

Redeemer—A Loving Family

Peggy and I are so moved by the love that you all have expressed to us since I came May 1st. to serve you as Interim Pastor! We are so very sorry that Pastor Ferrier has to suffer such a disabling illness. We are praying for him and Michelle and their entire family that God would heal him and return him to service. We can't thank Pastor Earl Schmidt enough for being such an exceptionally loving shepherd during these past months. The celebration you planned for him and Lanette after services on May 11th was a wonderful outpouring of Redeemer family's love and appreciation. We will surely miss them. And our thanks must also go to Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary, who in large part has held us all together with her loving ways - and she continues to do so.

As of this writing on the eve of Holy Trinity Sunday, I have attended several meetings of the congregation, namely the School Board, the Board of Elders, the Outreach Board, and the Church Council. I am sincerely impressed with Redeemer's leaders - with their talent, their commitment to their task, their spirit of cooperation, their love for God's Word and His people in this place, and with their willingness to meet obstacles fearlessly by trusting in God to lead us through to the place He has planned. One excellent example is the progress that has been made in the finances of our Child Care Ministry. Not only is this Mission of Redeemer bringing the love of Christ Jesus to the children, who then carry that love to their families, but it is doing this wonderful work and making a profit! Yes, the Child Care has turned around financially and has operated in the black through the whole first third of the year! And this without tapping in at all to the generous gift that in itself stimulated a new level of confidence in the support of the congregation! No one person can take credit - it involved so many - but Brandy Bilhardt and her staff have done a lot of work. I am so pleased that you all gave them some recognition recently.

Speaking of our Child Care children, Pastor Schmidt has maintained chapel services at 3:30 every Monday in the sanctuary and I am continuing this with great joy. All of you are always welcome. We are teaching these little ones (from age 3 to 5) to sing a little hymn. June 9th they will be joined by the older children of the "Summer Camp." (see the signs on Rt. 776) We would like for this "choir" to sing at a worship service in June. Please pray that mothers and fathers, aunts and uncles, grandmas and grandpas and others come to hear them - and that they hear God's Words of love in Christ Jesus that are always sung and read and preached here. This is the way the Lutheran Church has always added new

believers - this is our mission! By the way, did you know that the LCMS is the largest Protestant school system in the nation? And we're proud to be a part of it!

Sunday school teaching takes a lot of dedication and work, too! And Summer Sunday School teachers deserve our special thanks because they miss part of the service due to the time schedule. Youth group leaders have the unique job of keeping our teenagers together during the summer until their Sunday School starts again in the fall. So they are planning some fun things like the beach party on June 8th.

There are some other good things coming up this June that will help our Redeemer family become even closer and more friendly. President Ron Beaber is organizing in-home small group social get-togethers that sound like a really fun way to get to know each other better. I will be making Pastoral visits to all the Redeemer families, especially the folks that are new to Redeemer in recent years. I love to chat with you and to bring the service of "Blessing of a Home" to your home. Picnics and parties are also in the works! We are people who have been saved from sin, death, and the devil! Every worship service is a rejoicing and we love to celebrate being "alive in Christ" and just being together.

Speaking of a loving family, our Bereavement committee performed a miracle at Katie Rudolph's memorial service luncheon. We expected 50 people, but there were 150! Our gals fed them all - it was beautiful! Our Stephen Ministers are quietly doing their work of being concerned listeners and trusted friends to many in our family who are hurting. Our Caring Network are never noticed except by the ones who need company, or need someone to sit with a loved one so they can get some respite. I see our organists practicing for hours to make our services special. I see our grounds people taking out the garbage for us. I see our volunteer families cleaning the sanctuary, and changing the paraments, and preparing the altar. I see people counting the offering, keeping the books, ushering, etc., - the list goes on. All of these acts and more are because we love one another.

Our Lord Jesus Christ said, "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you so you must love one another. By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another" (John 13:34-35). What a privilege it is to be a part of such a loving family here - together with you at Redeemer.

