

## Going Into The New Year

I had planned to write about the wonderful Spirit pervasive here in the Redeemer family – the Spirit that would carry us on into the New Year. But as I write this I am still riding a high I got from our Child Care Christmas Program. If you were there you know what I mean. It wasn't spectacular; it wasn't any grand production; just children reading excerpts of the Christmas Story from the Bible, Christmas Hymns sung by all, and the Child Care "Choir" three times up in the chancel singing. Our age 2 and up through after-care children were angels the way they behaved and came up to their positions and returned to their places (about 1,000 percent better than at rehearsal ;). And they really "belted out" the lyrics so you could hear every word about the love of God for us in Jesus.

Speaking of every word, there were 2nd and 3rd graders who came up to the microphones and read so well that, if you weren't looking at these little people, you'd have thought they were middle schoolers (several middle and high-schoolers did read also) we were all amazed! And the message was clear: We celebrate Jesus' birthday because He is the Son of God come in human flesh to die as the sacrifice for your sins and to rise again so you could be in Heaven with Him, So, come to Him - trust in Him.

Just before the ending, School Board Chairman Michelle Finley introduced our Child Care Director Wendy Horvath and her teachers to a rousing applause of the crowd of more than 200, including families and Redeemer members. The parking lot was full; the pews were jammed to about 2/3rds way back so families could see and photograph their little ones.

Each child received a "Christmas Bag" filled with goodies, and a tree ornament. But the "hit" of the evening was a little plastic cross. One of our dear members had donated them and asked me to present them in these words:

*When I was a little girl I had a cross just like this. This is not an ordinary cross – this cross glows in the dark. When I would get scared at night, or when I was mad at my sister, or worried about something that happened in school, I would look at the cross because I knew that Jesus was there watching over me and protecting me and it comforted me. The cross also helped me to remember to say my nighttime prayers.*

*And do you know what else? I still have my cross and I still look at it every night and it still comforts me!! I hope you, too, will find the same comfort in the cross as I do.*

Well, every child had to go find their special cross! One mother came to me frantic because her little daughter somehow didn't get a cross. I gave her the one I used to show at the reading. Think about the impact of these crosses.



The Redeemer Ladies Guild served a beautiful "Happy Birthday Jesus" cake and Christmas cookies. There was not a crumb left over. Parents and Grandparents, Aunts and Uncles, Cousins and Friends happily crowded the narthex. Many of them came to me and thanked me for our wonderful Child Care – as I know they also came to Michelle, Wendy and the teachers.

There was a joyful Spirit present there last night that was palpable. Only God knows how many hearts and lives will be changed by the daily witness of our Child Care through the Word and the Love through the Work of the Holy Spirit.

We all thank you who stood up for "our mission" when some tried to close it.

Now I was so impressed I haven't left much room for the other wonderful signs of the Spirit at Redeemer. Like the crowd that attends Pastor Schmidt's mid-week Bible Class and fills the hall with laughter. Like the fun and fellowship we have in slave-driver Doris' choir. Like the great time everyone had in November when we were actually doing business at the crowded Town Hall meeting. Like the Jr. Confirmation Class and Youth Group painting the swing-set in bright yellows and reds and fluorescent green. And like the recent "Talent Show" where folks guffawed themselves to tears. And how about the bus-load of happy carolers that sang their hearts out to our shut-ins all over town? And the good attendance at mid-week Advent with the beautiful fellowship at those great dinners? And the new young families attending services? And the truckload of Angel Tree Christmas presents we sent to the Messiah Migrant Mission?

Yes, there are real signs of a wonderful Spirit in our family. That same Spirit will provide a wonderful new Pastor for us soon, too. I am so excited about GOING IN TO THE NEW YEAR together with you here at Redeemer.

Pastor Warren Thomason

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# President's Corner



The President's Corner

I hope that all of you had a wonderful Christmas and our best wishes for a blessed and prosperous new year.

