



REDEEMER

REPORTER

Redeemer Lutheran Church & School

July 2016



“PHYSICALLY FIT AND SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY”

For most of my life, I was always in good, physical condition. When I was young, I was active in many things. I worked a paper route, participated in sports, and played many games with neighborhood friends, such as, Johnny Run Across, Catch One Catch All, Kick the Can, and so forth (all these games required running, lots of running). And in Junior High, High School and College, I was also an athlete playing organized sports, such as, baseball, basketball, and football. Even after my college days, I continued to play baseball for some area semi-professional teams. And as a granite cutter (my vocation before becoming a pastor), my work required me to lift heavy items, move bulky equipment, and work in extreme conditions. During these times in my life, I was physically fit. I was strong physically as well as mentally.

Again, for most of my life, I was always in good physical shape, that is, until I was 37 years of age and went to seminary and eventually into parish ministry. No longer active on the baseball diamond

or basketball court, I found myself hidden behind mounds of books and writing countless papers. My physical activity was non-existent.

As my brain increased in knowledge of the Scriptures and the doctrines of the church, so also did my waistline. Although I became theologically strong, I was no longer physically fit. I was out of shape. I was physically weak. As the years went by, I contributed my lack of physical fitness due to my age. “I’m not as young as I used to be,” I would say to my wife and kids. Perhaps you have used that excuse as I have. And of course, we all know the great axiom, “The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak” (Matthew 26:41). My, oh my, how we have worn out that statement.

When I was physically fit, I wasn’t always spiritually healthy. Yes, I grew up in a devout Roman Catholic household. In the church I was Baptized, received First Communion, was Confirmed, etc., yet I wasn’t necessarily spiritually healthy. I didn’t read God’s Word, I didn’t always pray, I didn’t always go to

(Continued on page 4)

Inside this issue

- Stewardship..... 2
- Fund Raising Chart 3
- Serving the Lord..... 3
- Pastors Message cont..... 4-6
- Terror in Orlando 6-9
- Aquila & Priscilla 10-14
- From the Treasurer 14
- Volunteer Spotlight..... 15
- Prayer List 16
- Altar Guild 17
- Announcements 17-18
- Redeemer Child Care 19
- Classifieds..... 20
- Greeters & Coffee Hour 20
- Elder & Comm. Asst. 20
- Puzzle Page 22



STEWARDSHIP

In our Lord's parable of the vineyard workers, the vineyard owner says to those who worked the longest, "Or do you begrudge my generosity" (Matthew 20:15)? It's an unfortunate translation. It's not wrong, but it doesn't give us the full picture. What the vineyard owner actually says is this: "Or is your eye evil because I am good?" Earlier in Matthew's Gospel, Jesus said, "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness" (Matthew 6:21–23).

This statement comes right in the middle of our Lord's teaching about giving. He said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money" (Matthew 6:19–24).

Having an evil eye does not let in the light. Having an evil eye means that we are so focused on what we don't have, that we are unable to rejoice in what God has given. An evil eye makes us distressed when we see others prosper. It makes us rejoice when others suffer. An evil eye makes us so love ourselves and our money, that we don't want to share with others; we don't want to give of what we have because we are so focused on keeping what we have and getting what we don't.

Whereas a good eye is an eye that lets the light in so that our lives are filled with it. This light shines upon all that we have and reveals that it comes from our Father's divine goodness and mercy. A good eye that lets in the light, unencumbered by the darkness, so that we have a good will, a benevolent disposition, and a genuine happiness to see others prosper and the desire to be part of it.

Jesus came to give you a good eye and to take away the darkness that fills your life. Christ our Lord, through His death and resurrection, has forgiven your sin, removed your evil eye and given you new eyes that let in His light and truth. "For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2 Corinthians 8:9).

The reality is that you have all that you need and more. You have the love of God in Christ Jesus. You have the forgiveness of sins and life everlasting. You have house and home, all that you need for this body and life. So, lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy. And you will see that your hearts will follow, just as Jesus promised.



FUND RAISING GOAL FOR REPAIRING & PAINTING STUCCO ON CHURCH



- ◆ Paint the exterior of Redeemer Lutheran Church
- ◆ Pressure clean to remove dirt, mildew and bug residue
- ◆ Patch cracks with textured elastomeric patching compound

- ◆ 1st Coat:
 - ◆ Masonry Conditioner
 - ◆ Prime all new stucco with Loxon Hot Stucco Primer

- ◆ 2nd Coat:
 - ◆ 100% Acrylic Super Paint Stain by Sherwin Williams

SERVING THE LORD

Pastor Rev. James Kress

Seasonal Pastor

LHM Ambassador

Child Care

Director

Wendy Horvath

Office Secretary

Deb Horner

Organist

Bill Bowers

Choir Director

Collins Sita

Newsletter

Editor

Deb Horner

OFFICERS

President

Stephen Wurster

Vice President

Terry Fountain

Treasurer

Denise Fountain

Secretary

June Brown

BOARDS

Head Elder

Collins Sita

Christian Ed.

Pam Replinger

Human Care

Outreach

Cindy Johnson

Assimilation

School Board

Bill Bowers

Stewardship

Rev. Mark Steinke

Youth

James Straw

Financial

Secretary

Deb Horner

Property Mgmt.

Jim Metzger

GROUPS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild

Sally Zierdt

Men's Group

Altar Guild

Coffee Hour

“PHYSICALLY FIT AND SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY”



(Continued from page 1)

church, or to confession. I was a crummy Christian, and truth be told, I am still a crummy Christian.