Pastor Warren Thomason

REDEEMER LUTHERAN
CHURCH

Pastor	Rev. Kenneth Ferrier
Winter Pastor	Rev. Earl Schmidt
Ofc. Secretary	Pat Wilcoxon
Organist	Nancy Gunterman Lanette Schmidt
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President	Ron Beaber
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Treasurer	Leta Stender
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Youth	Jim Wright
CLUBS/GUILDS	
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Men's Group	Bob Mortenson
Red Hat Society	Sandra Distasio
Christian Support Group	

Changing for the Better



The President's Corner

A Great Big Welcome to Pastor Thomason as he hits the ground running, taking on the responsibility as our Pastor with a caring attitude and the energy level of a teenager. Let's all support him as he mends fences, gives us pastoral care, and helps us to move forward.

By the time this gets to you, you will have noticed some positive changes. Each Sunday we are welcoming back more and more old friends. The Elders have begun to assist in worship services by assisting with the readings. There is a children's message each Sunday and we are planning several Sundays that the children will participate in the service. Isn't it wonderful the see the smiling faces of the young people? The new sound boards have been ordered and may be installed by this time. There continues to be a positive feeling at the church from the board meetings, to Sunday morning service.

The budget remains in good shape as we enter the long hot summer with a \$25,000 plus balance to the positive as the Council continues to limit spending, and we use a portion of our dedicated funds for unexpected expenses (sound boards for example came out of the General Memorial Fund). I am confident we will remain in good shape as we continue to be prudent stewards.

The Child Care also continues on a positive note as we gear up for the summer program. Thanks to Tim Byrne we have a new bus driver for field trips this summer. The bus driver will also be available to pick up children for Sunday school, and will be on the job for after school pickups for Child Care and Confirmation class members. The new entrance system has been ordered and will be installed as soon as we can get it in place. This will allow parents and staff to enter a number on the keypad to gain entrance, and visitors will be able to contact staff for access. The shed permit has been obtained and the shed is being built, and will be installed as soon as it is ready. The Child Care budget remains in the Black, thanks to the generous gifts from all of you and the help of the fund raisers. I owe a big "Thank You" to Michelle Finley for all her help.

I continue to talk to Pastor Ferrier at least once a week. He is very upbeat and I think he is making progress. We have had a set back as far as his Concordia plan disability is concerned, some of the paperwork from his doctor's has been lost and his benefits have been temporarily suspended until this can be cleared up. We the Church will continue to support him to get him over this latest hurdle. Please remember Pastor, and his family in your prayers.

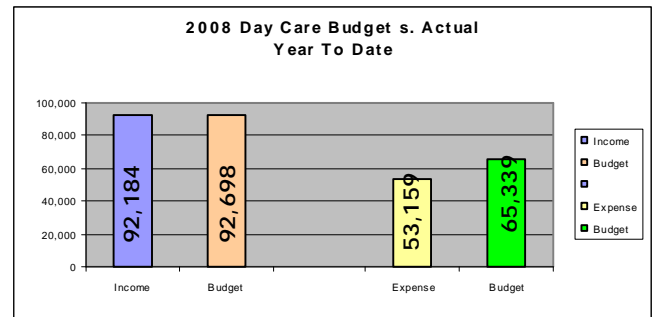
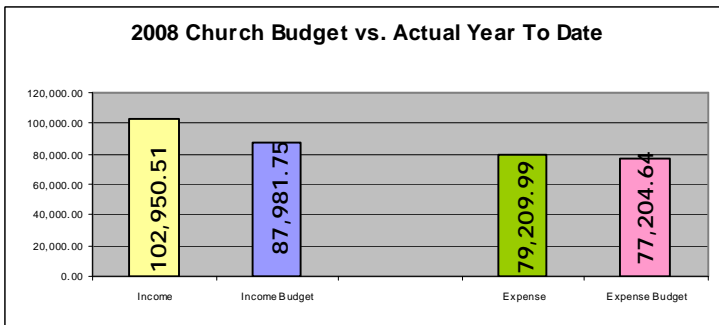
Your Elders are working on a new contact list, so expect a call from our assigned Elder in the near future. As I mentioned earlier, the elders will be assisting with the readings, and Pastor Thomason has started a short Elders Training session at the Elders meetings. I personally find this very rewarding.

