

# REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHILD CARE - JUNE 2013

## “A FRIEND OF THE WORLD OR A REDEEMED CHILD OF GOD”

We can't have it both ways.

No doubt, God's Word is clear: “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (James 4:4).

Many of you are probably aware of the recent decision of the Boys Scouts of America (BSA) to allow openly gay boys to join. BSA claims to stand for 12 principles, one of which involves fulfilling duty to God. This change in BSA policy has given implicit consent to the sin of homosexuality. That is, it is OK to be “openly” (unrepentantly) homosexual and a scout. How does that fit into the scout's 12 principles? Well, it doesn't. Indeed, it shows scouts that the leadership of BSA will do what is wrong out of fear of public opinion and fear of standing against the homosexual activists in the USA.

Like many of you, men as well as women (who served as den mothers), I was involved in BSA as a young man. Being part of the scouts was rewarding. I learned much and am thankful for the scouting experience. However, I am disappointed in their change of policy. I pray no physical, emotional, or spiritual harm comes to any young man who remains involved in this worldly organization.

Times sure have changed. Not just with the BSA, but also within society as a whole. My article this month isn't just about the BSA. It's about bringing attention to the rapidly changing world in which we live. It is not safe. Organizations, government, and churches are quickly falling to the pressures of acceptance of every form of sin under the heavens. Again, God's Word is clear: “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:2).

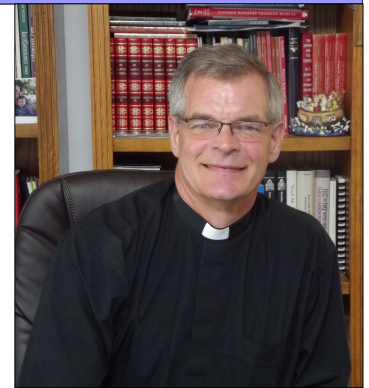
I can write for days about why abortion and the homosexual agenda promoting same-sex marriage are wrong in the eyes of God, that is, according to His Word. But that wouldn't be fair to place only those sins under the microscope. To be sure, all sin is wrong in the eyes of God: Your little white-lies, your surfing pornographic websites, your stealing from the company, your cheating on your taxes, and your having too much to drink are all sins in the eyes of God. Therefore, we should be reminded of the log in our own eye rather than focus on the speck in your neighbor's eye (Matthew 7:1-5), right? Not so fast.

It is true Christianity has lost its fight against the homosexual revolution. However, that doesn't mean we as a Christian Church body (LCMS) or as a Christian congregation (Redeemer Lutheran Church) should be so quick to accept the rapidly changing social standards. Everything surrounding the acceptance of the homosexual agenda should call all God-fearing, Bible-reading, Jesus-believing Christians to stand tall as soldiers of the cross.

What is at stake? The very fabric of the Christian family is what's at stake. The Biblical, traditional family is being tossed into the shredder of social tolerance. Look around you? What changes are you noticing even within your own family, let alone your neighbors? What we have enjoyed growing up as children and then as parents are quickly becoming a thing of the past. The family portrait is taking on an all-together different look. In fact, the faces in that family portrait will be unrecognizable in the eyes of God that is according to His Word. “Therefore a man shall leave his father and his mother and hold fast to his wife, and they shall become one flesh” (Genesis 2:24).

You and I have been blessed by God to become members of His family by the water and His Word in Holy Baptism. God is our Father and His Son Jesus is our Brother. Jesus did everything perfect for us and our eternal salvation; His life, His suffering, His death, His resurrection and ascension. We are redeemed children of God. We belong to His family and are called to live according to His Word.

Moreover, we are called to be witnesses of the grace which has been poured upon us. We are called to speak truth in God's Word to our neighbor. We are called to defend that truth even in the face of death. “Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another” (Ephesians 4:25). We do not stand idle. We don't remain silent. We love our neighbor.



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<b>Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. James Kress</b>
<b>Seasonal Pastor</b>	<b>Rev. Mark Steinke</b>
<b>LHM Ambassador</b>	<b>Rev. Earl Schmidt</b>
<b>Child Care Director</b>	<b>Wendy Horvath</b>
<b>Office Secretary</b>	<b>Susan Moore</b>
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<b>Ladies Guild</b>	<b>Sally Zierdt</b>
<b>Men's Group</b>	<b>Bob Mortenson</b>

## THE PRESIDENT'S CORNER

When I was a kid, my Grandparents would talk of how time was flying by faster each year. As I get older I realize the wisdom to which they spoke; time really does fly by faster the older I get. It seems like I just wrote a small article and now it is once more that time.

The Lord gives us this time on earth to do His bidding; a short while to accomplish a lot. "Bring the little children unto Me" and the Lord blessed us with five new children and I believe twelve new members of our Redeemer and "Redeemed" family on Memorial Day weekend. Please help to make them and everyone else feel "Welcome" at Redeemer; they are part of our ever growing family.