The Scriptures do not lie. Our whole human nature is corrupt and full of sin. Therefore because of our sinful nature, we are left without true fear and love of God, that is, we are spiritually blind, dead, and enemies of God (Genesis 8:21; Romans 8:7; 1 Corinthians 2:14; Ephesians 2:1). However, we also learn from the Scriptures, that God offers the forgiveness of sins through the Gospel, that is, through the life, suffering, death, and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ (John 3:16; Romans 1:16, 10:4; Galatians 3:13; Colossians 1:13-14).

Through the means of grace, Word and Sacrament, we are spiritually awakened, made a new creation, alive in Christ Jesus. In other words, by God's grace we are spiritually healthy, equipped for every good work according to God's good pleasure.

As you all may know, my wife, Lisa and I are training to run the Chicago Marathon in October later this year. We have been training since last November. Our training has been both a struggle and rewarding. A struggle because of the many, many miles we need to run in order to endure the 26.2 mile marathon. It is also rewarding because we are both seeing our physical condition improve. Each day we commit to running, exercise, and clean eating we feel more and more physically fit. However, getting in good physical condition comes with the physical body enduring the pain, making the sacrifices, and stomaching the Florida heat and humidity.

This physical training also plays havoc on the

mind as well. For every mile I have run, I have also wanted to quit during that mile. I have wanted to stop. I have wanted to take the easy way to becoming physically fit, but the reality is there is no easy way to become physically fit. Sacrifices must be made. Pain must be endured. Sweat and feeling uncomfortable are the norm to becoming physically fit.

In the same way, there was no easy way for God the Father to save us from our sin. He had to send His Son to pay the price for sin. Jesus had to become man. Jesus had to endure both physical and emotional pain. In anguish, He sweat. Overcome with emotion, He cried. It was necessary for Jesus to suffer and die. God the Father sacrificed His only-begotten Son in order that the payment for all sin would be paid in full by His perfect Son. And at Calvary, it was. At Calvary, God's plan of salvation for sinners from eternal death and hell was finished!

How does this physical fitness and spiritual wellness affect you? Well, the writer to the Hebrew says, "Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Founder and Perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God." (Hebrews 12:1-2). Our life as a Christian is an endurance race. Therefore, we run with remembrance of the saints, the witnesses, who have already finished. But, most of all we look to Jesus and His cross. In Him, our race is already won.

Now I am not insisting that you all begin to hit the gym, lift weights, and run races. Many in our congregation are unable – physically – to stand on their own two feet. Trust me when I

(Continued on page 5)

“PHYSICALLY FIT AND SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY”

(Continued from page 4)

say this: if those who are too feeble to stand could, they would. I have visited many whose only true worldly desire is to walk again. However, you who are able to stand and walk or even run, consider doing it – seriously. Why? The Apostle Paul writes, “Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one receives the prize? So run that you may obtain it. Every athlete exercises self-control in all things. They do it to receive a perishable wreath, but we an imperishable. So I do not run aimlessly; I do not box as one beating the air. But I discipline my body and keep it under control, lest after preaching to others I myself should be disqualified” (1 Corinthians 9:24-27). Our imperishable prize is, of course, the crown of life in the presence of God in heaven (James 1:12).

Sometimes before beginning a workout, running long miles, or running outrageous intervals one can become a bit intimidated. If you’re like me, I want to retreat to the sofa or hide under the covers. But, this is what the Lord Almighty says, “You are My servant, I have chosen you and not cast you off; fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:9b-10). Furthermore, He will, “Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.” (Isaiah 35:3). Many of us have weak hands and feeble knees, but the Lord is still right there with you to strengthen and help you.

Therefore, as St. Paul encourages us, “And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to Him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God. May you be strengthened with all power, according to

His glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light. He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of His beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.” (Colossians 1:9-14). With these words, Paul acknowledges his pastoral care for the Colossian Christians, and he knows that God cares for them even more. That is why I draw your attention to these words as well. I care about you very much – your physical well-being and your spirituality.

And so I now leave you with these inspiring words, “So I ask you not to lose heart over what I am suffering for you, which is your glory. For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of His glory He may grant you to be strengthened with power through His Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love, may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen.” (Ephesians 3:13-21).

While we continue to train and even after running the Chicago Marathon, Lisa and I look forward to committing our lives to remaining physically fit as well as spiritually healthy. The physically fit part will continue to be a struggle, but we look forward to the continued

(Continued on page 6)

“PHYSICALLY FIT AND SPIRITUALLY HEALTHY”

(Continued from page 5)

rewards. The spiritually healthy part is all made possible by our gracious Lord. In both the physical and spiritual we do not remain idle. Physically we run, exercise, and eat clean. Spiritually we read God’s Word, we pray, we go to church, we receive His gifts, and we give Him thanks for all these things. Oh, and one more thing about becoming physically fit and spiritually healthy is that guilt is less and less noticeable. Having this kind of peace of mind is worth the sacrifice and commitment to physical and spiritual fitness. Come join us, won’t you, becoming physically fit and spiritually healthy.

Yours in Christ Jesus,
Pastor Kress



Terror in Orlando: What Should We Do?

by Pastor Roberto Rojas Jr.

Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church, Winter Garden, FL

After Omar Mateen, a 29 year old Muslim from Fort Pierce, Florida, murdered at least 49, and wounded another 53 at “Pulse,” an LGBT nightclub in Downtown Orlando, many don’t know what to do. As Christians, what are we to do in times of terror?

There are helpful things you can do for your “community,” such as providing food, shelter, donating blood, etc. But, the most important thing the Christian can do is cling to God’s Word in times of terror, and speak it to those who mourn. Here are three helpful things that pastors can direct their sheep to do, and how Christian fathers should instruct their families to respond.

1. Go to Church. Don’t just go to any church; go to your church. Go to your pastor; ask him questions. Ask him to show you what God says from Holy Scripture. Take your wife and children to church. Speak with your brothers and sisters in Christ. This will get you away from listening to your feelings, the

opinions of the world, and false teachers; instead, listen to what God’s Word says.

