. Do not be drawn away by the love of money. The sons of this world are set for destruction, but at least they pursue it with vigor. They know what they want, and they go after it.

We, on the other hand, as Christians, desire the joy of eternal dwellings, but sometimes you would hardly know it. And so, we are accused of lacking zeal for the kingdom of God. For we have not pursued what we supposedly value with the same zeal that the sons of this world pursue what they value. We don't seek fellowship with the Father like the sons of this world seek the comfort that money provides. We don't put on purity with the enthusiasm that the sons of this world put on the latest fashions. We don't invest in the work of the Church, our very salvation, with the same zeal that the sons of this world invest in the markets.

Don't get sucked into pursuing the love of money and what it provides, but what money you do have, use for good works. Use money and possessions, but don't allow them to use and possess you. God in His grace and mercy gives you many things. You are stewards over what He gives into your hands. You control them. Don't let them control you. Use what you have been given to serve your neighbor, those who are part of your family, your community, and your church.

Get what you need to eat and drink, a home to shelter your family and clothes that you need. But don't squander. Don't waste your excess on things that don't serve you and your neighbor. Make friends with it instead. Give it to those in need. In so doing, you show mercy. And in showing mercy, you give a picture of God's mercy to you in Jesus Christ.

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And while holiness of life and obedience to Christ are expected of all members of the congregation, it is especially important that the elected men and women, as office-bearers in His Church, show themselves, by word and example, to be faithful to Him in service and Christian devotion.

Before the installation concludes two important promises are made. The pastor first addresses the elected men and women and asks:

- ✝ Do you accept the office(s) entrusted to you; and
- ✝ Do you promise faithfully to carry out your duties, trusting in the Lord and conforming yourself to His Word in accordance with the faith of the Evangelical Lutheran Church?

The response of these elected men and women comes in the affirmative: “I do.” Then the pastor addresses the congregation and asks:

- ✝ Do you promise to support them in their work; to
- ✝ Remember them in your prayers; and to
- ✝ Work with them to the best of the abilities that God has given you, so that He may be glorified and His work be done in our midst?

Like the elected leaders, the congregation also responds in the affirmative: “We do.” But, these vows, oaths, and promises don’t end here.

Following four years of seminary training, when I was ordained (June 8, 2003), that is, when I was called by the Lord of the Church into the Office of the Holy Ministry of the Word and Sacraments, and when I was installed as pastor of Redeemer Lutheran Church (April 26, 2009), I also made the following vows and promises before our Lord God and in the presence of the congregation:

- ✝ Do you acknowledge that the Lord has called you through His Church into the ministry of Word and Sacrament?
- ✝ Do you believe and confess the canonical books of the Old and New Testaments to be the inspired Word of God and the only infallible rule of faith and practice?
- ✝ Do you believe and confess the three Ecumenical Creeds, namely the Apostles’, the Nicene, and the Athanasian Creeds, as faithful testimonies to the truth of the Holy Scriptures, and do you reject all the errors which they condemn?

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## STEWARDSHIP

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You imitate the loving-kindness and mercy that God has given you to others. By faith, trusting in the promise that God will never leave you or forsake you and will provide everything that you need, you demonstrate what is of the highest value to you: the eternal dwellings of heaven. Thus, on the last day, Christ will receive you into them.

For Christ is the one son of light who is the most zealous, the most single-minded. He squanders the possessions of His Father with wanton abandon, not in wastefulness, but for your benefit. For these can’t be wasted. They never run out. And so He lavishes the grace and mercy of God upon you without price, without charging you a cent, without keeping any books, without demanding any accounting of you. Christ takes all that belongs to the Father and gives it to you in abundance. And the treasures He gives never run out, never fade away, but are stored where moth and rust cannot destroy. They are eternal. They never end.

Rather than mimicking the zeal of the sons of this world, trust in Christ, and imitate His zeal and His works, for He gives out not only earthly treasures, but also heavenly ones.

