

CELEBRATING OUR CALLING

I am writing this on the 18th anniversary of my first installation at Redeemer, October 12, 1990. At this particular time as we are preparing to call a new pastor, I think we would all benefit from the article, WHAT ABOUT ... PASTORS by sainted past President of our beloved LCMS, Dr. A. L. Barry.:

"Why does God give us pastors?"

When we look at our lives and measure them according to the holiness and righteous-ness of the Lord God Almighty we are moved to say, "Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner." "We receive forgiveness of sins, and become righteous before God, by grace, for Christ's sake, through faith, when we believe that Christ lived, suffered, died and rose again for us, and that for His sake our sins are forgiven, and righteousness and eternal life are given to us.

But how do we receive this faith? In order to obtain such faith, God instituted the ministry of teaching the Gospel and administering the Sacraments. It is through the Word and Sacraments that the Holy Spirit produces faith, where and when it pleases Him, in those who hear the good news of Jesus' death and resurrection for the forgiveness of sins.

Pastors accompany us on our earthly pilgrimage. They serve us with Christ's Word and Sacraments, through which the Holy Spirit gives us forgiveness, life and salvation. Therefore, we believe, teach and confess that "when the called ministers of Christ deal with us by His divine command...this is just as valid and certain, even in heaven, as if Christ our dear Lord dealt with us Himself" (Small Catechism).

How does God give us pastors?

The pastoral office is a gift that God has given to the church, as Paul says, "When he ascended on high he gave gifts to men" (Eph. 4:8, 11- 12). Paul enumerates pastors and teachers among the gifts belonging to the church, and he adds that they are given for the work of ministry and for building up the body of Christ. Therefore, the right of electing and ordaining ministers is a duty and responsibility of the church.

Through a congregation's call, God places a man to be the shepherd of that congregation. "Our churches teach that nobody shall publicly preach or teach or administer the sacraments without a regular call" (Augsburg Confession, Article XIV). Only those who are called and ordained to the pastoral office may exercise it publicly. Although the Holy Scriptures make it clear that all the baptized are priests, called to offer God sacrifices of thanks and praise (1 Peter 2:9; Rev. 1:6; 5:10), it also teaches that in the church there is an office to teach, feed, guide and rule, which Christians,

by virtue of their general calling as Christians, do not possess (1 Cor. 12:29; Rom. 10:15; 1 Tim. 5:17; James 3:1). While all Christians through baptism are made part of God's royal priesthood, not all Christians are ministers.

When a man receives and accepts his first call to serve as a pastor, he is then ordained. Ordination is a confirmation of a man's call into the ministry of the church and is the historic and apostolic rite by which, through Word and prayer, a man is set apart for service to Christ and His church as a pastor. During his ordination, he is also installed into the pastoral office of the congregation that calls him. In the future, if he accepts other calls to serve, he will be installed, but not ordained again.

How are pastors described?

The word "pastor" comes from the Latin word for "shepherd." Shepherding is a predominant picture in the Bible for both the work of Christ and the work of our pastors (cf. Ps. 23; Ezek. 34; Eph. 4:11; 1 Peter 5:2-3). The Scriptures indicate that the Holy Spirit appoints men to shepherd God's people (Acts 20:28).

Pastors are also referred to frequently in the Bible as "ministers" a word that literally means "slave" (Acts 26:16; Rom. 15:16; Eph. 3:7; 1 Tim. 4:6). In 2 Cor. 4:5 Paul describes pastors this way: "We preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your slaves, for Jesus' sake." Pastors model their ministry on the life and work of the Lord Jesus Christ who did not come to be served, but to serve. The pastoral office is an office of loving, caring service to the people of God, in the stead and by the command of our Lord Jesus Christ.

"Oversight" is another less frequently used term that describes the pastor's work. Pastoral oversight is the spiritual duty of rebuking and warning Christ's people when they fall into sin, feeding and caring for them with the Gospel, and guarding and defending them from false teachers and their false teachings. Pastoral oversight is not to be confused with institutional management or leadership, like a CEO type of position.