While we remembered that weekend, those whose sacrifice helped keep our nation free, we also remember the great sacrifice of our Lord Who made us ALL free. It truly is a joy to see our family grow in His knowledge; Easter IS still here Thanks be to God!

Have a wonderful summer and take the time to sit back and enjoy the Paradise God gave us.

Rich

## HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

I want to wish all the Fathers of our wonderful congregation a blessed and Happy Father's Day. May this day be as special to you as you are to your children.

*Submitted by  
Susan Moore,  
Church Secretary*



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Yet, this is no easy task. Speaking the truth and defending the truth will almost always result in persecution. No doubt, you will be called a bigot, you will be called intolerant, you will be called closed-minded, and your words will be labeled “hate” language which is unacceptable to our rapidly-changing society.

Remember these words from One who suffered even more: “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on My account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you” (Matthew 5:11-12).

And also from Peter, cling to these words of encouragement: “But even if you should suffer for righteousness’ sake, you will be blessed. Have no fear of them, nor be troubled, but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,

having a good conscience, so that, when you are slandered, those who revile your good behavior in Christ may be put to shame” (1 Peter 3:14-16).

We are soldiers of the cross, which means we are ever marching off to war “not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places” (Ephesians 6:12). And you are not alone. The One who has called you out of darkness and into His marvelous light keeps you in the one true faith. “God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble” (Psalm 46:1).

So when the temptation comes to either be a friend of the world or a redeemed child of God: REPENT! Remember, we can’t have it both ways.

In His Service,  
Pastor Kress

**JULY 4TH PICNIC**

Be sure to mark your calendars for Thursday, July 4th for our annual July 4th Picnic. Hot dogs, hamburgers, chicken, and drinks will be furnished. Please bring a covered dish of your choice. Bring your family, friends, and neighbors and enjoy fellowship, games, friends, and good food. The picnic will be from 12:00 PM till 3:00 PM. If you would like to volunteer your time or services, please contact Ty Schulte via e-mail at [JesusRocks01@yahoo.com](mailto:JesusRocks01@yahoo.com) or you can call (941) 286-4122.

*Submitted by The Board of Community & Parish Fellowship*



**MAY BAPTISMS**



*May 19, 2013*

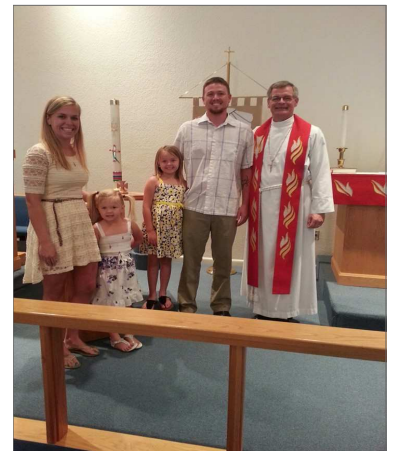
*Ashley Sharp*

*Thomas Evanicki*

*Kamrie Evanicki*

*Kyleigh Evanicki*

*were Baptized into Christ Jesus.*



## FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

April 2013

*Income*  
\$16,151.20

*Expense*  
\$14,995.21

## PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY



Please join us for our next monthly "Property Appreciation" Day on the second Saturday of the month, June 8th!!! We begin at 8:00 AM and continue until the last person has to go for the day. Join us in keeping our buildings and properties beautiful. There's a little something to do for anyone who is willing to help... We would like to thank everyone for all their hard work each month. THANK YOU!-Board of Property Management

## LOST AND FOUND

If anyone is missing any items, namely eyeglasses, gloves, umbrellas, etc., please check the Lost & Found box located in the narthex.



*The deadline for the July Newsletter is June 16th.*

*Please have all your submissions sent to [REDEEMERFL@VERIZON.NET](mailto:REDEEMERFL@VERIZON.NET) by the time indicated above.*

*Thank you.*

## SINGLES LUNCHEON

The Singles lunch will be on Tuesday, June 11th at 11:30 AM at **Blue Lagoon Restaurant**, 2000 Oyster Creek Dr, Englewood. Several people have left for the summer and we would love for you to bring a friend with you. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET THAT IS PRESENTLY IN THE NARTHEX ON THE VISITORS TABLE.

*Submitted by Lessie Kirch*





## CHURCH DIRECTORY

There are many families who have not yet picked up their 'New' Church Directory. If you have not yet gotten yours, please see me in the Church Office to get your copy. I am in the office Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 3 PM.



If you are wanting an additional copy of the directory, they are available for a cost of \$10 for a copy with pictures, or free if you prefer just a list of the addresses/phone numbers.