Avoid going to unionistic/syncretistic services and vigils where various denominations and religions are all represented by having their “part” in the service. There is a tendency to “put all differences aside,” and to “join together in worship and prayer” in times of tragedy and disaster. However, whenever this happens, God’s Word is compromised, and the true comfort of the Gospel is lost. Why? Because this puts the One true God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—on equal footing with the idols and false gods of Islam, Judaism, Hinduism, etc. In these “prayer vigils” and services, various gods are prayed to, worshipped, and glorified. Yet, as Christians, we know these things belong to the One true God alone (1st, 2nd, 3rd Commandments, and 1st Petition of the Lord’s Prayer). Sadly, even

(Continued on page 7)

Terror in Orlando: What Should We Do?

(Continued from page 6)

in unionistic services with other Christian denominations, the Word of God is compromised also! Here are a few examples of how it's compromised in these services: The ELCA does not condemn the sin of homosexuality (Romans 1) or abortion (Exodus 20:13); the Roman Catholic Church does not teach salvation by grace through faith alone (Ephesians 2); the Baptist church does not believe that Baptism saves (1 Peter 3), etc. As Lutherans, it is our deepest and earnest desire to see the church on earth in true unity without divisions or denominations. We strive for this at all costs, but never at the expense of God's Word. To join in these services gives the impression of unity when there is no unity; they say "peace," when there is no peace (Jeremiah 6). We pray for this unity; but, we do not pretend to have this unity. God tells us what to do when we are in the midst of false teachers: He exhorts us to flee from them (Romans 16).

If you really desire a Prayer Vigil with your community, the best practice is for the pastor alone to lead the Vigil in his own church and invite the community to hear God's Word purely preached. Invite people of all denominations, religions, and faiths to sit in the pews, learn the liturgy, and hear the preaching of God's Word without compromise. This is evangelism. This is the most loving thing to do. However, don't be surprised when the world persecutes and slanders you when God's Word is purely preached. This persecution is the cross that God has given the faithful to carry. Therefore, don't compromise His Word in order to be "liked" by the world. Don't conform the Word to the world. Transform the world with the Word. Preach the Law in its full sternness, the Gospel in its full sweetness, and exhort the hearers to live godly lives. Condemn the false gods of other religions, culture, feminism, etc.

Call them to repent of their sins of homosexuality, murder, idolatry, adultery, etc. Preach the comfort and promise of Christ as the only way to the Father (John 14). Know that you will be persecuted for it. Yet, rejoice, for great is your reward in heaven (Matthew 5). Fathers, teach your children to expect this persecution since the world hates God and His Word. Yet, remind them that God gives a crown of glory to those who remain faithful until the end (Revelation 2). Rejoice that you would be counted worthy to suffer disgrace for His name (Acts 5).

2. Read the Bible. The most precious thing in the world is God's Word. It's worth more than all the silver and gold on this earth. Why? Because the Word of God gives something that money cannot buy: the forgiveness of every sin through the death and resurrection of Christ. Only this can set us free. As a result, this is what the devil attacks. The devil knows that, without God's Word, faith dies. Therefore, satan's lies are his only attack against the church. These lies bind you to your sin, this world, and your own condemnation. But, God's Word sets you free. God sanctifies us in the truth; His Word is truth.

To be defended from the lies of the devil, read Holy Scripture. Tell your pastor to read the words of Holy Scripture to you. Read it to your wife and children. Be careful with "memes," and "Pinterest" theology that you find online, or ideas found in popular books. Rather, read Holy Scripture. God's Word is clear; it's sufficient. Meditate on what God has caused to be written down for you. Direct those who mourn to Christ, who has destroyed the works of the devil by His own suffering and death on the cross.

Here are some helpful lessons from Holy Scripture:

- For those grieving the murder of a baptized

(Continued on page 8)

Terror in Orlando: What Should We Do?

(Continued from page 7)

Christian: Psalm 23, 37, 140, 143, 145; Matthew 10; Luke 23; John 10; Romans 5, 8, 12, 13; 2 Corinthians 5;

- For those who struggle with homosexuality: Genesis 19; Leviticus 18:22; Psalm 32, 38, 51; Romans 1, 5-6; 1 Corinthians 6, 10; 1 Timothy 1; 2 Peter 2; 1 John 1; John 3;

- For heathens, and those who have left the faith: Psalm 53, 115, 119:41-48; Ezekiel 34; Luke 15; John 6:66-69; John 8, 10; Acts 4; 2 Corinthians 4; Colossians 2; 1 Timothy 6; 1 Peter 3; 2 Peter 1; 1 John 4; Jude;

- For those who are anxious or afraid: Psalm 4, 34, 91, 94, 118; Matthew 6:25-34; Mark 4; Romans 8; Philippians 4; 1 Corinthians 7.

3. Pray. Everyone keeps saying #PrayForOrlando. However, there's no point in praying for something if you don't know to whom you pray! Moreover, in times of terror, many don't know what to pray for! But, you, dear Christians, know to whom you pray—your Father in heaven—and you know what to pray for—His Will to be done. When there is nothing good in your heart, and when you don't know what to ask, repent and pray the Lord's Prayer. Recite the very words that God has taught you to pray to Him. Teach this to your children. Pray this for yourself, and for all those who suffer. Then, thank God for His visitation upon you.