The Elders and the Council are considering some new things to bring us together as a Congregation. The new small groups will start the beginning of June, so if you haven't signed up yet call Pat at the church office, or call me at the number below. This will not be anything formal, just a chance to get to know each other better and come together as a Church. The first phase will meet once a month either in one of the small group members homes or in the fellowship hall. Each month the groups will have a "suggested discussion list" but this is just a starting point. The goal of the small groups is to bring our congregation closer together. Of course you are welcome to attend the Council meetings and give your input, or feel free to contact a Council member or you're Elders at any time. We are all in this together so let your opinions be known. Please don't hesitate to call on your Elders or myself (941-238-7925) with any questions or concerns.

Ron Beaber, President

Finance

	<u>2008 Income</u>	<u>2008 Expense</u>	<u>2008 Expense Budget</u>
Church			
January	26,354	21,397	17,469
February	28,934	29,127	23,519
March	30,823	17,220	18,497
April	16,839	11,446	17,719
Year To Date	102,950	79,210	77,205
Day Care			
January	45,015 (Includes \$27,600 Gift)	9,774	15,225
February	16,823	18,571	16,270
March	14,468	15,623	16,275
April	15,879	9,191	17,569
Year to Date	92,184	53,159	65,339



Service Directory/Classified Ads

Services

Beautician/Manicurist Debbie Balogh Purple Palace 941-475-0731

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

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For Sale

Fostoria American Dishes (large lot). The Youth are selling this online at eBay. However, if you are a collector or know someone who is and would like to buy it directly from them, please call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502.

Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for July/August (combined months) is Sunday, June 22nd by 12 noon.



If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to letastender@ewol.com or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after June 22nd will be held for the September newsletter.

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

Leta Stender

USHERS
THIS MONTH

- June 1 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel
Steve & Lee Procuk
- June 8 Lee Vandercook & Olga Nagel
Steve & Lee Procuk
- June 15 Shirley Zatkalik
Tim Byrne
Pat Wilcoxon
Pam DeGourse
- June 22 Shirley Zatkalik
Tim Byrne
Pat Wilcoxon
Pam DeGourse
- June 29 Youth

Submitted by Ray Stender



- June 1 Helen Sturzenbecker & Inge Tringali
- June 8 DeGourse Family
- June 15 George Callahan
Ione Comstock
- June 22 Sharon Grcevic
- June 29 Youth Group

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

GREETERS  **SCHEDULE**

- June 1 Assimilation Board
- June 8 Assimilation Board
- June 15 Assimilation Board
- June 22 Assimilation Board
- June 29 Youth Group

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

In My Savior's Healing Hand

Among the oncologists treating my bone marrow cancer, I am considered a relic, an artifact, something suitable for a museum. Because in May 2007, I celebrated 15 years of God-given life, they fight over me to claim credit for my longevity. But the real truth is that my Lord has been good to me, just as He was good to King Hezekiah (see Isaiah 38).

In May 1992, I was given 18-24 months to live. Hearing this, I put myself entirely in my Savior's hands and turned to Him for comfort and healing. It could not have been a wiser choice, as I explained on this page in March 1999.

Once I got my second wind from all the cancer therapies, I felt as though my Savior had plans for me—especially witnessing opportunities, it seemed. So my constant prayer to the Holy Spirit was that He'd give me the right words at the right time and to be alert when He provided opportunities.

Recently in an oncology waiting room, I noticed a young man sitting by himself. He appeared quite ill. Although the room was crowded, no one chose to sit next to him, so I did. His name was Jim, and he wanted to talk, even though it was difficult for him. His wife was with the oncologist, getting his meds for their trip home to visit his family one final time. (It was also where he wanted to be buried.) Jim was at peace because he knew he'd be with his Savior. I put my hand on his thin arm and said, "Jim, I'm going to pray for travel mercies for you and your wife, and that our Lord will bless and keep you in His arms forever." His eyes lit up, he reached for my hand, and he said, "And I'll pray for you, too, Shay." It was the best and only gift he could give me, and he knew it.