*Submitted from LCMS August Newsletter*

## “A VOW TO SERVE AND A VOW TO SUPPORT THOSE WHO SERVE”

✠ Do you confess the Unaltered Augsburg Confession to be a true exposition of Holy Scripture and a correct exhibition of the doctrine of the Evangelical Lutheran Church? And do you confess that the Apology of the Augsburg Confession, the Small and Large Catechisms of Martin Luther, the Smalcald Articles, the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope, and the Formula of Concord—as these are contained in the Book of Concord—are also in agreement with this one scriptural faith?

✠ Do you promise that you will perform the duties of your office in accordance with these Confessions, and that all your preaching and teaching and your administration of the Sacraments will be in conformity with Holy Scripture and with these Confessions?

✠ Will you faithfully instruct both young and old in the chief articles of Christian doctrine, will you forgive the sins of those who repent, and will you promise never to divulge the sins confessed to you? Will you minister faithfully to the sick and dying, and will you demonstrate to the Church a constant and ready ministry centered in the Gospel? Will you admonish and encourage the people to a lively confidence in Christ and in holy living?

✠ Finally, will you honor and adorn the Office of the Holy Ministry with a holy life? Will you be diligent in the study of Holy Scripture and the Confessions? And will you be constant in prayer for those under your pastoral care?

My response was in the affirmative: “Yes, I promise and I will, the Lord helping me through the power and grace of His Holy Spirit.”

Just as the congregation promises to support the leaders of the church when they are installed, so the congregation makes a similar promise to the pastor when he is installed. The officer of the District says to the congregation:

✠ Beloved in the Lord, Holy Scripture says, “Obey your leaders and submit to their authority. They keep watch over you as men who must give an

account. Obey them so that their work will be a joy, not a burden, for that would be of no advantage to you.” – Hebrews 13:17

✠ You have heard the solemn promise of him called to be your pastor. Will you receive him, show him that love, honor, and obedience in the Lord that you owe to the shepherd and teacher placed over you by your Lord Jesus Christ; and

✠ Will you support him by your gifts and pray for him always that in his labors he may retain a cheerful spirit and that his ministry among you may be abundantly blessed;

✠ Will you honor and uphold your pastor as he serves Christ in all his God-pleasing responsibilities;

✠ Will you aid him as he cares for his family; and

✠ Will you be diligent to “put the best construction on everything,” recognizing that “love covers a multitude of sins”?

The response of the congregation is in the affirmative: “We will, with the help of God.”

As members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, we have all made vows and promises to our Lord God and to each other. Because of sin, we have all fallen short in keeping our vows and promises to God and to each other.

The Good News is that God always keeps His promises, His covenant promises. Therefore let us all return to His promise of sins forgiven and everlasting life. Let us return to the benefits and promises in holy Baptism, our Baptism into Christ Jesus. There, in the water and with His Word, is where God calls us out of darkness and into His marvelous light. There is where we are sealed with the gift of the Holy Spirit – faith. There is where we are made children of God. There is where we are united to be His chosen and holy people. There is where our sin is washed away and we are covered in the righteousness of Christ our Savior.

Therefore let us gladly say it: “I am Baptized into Christ.” This promise, that is, His promise to receive all believers in His Son Jesus Christ into His eternal

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presence in heaven, He will never break.

Then let us cast into the death of Christ the very sins that we harbor in our hearts and minds toward our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Let us have the mind of Christ and love one another. Let us carry out the mission and work of Christ who is the Lord of His Church. And let us take up our crosses and follow Him.

Because we are all sinners, vows, oaths, and promises made as a child, an adult, or as a leader in the church will be broken from time to time. When they are broken let us seek forgiveness from God our Father through His Son Jesus Christ and also seek forgiveness from those whom we have harmed. Let us not be intentional in breaking our vows, oaths, or promises, but let us be intentional in keeping them, respecting them, and honoring them, in order that we may carry out our duties with the help of God.

A Servant of Christ and His Church, Pastor Kress

## AN IMPORTANT MESSAGE...

Beloved Members and Associate Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care,

As many of you already know, there are tensions among our church leaders and unfortunately these tensions have now poured out among our members. Many are frustrated and disappointed. Many are saddened and discouraged. Yet, we all want the same thing ... peace! Peace among brothers and sisters in Christ here at Redeemer. How can we get there?

