

## VISION & MISSION FOR REDEEMER

As a member or associate member of Redeemer Lutheran Church, you are being asked to spend a few minutes to respond to a survey that will hopefully provide clarity concerning the future for Redeemer. Surveys are available at the visitor's desk and must be mailed no later than **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**. A pre-stamped and labeled envelop will be provided to you.

You might be asking, "What does this mean?" Back in 2007, a Long Range Planning Committee was formed by the church leadership at that time. The Committee produced a working document which outlined the Vision & Mission for the future of Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care. Recently, this working document came to the attention of the current church leadership. The Church Council would now like to revisit this document and see if new life can be brought back into the Vision & Mission of the Redeemer community.

Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF), of whom Redeemer has had a wonderful relationship since the building of her first sanctuary (1981), the church leadership has asked for their assistance to determine the future and purpose of Redeemer Lutheran Church as a body of Christ in our community. LCEF offers a dynamic approach called *VisionPath*. Max Biesenthal, Vice-President of Ministry Resources, will be coming to Redeemer on Saturday, August 24<sup>th</sup> from 9- Noon to provide us with such an experience. He will give us, based upon the responses of the survey by the membership of Redeemer, clarity and purpose of our Vision & Mission. All members and associate members are invited to attend this meeting.

None of us knows for certain the future of Redeemer. However, we are well aware of Jesus' great commission to "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age*" (Matthew 28:19-20). Knowing His Mission, we are in need of His help to open our eyes to see the Vision in how His Mission will be carried out in the Redeemer community as well as the surrounding community in which we live.

Should you have any questions before responding to the survey, please don't hesitate to contact Rich Kueker, President (941-698-0876), Tim Byrne, Head Elder (941-234-2216), or Pastor Kress (941-979-2976). And before responding to the survey, pray the Holy Spirit to provide you with wisdom to best answer these questions.

A hardcopy of this survey is available for you TODAY and will be made available again next week, August 11<sup>th</sup>. We ask that all members and associate members respond to the survey **only once** either through the hardcopy or through the internet link that was sent to your email on Thursday, August 1<sup>st</sup>. Whether or not you chose to fill out the survey in hard copy form or via the email internet link, the survey will need to be completed and sent (hard copy form) no later than **Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>**.

Thank you for your time, honesty, and support toward the life of the church and her future here at Redeemer and our surrounding community – Pastor Jim Kress

## **VISION**

Redeemer is a church whose top priority is effective and enthusiastic outreach where members have a passion for reaching new souls for our Lord. As a result, the community respects Redeemer as a loving, caring, and welcoming church. This caring spirit is demonstrated through a wide spectrum of ministries to young and old and in-between. We are also dedicated to Christ-centered child care and life-enriching elderly care, emphasizing Christian education, growth, and development. To accomplish this, our members are committed to joyful and Biblical stewardship as we strive to serve our Lord and each other with our time, our talents, and our treasures.

## **MISSION**

We, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church, are called into the service of our Lord by His command (Matt. 28:18-10).

Our mission is to bring Christ to the world by way of:

- Making disciples of all through baptism and the faithful ministry of God's Word and Sacraments.
- Carrying this out by the living witness and service of His people.
- Realizing Christ's love for us and our love for Christ which compels us to serve others as He serves us.
- Implementing God-glorifying worship and the instruction of people of all ages in the truth of God's Word.
- Equipping and enabling our members to reach out to our immediate and extended communities with Christ's saving love by proclaiming the Gospel and teaching the Word.