In 2002, Roland, my husband, and I began a Christian cancer support group at Redeemer Lutheran Church in Englewood, Fla. At times, we had only one attendee. Sometimes our group comprised as many as 10 or 12. At each meeting, there would be a devotion, discussion, prayers, and opportunities for each person to learn from others. To Roland and me, it was the ultimate opportunity for witnessing for our Lord. Truly, the group gave us more than we could ever give back. We know there are many support groups out there, but often our healing Savior is not a topic for discussion.

Sadly, two years ago my cancer returned with a vengeance. Because of this, Roland and I moved to Ocala, Fla., to be

near our daughter and son-in-law. We have become members of St. John in Ocala and have been welcomed into our new church home. During a recent Sunday worship, we sang verses 3 and 4 from Hymn 856, "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve," in the Lutheran Service Book. The lyrics brought tears to my eyes, not only because they're so beautiful, but also because they remind me of the assurance we have in our Savior—and the assurance that in sickness or in health, we can witness daily to our faith and to the blessing of eternal life we have all received.

O Christ, who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as bread of life for all
Your love compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where love is crucified

O Christ, who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach,
Proclaim
The nearer reign of God:
Send us on ways where faith
Transcends timidity,
Where love informs and
Hope sustains
Both life and ministry

Shay Southwick Thurow is a member of St. John Lutheran Church, Ocala, Fla. She is the author of the Lifeline feature "They Will Be Done" in the March 1999 issue of *The Lutheran Witness*.

Photo of Dr. and Mrs. Roland (Shay) Thurow courtesy Leigh Ann Richardson

Reprint from "Lifeline", April 2008



Congratulations Courtney Thatcher

Confirmed Sunday, May 4, 2008



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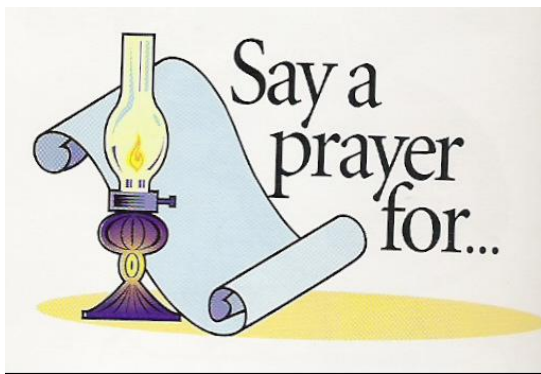
Members

Joe Carlos
 Pastor Ferrier
 Mark Horvath
 Bob & Joan Johnson
 Charles Keller
 Cliff Larsen
 Tom McGrath
 Ellie Ratzlaff
 Ben Streffling
 Inge Tringali
 Lee Vandercook

Friends & Relatives

Phil Alcantara
 Ella Boegeman
 Jim Cleary
 Dorothy Doenges
 Bruce Ferrier
 Connie Gunterman
 Debbie Harrison
 Sandy Hubbard
 Joyce Kimple
 Estella Lewis

Marie Liebl
 Ian McDowel
 Donna Muncy
 Natalie Notto
 Mary Elizabeth Raines
 Sherrie Rhoades
 Kathie Riggs
 Polly Tice
 Dr. John Paul Vidolin
 Cameron Wasiluk
 Virgil Weldy



PRAYERS OF COMFORT for Henry Rudolph whose wife Katie was called to her eternal home.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



Herb Bohm
 Gloria Carlson
 Ruth Jansch
 Ruth Sutley

Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women In Mission

MITES for MISSIONS

Our Mites affect people all over the world including Muslim Outreach & Education in Bangladesh. This \$75,000 grant will help construct a permanent school building in Bangladesh which will open the door for equality in education and for sharing the Gospel with Christian converts and their families. The facility will education 500-700 students per year from the primary grades through high school. The large MITE BOX will be in the Narthex the first Sunday of every month through October. Thanks for your well-filled MITE boxes of coins, paper money or checks payable to LWML Missions.