Once again this month Mary and I have just returned from the Voter's meeting. The budget was approved, and the candidates for the open board and committee members were voted on and approved as well. The budget was the unchanged from the Town Hall meeting, and I wish I had the names of the candidates, but due to copier problems I had to leave mine with our great secretary. I hope a list of all the officers is available elsewhere in this newsletter.

I do want to take a second to thank all of our Counsel and Committee members for all the hard work they have done in 2008. It is great to work with such dedicated people.

The budget for the year end should finish up in good shape for both the Child Care and the Church; we have been blessed as a congregation, not only because of our financial comeback but more impressively by the evidence of the Holy Spirit at work in our Church.

The Call process is progressing very well. By time you read this the documents will have been sent to the District, along with the names of 8 or 9 men. Tim B. and I had a telephone interview with 32 of the 36 names that were submitted by several different sources, such as the congregation members, Circuit pastor, District President, and are some cases the Pastor's themselves.

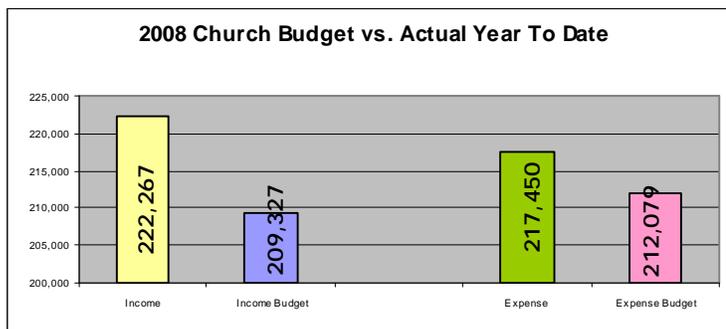
We asked each man the same questions and recorded the responses. A few did not return any of our calls, and a few have accepted Calls. These 8 or 9 men were asked to send us their information that we have requested from the District to speed up the call process. We still have some work ahead of us but we are on our way. God has given us the name of our new Pastor and it is our job to identify which man that is.

*Ron Beaber, President*

# Finance

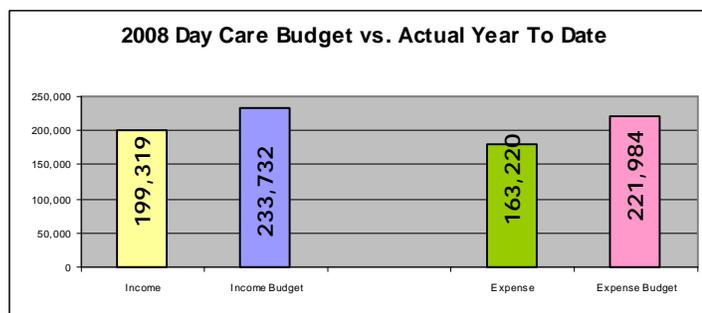
## 2008 Church Budget Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through December 20, 2008

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$222,267	\$209,327	\$217,450	\$212,079



## 2008 Day Care Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through December 20, 2008

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$199,319	\$233,732	\$179,515	\$221,984



- Jan. 4 Helen Plank & Clare Kieselburg
- Jan. 11 Gudrun Janke & Diana Collins
- Jan. 18 Shirley Peterson & Virginia Glotzhofer
- Jan. 25 Bonnie Roussin & Anne Sanders



Submitted by Pam DeGourse

- 10:30
- Jan. 4 Billy Ruccatano
- Jan. 11 Felicity Simpson
- Jan. 18 Matthew Geist
- Jan. 25 Alexandria Murphy



# Decluttering in the New Year!

If you're like me, your closet is bursting at the seams with clothes you haven't worn or can't fit into. Would you like to turn your gently used items into cold hard cash? Who wouldn't!

Our heavenly father has opened a door before me and is leading me down a path I didn't even know I wanted to travel. I am opening a clothing consignment shop here in Englewood and looking for ladies who want to clean out their closets. I'm accepting clothing, purses, hats, shoes jewelry, and small household treasures.

My shop, Cape Haze Consignment, is located at 8282 Wiltshire, the access road at Gasparilla Road (CR 771), just south of the Pig & Whistle. I will be holding an open house for interested consignors on January 8<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 2pm where you can come in to learn about the whole consignment process. Or you can call me direct for more information (941-661-1432).