*Submitted by Susan Moore, Church Secretary*

## B.C.P.F.

### *Board of Community & Parish Fellowship*

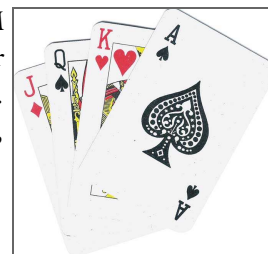
Anyone interested in exploring a very rewarding experience in giving back to the community and to the church, please prayerfully consider joining the Board of Community & Parish Fellowship. If you have any questions feel free to contact me via e-mail at [JesusRocks01@yahoo.com](mailto:JesusRocks01@yahoo.com) or you can call me at (941) 286-4122. We have a meeting once a month on the last Thursday of each month @ 7 PM. Please feel free to attend.

*Submitted by Ty Schulte, Chairman*

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

We would love to have you join us for a fun time of playing cards on Thursdays from 10 AM until Noon. We can use more players. There are several different games we play, take your choice. We have games such as Skip-Bo, Phase 10, UNO, and others play regular card games. Followed by games, we break for lunch. Presently everyone is brown bagging. Dessert, coffee and tea are furnished. Tell your friends and join us!

*Submitted by Lessie Kirch*



## ASSIMILATION

As is the case for our committee, we do not hold our formal monthly meetings until the fall, with the thought in mind, that the summer months slow down here at Redeemer. Um, before any of our committee members could set off for their summer excursions, we had to perhaps re-boot that thinking. By the time you read this newsletter, Redeemer will have had quite the crowd enter membership on May 26th. We will even be adding another page, front and back, to our pictorial directory. Praise the Lord, indeed.

And our 'newbies', as we fondly call them, come to us from a wide range of states including, Missouri, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Iowa, Rhode Island, New York, to name a few. I believe there actually is a native in the group...actually born and raised here in Port Charlotte. Of course, we have Michigan, Wisconsin, and Illinois represented also!!!! We always have their smiling faces in the display case in the Narthex. Introduce yourself and show them where we pass out the 'goodies' during Fellowship Coffee Hour.

Which reminds me, to once again say thank you, on behalf of our grateful committee to Gudrun Janke, who answered our prayer for someone to fill in for our faithful, Donna Wolf and Helen Plank (who set up each and every Saturday for our Coffee Hour). They both will be out of town for the months of July and August, as will most of our committee. (Oh, good time to hint that we so still need new members for our committee!!!!!!) Gudrun was kind enough to fill in during their absence so the Coffee Hour did not have to also take a vacation. (Do think about joining us when we resume in the fall...we promise to break you in slowly!!!!)

*Submitted by Deb Kueker, Assimilation Board*

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING – APRIL 8, 2013**

**PRESENT:** Pastor Kress, Rich Kueker, Karen Kirkland, Tim Byrne, Carol Carlos, Pam Replinger, Ty Schulte, Dan Fernandez, Bill Bowers, Betty Clemens. The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by President Rich Kueker. Pastor Kress opened the meeting with prayer.

**MINUTES** of the March 11, 2013 meeting were presented. BILL MOVED, TIM SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

**CALENDAR** for May was presented. The following changes were made: Ladies Guild/LWML meeting changed to May 1<sup>st</sup>. Assimilation Meeting on May 7<sup>th</sup> was removed. Friendship Sunday was added on May 19<sup>th</sup>. One Service will begin on May 5<sup>th</sup>: 8:30 Bible Class; 9:15 Divine Service; 9:15 Sunday School