Our Lutheran Confessions refer to the pastoral office as the "Preaching Office," to which men are called and ordained. We also speak of the office of the holy ministry. The ministry is holy not because of the men who are in it, but because of the One who established it. It is holy because of what the Lord is doing for His people through the work of His pastors.

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President's Corner



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Mary and I have just returned home from church and the voter's meeting. For those of you that were there, thank you for attending, for those not in attendance I will give you the highlights according to Beaber. The budget process is well under way, with a morning meeting of the Council next Sat. to go through the budget in detail, line by line. The proposed budget will be reviewed at the next Council meeting and on Sunday Nov. 16th the entire church is invited to a Town Meeting to review the Proposed Budget and be given information on the recommends of the TSC. The TSC is meeting regularly and will have some firm recommendations at the Town Meeting. We will have the meeting after the late service (by calling the second service the late service I can justify why Mary and I are always late), with a pot luck meal provided. Michelle Finley reports that the Child Care is very close to being back in the black (without the member donations) and Wendy was introduced as the new Manager. She is doing a fantastic job.

The Church budget is firmly in the black, but when I calculate where we would be if we were paying a full time Pastor, we would still be in the black, but not by much. Giving is up, but your board will be conservative in its projections for income and expense, given the troubled financial times we are in now and maybe heading into in 2009. I did bring up at the Voters Meeting that there is a need that the Church hires a part time bookkeeper to work with the Treasurer. The church budget will be very close to \$500,000.00 for the coming year, and the amount of hours the Treasurer needs to dedicate to bill paying and reconciliation per week is just becoming too much for us to expect from a volunteer.

Thank the good Lord for Leta and Ray A., but we can't continue to expect these folks to carry this load week to week. You will see a line item in the new budget for the bookkeeper, which will reflect a couple of days a week, with the Treasurer being responsible to approve all expenses and complete necessary reports. I have also asked Ray A. to review new software to track expenses; our present software is outdated by a decade or more, and is very difficult to work with. This is an area that needs immediate attention.

The Child Care as reported above is very close to being in the black, and VPK is up and running, which should put us over the top. The number of children was reported as 52 at this mornings meeting, which is also helping. Wendy is doing a great job of adjusting the schedule, and labor expenses are much more in line with attendance.

The election committee has a full slate of candidates, with the exception of the Vice President. If you are called to serve please give this office your full consideration. We really need to have the service contracts and Insurance policies reviewed. I would love to see all the officer positions, and all the boards full so if you would like serve please let me know. We have plenty of room for everyone.

I want to personally welcome back Pastor and Lynette Schmidt as our Winter Pastor. We all hope you caught a lot of fish and had a great summer in the Frozen Tundra. We missed you.

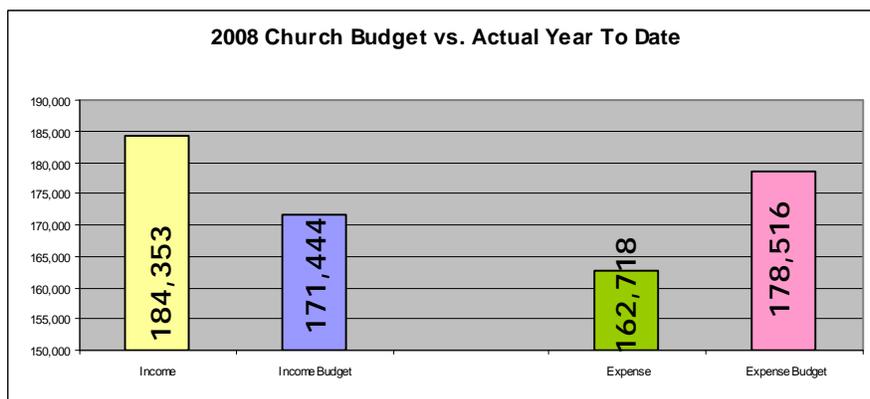
Mark your calendars for the Talent Show on Friday November 21st). It will be a great time for fun and fellowship. Please don't hesitate to call on your Elders or myself (941-238-7925) with any questions or concerns.