Study the meaning of the Lord's Prayer in Luther's Small Catechism; instruct others on the meaning of each petition. Focus on the 2nd, 3rd, 5th, and 7th petitions of the Lord's Prayer. Pray that God's kingdom come. Pray that He graciously give you faith to believe His Word, and to lead a godly life here in time and there in eternity. Pray that His Will is done. How is God's will done? **"God's will is done when he breaks and hinders every evil plan and purpose of the devil, the world,**

and our sinful nature, which do not want us to hallow God's name or let His kingdom come; and when He strengthens and keeps us firm in His Word and faith until we die. This is His good and gracious will" (Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer: The Third Petition). Pray that God gives you the heart to forgive murderers, idolaters, and adulterers, and that He deliver you from the evil one. What does this mean? **"We pray in this petition, in summary, that our Father in heaven would rescue us from every evil of body and soul, possessions and reputation, and finally, when our last hour comes, give us a blessed end, and graciously take us from this valley of sorrow to Himself in heaven."** (Luther's Small Catechism, The Lord's Prayer: The Seventh Petition). Focus on the words and meanings, and commit them to memory.

Pray the Litany in church, and at home. The Litany asks for God to be gracious and merciful to us. Here, we ask for God to deliver us, according to His Will, from the very things that happened this past weekend. Listen to the words from this excerpt: **"Be gracious to us. Help us, good Lord. From all sin, from all error, from all evil; from the crafts and assaults of the devil; from sudden and evil death; from pestilence and famine; from war and bloodshed; from sedition and from rebellion; from lightning and tempest; from all calamity by fire and water; and from everlasting death: Good Lord, deliver us"** (The Litany, LSB 288). Pray the Litany whenever tragedy and terror strikes in our nation in church and at home. Learn to ask for God's mercy, and know that He listens to your pleas on account of Christ.

Finally, sing hymns. Hymns are a confession before God and man. Pray them. If God has blessed you with children, start by teaching them, **"I am Jesus Little Lamb"** (LSB 740),

(Continued on page 9)

Terror in Orlando: What Should We Do?

(Continued from page 8)


and tell them to focus and memorize on the third stanza: **“Who so happy as I am, Even now the Shepherd’s lamb? And when my short life is ended, By His angel host attended, He shall fold me to His breast, There within His arms to rest.”** Teach them to also sing LSB 546, **O Jesus So Sweet, O Jesus So Mild**. Focus on the second stanza: **“O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild! With God we now are reconciled. You have for all the ransom paid, Your Father’s righteous anger stayed. O Jesus so sweet, O Jesus so mild!”** These are simply melodies that you can learn and teach your family, friends, and loved ones. For further meditation, read, pray, and sing the following hymns as well:

- LSB 334, O Lord, How Shall I Meet You
- LSB 513, The Clouds of Judgment Gather
- LSB 514, The Bridegroom Soon Will Call Us
- LSB 515, Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers
- LSB 516, Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying
- LSB 555, Salvation unto Us Has Come
- LSB 556, Dear Christians One and All Rejoice
- LSB 594, God’s Own Child, I Gladly Say It
- LSB 636, Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness
- LSB 666, O Little Flock, Fear Not the Foe
- LSB 745, In God, My Faithful God
- LSB 750, If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee
- LSB 754, Entrust Your Days and Burdens
- LSB 755, In the Very Midst of Life
- LSB 756, Why Should Cross and Trial Grieve Me
- LSB 758, The Will of God is Always Best
- LSB 759, This Body in the Grave We Lay
- LSB 760, What God Ordains is Always Good
- LSB 766, Our Father, Who From Heaven Above
- LSB 768, To God the Holy Spirit Let Us Pray
- LSB 777, Grant Peace, We Pray, in Mercy, Lord
- LSB 897, O Rejoice, Ye Christians Loudly



Go to church. Read God’s Word. Pray. You’ll be tempted to stop. Resist that temptation. Reach out to your neighbors and loved ones with the very Word of God. Memorize it. Keep it in your heart and mind so that out of the abundance of God’s Word in your heart, your mouth with speak these words of God! Stand up for what is true, and speak God’s Word boldly. Face whatever persecution comes your way. Carry the cross that God has given you. Don’t find temporary and fleeting comfort in false hopes, or the appearance of unity and solidarity. Don’t find it by compromising God’s Word. Don’t distract yourself with work, TV, social media, or comfort dogs and animals. Rather, set your eyes on things above. Although many things might bring temporary happiness, eternal comfort and joy are found only in the precious wounds of Christ.

TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA



Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we have gone as far north as we had planned and now starting our way south. We spent a few days in Anchorage catching up on things we needed to get done and managed to do some sight seeing.

We also, took the opportunity to visit and hike through Earthquake Park. It was interesting to learn about the devastation caused by the Good Friday earth quake of 1964 and how it altered some of Alaska's coastline. It is possible to see some of the alterations at the park.

One of the things we wanted to do while in Alaska was to see some whales. We were told best place to go on a whale watching trip was in Seward. So of we went. The drive from Anchorage to Seward is absolutely amazing. It is up there with some of the most beautiful drives we have done. At this point in time we think our count on waterfalls is about a gazillion, plus or minus a trillion. Seward is a lovely fishing town with wonderful people. Just to give you an idea, Aquilla left his jacket in a restaurant and they delivered it to the hotel and our room even before Aquilla was aware he had left his jacket at the restaurant. They also, have a great aquarium, with the various fish, animals and birds that share this coast line. It's also a rehab center for coastal animals with the intent of releasing the animals back into the wild. Occasionally orphaned baby animals will not adapt to the wild and those are given to zoos.

Although it rained, and there was gale force winds in Alaska Bay when we went on our whale watching tour, we still had a wonderful time. Only saw one hump back whale but we saw numerous seals, uncountable birds, several otters, Dall sheep, and about a dozen eagles including some juveniles. In addition to the birds and animals, we saw some amazing vistas along with several glaciers. One was about three miles wide and 700 ft. tall above

the water and we were told there was about 300 ft. more under water.