**REPORTS****PASTOR:**

- \* Baptisms on April 14<sup>th</sup> @ 10:30 Mykalina Sabol(6) & Isabella Fisher (4)
- \* Wedding on April 6<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 pm Tom Muscolino & Nola Laurence
- \* Funeral on March 25<sup>th</sup> Gloria Carlsen
- \* Removal of Member: Linda Pontello moved to Michigan
- \* Season of Lent through Holy Week: Sermon Series with Curious Characters delivered in a Monologue Style: Greed, Temptation, Doubt, Gossip, Pride, Evil, Selfish and Death
- \* Easter Sunday: Preaching: Rev. Earl Schmidt; Lector: Rev. Mark Steinke; Celebrant & Liturgist: Rev. Kress
- \* Shut-in Easter Baskets from Ladies Guild delivered to: Clara Mitchell, Erv Maki, Duwayne Schoeneck, Marjorie Boliere, Ruth Sutley, Evelyn Etheridge, Roland & Donna Hansen, Alice Borowski, Virginia Rineer, Carl & Betty Bertka
- \* Pictorial Directory Committee Commended: Chairman Bob & Marion Buie, Rich & Deb Kueker, Charlie & Pat Finkenbine, Susan Moore, Karen Kirkland, Pam Replinger, Linda Rogers, Arlene Harden & Erna Abel
- \* Seasonal Pastor Schedule: Preaching Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>; Bible Class April 7<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>
- \* Pastor Kress on vacation April 19-25th (Tennessee Golf Trip)
- \* Many, Many Thanks to:
  - Pastor's Steinke & Schmidt and the entire Board of Elders during a busy Lenten Season in assisting & supporting me.
  - Marie Talley for the Palm Crosses and decorations on Palm Sunday and Easter.
  - The Ladies Guild for serving delicious dinners during our Midweek Service schedule and the Board of Youth who supplied us with a Fund-raising Dinner.
  - The Board of Assimilation and Ladies Guild for the delicious Easter Buffet.
  - The Board of Christian Education, Sunday School Staff and the Board of Community & Parish Fellowship for the Easter Egg Hunt and Continental Breakfast.
  - The Altar Guild for the many changes in paraments, linens, drapery and holy communion set-up.
  - The Thursday Volunteers for the many, many bulletins in need of folding, hymn numbers put up and Sunday School Booklets prepared.
  - The Ushers who served so faithfully during the busy Lenten Season handing out bulletins, collecting the offerings and working the lights.
  - The Acolytes who served extra services and duties.
  - The Greeters who welcomed so many visitors, guests and members before each service.
  - The Board of Finance and the counters for the additional counting during Lent and Holy Week.
  - The Board of Church Properties and the Custodian(s) for keeping our buildings and grounds clean and beautiful following all the Lenten events.
  - The Human Care Board for the additional shut-in visits, hospital calls, and sympathy cards.
  - Henry Krueger for making and handing out crosses to individuals before the Good Friday noontime service.
  - The Organists, Choir members and Musicians who dedicated so much time to assist the congregation in singing hymns to the glory of God alone (Soli Deo Gloria).
- \* Youth Confirmation Class: Thursday 4-5:30 pm
- \* Next Set of Information Classes toward Confirmation: Tuesday, Apr. 16<sup>th</sup> - May 23<sup>rd</sup>  
Confirmation and Reception of New Members, Sunday, May 26<sup>th</sup>
- \* Small Group Study: Year-end gathering at the Carlos' Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm for all leaders.

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- \* Bible Class Opportunities: Sunday Morning @ 9:15 am by Rev. Mark Steinke (concluding Apr. 28<sup>th</sup>)  
Tuesday Morning @ 10:00 am by Rev. Jim Kress (concluding Apr. 16<sup>th</sup>) 3:16  
Thursday Morning Ladies Bible Class @ 10:00 by Rev. Jim Kress (Concluding Apr. 18<sup>th</sup>) Holy Spirit

BOARD OF ELDERS Report attached.

- \* Associate member policy approved
- \* Written Wedding Policy and Procedures Elder approved - to council
- \* Pastor Schmidt Material on LRM very well received
- \* Elders sponsored coffee hours for the month of January went very well
- \* Welcome new Elder, Ty Schulte
- \* Elder Approval of Right to Life in DC for Pastor & Lisa
- \* Music and Choir Director position - Applications in process
- \* Easter Sunday Services 400 attended-Thanks to our Pastor's. Extremely well done.
- \* May Services will be at 9:15 am

TREASURER: Report attached. All bills are paid and up to date.

HUMAN CARE BOARD: Report attached.

- \* Five new Care Notes are being added to our collection in the Narthex.
- \* Fourteen pints of blood was given by our members. Reduction in giving probably due to many illnesses.
- \* Nine shut-ins received greeting cards and four letters mailed to our military.
- \* Small group Bible Study are going well. Meeting with leaders to prepare for continuation will be held.
- \* Discussed Relay for Life for next year.
- \* Stephen Ministry classes begin April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Narthex with two members. Will continue til Aug.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: No Report.

ASSIMILATION: Report attached.

- \* Last meeting of the "season" was held on March 5, 2013(to resume in September/October)
- \* Appreciation Luncheon scheduled for April 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- \* Pictorial Directories handed out two weeks early on March 17<sup>th</sup>.
- \* Directories can now be obtained in the office (extra copies can be ordered @ \$10.00)
- \* New members: March 17<sup>th</sup> Brian Abel, by way of confirmation  
Ralph & Wila Bockstahler, Dotti Massei, Jim & Bonnie Schluentz &  
Shirley Wagner, Associate Members  
Michael Currey by way of transfer.

COMMUNITY & PARISH FELLOWSHIP: Report attached.

- \* The annual Easter egg hunt had 60+ children in attendance. Special thanks to Karen Kirkland, Susan Moore, Tricia Hopkins and Judy Murphy for assembling the baskets to hand out to the children.
- \* The B.C.P.F. Table is still up in the Narthex for info and recruiting purposes.
- \* Plans are being made for Friendship Sunday on May 19<sup>th</sup>. This Board will be covering coffee hour that date.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: No Report. Did not have a meeting in March.

YOUTH: Report attached.

