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VICAR'S NOTES

The Quiet Strength of Humility

In a world that often encourages self-promotion and recognition, Holy Scripture points us to a different path: the path of humility. Humility is not weakness, nor is it thinking less of ourselves. Rather, it is recognizing that all we have and all we are come from God. Humility places our trust in the Lord instead of ourselves and teaches us to serve others in love.

One of the greatest examples of humility in the Old Testament is **Moses**. Scripture tells us, "Now the man Moses was very meek, more than all people who were on the face of the earth" (Numbers 12:3). Though God chose him to lead Israel out of Egypt, Moses did not seek glory for himself. He interceded for God's people, even when they complained and rebelled. Moses understood that leadership is not about power but about faithful service to God and His people.

We also see humility in the life of **Joseph**. Betrayed by his brothers, sold into slavery, and unjustly imprisoned, Joseph endured many hardships. Yet when God raised him to a position of authority in Egypt, he did not take credit for his success. Standing before Pharaoh, Joseph declared, "It is not in me; God will give Pharaoh a favorable answer" (Genesis 41:16). Joseph's humility allowed him to remain faithful through suffering and gracious in times of blessing.

King David provides another powerful example. Although he was chosen and anointed to be king, David recognized that the kingdom belonged to the Lord. In his prayers, David often confessed his dependence on God's mercy and forgiveness. Even after great victories, he gave glory to God rather than himself. His humble repentance after sin serves as a reminder that humility includes acknowledging our failures and trusting in God's forgiveness.

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The **priests who served in the Tabernacle** also demonstrated humility. Their work was often unseen and repetitive. Day after day they offered sacrifices, cared for the holy furnishings, and performed the duties God had assigned to them. Their service pointed away from themselves and toward the Lord's presence among His people. They faithfully carried out their responsibilities, understanding that worship is centered on God, not on the servant.

For many, humility remains an elusive virtue. Our Lord Jesus Christ is the perfect example. Though He is the Son of God, He humbled Himself, taking on human flesh and becoming obedient even to death on a cross for our salvation (Philippians 2:5–8). Through His life, death, and resurrection, Jesus teaches us that true greatness is found in serving others and trusting our heavenly Father.

As members of Christ's Church, we are called to follow this example. Whether we serve in public leadership, or simply care for our neighbors each day, humility reminds us that every good gift comes from God. May the Lord grant us hearts like Moses, Joseph, David, and the faithful priests—***hearts that seek not our own glory but the glory of God alone.***

"Humble yourselves before the Lord, and He will exalt you." (James 4:10)

Vicar Collins

Prayer Requests



Healing Prayers for members:

Wayne Buel, Jean Cote, Ed & Jan DeTrow, Pat Finkenbine, Judy Guastella, Joyce Krug, Jerry Lindberg, Chuck & Elaine Malecki, Tom & Sue Poyer, Randy Schaub, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz, and Pauline Vickey.

Prayers for Friends and relatives:

Karen Bartram, Jacob Bennett, Joseph Caivano, Bonnie Chancellor, Michelle Cote, Darla Finkenbine, Carolyn Francis, family of Rosanne (Cherylann Galway's good friend), Glenn Galway, Mikayla Hacksunda & family, Paul Keesee & family, Bret King, Ann Ledesma, Esther Murphy, Michael Murphey, Karen Wasson-Geis, Basil & Debra Wetherington.

Bible Studies



Sunday Morning Bible Study: Please join us after the morning service (and after a cup of coffee – approximately 10:30 a.m.). We are currently studying the Gospel of John.

Table Talk: Table talk is a very informal Bible study held on Thursday mornings at 9:30 AM, . Participants come with any sort of question. We work to answer those questions from God's Word and from our Lutheran Confessions. In doing that we all learn more about God's Word and its application in our lives. We are currently studying the book of Romans. All are welcome. Please consider joining us!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: If you have any questions regarding Sunday School, please contact Yvonne Brussel at yayabrussel@yahoo.com or at 516-476-8241.



PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY --August 15th

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciation Day every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs to be done inside the Church. If you can help, please come by the Church and we will put you to work. Please search your heart to see if there is anything you can do to help maintain and beautify the Lord's home and property.

Property Appreciation Day is the THIRD SATURDAY of every month

SERVING THE LORD

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Newsletter	Pat Finkenbine
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GROUPS/GUILDS

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The deadline for the September 2026 Newsletter is August 18th.
PLEASE have all your submissions sent to patchas123@gmail.com
OR drop them off at the church office by the date indicated above. Thank You!