Next on the added agenda was Valdez.



We had not planned to visit Valdez but quite a few Alaskans we met said we should visit since it is a lovely place. The drive through the snow covered Chugach Mountains to the coastal town of Valdez is thoroughly amazing and we added numerous more waterfalls to the list including two very pretty ones. Near the top of the pass is a large glacier one could walk to to see. However, snow about 4 ft. deep stopped us from making that walk. This part of Alaska gets about 360 inches of snow per year. Valdez is called the Switzerland of Alaska since it is ringed by 7000 ft. high mountains. It is also a very important seaport since it's the furthest Alaskan Northern seaport that stays ice free. All the oil from the north shore of Alaska is sent across Alaska through the Alaskan Pipeline to Valdez to be transferred on oil tankers and shipped all over the world.

Near the terminus of the pipeline is a fish hatcher and across from the hatchery a hydroelectric plant which makes for a pretty interesting complex to spend sometime looking at everything that is to be seen. While at that site Priscilla noticed a snow shoe hare come out from the underbrush. The hare leisurely walked about 40 feet across the road and came about 2 feet from where Aquilla was standing and walked into the brush. Only thing we can figure is that this was the first contact it ever had with humans or we didn't look like predators. Valdez is a lovely little town with many things to do and see. The highlight for us was at one of the RV parks. The owner, when it isn't salmon season, feeds the eagles at 5 PM. What a sight to see. Aquilla took a few

(Continued on page 11)

TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

(Continued from page 10)

hundred pictures in about twenty minutes. He had to pause every now and then to rest his hand and he thought he might get a blister on the tip of his finger.

From Valdez we headed up to Tok to get on the famed Alaskan Highway and now we spent most of the time driving in an east south direction. From Tok to Watson Lake the scenery is just to perfect and looks like it was planned. We believe it was, when HE said let there be, but there are others that think it just happened. Snow topped mountains with reflected images on pristine looking lakes, rushing mountain streams and rivers, and a variety of greens from light yellow green to almost black. On this stretch of the ride we have seen 5 black bears, a grizzly, 2 caribou, and a dozen or so snow shoe hares. The chipmunks are fun to watch as they run across the road with their tails straight up like a mast.

What a productive drive we had from Watson Lake to Fort Nelson. Not only did we see some wonderful scenery, but also quite a bit of wild life. Perhaps a dozen or so black bears grazing on grass, (We were told the reason bears eat grass when they come out of hibernation is that young spring grass is

sweet.), and 4 cubs. One was much smaller than the other three so we think he was born probably earlier this year. We saw a few caribou and two bison by themselves, plus two small herds. Each with a big papa bull watching over his herd. We came across an opening in which several cows were with their calves. We spent several minutes watching the cows nursing their calves. A couple of young bulls we think were trying to establish a pecking order by pushing each other with their horns. It was interesting to see the reaction of the other bison. They were watching the two youngsters duke it out and one of the them, we think a cow, appeared to be acting as a referee since she had her head right near the heads of the two duking it out. We saw one young moose. So ugly that it looked cute with its big ears and long spindly legs. Best of all we got to add a species to our list of animals we have seen. There were Stone Sheep also known as Thin Horn sheep else where. They are a type of mountain sheep but different coloring and their horns are straighter than Dall Sheep. We saw two small herds plus several lone sheep. They were by the roadside eating left over salt pellets that were used in the winter on the road.

Leaving Fort Nelson on our way to Dawson

(Continued on page 12)



TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

(Continued from page 11)

Creek we noticed everything was kind of hazy. It was when got within a hundred miles of Dawson Creek that we learned the cause when we saw huge amounts of smoke rising from the forest before us. We passed through several miles of charred woods and devastation. Although we didn't see any flames we passed through areas where smoke was still rising from charred remains. We noticed a fire fighting crew preparing to enter the forest and another crew cutting charred trees down along the road.

On the drive to Jasper Canadian National forest it was still pretty hazy until we got to within a hundred miles of the park. We later learned they had a drier than usual winter and there was numerous wild fires going on in parts of British Colombia and Alberta. We also noticed the forest varied as we traveled. In some areas it was primarily spruce, sometimes mixed with white birch and sometimes only white birch. There are a lot of grassy areas around Prince George with cattle and horse ranches. As we got closer to Jasper, the forest became alpine with a mixture of various evergreens primarily spruce and some hardwoods, mostly white birch.

Jasper and Banff are truly marvelous parks. The scenery is outstanding and they have been endowed with a variety of wild life. We saw a grizzly, lots of black bears including a sow with her cub. Mule and white tail deer. The white tail deer are a lot bigger than the ones in Florida. Driving through the park road we were held up for about 15 minutes while a herd of thin horned sheep decided to graze along side the road and block traffic by eating the left over salt in the cracks on the road. Their attitude seem to be, this is our home and we are not moving for you.

While at the parks we decided to take a couple of hikes. One was up to a glacier where we

could go to the toe of the glacier and the other was up a canyon to see a series of 10 water falls. Both of these hikes start at an elevation of about 5200 feet and of course go up about 600 feet. Now that isn't to much a problem for non seasoned citizens and those that aren't working with compromised lung capacity like Aquilla.

We got to the toe of the glacier by going up a very primitive trail of rock and grit. We could have walked over an ice field which was a slightly more direct route but decided because of our foot ware it was best to stay on mostly stable ground. On the climb up we were surprised by a very strong, cold wind blowing over the ice through a mountain gape the glacier had created, down to the river valley. The canyon hike was some what easier since the trail was paved and not straight up like the glacier hike but equally challenging since the distance was much longer. The views were outstanding. Because of all the grit the water is carrying, it is like liquid sand paper sanding various twists and turns in the rock wall as it cascades to the river down in the valley. At the top waterfall we got to see limestone being made. The way it works is that there is a type of algae that takes CO2 out of water mist rather through the air. So in this case the mist from the waterfall lands on the surface of a rock and when the algae dies it turns into limestone.