Ron Beaber

Finance

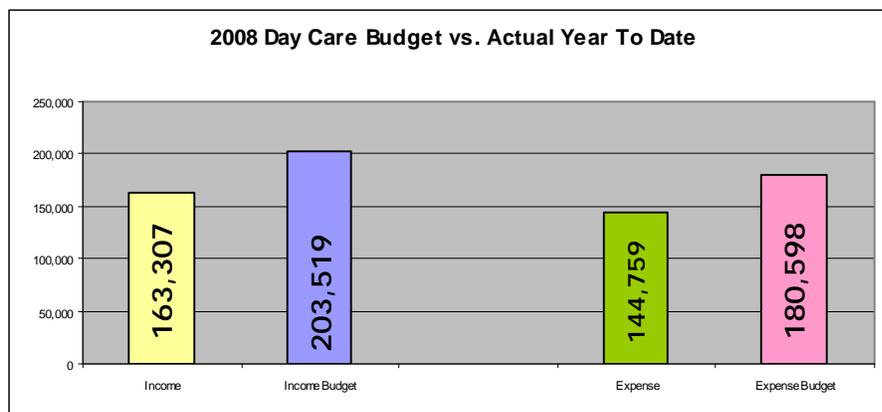
2008 Church Budget Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through October 19, 2008

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$184,353	\$171,444	\$162,718	\$178,516



2008 Day Care Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through October 19, 2008

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$163,307	\$203,519	\$144,759	\$180,598



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What does God expect of pastors?

Pastors do not "represent their own persons but the person of Christ, because of the Church's call, as Christ testifies (Luke 10:16) 'He who hears you, hears me.'" When they offer the Word of Christ or the sacraments, they do so in Christ's place and stead" (Apology VIII/VIII.28).

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Tim. 3:2-4 that a pastor is to be "above reproach, the husband of one wife, temperate, self-controlled, respectable, hospitable, able to teach, not given to drunkenness, not violent, but gentle, not quarrelsome, not a lover of money. He must manage his own family well and see that his children obey him with proper respect." In 1 Tim. 3:6 we read that a pastor is not to be "a recent convert, or he may become conceited and fall under the same judgment as the devil" In Titus 1:9 is it said that pastors "must hold firmly to the trustworthy message as it has been taught, so that he can encourage others by sound doctrine, and refute it"

Although some Protestant churches ordain women to the pastoral office, this is a 20th century innovation. For more than 1,900 years, there has been nearly unanimous faithfulness to the Word of God, given through the Apostle St. Paul, that women are not to serve as pastors (see 1 Cor. 14:33-35, 37; 1 Tim. 2:11-12; 1 Tim. 3:1-2 and Titus 1:5-6).

Because it is God who places men into the pastoral office, through the congregation, only God, through the congregation, can properly remove a man from the pastoral office. Pastors are forgiven sinners, as are all baptized children of God. Thus, we do not expect perfection of our pastors, any more than pastors would expect congregations to be perfect. The awesome forgiveness of Jesus Christ sustains us all. A "hire and fire" attitude toward our pastors must not enter into our thinking. Removing a man from the pastoral office must be based only on clear, Biblical, criteria; namely, persistent adherence to false doctrine, a scandalous life, or willful neglect of duty.

What are the duties and commitments of pastors?

Our pastors preach, catechize, administer the Sacraments, hear confession from penitent sinners, and comfort the sick The church knows that even the most faithful pastor can never do enough of these things, but the church also knows these are the precious duties our pastors are given to do. We must never allow other things to take priority over these key pastoral duties and activities.

With the help of God, our pastors have the responsibility to speak the truth in love, but this duty must be understood correctly. Our pastors are not "people pleasers" watering down the truths of God's Word. Pastors pledge themselves unconditionally, and without qualification, to the Lutheran Confessions as contained in the Book of

Concord of 1580, as a true and faithful exposition of the Word of God.

This strong doctrinal commitment safeguards the teaching of the truth of the Word of God in the congregation. Also, it protects the pastor from unjust criticism when he stands up for the truths of God's Word. By means of this strong doctrinal foundation, both pastor and people are able to evaluate their relationship to one another and the work of the congregation.

How do we support our pastors?