Please share this news with your friends and family and remember me in your prayers as I travel this new road the Lord has placed before me.

Barbara Duff

## Youth

# Youth News

On Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> during confirmation time the youth went to the Middle School Volleyball game to cheer on fellow confirmand McKenna Heldenbrand.

The Christmas Party at Youth Group was held Dec 18th from 5:30-7:30pm. Maddie Keller's mom offered to organize and run this party.

Jan 10<sup>th</sup> – SAT – Youth Group car wash, bake sale & lemonade stand.

Jan 15<sup>th</sup> – Youth Group Bowling.



# Angel Tree



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for February is Sunday, January 18th by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@gmail.com](mailto:letastender@gmail.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after January 18th will be held for the February newsletter.

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

Leta Stender



# Thank You

Special thanks to all who helped me so much with the Angel Gift Tree! Thank you everyone who donated and wrapped a gift, the youth who shopped for about 20 gifts, wrapped them and then helped load them on Pastor T's truck. Thank you Michelle Finley for coordinating the youth gift project. Thanks to Mary Beaber who managed to get matching funds for all the youth gifts, and to the Ladies Guild for providing several quilts for the Mission. And....a big fat THANK YOU to Pastor Thomason for taking time out of his busy schedule to deliver the gifts to Messiah Lutheran Church in Tampa!!!! (If I have forgotten anybody, please forgive me. You are all so special!)



*Submitted by Marj Sterriker*

# Stephen Ministry



Most people are much more open to giving care than to receiving it. When a person gives care they feel they are in a position of strength and authority. When a person receives care they feel they are acknowledging weakness and insecurity. As a result of these feelings there are many people who could benefit from a Christian friend who would listen and care for them but choose to tough it out on their own. They remain strong and silent and hold back a flood of tears. Society encourages this (particularly in men). To ask for help admits weakness. To show weakness admits inferiority.

God did not create us to be alone and independent. We were created to be interdependent. In Genesis God says "It is not good for the man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him" (Genesis 2:18). The New Testament has 50 verses that contain the words "one another", such as, "love one another", "encourage one another", "build one another up" and "pray for one another." These verses mean that we not only do these to others but we allow others to love, encourage, build up and pray for us. Suffering alone is not God's intent for us. Jesus promises "come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest" (Matthew 11:28). We receive this rest when we turn to one another for help and comfort.

Many of our Stephen Ministers have been on the receiving end of care at an earlier time in their life. They know how to respond in a loving, caring, and nonjudgmental manner. They are equipped, ready, and waiting to provide the comfort and care God desires you to have. Please call Carol Carlos at 941-255-3354 for the loving care you deserve.

"Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another". (John 13:35)

*Submitted by Carol Carlos*



# Human Care



Our biggest project this month was the Angel Gift Tree! We had 115 gift tags and all gifts have been purchased and transported to Messiah Lutheran Church in Tampa by Pastor Thomason. (The Confirmation class helped him load the gifts in his truck). The Youth Group bought about 20 of the gifts and wrapped them as well. Many thanks to Pastor T, the Youth and all of you who bought and wrapped gifts for the mission children. We also sent up several quilts from the Ladies Guild.

The Big Red Bus was here in November. Fifteen people signed up and thirteen were able to donate blood. Thanks to all of you who participated in this life giving activity!!!

The Caring Network is currently providing meals to a needy church family. Thanks to all of you who have been providing meals and/or transportation for this worthy cause. A special thank you to Lessie Kirch who takes care of all the scheduling!! We still need drivers for various projects.

I will be away for two weeks over Christmas. Please notify Lessie Kirch or Pat Wilcoxon if needs arise for members during that time.

Hope you all had a very blessed Christmas and will have a happy and healthy New Year!