Our monthly gatherings resume on Wednesday, October 1 at 12:30 as we enjoy dessert and coffee. Devotions and business meeting begin at 1 pm. Carol Sheahan, our newly elected president, will serve with Linda Rogers, newly elected vice-president, Sybil Grahl, secretary; Margie Cypher, treasurer; and Vicky Davis, LWML Rep. May we be blessed by Carol and Linda's leadership as they are a blessing to us! Fellowship and inspiration are included in our monthly gatherings as we plan for the fall bazaar, Christmas party, winter style show, Lenten dinners and spring luncheon. We continue to save Mites for Missions, give college scholarships, support Englewood's Helping Hands, Orphan Grain Train, Migrant Mission and many more. Weekly Bible Studies are under the leadership of Helen Sturzenbecker. ALL women are invited to join us for fellowship and fun as we "Serve Our Lord with Gladness." COME — you will meet a new friend. God be with you till we meet again in October.

THANK YOU — to all T-E-A-M players (Together Everyone Accomplishes More) who generously donated supplies for Redeemer's Child Care. Way to go TEAM!! These small consumable items saved dollars in the Child Care budget. Their inventory will be assessed next season and donations may be taken again. May God BLESS each of you as YOU are a Blessing to the Child Care!

Submitted by Vicky Davis

COMFORTS OF LOVE

The Monday morning quilting women completed 35 Comforts of Love of various sizes between January 7 and March 24. Concordia Seminary, Ft. Wayne, will receive 20 quilts personally delivered by Willa Boxstahler and her husband as they are enroute to Michigan. Nine are being saved for sale at the Fall Craft Bazaar. Any that are not sold plus five more will be sent either to the Orphan Grain Train or the Migrant Mission. Thanks to all who helped or donated materials. We hope that more of you will join us next season.

Submitted by Georgia Lang

Child Care Teacher Recognition



Bible Class

Redeemer Lutheran Church Members:

Thank you for providing the Tuesday A.M. Bible Class, taught by Rev. Earl Schmidt. He is a dynamic, very knowledgeable teacher of the scripture, with a bit of humor sprinkled in. We saw this class advertised in the Herald-Tribune and it fit our schedule. Please accept this donation and use wherever there is a need. We have been fully enriched by this class by learning more about the scriptures and also by making quite a few new friends, which happened on the very first day of class.

Thanks again and have a safe, great, and blessed summer.

God Bless!

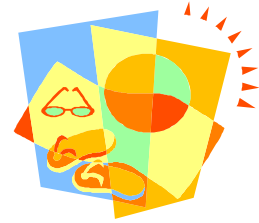
Love,
Don & Louise Blinn



Happy Mother's Day to Gloria (Sis) Carlsen, our oldest mother in our congregation!!

*June 2008
Newsletter*

*Redeemer Lutheran
Child Care &
After-School*



Recipe/ Snack Idea

Mini Cracker
Sandwiches

Pink Flamingo

You will need:

- 1 Frozen banana
- ½ cup of fresh strawberries
- ¾ cup pineapple juice

Combine the fruit and juice in a blender or food processor. Blend until smooth.

Serves one.

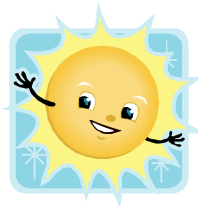


Birthdays

- Makayla 8th
- Makaya 23rd
- Nathan S. 30th

Summer Camp

Summer camp will begin June 9th. Please make sure that you have filled out a new application and have paid your activity fee. We are very excited to introduce a Summer Camp filled with an assortment of activities, weekly themes, field trips, cooking projects, and summer long chapel!



VPK

Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten will begin August 18th. Please make sure to schedule an appointment with the Coalition (255-1602) and see Brandy to register.

Fundraisers

Hop-A-Thon: \$333.60

Events

Beginning in June the church and child care are very excited to see our children sing once a month at church. Please be sure not to miss their performance!

How You Can Help!

If you have an older computer not being used, or are thinking of upgrading to current ones, please consider giving your used computer to the child care. They do not need a lot of memory or fancy gadgets, just the basics, ready to use.

Submitted by Brandy Bilhardt

Help! Help! Help!



Volunteers are needed in July for Helping Hand Food Pantry. Redeemer is scheduled for Monday, July 21—Thursday, July 31, from 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m.