The most important way we support our pastors is through our prayers, asking the Lord of the Church to give our pastors wisdom, strength, courage and peace, asking Him to bless our pastors' ministry among us and to work powerfully through their proclamation of the Word and administration of the Sacraments. Our children should be taught each night to remember their pastor in their prayers.

The members of our congregations assist their pastor as they encourage and support him in the ministry entrusted to him. They volunteer their time, by serving in a variety of ways in the parish, and give of their treasures. The pastor is not a "hired hand" who is to do all the work of the congregation. Telling the good news of the forgiveness of sins in Jesus, in many different situations and opportunities in life, is a task and duty given to all Christians, not only pastors (Matt. 28:19-20; 1 Peter 2:9; 1 Peter 3:15).

God's Word also has these things to say about how we are to support our pastors. 1 Cor. 9:14: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the Gospel should receive their living from the Gospel." Gal. 6:6-7: "Any-one who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." 1 Thess. 5:12-13: "Now we ask you, brothers, to respect those who work hard among you, who are over you in the Lord and who admonish you. Hold them in the highest regard in love because of their work. Live in peace with each other." Heb. 13:17: "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."

What a blessing pastors have been to God's people down through the ages! May God continue to bless the church mightily through His gift of pastors."

Thank you, Dr. Barry. We needed that, don't you think? I want to thank each of you who have labored side by side with me in the Kingdom. Now let's all pray for the new pastor God has already selected for us. Isn't it wonderful to be **Calling a New Pastor** together, here at Redeemer?

Pastor Warren Thomason



- Nov. 2 10:30 Naomi Sylvester
- Nov. 9 10:30
- Nov. 16 10:30 Alexandria Murphy
- Nov. 23 10:30 Anthony Bruno
- Nov. 26 7:00 PM
- Nov. 30 10:30 Donna Dohlberg

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon

10:30 Nursery

- Nov. 2 Michelle Finley
- Nov. 9 Sharon Schultz
- Nov. 16 Jonti Lute
- Nov. 23 Michelle Finley
- Nov. 30 Robin Altmann



THIS MONTH USHERS

8:00 A.M.

- Nov. 2 Diana Collins & Harold Hale
Erv & Betty Maki
 - Nov. 9 Stephen Ministers
 - Nov. 16 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel
 - Nov. 23 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel
 - Nov. 30 Youth
- 10:30 A.M.

- Nov. 2 Tony Grcevic & Lessie Kirch
Ray & Leta Stender
- Nov. 9 Stephen Ministers
- Nov. 16 Cecil and Sybil Grahl
- Nov. 23
- Nov. 30 Youth
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving

Submitted by Ray Stender (941) 628-3939

GREETERS SCHEDULE

8:00

- Nov. 2 Shirley Woller
- Nov. 9 Helen Perry & Leona Morrison
- Nov. 16 Joe Friess & Dolores Altmann
- Nov. 23 Ken & Cathy Mielke
- Nov. 30 Youth

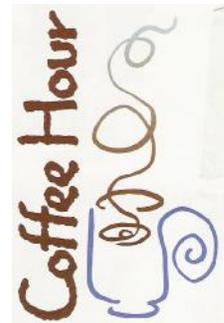
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- Nov. 2 Morris & Connie Rieck
- Nov. 9 Carol Carlos & Nancy Hall
- Nov. 16 Tommy & Karen Kirkland
- Nov. 23 Sandy McGrath & Diane McGrath
- Nov. 30 Youth

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

- Nov. 2 Arlene Harden & Linda Rogers
- Nov. 9 Diana Collins & Jane Hoivik
- Nov. 16 Laura Brooks & Dorothy Sinowetski
- Nov. 23 Sybil & Cecil Grahl
- Nov. 30 Youth

Submitted by Pam DeGourse



SCRIP

Thank You!
THANK YOU!

A big thank you to Pat Wilcoxon for a great job handling the Scrip program in my absence.