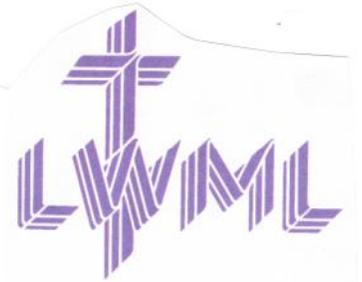
"Howbeit thou are just in all that is brought upon us; for thou hast done right, but we have done wickedly."

You can always count on the Lord doing what is right. Our concern needs to be if we have a heart to do right.

*Submitted by Marj Sterriker*

## Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women in Mission

Lutheran Women In Mission are seeking coins totaling \$10,000 in support of the Concordia Food Co-Op, Ft. Wayne, IN. This is one of the ways that the seminary seeks to alleviate this financial burden by providing students access to a Food Co-op. Food and household needs are supplied each month at no cost to the students, relying upon donations from individuals, congregations and organizations. All Redeemer members can drop coins and bills into the large MITE BOX on Sunday, January. 4. Your help makes YOU a Missionary!!



Women -- bring your Mite Box and a friend to our Jan. 7 meeting.

REDEEMER members join the TEAM (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) We at Redeemer will gather much needed items for our mission outreach to the Child Care. Everyone can be a TEAM Player by bringing non-scented Baby Wipes, Pump Foam Soap (dispensers & refills at Target or Wal-Mart) paper towels and Kleenex. Join the TEAM NOW --- the basket is in the Narthex near the front door.

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Thank you for your prayers, cards, and support during my recent illness and complete recovery. I'm blessed to have so many friends. You all are very dear to me.

Ron and I send our heartfelt appreciation for your support.

Yours in Christ,

Ellie Ratzlaff



# New Members



***Spencer Heldenbrand***  
***8254 Agate Street***  
***Port Charlotte, FL 33981***  
***(941) 698-1155***

Spencer comes to us from Colorado and is a Junior at Lemon Bay High School. He is interested in coaching the youth basketball teams and helps out at the "YMCA". He also enjoys following football activities and working with the youth when possible. Spencer loves to go "Mudling" in his Jeep in the swampy areas of Florida!



***Fred Toth***  
***244 Cougar Way***  
***Rotonda West, FL 33947***  
***(941) 697-1670***

Fred was born and raised in South Bend, Indiana where he was employed at Curtis Products in the quality control division of the steel tubing and hydraulic projects. Fred enjoys working outside at his home in the nice Florida weather! He is pleased with the friendly atmosphere of Redeemer and is now a full member along with his wife Clara Jo.



***Ed Sheahan***  
***9146 Pinehaven Way***  
***Englewood, FL 34224***  
***(941) 875-6312***

Ed and his wife Carol (RLC member) are from Maywood, IL. When Ed retired in 1995 from the Chicago & Northwestern railroad, they moved to the Florida Keys where Ed became involved in the management of Key Colony Beach City as city treasurer, vice mayor and mayor.

Ed and Carol are interested in landscaping their yard to hopefully attract butterflies and other wildlife. They enjoy fishing, bird watching, biking on Florida trails and are about to become kayakers. Ed enjoys the family atmosphere at Redeemer and the many relationships he and Carol have been blessed with.

*Submitted by Avis Stuck*

# Ladies Guild



By the time everyone reads this Christmas will be over and it will be time to start a New Year----a time to start fresh and make resolutions.

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is Wed. Jan 7th with dessert and coffee at 12:30 followed by the business meeting at 1:00. We will have a guest speaker from Hope Seed. This is a Christian organization who plants seeds, sustains agriculture, partnering with missionaries, and national self help groups in many developing nations. Come join us to learn more about this wonderful organization.

The Guild's Style Show and Luncheon is Fri, Jan. 23rd at noon. The fashions will be provided by Beall's. Tickets are \$12.00. Starting Jan. 4th you can start purchasing tickets in the Narthex.

A fax machine was purchased for the child care. The proceeds from the Feb. Bakeless Bake Sale was designated for child care and will cover the cost.

Angel Scholarship Fund has been established. It helps children of families hit by tough financial times to remain with our child care on partial scholarships. You can place your donations in the offering plate or mail to the church office and mark them Angel Scholarship Fund.