Because the tensions originated between the Board of Elders, the President of the Congregation and me (Pastor Jim Kress), the District was called in by the Elders to assist us in a process toward resolve and reconciliation.

On Sunday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>, Rev. James Guelzow, Vice-President Region Four of the FL/GA District, addressed the congregation to “be patient while the process toward resolve and reconciliation takes place.” He also reiterated that request in an email sent to all of us on Friday, July 18<sup>th</sup>.

The Board of Elders, the President of the Congregation, and I have agreed to work in this process. We agreed to work toward the resolve of our problems and the reconciliation of our relationships as brothers in Christ for the good of the Church and for the sake of the Gospel, we encourage each of you to do the same together as people of God.

My prayer is that all members and associate members would honor the two month “cooling down” period of no Council Meetings and no Voters Meetings as recommended by Rev. Dr. Rick Armstrong, the facilitator/consultant referred to us by the District. I can only hope that we would all give prayerful consideration to be patient during this process.

In the meantime, the Psalmist cried out:

*“Seek the LORD and His strength;  
seek His presence continually!” (Psalm 105:4)*

My encouragement is for the entire congregation to seek peace, comfort, forgiveness, and healing in the Word of our Lord Jesus Christ. More than ever we need to remain focused on Jesus. He promises to come to us in His Word and in His body and blood in the Sacrament of the Altar. There He forgives our sins and strengthens our faith in Him who binds our wounds providing healing, comfort, and peace. A final word of encouragement as we together wait patiently for our Heavenly Father to reveal His glory through this process: *“Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time He may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you” (1 Peter 5:6-7).*

Yours in the Service of Christ Jesus,

Jim Kress  
Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care

Rich Kueker  
President of the Congregation



## PRAYERS

**SHUT-INS:** Marjorie Boliere, Helen Perry, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Dolores Altmann, Gretchen Armstrong, Carl & Betty Bertka, Elma Cancellieri, Pat Finkenbine, Arlene Harden, Bernice Heppner, Erwin Janke, Eric Johnson, Sandy McGrath, Carolyn Plesner, Sue Poyer, Steve Procuk, Ron Ratzlaff, Henry Rudolph, Michael Sanders, Duwayne Schoeneck, Jerry Schreiner, Earl Stuck, Marie Talley, Fred Toth, Lois Webster, Arlene Wiley, and KC Wright.



**Friends & Relatives:** Anthony Abreu, Catherine Armstrong, Linny Aspery, Gioconda Barlow, Shirley Bloom, Grace Blum, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Beverly Carper, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Martin Cressman, Rick Cross, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, Joe, Doenges, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Darla Finkenbine, Diann Finkenbine, Joe Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Nancy Gleis, baby boy Balis Goodwin, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Carol Holmes, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Carl Jennejahn, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, John Kearns, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Mary Krueger, Ray Likowski, Denise Line, Sean Maki, Joe Manson, Pete Mogg, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Rev. Dana Narring, Maureen Nesvacil, Charles Pentecost Jr., Pete Prior, Mary Raines, Friends & Family of Raymond Schroeder Bill Seech, Ryan Sheahan, Don Shepherd, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Virginia Stanley, Sarah Sturzenbecker, Charles Tolley, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Tim Wright, and Angel Zavala.

**Military Personnel:** Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Brett Keck, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, Michael Monson, Charles D. Weishaar.

**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.**

## FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

As of June 30, 2014

**Church**

| <u>Actual June 2014</u> | Budget       | <u>Actual June 2013</u> | Budget       |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Income: \$126,810.41    | \$135,218.78 | \$131,900.91            | \$135,218.78 |
| Expense: \$113,681.39   | \$138,660.36 | \$121,853.40            | \$138,660.36 |

**Child Care**

| <u>Actual June 2014</u> | Budget       | <u>Actual June 2013</u> | Budget       |
|-------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| Income: \$158,800.53    | \$127,744.10 | \$160,501.78            | \$127,744.10 |
| Expense: \$138,181.23   | \$127,744.10 | \$135,704.36            | \$127,744.10 |

## LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND—LCEF

Here comes August and everybody's thoughts turn to "Back to School"! Parents love it, kids hate it. All of us are bombarded with back to school sales for clothes and school supplies. Retailers count sales during this time as one of their biggest times. Think of how much money is spent on clothes that are quickly outgrown. Think of how much money is spent on supplies that are quickly lost or broken. Although these things are needed/wanted, the phrase "money down the drain" comes to mind.