UPDATES

- ◇ Congratulations to our new Childcare Director, Samantha Espinoza-Margarito, and Assistant Director Amber Weeks. We rejoice in the wonderful work being done in our Childcare Ministry. Our new Childcare Director, Sam, has already proven to be a tremendous blessing—bringing steady leadership, compassion, enthusiasm, and a joyful spirit to the program. We will be holding a School Installation during Divine Worship on Sunday, August 9, 2026, as well as an Open House in the Childcare Building on August 7, 2026, at 5:30pm, and we warmly invite the entire congregation to attend. During the Installation Service, we will welcome Director Sam, Assistant Director Amber, along with both new and returning childcare employees. Please join us in prayer, support, and celebration as we begin this new and exciting chapter of ministry together.
- ◇ Our secretary, Michelle Kluver, will be moving her office out of the Narthex and into the fellowship hall into the office previously used by the Treasurer. Her old office will revert back to being the “Cry Room” and Yvonne Brussel will also use it to store Sunday School supplies.
- ◇ Catalina Bakas, serving faithfully as Chair of Community and Parish Fellowship, is working on several exciting upcoming projects designed to bring our congregation together in Christ-centered encouragement and service. She’s collecting jars for the Prayer Jar project, is cleaning up the old School yard for future use and is collecting items to sell in an online church thrift shop (still in the works). We are grateful for her energy, creativity, and dedication to building meaningful connections within our church family. Check out our Facebook Group or Sunday Bulletin, or send a message to Michelle Kluver for more details.
- ◇ We are pleased to share that the Fellowship Hall is available for rental for outside groups and club meetings. If you or someone you know is part of an organization seeking a welcoming space to gather, please encourage them to contact me in the church office for scheduling and rental information. Internal Redeemer groups, ministries, and committees are always welcome to schedule and use the Fellowship Hall with discounted or waived fees. We may soon include the rooms in the old school building for this purpose, as well.
- ◇ We have a new Elder here at Redeemer. Please take a moment to welcome Maureen Malloy. We are all very happy to have her here as a new Elder.



- ◇ Are you interested in participating as an Elder or Council Member? We need you! For more information, contact any Board Chairperson or the President.
- ◇ Thank you for your continued prayers, participation, and support. May the Lord keep us steadfast in His Word, joyful in service, and united in love as we move forward together.

Things always have a way
of working out.
Never underestimate
the power of
prayer, faith, and love.



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Redeemer Lutheran Church of Englewood
Redeemer Lutheran Child Care

FUND RAISERS / VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The Lawn mower fundraiser is over and the mower has been repaired. Thanks to all who helped make this possible.

We are close to meeting our \$2,000 goal for the Water Fountain. If you would like to contribute, please make a note on your donation envelope.

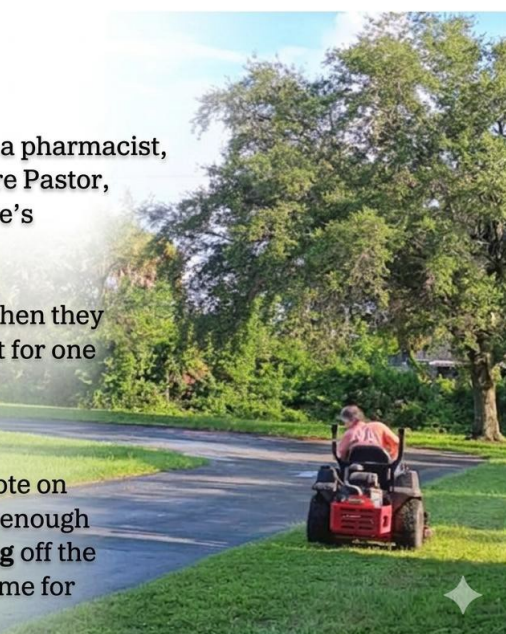
GROUNDKEEPING FUNDRAISER

Vicar Collins Sita wears so many hats!

He's our groundskeeper, our Vicar, he's a pharmacist, a husband, a father, a student – our future Pastor, our maintenance man, and our Childcare's designated Swing-Pusher.

I've never seen him turn anyone away when they need an ear or a shoulder, but that's a lot for one person to carry!

If you would like to contribute to a **Groundskeeping** fund, please make a note on your donation envelope – If we can save enough money, maybe we can take just **one thing** off the Vicar's plate and give him a little more time for everything else.