- \* March 14, 2013 - Taco Dinner and Happy St. Patrick's day cards.
  - \* March 20, 2013 - Lenten Dinner, prepared by Michael Guastella
- There are 2 children involved. A carwash may not be held.

SCHOOL BOARD: Report attached.

\* Current enrollment is 85. Wendy was out last week with pneumonia. Dieter provided us with an analysis of the VPK curriculum. He was very impressed with "intricacies" of the learning goals, methods and progress reporting. All bills are paid and revenues are up with enrollment. Scholarship committee will be meeting in May. Planning on our bike track after the Voter's Meeting Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.

CORRESPONDENCE: A thank you letter from the Lutheran Hour Ministries for our gift of \$1,086 was read.

PAM MADE A MOTION TO ADJOURN. TY SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting closed at 7:25 with the singing of the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted,

Betty Clemens, Congregation Secretary

## PRAYERS



**SHUT-INS:** Marjorie Boliere, Evelyn Etheridge, Erv Maki, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Bob Aldene, Delores Altmann, Don Borwick, Stacy Bowers, Elma Cancellieri, George Dykhuizen, Fred Fernald, Sharon Harris, Bernice Heppner, Erwin Janke, Peg Leverenz, Sandi McGrath, Carolyn Plesner, Ron Ratzlaff, Bonnie Roussin, Michael Sanders, Duwayne Schoeneck, Sandy Sita, Marie Talley, Arlene Wiley, and Ronald Woller.

**Friends & Relatives:** Michael Aldene, Linny Aspery, Jean Bajner, Gioconda Barlow, Grace Blum, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack & Cathy Carlos, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Dorothy Evans, Nick Fernandez, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Nancy Gleis, Lucas Hall, Debbie Harrison, John Haupt, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Tom Holt, Linda Hunter, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Carl Jennejahn, Heather Johnson, Betty Kabert, Rachel Kagay, John Kearns, Jackie Klinger, Mary Krueger, Jim Lane, Ray Likowski, Harold Lowe, Don Luffingwell, Sean Maki, Elsie Malecki, Joe Manson, Pete Mogg, Linda Mohr, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Maureen Nesvacil, Dan Niemann, Darwin & Noreen Oliver, Charles Pentecost Jr., Mary Raines, Ryan Sheahan, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Virginia Stanley, Marj Sterriker, Gary Stokes, Sarah Sturzenbecker, Eva Tabbitas, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Dick & Ann Voelker, Pat Vovcsko, Heath Weichmann, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Angel Zavala.

**Military Personnel:** Michael Canavan, Brian Jackson, Brett Keck, Michael Monson.

**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.**

## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We would like to extend an invitation to all the children of Redeemer Lutheran Church and to all the children of the Child Care to join us on Sundays at 9:15 AM for Sunday School. The children will start and end with the Divine Service. This invitation also extends to all children in the area as well. If you know any children who would enjoy learning about the Lord, please invite them to attend. We look forward to seeing more and more children join us and experience the love of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, as we learn about the things he has done for us!

*Submitted by Redeemer Lutheran Church Sunday School*





# 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 or 941-232-6606!

**Real Estate** SURF & SAND REALTY - Pat Whipple, Realtor 2350 N. Beach Road, Unit 3B, Englewood, 34223. I'd love to help you find your perfect home or sell it, because I really care. Please contact me at 941-882-2725 or (941) 474-7755!

## ENGLEWOOD HELPING HANDS

Redeemer Lutheran Church does not have a food pantry. If we did, we would have to run it properly. We would need personnel to interview applicants, keep records as to their situation, and how often they apply, and have a computer available and instruct them on how to apply for food stamps and what other help is available.

Fortunately, we have Helping Hands, and they do all these things and more, and they do it very well.

I would like us at Redeemer to have a steady flow of food for Helping Hands. There is a basket in the Narthex on the right side of the Information Desk. There is a sheet with a list of items most needed on the desk. The list is updated often. There is also a box for money, but checks made out to Helping Hands is preferred.

*Submitted by Dale Whipple, Church Captain-Helping Hands*



<b>GREETERS</b>	
<b>June 2nd:</b>	<b>Lillian &amp; Leslie Miles</b>
<b>June 9th:</b>	<b>Dale Whipple</b>
<b>June 16th:</b>	<b>Gary &amp; Jonti Lute</b>
<b>June 23rd:</b>	<b>Lessie Kirch &amp; Gudrun Janke</b>
<b>June 30th:</b>	<b>Margie Cypher</b>
<i>Submitted by Assimilation</i>	

<b>COFFEE HOUR</b>	
<b>June 2nd:</b>	<b>Joan Bowers Stacy Bowers</b>
<b>June 9th:</b>	<b>Donna Wolf Arlene Harden</b>
<b>June 16th:</b>	<b>Gudrun Janke Carol Sheahan</b>
<b>June 23rd:</b>	<b>Doris Dykhuizen Pat Petersen</b>
<b>June 30th:</b>	<b>Lee Procuik Judy Murphy</b>
<i>Submitted by Assimilation</i>	

## STEPHEN MINSITRY



The Call To Care, Cont.