Now let's talk Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Accounts with LCEF are never "money down the drain". You are able to receive interest that is competitive and it helps LCMS congregations further their mission and ministry. Many different types of accounts are available to fit your personal needs.

Back to school means education. It's never too early to start educating children about saving habits. The best account LCEF has to offer young people is the Young Investor Club. It helps teach children about saving, offers a 3.5% interest, and even gives bonus money for good grades and community service.

Let's get in the groove as we head back to school by starting an LCEF account today. It will never be "money down the drain".

In His Service,  
Laurie Steinke

## KRAFT KORNER

If you are moving or cleaning out, please keep our corner in mind. We are in need of small items to sell. The monies goes to the ladies Guild, used for a good purpose. Put them, anytime, in the Fellowship Hall around the corner from the office, to the right, in the corner, on the floor. We thank you.

*Submitted by: Lessie Kirch*

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

We continue to meet all summer. If you do not have anything on your calendar, come join us. We meet at 10:00 AM. Stop at noon for lunch. Bring a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.

*Submitted by Lessie Kirch*



## SINGLES LUNCHEON

We would like to invite **all ladies** who would like to lunch with us--yes, even if you are married. Sometimes one likes to leave the hubby at home and go out with the ladies. You are welcome to join us. Please sign up in the Narthex. **Date:** August 12th **Time:** 11:30 **Where:** "Cafe 776" located at 136 N., Indiana Ave, Englewood

## RED HAT LUNCHEON

Lunch on August 26th--Time 11:30--Place ZEKE'S 115 West Dearborn Street, Englewood. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex.

*The deadline for the September Newsletter is August 16th*

*Please have all your submissions sent to [redemerfl@verizon.net](mailto:redemerfl@verizon.net) OR drop it off at the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.*

*Thank You!*

## ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

The following people served as volunteers, from Redeemer, at Helping Hand the first week of July. Harold Hale and friend, Dale & Pat Whipple, Jonti Lute and friend, Doris Dykhuizen and Pat Petersen.

A big **THANK YOU** for serving our Lord in this way.

The next week for Redeemer to serve is Sept. 15-18. Mark your calendar and consider volunteering. Contact Dale Whipple at 941-786-6116 if you would like to volunteer.

**Pantry needs:** Paper Towels, Beef Stew, Jello, Rice, Cereal, Powered Milk, Pasta Sauce (Ragu, etc.)



Food Pantry  
Donations Needed

## JULY FOURTH CELEBRATION



Everyone had a GREAT time at the Fourth of July celebration!! Folks showed up dressed for the day...folks showed up to share in great food and fellowship...the kids had a fantastic time on the bounce house and double waterslide and there was a snow cone machine to help cool off! We sang patriotic songs and even played BINGO for fun prizes!





## VBS SEASHORE KICKOFF PARTY



July 12th was the Gangway to Galilee Vacation Bible School kickoff seashore party!!! It was a beautiful day for a day at the beach. Everyone had fun... swimming, eating hotdogs and ice cream, playing games and just enjoying everything God has given us.

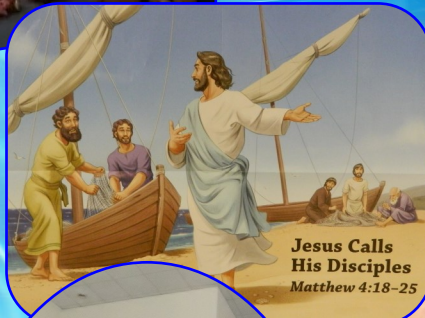
**Thanks to everyone that helped make this kickoff party a wonderful success!!!**