The Ladies quilting group will resume on Jan. 12th at 9:00 AM.

A tentative date for the LWML Fall Zone Rally which Redeemer will host was set for Nov. 7, 2009. Vicky Davis will chair this event. Plans will be made in the next few months requiring help from many members of the Guild.

God's Blessings and have a safe and Happy New Year.

*Submitted by Linda Rogers Vice-President*

## Ladies Guild Style Show and Luncheon

The annual style show and luncheon will be Friday, January 23 at noon. Fashions are from Bealls. Chicken salad and all the fixings will be served. The donation is \$12.00 . Tickets will be available starting Sunday, January 4. Ellie Ratzlaff will have them in the Narthex on Sundays. Church Secretary, Pat Wilcoxon will also have them in the church office. The proceeds are for our annual Love Gifts and church mission projects. Please invite your friends and fill a table.

Thank You.

*Ruth Speer and Sybil Grahl, Chairmen*

# Scrip

January orders for Scrip will be taken Wednesday, January 7 at the Ladies Guild meeting and Sunday January 11 in the church narthex and returned Sunday , January 18. Thank you to everyone who placed orders in November and December .

*Sybil Grahl  
Ladies Guild Secretary*

# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

Beautician/Manicurist

Debbie Balogh

Purple Palace

941-475-0731

Pressure Cleaning - Matt & Michelle Finley - Hoover Pressure Cleaning - 697-6886

Tell us you saw us in the Redeemer Newsletter & get a 10% discount.

Licensed & Insured - [www.hooverpressure.com](http://www.hooverpressure.com)

6" Seamless Gutters-Jim W. Gossett, Residential Const, Licensed & Insured Home: (941) 698-9940; Cell: (941) 445-2074

J & J Lawn Service—Quality service at an affordable price. Mowing, weed-eating, blowing, edging, and palm tree trimming. Call John at (941) 456-1163 for a free estimate.

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Grandma's Domestic Service — Pet Sitting, Errands & Dr. Visits, Help with Elderly & Invalids, Cleaning & Cooking, House & Yard Work — Call Carol (941) 474-4926

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

## For Sale

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

Thank you to all of you who have so generously helped me with your time and talents. Please continue to pray that Pastor will continue to recover, and that our house and truck will sell soon. Thank you. For those of you who have inquired as to how you can help me out, I will be having another garage sale on Saturday, January 17. I could use some help as the children will be back to school and work and there is a lot of stuff for me to sell. I will gladly feed you breakfast and lunch. If you are willing and able to help, please call me at 697-0502. May God bless you with His peace and joy in this New Year!

Sincerely, Michelle Ferrier



Heartfelt Thanks

# Dance With the Star

Be sure to save Wednesday, February 11th for the party of the year! It will be the "Dance with the Star" evening! The "Star" will be none other than our favorite, Pastor Thomason. Girls! — for a measly one dollar, our Star will dance with you.

There will be a band, wonderful hors d'oeuvres, beer, wine, and soft drinks! A free will offering will be taken to cover costs.

And to add to the excitement! The famous Stonettes will offer a song and dance toast to our star!

Men—what's in it for you? Just be grateful that you aren't the one having to dance with all the gals!

We want to thank Pastor T for all he's done for us in a fun and loving way! So be alert! You'll be getting nagged to sign up soon!

Submitted by Doris Dykhuizen

## INNOCENCE IS PRICELESS

**One Sunday morning, the pastor noticed little Randy standing in the foyer of the church staring up at a large plaque. It was covered with names and small American flags mounted on either side of it.**

**The six-year old had been staring at the plaque for some time, so the pastor walked up, stood beside the little boy, and said quietly, 'Good morning Randy.'**



**'Good morning Pastor,' he replied, still focused on the plaque. 'Pastor, what is this?'**

**The pastor said, 'Well son, it's a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the service.'**

**Soberly, they just stood together, staring at the large plaque.**

**Finally, little Randy's voice, barely audible and trembling with fear asked,**

**'Which service, the 8:00 or the 10:30?'**

# From The Office



## DIRECTORY

If you have not received your new church directory please pick up one in the Narthex or ask one of the Assimilation members at the desk. I encourage you to please look at your address(s) and phone number(s). If it needs to be corrected, please do not wait contact the secretary at 941-475-2410.