As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace.
1 PETER 4:10

Volunteers Needed:

Coffee Hour: With Catalina on vacation, we have no one volunteering to bring snacks for Coffee Hour/Fellowship after Divine Service on Sundays. Expensive snacks/foods are not necessary, please prayerfully consider signing up. Sign up sheet is on the kitchen door (Narthex).

Property Appreciation Day: We no longer have a custodian/janitor on staff, nor do we have a lawn care company for the Church, so the church is in great need of volunteers on Property Appreciation Day (and throughout the month) to clean, do lawn care, and maintain the church, childcare facilities, and grounds. To volunteer, please speak to anyone on the Church Council.

We are called to **SERVE**. † We are blessed to **GIVE**. † We are Lutheran.
Sola Scriptura • Sola Gratia • Sola Fide • Solus Christus • Soli Deo Gloria

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Upcoming Events in August 2026 (Calendars are available in the Narthex) 				
DATE	TIME	DAY		EVENT
08/05/26	12:00pm	Wed.		Elders' Meeting
08/06/26	9:30am	Thurs.		Table Talk – Bible Study
08/07/26	5:30pm	Fri.		Childcare Open House
08/09/26	9:15am	Sun.		Divine Worship - 11th Sunday After Pentecost - Communion with Pastor Mathews
08/09/26	10:00am	Sun.		Coffee Hour
08/12/26	12:00pm	Wed.		All Church Luncheon – Big Bamboo Asian Fusion
08/13/26	9:30am	Thurs.		Table Talk – Bible Study
08/15/26	10:00am	Sat.		Property Appreciation Day
08/16/26	9:15am	Sun.		Divine Worship - 12th Sunday After Pentecost
08/16/26	10:00am	Sun.		Coffee Hour
08/17/26	7:00pm	Mon.		Gulf Coast Bead Society
08/18/26	(Time TBD)	Tue.		Newsletter Articles Due
08/19/26	6:00pm	Wed.		Church Council/School Board Meeting
08/20/26	9:30am	Thurs.		Table Talk – Bible Study
08/23/26	9:15am	Sun.		Divine Worship - 13th Sunday After Pentecost - Communion with Pastor Mathews
08/23/26	10:00am	Sun.		Coffee Hour
08/30/26	9:15am	Sun.		Divine Worship - 14th Sunday After Pentecost
08/30/26	10:00am	Sun.		Coffee Hour

MORE WAYS TO CONNECT WITH REDEEMER

Facebook: Our Sunday Services are broadcast live on Facebook every week!
The bulletin is available on the website.

Website: Check out our website at www.RedeemerFL.com

Monthly Email: Not receiving our monthly email? Let us
know at church.office@redeemerfl.com, or visit the office!

Define Your Life by How You Give

Winston Churchill reportedly said that “we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” According to Churchill, our lives are defined not by what we have gotten, but by what we give away.

Our Lord’s life is defined in this way. He gave completely of Himself for us. He became man for us. He taught the truth of God’s Word. He healed those with many and various diseases. He died the death that we deserved for our sins. He gave of Himself in order to save us from sin, death and hell. And so it is that by giving completely of Himself, He got for Himself us, making us citizens of His eternal kingdom by grace.

As it was for Jesus, so it also is for us. We get more from giving than we do from simply getting. For, giving softens our hearts and frees us from the grip which the worries of this world and making a living have on us. When we are singularly focused on making a living, we are singularly focused on what we get. That mindset begins to bleed into all areas of our lives — our relationships with friends and family, with neighbors and coworkers and with the Lord. It shifts our focus from asking the question, “How can I be a friend, family member, neighbor and servant to others?” to asking the question, “What have they done for me lately?” We become more selfish instead of selfless.

But when we give, we do not have less, nor do we become less; rather, we have more and become more. When we give, we join in the bond of friendship and family, the bond of service to those around us out of love for them. And love is the fulfillment of the Law. It is the nature of God Himself, for God is Love. Thus, we are participating in the Divine Nature. As Jesus said, “It is more blessed to give than to receive” (Acts 20:35).

 TREASURER'S REPORT	Financial information is available to all members upon request.
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WORSHIP SERVICES:

Divine Service: 9:15 am

Bible Study: 10:30 am



The Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- ♦ *Disciple all nations, that is, all people;*
- ♦ *Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;*
- ♦ *Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity; and*
- ♦ *Never be ashamed of the Gospel—it is the power of God unto salvation (Romans 1:16)*