November Scrip orders will be taken Wednesday, November 5 at the Ladies Guild and Sunday November 9 after both services and returned Sunday, November 16. See Sybil Grahl in the narthex. It is not too early to order Scrip for Christmas gifts. Scrip is the same gift cards you purchase at various restaurants, clothing stores, department stores, etc. The Ladies Guild receives a percentage of the purchase, which we use for our mission projects. A complete list of retailers is available in the Narthex. December orders will be taken Sunday, December 7 and returned Sunday, December 14 in plenty of time for Christmas giving.

If you have any questions ask Pat Wilcoxon or Sybil Grahl.

Sybil Grahl

Property Management

Hallelujah!!

Our summer is winding down and cooler weather is on the way. Here at Redeemer we are truly blessed with so many hard working and willing congregation members keeping our facilities and property operating smoothly and looking beautiful.

Pat Wilcoxon and Joe Friess—thank you from all of us for your countless hours bringing new phone and computer connections online and operating well. Our head Sexton Pam DeGourse and her committee have our deepest gratitude for keeping the Memorial Garden looking so beautiful. Folks such as Doris Dykhuizen, Ray Janssen, Pat Petersen, Gerald Lute, Tommy Kirkland, Harold Hale and a host of others who offer their services continuously, maintaining and beautifying our buildings and grounds. We realize there are so many others working behind the scenes and we thank you also.

Redeemer's Child Care Director Wendy Horvath and her staff, as well as her family, have been doing a wonderful job keeping our Child Care facility so neat, clean and welcoming.

Youth Group's upcoming project to paint the playground equipment behind the Fellowship Hall is a great service to this congregation as well as a lot of fun. Keep an eye out for that. A special thanks to the Finley family for donating their pressure washing services (see Redeemer's Service Directory for their listing).

A warm "Hello" to our returning Associate members as well as our new members. If you have any suggestions or see things that need done, please make a note on the "To Do List" chart in the Secretary's Office or contact me directly.

Your Brother in Christ,
Charlie Vovcsko
Property Management

Human Care



We have added Marie Gill to our shut-ins list. Please check the full list in your Sunday bulletin. If you are visiting any of these folks, or are able to do so, please let me know. They need love and concern.

The Caring Network leaders met with Lessie Kirch in October. They added new leaders and members to the lists. Every member should be receiving a card from their leader explaining how the network works. If you have not received a card, let Lessie or Marj know. (Lessie's phone: 475-3689; Marj's phone: 475-0553.)

Our rice and bean collection is growing by leaps and bounds! Final day to bring R & Bs is November 11th. We will be loading them in Pastor T's truck on that day. Thanks to all who have contributed so far!

Registration for blood donations will be on November 16th in the narthex. Requirement lists will be available. The Big Red Bus will be here on November 23rd from 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Every pint of blood given saves three lives!!!!

We will be receiving 115 names for the Messiah Mission Angel Gift Tree. Watch for the tagged tree in the narthex some time this month. This year, we are asking you to wrap the gift you purchase and tape the receipt to the package. Please spend \$15 to \$20 for the gift. These families are so grateful for these generous donations!

The Sr. Fellowship group is expanding now that our season people are coming back! Please sign up in the narthex if you plan to come. (This gives us an idea of how many to plan lunch for.) Our November gatherings will be the 6th and the 20th starting at 10:00 a.m.

Look for two new Care Notes in the narthex rack. They are: "Humor-Helps Us AS We Age" and for kids: "When Bad Things Happen." Other popular titled notes have been replenished as well. These are free-help yourself.

We received only 3 service personnel addresses, so our board will buy the items needed and send them to these special people. If anyone would like to give a small donation toward the cost of these items/postage, it would be appreciated muchly!!(Give to Marj or Carol Haupt.)

"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another" John 13:35

The greatest force in all the world is the love of God. The world is looking for real love. Christians, let's show it and share it.

Submitted by Marj Sterriker

Prayers of thanksgiving to the Lord for my recent successful surgery!! And to Pastor T. for his many kindnesses ===and to my church "family", thanks to all for your help, concerns, meals, phone calls, cards, and prayers-----unbelievable!!



In Christian love,
E. "Sammy" Jollay

New Members



James DeGourse
96 Long Meadow Lane
Rotonda West, FL. 33947
240-565-8911
Transferred from First Lutheran Church in Bowie, MD.