We enjoyed viewing the animals and our hikes but the highlight for us was Lake Louise. Even though it was heavily overcast with a light drizzle the view is something to see. Photographs can not really do justice to it's beauty.

Next on our list was Glacier NP in Montana. We were limited to what we saw of the park because of snow, rain and flooding. We

(Continued on page 13)

TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

(Continued from page 12)

learned the road through the pass was covered with 30 feet of snow. We still expected to drive 16 miles into the park from the west side and 12 miles from the east side. However, due to the heavy rain the road on the west side was impassible due to high water and the pass got another 3 feet of snow. We did get to see the beautiful lake on the west side of the park and the drive to the east side of the park and the 12 miles that we drove on the east side of the park a truly great scenic drive.

Driving by a fenced pasture on the drive to the east side of the park we saw a young male moose running along the fence trying to get out. Apparently he must have gotten into the pasture through some opening and couldn't find his way out.

On the way back driving through the open range we passed by a small herd of horses. Since we were miles from any ranches we think they might have been wild. Some of the nicest things in life are not planned. While driving south on US 93 we saw a sign The National Bison Range, 12 miles out of our way but we said, "let's check it out". It takes about 3 hours to drive through the range. The views are outstanding. We saw lots of Bison. The calves are almost 3 months old. A few had horns just starting to show. One bull decided to control the road traffic by stopping in front of each car. When he decided he allowed you to pass and then stand in front of the car in back of you. In addition to the bison we saw a number of Pronghorn Antelope and White Tail Deer.

We crossed Lewis and Clark's trail a number of times as we made our way down through the Bitter Root Mountains along the Salmon River. This is another drive the both of us will probably never forget. What views. We also drove through a 8300 foot high mountain pass.

On the way to Twin Falls, Idaho we visited

the Indian Ice Cave. Basically this is a cave that was formed when a portion of a lava tube that at one time was about 15 miles long collapsed. The air flow through the cave is such that the temperature in the cave stays about 25 degrees year round. At the deepest part, the ice is 15 feet thick. We had a little excitement on the trail to the cave. Priscilla encountered a snake about a foot away from her feet. Our first thought was that it was a rattler because of the shape of the head and coloring and it was ready to strike. It turned out to be a pretty aggressive Bull Snake which our guide was able to get to move elsewhere.

Twin Falls is a very pretty little city and near by is Shoshone Falls also known as the "Niagara of the West". We both have seen many water falls including Niagara and we both feel these are the prettiest falls we have ever seen.

Those of you that are interested in doing BASE jumping, can do so at the Perrine Memorial Bridge that spans the Snake River Canyon 486 feet above the river. No permit is required. In 1974 Evel Knievel attempted to jump the Snake River Canyon on a rocket powered vehicle. He didn't make it but the dirt ramp he used is still there.

On the way to Cedar City, Utah, our base for visiting both Zion and Bryce National Parks, we stopped at Golden Spike National Historic Site. Promontory Summit, Utah is the site which Congress selected for the meeting place for the first transcontinental railway system. This occurred on May 10, 1869 when Central Pacific's Jupiter and Union Pacific's No. 119 pulled up to a one rail gap left in the track. After a golden spike was symbolically tapped, a final iron spike was driven to connect the railroads. If you like history and trains this is a neat place to visit.

Instead of driving all the way on I-15, we

(Continued on page 14)

TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

(Continued from page 13)

decided to take the Nebo Loop Byway. This is a scenic by way that parallels I-15. It allows you to drive through the Wasatch Range. With far reaching vistas, past beautiful mountain lakes, a variety of forests, interesting rock formations including hoodoos and over ridges in excess of 9600 feet. When we got that high we were expecting an overhead compartment in our van to open and oxygen masks to drop down. Zion is a canyon that was carved out by Virgin River. The canyon walls tower above you and vary in color due to the various mineral content. On one of our hikes we spotted what appeared to be a huge chunk of turquoise on one of the walls. Some of the walls are made of sandstone and water seeps out of them. This water may have been from snow or rain that fell many miles away from the canyon. It has been estimated that hundreds to over a thousand years could have elapsed for some of that water to work its way to the canyon walls. For this reason, even in drought years, the canyon stays green. Some plants take advantage of the wet walls and

form hanging gardens with flowers we have not seen before. We always like to see animals and we were fortunate to see two elk, a male and a female.

Bryce and Zion are perfect examples of how GOD can take something that we may consider bad and make it into something beautiful. In this case we are talking about erosion. Generally we think of it as being something bad and we do our best to prevent it but yet GOD uses it to create places like Zion and Bryce so that we can stand in awe at the amazing shapes and forms that HE created.

We had intended to take two hikes in Bryce but only took one. After making a one mile rated as easy hike at an elevation of 9800 to 9900 feet, we decided that whoever rated those hikes was someone forty or fifty years younger than we or was part mountain goat.

GOD sure has blessed our country with awesome vistas.

GOD bless each and everyone of you.

FROM THE TREASURER

As of May 31, 2016:



<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>	<u>OVER/(UNDER)</u>	
INCOME:	7,184	INCOME:	13,511	(6,327)
EXPENSE:	8,561	EXPENSE:	15,620	(7,059)
+/-	-1,377	-2,109		
 <u>YEAR-TO-DATE</u>				
INCOME:	77,467	INCOME:	69,770	7,697
EXPENSE:	91,731	EXPENSE:	91,140	591
+/-	-14,264	-21,370		



VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT OF THE MONTH



The volunteer spotlight this month is on Doris Dykhuizen and Pat Petersen.