We talked about writing personal notes, sending cards to those in need in our last issue. This issue we touch on phone calls. We must be more cautious with phone calls. If you have a close relationship with the person you can be more free to call. When people are in crisis they are sometimes to emotional to speak to people over the phone if they are not a close relation. When a person themselves is ill they may not feel like talking on the phone. Just the phone ringing can be irritating. A care giver at home may not have the time to take a lot of phone calls. Always gauge the time to call and ask the person if it is a good time to talk. Sometimes they may feel obligated to talk so listen for cues that perhaps this isn't the best time. When talking to the person ask a question related to their feelings and situation. Always ask open ended questions , allowing them to reflect, feel and share. We need to share God's love with that person but be sure you know what their feelings are. Most people have stated that they felt God's love through someone's care, presence and acceptance.

A caring action, if appropriate, is to offer to return answering machine questions for the person in crisis. Sometimes it can be overwhelming with many people calling. When my husband was critically ill our family divided the people that we knew and would keep them updated on his condition.

**" Each of you should look not only to your own interests,  
but also to the interests of others" ~ Philippians 2:4**

*Submitted by the Board of Stephen Ministry*



## HUMAN CARE



The "Big Red Bus" will be at our church on Sunday June 2,2013 so all that are able be ready to roll up your sleeve and donate the gift of life.

Our small groups are continuing except for those that had to leave for the north country. Those groups will be continued in the fall. We will be changing topics very soon so think about joining. We learn about God in our daily lives as well as encourage, support and comfort each other. Some of our groups will be having cook outs this summer. It's fun, try it, you'll like it!



Stephen Ministry classes began a few weeks ago. We are always interested in talking with anyone wanting to know more about the ministry. There is information in the red communication books in the pews.

The prison chaplain has asked that we do not send Guide Posts to the prison. They receive them through the mail. Please remember no hard covered books.

The Human Care Board wishes you all a safe, blessed summer.

**"Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms." ~ 1 Peter 4:10**

## A FATHER'S DAY POEM

### *What Makes A Dad*

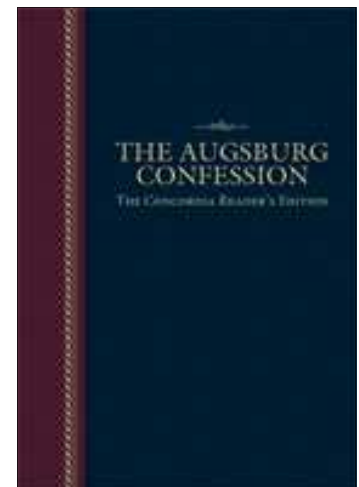
*God took the strength of a mountain,  
The majesty of a tree,  
The warmth of a summer sun,  
The calm of a quiet sea,  
The generous soul of nature,  
The comforting arm of night,  
The wisdom of the ages,  
The power of the eagle's flight,  
The joy of a morning in spring,  
The faith of a mustard seed,  
The patience of eternity,  
The depth of a family need,  
Then God combined these qualities,  
When there was nothing more to add,  
He knew His masterpiece was complete,  
And so, He called it ... Dad*

*Author Unknown*

## SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASS

During the Sunday Bible Class at 8:30 AM, Pastor Kress will re-introduce to us the Augsburg Confession. He will use *The Concordia Reader's Edition* of the Augsburg Confession, of which copies will be supplied. This edition offers you the chance to read and study the Augsburg Confession using laymen's terms. You will find a comprehensive introduction and explanation of why, and how, the Augsburg Confession was written. Before each of the articles in the Confession, you will find a summary and explanation of technical terms and phrases that may appear in the article. This edition also features pictures of the key Lutheran laymen who were responsible for the Augsburg Confession, from Philip Melancthon, the author, to John the Steadfast and George, Margrave of Brandenburg, two brave Lutheran leaders who refused to compromise their trust in Christ, and insisted on boldly confessing it before the Holy Roman Emperor, Charles V. To illustrate an example of their boldness and bravery: George, as well as other Lutheran princes, standing before the Emperor said, "Before I let anyone take away from me the Word of God and ask me to deny my God, I will kneel and let them strife off my head." The Emperor himself was clearly taken aback by George's boldness.

The goal of this study is to aid understanding and give you a fuller picture of the Augsburg Confession and why it remains, to this day, the most basic and fundamental of the Lutheran Confessions, as they are found in the Book of Concord. So, come join us in this renewed and comprehensive study of the Articles of faith in which we believe, teach, and confess according to God's holy Word.