James is Assistant Manager of the Venice Dollar Store. He enjoys gardening, fishing and outdoor activities.



Karen Lakey
7321 Lares Street
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
941-697-9482
Joined by Affirmation of Faith

Karen has retired from the medical field. She now devotes her time helping veterans needing assistance. She want to attend church functions and take on duties when her time allows.



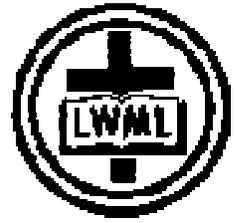
Carol and Russ Spooner
2565 Oberon Road
Englewood, FL. 34224
941-475-6140
Joined by Affirmation of Faith

The Spooners are from Canton, OH and have been in Florida since 1996. Russ retired from a large meat packing business and Carol was a teacher in Canton's school system for 30 years. Their son lives in Ft. Myers and Russ and Carol have 2 grandchildren ages 2 1/2 and 8 years. They enjoy golf, boating, fishing & bowling.

Geraldine Bradberry (Jonti Lute's mother)
Englewood Health/Rehab
1111 Drury Lane
Englewood, FL 34224
Transferred from Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Jacksonville Beach, FL.
PICTURE NOT AVAILABLE

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon, Secretary & Avis Stucik

Ladies Guild



The Ladies Guild got off to a good start at our October meeting. Our thanks go out to our newly elected president Carol Sheahan for doing a wonderful job. The next meeting is November at 1 PM with desserts and coffee at 12:30. Marj Sterriker and Helen Sturzenbecker are hostesses. Our speaker will be Donna Leclerc Executive Director of Dash. She will inform us about child abuse and domestic abuse---and some of the causes and results of abuse. This appears to be a very eye opening program and I hope most of our ladies will attend. All Redeemer ladies are welcome.

The bazaar and craft fair will be Saturday November 15th from 8 AM to 2 PM. The men of the church are invited to provide items for the bazaar--crafts, wooden, hand sewn, house wares, jewelry and original items are needed. Bring your donations as soon as possible and put them behind the room divider in the Fellowship Hall. We will be setting up on Friday November 14th. Baked goods should be packaged.

Ladies Guild Christmas Party is Friday December 12th at the Country Hills Club in Rotonda. Tickets are \$17.00. See Laura Brooks.

Come join us on November 5th for good fellowship and fun as "WE Serve Our Lord with Gladness."

Submitted by Linda Rogers

Baptism



Aaden Charles Mosser
with parents Christian Gene and Lindsay Marie Mosser

Service Directory/Classified Ads

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Sakes—Rentals Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker
880 S. McCall Rd., Englewood (941) 473-0300—Office
(Lessie Kirch’s Daughter) (941) 330-7922—Cell

For Sale

Collectors—Beanie Baby “Jabs”, Mallard Duck, one of the most sought after of all Beanie Babies—\$10.00

MJC Collection—Baby “Mandy” Manatee—\$10.00 Call Jay Nistendirk (941-697-6577)

8' pool table. Great condition. 8 pool cues and bridge, racks, balls, etc. \$1000. Call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502. Also, numerous furniture items - couches, shelves, bookshelf, dressers, twin beds.



Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for submission of articles for December is Sunday, November 23rd by 12 noon.

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 November 23rd will be held for the January newsletter.

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

Leta Stender

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

TIME IS OF THE ESSENCE!

What if you knew for certain that Jesus was coming back to earth in just 4 years? Think about it. How would you change your life for the next 4 years? What activities would be most important to accomplish? Or would you change anything?

As Christians, we would think of all the people who are unsaved—those who don't know or believe in Jesus, our Savior. We would have a sense of urgency, to tell as many people as we could about Jesus. But how would we do this if we don't have the gift of evangelism? WE CAN INVITE THEM TO OUR CHURCH WHERE THE GOSPEL IS PREACHED WEEKLY. The Word and the Spirit will do the work of touching their hearts.

Jesus is coming back soon. He told us so. He told us to watch and wait. And he told us to tell everyone about him and make disciples of them. LET US BE AWARE OF THE URGENCY. LET US DO WHAT WE CAN TO TALK TO PEOPLE AND INVITE THEM TO CHURCH.