These two ladies are inseparable. They have been an integral part of the church for more than 20 years. They have always been available to help with what ever is going on at the church. Doris was the choir director for 23 years as well as the church organist for 21 years. Pat, of course, was her trusted assistant during that time. They both taught Sunday School, confirmation class and have helped with many years of Vacation Bible school. Pat was chair of Buildings and Grounds for 6 years. Both Pat and Doris spent countless hours pulling weeds, polishing door knobs and climbing roofs.

They can still be found in the church office on Thursday mornings folding bulletins and preparing the church for Sunday worship services.



PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Carl & Betty Bertka, Alice Borowski, Susan Jahns, Betty Keller, Helen Perry, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Mickie Abel, Wilma Adair, Bob Aldene, Madalen Campbell, Pat Finkenbine, Roland Hansen, Bernice Heppner, Mark Horvath, Rita Kaufmann, Bob Payne, Carolyn Plesner, Tom Poyer, Joyce Redding, Duwayne Schoeneck, Fred Toth, Bob Varone, Robert Vickey and Artie Zipp.

FRIENDS & RELATIVES: Linny Aspery, Paul Badagliacca, Dick & Marilyn Bjornas, Bert Blackford, Grace Blum, Michelle Bernard, Bill Bowers, Jr., Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Susan Clapper, Bobbett Clark, Dick Clemens, Joanne and Randy Clymo, Martin Cressman, Renee Dempsey, Dale DesJardins, Irene DiTommaso, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Donna Fancher, Darla Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Lou Fountain, Denver Fredett, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Sandra Gettings, Nancy Gleis, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Joan Hillis, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Carol Holmes, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda

Hunter, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Bill Jaquest, Chris Johnson, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, John Kearns, Rev. Michael Kettner,



Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Stacey Lampert, Ray Likowski, John Lockhart, Sean Maki, Joe Manson, Candace McGowan, Pete Mogg, John Montondo, Mike Morrissey, Trista Moeier, Charles Pentecost Jr., John Purdy, Mary Raines, Rev. Ronald Rock, Ashley Scudder, Nancy Sly, Denise Bjornas Smith, Peter & Linda Smith, Virginia Stanley, Charles Tolley, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, and Gordan Winkel.

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

Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call Pastor or the church office to give us a health update so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!

***The deadline for the August Newsletter is July 16th
Please have all your submissions sent to redeemerfl@verizon.net OR drop it off at
the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.
Thank You!***



Date	Set-up	Take-down
Sunday, July 3rd	Lisa Kress	Bob Varone
Sunday, July 10th	Vicki Fernald	Gwen Wurster
Sunday, July 17th	TBA	TBA
Sunday, July 24th	TBA	TBA
Sunday, July 31st	TBA	TBA

TO OUR NORTHERN MEMBERS, GUESTS, & VISITORS:

It is that time of year again when we again say good-bye to our northern brothers and sisters in Christ. We are so very sad to see you leave, but we are overjoyed in the number of weeks and months we shared together worshipping, working, and playing. Please contact the church office notifying us of the date of your departure and verification of your northern address in order that we may continue to correspond through our monthly newsletter and other publications. The Lord grant you safety while you travel.

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciations Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is July 9th at 8:00 AM.**



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00AM. **The more people attending, the more FUN we can have!!!** The most popular things to play are: Pinochle, Phase 10, SkipBO, and Hand & Foot. We also have Dominoes or other games if they are requested. There must be something you would like to have fun with, so come on out. Once in awhile we have a special home made lunch but usually everyone brings a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



We believe . . . long after the craft glue dries and the snacks are just crumbs, the lasting treasure is that children leave Vacation Bible School knowing Jesus their REAL Savior. This year's theme is Barnyard Roundup – Jesus Gathers Us Together! VBS will be held beginning **July 18th through July 22nd**. Guess what? VBS will be here before we know it!

If you are interested in volunteering this year for Vacation Bible School, please contact:

**Pam Replinger at 941-473-9018 or
Wendy Horvath at 941-475-2631**

AND THERE'S MORE!

The entire Redeemer Family is invited for a Saturday Night Hoedown in Fellowship Hall on

Saturday, July 23rd

Dinner at 5 PM with Games and Dancing to follow



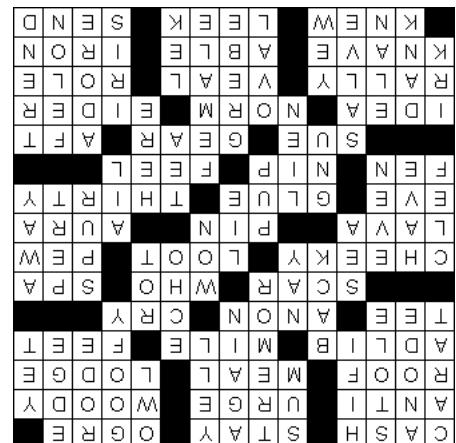
Redeemer Lutheran Church



Web—Church: www.redeemerfl.com



Web—Child Care: www.redeemerfl-cc.com





JULY



Happy 4th of July from Redeemer Child Care



Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at 3:45

7/5 Jonah and the Big Fish

The Book of Jonah

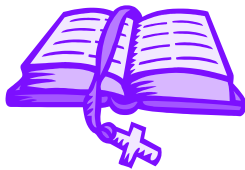
7/11 Food for Elijah and the Widow

1 Kings 17:1-16

7/18 VBS Week

7/25 Elisha and Naaman

Luke 5:1-11



Dear Jesus,
Thank You for being our Savior. Help us follow You and tell others about You. Amen.