## ADDRESS CHANGES

Bob Buie

Address:

1651 Beach Rd #405  
Englewood, FL. 34223

Telephone:

941-460-9152

John and Audrey Thurow

Address:

6608 New Hampshire Trail  
Crystal Lake, IL. 60012

Telephone:

815-477-4599

## TELEPHONE CHANGES

Dieter and Heather Euler

Telephone:

863-494-1124

## DECEASED

Geraldine Bradberry Nov. 25, 2008

Changes are thru DEC. 21, 2008.

*Thank you,  
Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*

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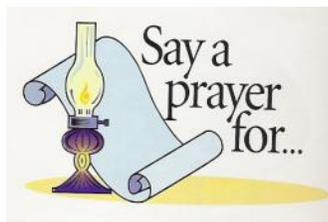
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PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR JONTI LUTE AND FAMILY WHOSE MOTHER GERALDINE BRADBERRY WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME ON NOVEMBER 25TH.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR CHARLES KELLER AND FAMILY WHOSE BROTHER ROBERT KELLER WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME ON NOVEMBER 24TH

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR EDWIN VIERK AND FAMILY WHOSE SISTER MILDRED MEYER WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME..



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



Military Personnel

Daniel Anderson  
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# January 2009 Newsletter

Enrollment is 54 Children

## Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School



### Bible lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at 3:30

Jesus is Baptized

Matthew 3:13-17

Jesus chooses 12 Disciples

Matthew 4:18-22

Jesus blesses the Children

Mark 10:13-16

Jesus teaches about birds and flowers

Luke 12:22-32

### Special Thanks

Thank you to all who attended and helped out with the Christmas program. We had a large turn out and the Children were **AWSOME!** I am very proud of all the Children and staff.

### Birthdays

Ms. Lisa 1/6

Chance 1/17

Joslyn 1/17

Dillon 1/19

Alexander 1/21

Samantha 1/28



### Special events

The threes and VPK went to the Fire Station for a pancake breakfast and a visit with Santa Claus.

Our Christmas Lunch was on December 23 and the Children had lots of good food to eat and Parents enjoyed spending the afternoon with their Children.

### Closings

January 1

### Items Needed

Trash bags, Baby wipes, Hand soap, Paper towels, Holiday craft supplies, Construction paper, snacks (crackers, gummy bears etc.) Cotton balls and Paper plates.

Thank you to all who donated supplies last month. Please keep them coming.

If you would like to come in and volunteer to read or do a food or craft project please contact Wendy at the Child Care.

*Submitted by Wendy Horvath*

# WWJD key chain



This craft is a reminder of Jesus' perfect example for us. When we ask "What Would Jesus Do?" we can build our character to be more like his.

**What you need:**

- 16 inches of bead and jewelry cord (about 1 mm thick)
- 32 mm split ring (key ring)
- 4 wooden beads (about 1 cm or 3/8")
- 5 jewelry beads (plastic or wooden, about 1/2 cm or 1/2")
- black permanent marker

**What you do:**

1. Fold your jewelry cord in half.
2. Put the loop of the jewelry cord through the split ring.
3. Put the ends of the cord through the loop to make a knot.
4. Thread the two ends through one of your small beads.
5. Then thread the rest of the beads (alternating between small and large, ending with a small bead).
6. Tie two or three knots at the end to hold the beads in place.
7. With a permanent marker, write a letter (W, W, J and D) on each of the four wooden beads. On the opposite side of each bead, write the same letter.



## CHARACTER THAT PLEASES

The New Year is a time for renewed commitments and changes in our behavior. Complete the puzzle below to see whose example is worthy of imitating or copying.

Match the blocks of spaces and letters to finish the NIV Bible verse.

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		O	W	F	L	L	I	
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Answer: Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ. 1 Cor. 11:1