OUTREACH NEWS

Friendship Sunday

The September 28 Friendship Sunday was quite successful. We hope you noticed, and talked to, the nine "friends" who were visiting that day. This is our very best Outreach tool. We will have another special Friendship Sunday celebration in February 2009. Watch for details in coming months and please start thinking about who to invite. However, you don't have to wait until then to bring someone to church!

Halloween Safewalk

Members of the Board of Outreach passed out candy to all the little beggars on Dearborn Street on Halloween. We saw a few thousand kids and the candy had information about Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care affixed to it. Hopefully, the mom's will see our statement, and perhaps make a decision to come visit us. It was a lot of fun. Karen and Tommy Kirkland were dressed as the King and Queen of Hearts.

Rotonda Christmas Parade

Once again we will have a float in the Rotonda parade, on December 6. The Youth will be helping with this project, and hopefully will be part of the parade. We will pass out brochures and candy. Let's make Englewood aware of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care.

Christmas Mailing

The Board will be mailing out "invitations," announcing and inviting the surrounding community to our Christmas services and activities. Please use this opportunity to greet and welcome all the visitors to our services who come as a result of this mailing.

Neighborhood Signs

We have purchased 50 Child Care signs to be placed in the community and we will obtain 50 Redeemer signs as well. We need VOLUNTEERS to help us "plant" them around Englewood. Contact Carol Haupt, 460-8830.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

Transition Steering Committee

The Transition Steering Committee had its initial meeting on September 9th, and will continue to meet the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of each month. Members of the committee are as follows:

Tim Byrne – Elders

Doris Dykhuizen – Choir

Charlie/Carol Vovscko – Property Management

Pam DeGourse – Assimilation

Clare Kieselburg – Human Care

Ron Beaber – Officer

Ray Janssen – Elders

Ray Altmann – Stewardship

Carol Haupt – Outreach

Joe Friess – At Large

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon

From The Office

After many days and hours, we now have working telephones again. We have switched our service from Comcast to Verizon. We have voice mail so if the lines are in use when you call, you may leave a message and you will get a return call as soon as possible. We had the lines rewired and now we do not have the cross talk on the phones as before.



The sound system is now working properly with the availability of using all the mikes. If someone thinks the volume levels are not working, please let Pastor T. or myself know.

This is a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to Joe Friess who has upgraded all the computers with memory, this includes the Child Care. He has upgraded the secretary computer with a DVD drive and installed the latest version of Shepherd Staff which is our operating software.

Joe has also done a great job on Redeemer's web site. If you have not done so, please visit it at <http://www.redeemerfl.com>.

All Northerners returning for the winter please remember to make a note in the Red Attendance books on Sunday Mornings that you've returned or call the church office. I don't always get to see everyone on Sunday.

Remember all bulletin notices are to be to me no later than 11:00AM on Wednesdays. If you would like, send them to me by email.

The new church directory will be coming out in a week. I encourage you to please look at your address(s) and phone number(s). If it needs to be corrected, please do not wait — contact the secretary at 941-475-2410.

Thank you,
Pat Wilcoxon
Church Secretary

HEALING:

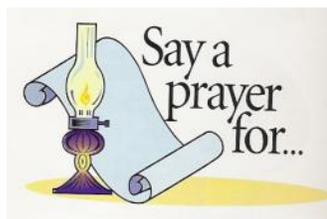
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PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR IONE COMSTOCK AND FAMILY WHOSE SON CHRIS GOSSETT WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME OCTOBER 23RD.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR THE FAMILY OF JANE SCHURR WHOSE HUSBAND DAVID WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME IN OCTOBER.



Herb Bohm
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Gloria Carlson
Evelyn Etheridge
Marie Gill
Earl Gossett
Ruth Jansch
Clara & Walter Mitchell
Ruth Sutley

Sunday School

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEEDS VOLUNTEERS: Redeemer Sunday School is **growing** and because of this we need some volunteers. We are looking for a teacher to help teach a growing Middle School and/or High School class. We are also looking for bus monitors. We have a very active transportation effort and bus children to and from Sunday School, Confirmation, Youth Group and other events. We need volunteers to ride along with the children. Please give these requests some prayerful consideration. For additional information please contact Christin Wacker @ 239-340-3953.