Gangway to Galilee Vacation Bible School was a great success! There were 44 children that attended this year! Thank you to all the volunteers that made this year's VBS possible: Jonti & Gary Lute, Gudrun Janke, Sarah Cooper, Cathy Mielke, Jim & Mary Kay Straw, Dennis & Pam Replinger, Gwen Wurster, Pastor Mark & Laurie Steinke, Melissa Tosto, Bill Bowers, Pastor & Lisa Kress, Mark Horvath, Katie Weeks, Miranda Leksche, Jadilyn Duenas, Rebecca Hering, Wendy Horvath and Deb Horner. We also like to thank all who made contributions and donated items for





**BIBLE CHALLENGE**



**STORY TELLING**



**RUSTY**



**SNACK TIME**



**CRAFTS**



**OPENING & CLOSING**





## UPDATES TO MEMBER DIRECTORY

*Below are updates (as I have them) to member information. Please make these changes in your personal RLC Member Directory. Also, if there are changes that need to be made, please let the office know.*

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Nick & Kristine Baltimore  
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Kristine's Cell: 941-681-6514  
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Dick & Betty Clemens  
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Dale Whipple  
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Sabrina Boles  
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Englewood, FL 34223  
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Sandy McGrath  
Northern phone: 715-546-2932



If you can't sleep,  
don't count sheep.  
Talk to the Shepherd.





## CLASSIFIEDS

- Sales—Rentals** Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker (Lessie Kirch's Daughter), 350 S. Indiana Road Englewood, FL 34223. Office: 941-473-0300, Cell: 941-330-7922.
- 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 to 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

- August 3rd* Cathy Mielke
- August 10th* Miranda Leksche  
Wendy Horvath
- August 17th* Judy & Joe Scarangella
- August 24th* Carol & Susie Haupt
- August 31st* Pam & Dennis Replinger

Submitted by  
Assimilation



### COFFEE HOUR

- August 3rd*
- August 10th*
- August 17th*
- August 24th*
- August 31st*

Submitted by Brd. of Comm. &  
Parish Fellowship



**PUZZLE PAGE**

**Romans 9**

S C R I P T U R E A N D C G I  
 U N B E L I E F T H E O N S G  
 D E S T R U C T I O N I R A N  
 C S Y O U N G E R S L A Y B I  
 O O T R N E W H C B E L T R R  
 A T M N A O T I M L P M I A P  
 E N R P A R E U I U A I L H S  
 C A C S A N T T T S T G A A F  
 N N I E C S E N P N R H N M F  
 E M H E S S S V O H I T I S O  
 T E I M W T I I O C A Y F L L  
 N R N E V E R R O C R R B E P  
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# REDEEMER CHILD CARE



## Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Tuesdays at  
3:45

**8/5 Hannah Prays For A Child**

1 Samuel 1:1-20

**8/12 Samuel As A Boy**

1 Samuel 1:21-28;3

**8/19 David Defeats Goliath**

1 Samuel 17

**8/26 David And Jonathan**

1 Samuel 19:20



Dear God,

You heard Hannah's prayer. You gave her a child at just the right time. Thank You for hearing all my prayers. Thank You for giving me what is good for me at just the right time. Amen

## Birthdays

Rylan 8/7

Tucker 8/7

Bryant 8/8

Della 8/12

Adalynne 8/13

Matthew S. 8/16

Carson 8/17

Ms. Jackie 8/19

Gavin 8/20

Aria 8/28



## VBS



Thank you to all the Volunteers! VBS would not be a success without you.

This year's VBS had 45 children attend and we collected \$57.58 toward the Mission.

## What We Are Learning



8/4 God Answers Prayers

8/11 God Calls His People to Serve

8/18 God Saves Us from Our Enemies

8/25 God's People Help One Another

## Special Days in August

8/3 Friendship Day

8/18 School Starts

## Congratulations on your years of service!

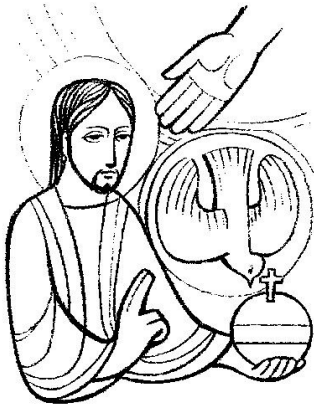


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May - October 9:15 AM

Bible Study: 8:30 AM

November - April: 8:00 & 10:30 AM

Bible Study: 9:15 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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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.*