## NEW MEMBERS



**Marion Bise:** Marion grew up in Gustin Township, Harrisville, MI where she graduated from High School. She received her degree from Walsh College where she also became employed in the accounting department. She has two children, Roland & Carol Lynn, who live in Michigan. Marion enjoys golfing, sewing, and playing shuffle board. For Marion, the best part about living in Florida is the warm weather and her new church family, Redeemer Lutheran Church. You can usually find Marion sitting with Ken & Wilma Adair. Marion resides at 65 Hamlet Drive, Englewood, FL 34224.

**[Miguel] & Alyssa Zavala:** Alyssa grew up in Tinley Park, IL, that is until her father entered the seminary. She attended Carmi White County H.S. She is employed at Tervis in Data Entry. She enjoys soccer, reading, and the best part about living in Florida is being close to mom & dad and of course, the beautiful beaches. She is married to Miguel and are blessed with two boys, Angel (7) and Isaac (2). The Zavala Family currently live at 14118 Appleton Blvd., Port Charlotte, FL 33981.



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**Thomas Evanicki & Ashley Sharp:** Tom grew up in Canandaigua, N.Y. His family moved to the Englewood area in 1999. He attended Lemon Bay High where he met Ashley. Ashley is a proud life-time resident of Englewood, FL. She is an Assistant Produce Manager for Publix. Tom is the president of his father's Aluminum & Concrete Company. Tom & Ashley have two beautiful girls, Kamrie and Kyleigh. Kamrie (6) is in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade at Myakka and Kyleigh (4) attends Redeemer Child Care. Tom enjoys hunting, gardening and basically anything out doors, but he mostly enjoys fishing with his girls. Ashley enjoys making & creating artsy things. The things both Tom & Ashley enjoy about Florida is the sun, their work, and time with their family. The Evanicki Family reside at 11751 Claremont Dr., Port Charlotte, FL 33981.

**Lisa Grayson:** Lisa grew up in Philadelphia, PA where she attend West Catholic High School. She is a hairstylist and nail technician at he Fountain of Youth. She is the proud mother of two adorable girls, Mykalina (6) and Isabella (4). Mykalina is in Kindergarten at Vineland and Bella attends Redeemer Child Care. In her spare time, Lisa enjoys crafts. For Lisa, the best part of Florida is the beautiful weather & beaches. Lisa and the girls reside at 7381 Banbury Terrace, Port Charlotte, FL 33981.



**[Floyd] & Georgette Callahan:** Georgette is returning to Redeemer after an attempt to live in the wonderful climate of Alabama. We have missed her but welcome her back as an active member of the Redeemer family. Georgette is married to Floyd and they reside at 11024 Deerwood Ave., Englewood, FL 34224.



## NEW MEMBERS

**Tim Gielau:** Tim is returning to Redeemer after a short absence. He was a writer for the Boca Beacon until after receiving his state private investigator's license more than five years ago, suffered a stroke. The stroke left him nearly paralyzed. Over time he has regained some, but not all motor skills. Tim hopes, through advanced medical treatment for stroke victims, will one day fully regain his motor skills and speech and become an even more productive member of the community and church. Tim resides at 242 Cedar St. Apt. 12, Englewood, FL 34223.



**[Paul] & June Brown:** June grew up in Warwick, Rhode Island. She attended Warwick Veterans H.S. She received her BA degree from the University of Rhode Island in English and Secondary Education. Years later she received her MA in Adult Education. June worked as a Human Resource Manager for National Grid and also taught English in secondary schools and academic skills in community colleges. She loves to sing, read, walk, and swim, but not all at the same time. June also enjoys teaching ESL (English Second Language). Her husband, Paul enjoys flying large scale model planes. The Brown's live at 10846 Lerwick Circle, Englewood, FL 34223.

**Randy & Myra Schaub:** Randy grew up in Milwaukee, WI and attended Washington High School. He went on to receive his bachelor's degree from Northwestern University. He was a Director of Engineering for Scientific Atlanta. He is now retired. Myra grew up in Galion, OH where she attended the high of the same name. Randy and Myra have one son, Cory. Myra was a stay at home mom and still continues today to beautify and care for their home, especially the landscape. She enjoys arts, crafts, and flower gardening. She will occasionally wander into Redeemer's property and spruce things up for us. Randy enjoys large scale model trains. They both believe the best part about living in Florida is the luxury of warm weather, the beautiful beaches, and especially living directly across the street from Redeemer. As just mentioned, the Schaub's live just across the street from the church at 6494 Mayport St., Englewood, FL 34224.