Submitted by Christin Wacker

Youth Group

We now have an active group of at least 10 and this does not include any high school students. At the October get together the youth enjoyed pizza and planning for the year. They have determined plans for fundraising, servant missions and fun. They will shortly be putting out the calendar through May with all their planned activities. On November 7-9 the Middle Schoolers along with a few High School guides and adult sponsors will head to Leesburg, FL for the What If Rally. They are expecting nearly 1000 youth. How exciting this will be for them. In addition on the 20th they plan to paint the playground equipment behind the Fellowship Hall as one of their first servant projects. We are very excited to have such an active group of youth and involved parents already offering help.

Submitted by Michelle Finley

Child Care

Many thanks for Carol Haupt and Barbara Duff (Duffy's Golf Course) for hosting a golf tourney Oct. 18th. We had a great turnout for our first event and raised approximately \$500.00.

Keep a watch out for us in the Narthex as we promote a few of our other fundraisers. As always we hope to offer items that will be a benefit in your life along with benefitting the child care.

Our enrollment continues to grow and we are pleased with the direction the child care is headed under the leadership of Wendy Horvath – Director. Our Christian Curriculum has been implemented and we are pleased to offer that to our children and their families.

The financial status of the child care continues to improve and we are thankful the Lord has continued to bless this Redeemer ministry.

In closing, we want to thank those of you who have also helped to give to the "Angel Fund", this helps to allow children of families hit by the tough financial times to remain with our child care on partial scholarships.

Submitted by Michelle Finley



Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School

<p><u>Recipe/ Snack Idea</u></p> <p><u><i>Goblin' Good</i></u> <u><i>Turkey Salad</i></u></p> <p><u>You will need:</u></p> <p>5-oz. can chunk turkey Red delicious apple, peeled and diced ¼ cup chopped green grapes 2 tsp. mayonnaise Salt</p> <p><u>Directions:</u></p> <p>Mix all ingredients in a small bowl. Add salt to taste. Makes about eight servings.</p> <p><u>Closings</u></p> <p>November 27 November 28</p>	<p><u>Birthdays</u></p> <p>Hunter 11/1 Elena 11/8 Devyn 11/16</p>  <p><u>Special events</u></p> <p>In October the 3's and VPK took a trip to Port Charlotte United Methodist Church for Story Time and a trip to the Pumpkin Patch to pick a pumpkin.</p> <p>What is Redeemer Lutheran Child Care Thankful For? We are Thankful for Redeemer Lutheran Church Members for all the generous donations of supplies and support.</p>	<p><u>Five Little Turkeys</u></p> <p>Five little turkeys standing at the door, One waddled off, and then there were four. Four little turkeys sitting near a tree, One waddled off, and then there were three. Three little turkeys with nothing to do, One waddled off, and then there were two. Two little turkeys in the morning sun, One waddled off, and then there was one. One little turkey better run away, For soon it will be Thanksgiving Day.</p> <p><i>Submitted by Wendy Horvath</i></p>
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Dear Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Recently I received the check for the monies donated to the Ferrier Family Farewell Fund. This fund was created to help me with expenses while Pastor Ferrier is ill. Thanks to all of you for your generous gift of \$85.00. I will use the money to help pay our October water bill. I appreciate your thoughtfulness. After my six years of willing service to Redeemer, I am touched that you would hold me in such esteem by the bestowing of this gift.

In His service,
Michelle Ferrier and family



Talent Show

Set aside Nov. 21st (Fri.), 6-9 p.m. and plan to attend Redeemer's amazing talent show! Brilliant acts galore and a free will offering dinner!

If that isn't enough, this exciting program will be M.C.'d by "Suave Ron" — known far and wide for his wit and charm! Also, back by popular demand will be those famed judges — Judy Trudy, Rudy, & Flutie!

All in all, it will be a night you won't want to miss!

So—come to perform, or come to watch!! JUST BE THERE!!!

Submitted by Doris Dykhuizen

Golf Outing