Ice Cream Truck

Arrives at 2:30 pm on

July 11

July 25

Birthdays

7/1 Ms. Jadilyn

7/3 Natalie Y

7/3 Violet C

7/3 Amelia

7/9 Tyler

7/10 Arabella

7/13 Alayna

7/30 Melvin

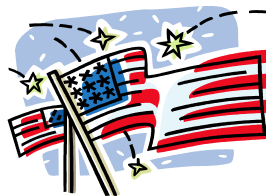
7/31 Lola

7/31 Ms. Nicole



Closings

Child Care will be Closed
July 4th



Happy 4th of July!



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 July

7/4 Independence Day

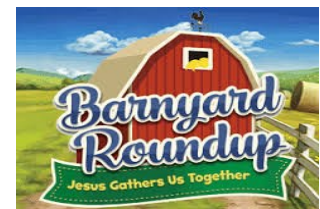
7/18-7/22 VBS

7/23 Hoedown - All ages welcome

7/23 Sleep over 6PM for VBS children 1st grade and up

VBS

July 18-22



Submitted by Wendy Horvath



CLASSIFIEDS

- Lawn Care** Call Todd Armstrong at (941)961-7584 for your lawn care needs.
- Cleaning Services** CK-Clean LLC—Residential cleaning service—Kristine Bowers Baltimore (941) 681-6514
- Car for Sale** 1993 Ford Crown Victoria – Gray 4 Door. Mileage – 98,680. New battery, two new tires. A/C works. \$1400 OBO. Joyce Redding – 585-507-1656.

LOST AND FOUND

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

ELDER & COMMUNION ASSISTANT SCHEDULE

DATE	ELDER	COMMUNION ASSISTANT
July 3rd	Collins Sita	Steve Horvath
July 10th	Mike Nagel	Dennis Replinger
July 17th	Stephen Wurster	Mark Horvath
July 24th	Paul Brown	Bob Varone
July 31st	Collins Sita	Steven Horvath

GREETERS

<i>July 3rd</i>	<i>Sally Zierdt</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 17th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 24th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 31st</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Submitted by
Assimilation



COFFEE HOUR

<i>July 3rd</i>	<i>Lisa Kress</i>
<i>July 10th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 17th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 24th</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>July 31st</i>	<i>TBA</i>

Submitted by Brd. of
Community &
Parish Fellowship



Across

- 1. Hard currency
- 5. Remain
- 9. Fiend
- 13. Not in favor
- 14. Impulse
- 15. Arboreous
- 17. Protective covering
- 18. Repast
- 19. Hostel
- 20. Extemporize
- 22. Unit of length
- 24. Pedal extremities
- 25. Golf accessory
- 26. At another time
- 28. Weep
- 30. Evidence of past injury
- 31. What person?
- 32. Resort spring
- 35. Brash
- 38. Plunder
- 39. Church bench
- 40. Molten rock
- 41. Peg
- 42. Halo
- 43. The night before
- 44. Paste
- 46. Two and a half dozen
- 48. Marsh
- 49. Pinch
- 50. Intuitive awareness
- 51. Litigate
- 52. Toothed wheel
- 53. To the rear
- 56. Notion
- 59. Average
- 61. Type of duck
- 63. Mass meeting
- 65. Type of meat
- 67. Actor's part
- 68. Jack
- 69. Fit
- 70. Metallic element
- 71. Was cognizant
- 72. Vegetable
- 73. Transmit

1	2	3	4		5	6	7	8		9	10	11	12		
13					14					15				16	
17					18					19					
20				21		22			23		24				
25				26	27				28	29					
			30					31				32	33	34	
35	36	37					38					39			
40						41					42				
43				44	45				46	47					
48				49				50							
			51					52					53	54	55
56	57	58			59	60				61	62				
63				64		65			66		67				
68						69					70				
	71					72					73				

Down

- 1. Unit of weight for precious stones
- 2. Positively charged electrode
- 3. Took without consent
- 4. Sound system
- 5. Final aggregate
- 6. Shudder
- 7. Once more
- 8. Shout
- 9. Nocturnal bird
- 10. Disney character
- 11. Traveled by horse
- 12. Boundary
- 16. Up to now
- 21. Endorse
- 23. Reverberate
- 27. Negative vote
- 29. Decay
- 30. Body of water
- 31. Was victorious
- 32. Branch line
- 33. Saucy
- 34. Not present
- 35. Musical notation
- 36. Possess
- 37. Fifty-fifty
- 38. Prevarication
- 41. Young animal
- 42. Be unwell
- 44. Large antelope
- 45. Security interest
- 46. Beverage
- 47. This place
- 50. Gender
- 51. Balm
- 52. Small aquatic bird
- 53. Love
- 54. Criminal
- 55. Fashion
- 56. Irritate
- 57. Clammy
- 58. Panache
- 60. Elliptical
- 62. Part of the eye
- 64. Coniferous tree
- 66. Albanian monetary unit

Solution on Page 20

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
6970 Mineola Rd.
Englewood, FL 34224

ADDRESS SERVICE
REQUESTED - OPTION 1

NON PROFIT ORG.
U.S. POSTAGE PAID
PLACID, FL
PERMIT 774



REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH & SCHOOL
6465 Mayport Street
Englewood, FL 34224

REV. JAMES T. KRESS, SR.

Church Phone: 941-475-2410
Church Fax: 941-475-9726
School/Child Care Phone:
941-475-2631

REDEEMER REPORTER

Published monthly for members, Associate Members and Visitors of Redeemer Lutheran Church a member congregation of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

WORSHIP SERVICES:

Bible Study: 8:00 AM
Divine Service: 9:15 AM
Sunday School: 9:15 AM

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 941-475-2410

The Redeemer Lutheran Church & School 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.*