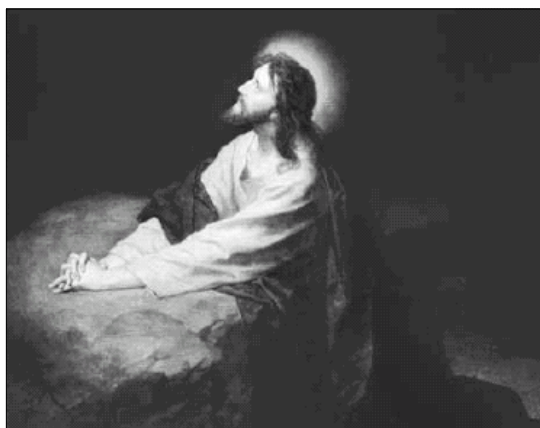
**Nancy Kozak:** Nancy grew up in Elizabeth, NJ and graduated from Battin High School. Nancy is a retired registered nurse. She loves to travel and enjoys arts & crafts. For Nancy, the best part about living in Florida is the weather. Nancy resides at 39 Bunker Circle, Rotonda West, FL 33947.

## STEWARDSHIP

In the month of June we celebrate Father's Day. For those of us who are blessed to be raised by a kind and loving Christian father, Father's Day is very special. Men sometimes take too much pride in their physical and emotional strength and act like macho men who have to be in complete control of every situation. I was blessed to be raised by a Christian father who, I like to say, was strong enough to be gentle. He didn't have to force his will or way on anyone else, especially his children. He was confident enough to be himself and offer us the love and support of a father. The proper response to a father like that is love and joyful obedience.

God, our heavenly Father, is the best example of someone who is strong enough to be gentle. He made all things. He knows all things. He is almighty, as we confess in the Apostles' Creed. If it weren't for the fact that God invites us to call Him "Father" and come to Him as dear children come to their dear fathers, we would cringe in fear. God is pure and holy. He is perfect. He cannot tolerate sin. And we know all too well that we are sinners. But He does not destroy us as sinners, but rather loves us in an extravagant and generous way, so much so that He sent His only-begotten Son to be our Savior from the power of sin, death and the devil and open for us the door to everlasting life. What a God! What a Father!

A number of years ago in our church body we used a stewardship education approach called "His Love—Our Response." This effort was designed to help us



appreciate and reflect upon the amazing love of our Father and what our appropriate response should be. It was a good emphasis. It was thoroughly grounded in the grace [undeserved love] of God in Jesus. In our greatest time of need, God came to our rescue and did for us what we could never do for ourselves. He could have destroyed us because of our sin but, instead, He redeemed us by the precious blood of His Son, and through the power of the Holy Spirit made us into children of our Heavenly Father. What amazing grace!

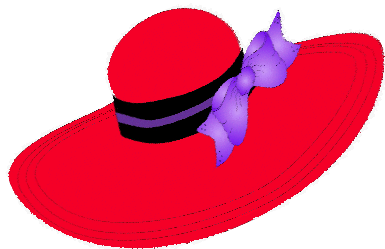
Our proper response is one of stewardship, the free and joyous management of all of life and life's resources for His purposes. By nature we do not love unconditionally. By nature we do not give generously. But by the power of the Holy Spirit we are no longer controlled by our sinful natures. We are renewed daily to

be God's children in action—His stewards who remember that God is the rightful Owner of all things and we are stewards or managers of that which He has entrusted to us. When our stewardship is a love response we experience great joy. We don't give generously of our time, talents and treasure because we "have to," but because we have the privilege of "getting to."

"Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes."

*The Board of Stewardship*

## REDEEMER RED HATS



*The Redeemer Red Hats will have their luncheon on Tuesday, June 24th at 12:00 Noon. Please see the sign up sheet in the Narthex for more information.*



# Summer at Redeemer Child Care

## June 2013

### Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Tuesdays  
at 3:45 PM

6/4 Peter's Escape from Prison

Acts 12

6/11 Paul's First

Missionary Journey

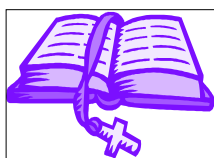
Acts 13-14

6/18 Paul and Timothy

Acts 15-16

6/25 Paul and Silas in Prison

Acts 16



Dear God,  
Thank You for watching over Peter. Thank You for sending angels to watch over me too.  
Amen.

*Submitted by Wendy Horvath*

### Birthdays

6/4 Jacob

6/7 Charles

6/8 Makayla

6/14 Caleb

6/15 Nevaeh

6/16 Ava T.

6/16 Ryan L.

6/18 Clayton

6/25 Danielle



### VBS



Volunteers needed!  
July 8-12  
Shout it from the peak's summit - with Him, it's possible to scale any "mountain" that's ahead.



Summer is here and we will be very busy with water days, field trips, the ice cream truck, special activities and more.

### Special Days in June

6/16 Father's Day



### Welcome to Redeemer!

Caleb & Isaiah

### Thank You

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Bible Study: 8:30 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.*