If you can help, please call (941) 475-3060

Submitted by Helen Sturzenbecker

April 30, 2008

Rev. Kenneth Ferrier
 Redeemer Lutheran Church LCMS and Childcare
 6970 Mineola Rd.
 Englewood, FL 34224

Dear Rev. Ferrier and Congregants,

The **CROP Walk** Committee along with Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. staff and Board of Directors **THANK YOU** for your participation in Englewood's 20th Annual CROP Walk. Through the dedication and generosity of your recruiters (KC Wright and Christin Wacker), 14 walkers and many sponsors; Redeemer Lutheran Church raised \$1,005.

Our stated goal for this year's **CROP Walk** was to raise \$20,000. It is a joy to report that as an entire community of churches and caring organizations, we surpassed our goal. 177 walkers raised \$20,017.50. Twenty-five percent, or \$5004, will stay in the Englewood area to assist our clients at Englewood Helping Hand, Inc. The other funds will be used by Church World Service and many designated organizations to fight hunger and respond to disasters nationally and globally.

THANK YOU again for supporting Englewood's 20th Annual CROP Walk!

Gratefully,

Carol Rice, Chair

Building & Grounds

Thank you Pam DeGourse, Sexton and all the volunteers for keeping the Memorial Garden looking so beautiful!!

A big thanks to Jim and Debra Heichelbeck for their hard work and loving care of all our beautiful plants.

Ray Janssen, Property Manager

Message from Pastor Earl & Lanette Schmidt

On Sunday, May 11 the members of Redeemer honored us with cake, flowers, kind words and a door offering totaling \$1,127.00.

Indeed, this is a most generous amount and we "Thank You" for all the ways you have been so kind to us.

Our continual prayer is for Pastor Ferrier's recovery and also the Lord's blessing upon Pastor Thomason as he serves Redeemer as interim pastor.

As Christians, we know any work accomplished in His church results from the power of the Holy Spirit blessing the efforts of pastor and people as they work together. Redeemer has been blessed with so many who are willing to serve the Lord with their time, talents and treasures. All of us are servants of the Lord. Whatever we do, we do it "all for the glory of God."

May the Lord of the Church continually be with us, among us and in us.



From The Office

INTERIM PASTOR

Pastor Warren Thomason **Address:** **300 Mark Twain Lane**
Rotonda West, FL 33947
(941) 697-8368
(941) 350-5675—Cell

NEW MEMBERS

Martin and Diane McGrath **Address:** **506 Fleetwood St.**
North Port, FL. 34287
(941) 429-5366

ADDRESS CHANGES

John and Christin Wacker **Address:** **15408 Melpport Cir**
Port Charlotte, FL. 33981

Ray & Leta Stender **Address:** **2001 Gasparilla Road, Unit D22**
Placida, FL 33946

TELEPHONE CHANGES

Carol Sheahan **Telephone:** **(941) 875-6616**

MOVED BACK North

Betty Rowe **Address:** **44 Sycamore Drive Apt. 133**
Elizabethtown, PA. 17022

REMOVED FROM MEMBERSHIP by Transfer

Helen Wagner
Shirley Byrne
Shawn Richard
Stephanie Richard
Brandon Richard

DECEASED

Katie Rudolph **May 8, 2008**



Changes are thru May 15, 2008.

Thank you,
Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary

Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women's Missionary League

The Florida/Georgia District Convention will be in Orlando, September 26 - 28, 2008 at the Marriott Hotel. This is a 60 year Commemorative Celebration. The cost of the rooms is \$109 per night for up to 4 people.



To take advantage of this special rate, reservations must be made prior to August 22. Registration is \$135 per person which includes some meals. There is \$500 in the Ladies' Guild budget for this event. If you would like to represent Redeemer or are interested in more information please contact Carol Sheahan at 941-875-6616.

Submitted by Carol Sheahan, Pres. Ladies Guild

Outreach

"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you." Matthew 28:19



Acts 1:8

Jesus is quoted as saying, "But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and Samaria, and to the ends of the Earth."

Acts 8:1

"...And on that day [the stoning of Stephen] a great persecution broke out against the church at Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria."

And the church grew. And keeps on growing in the same manner. The Holy Spirit comes on us at our baptism; He gives us the power to be witnesses to the ends of the earth—even in Englewood and Charlotte County, FL. Knowing we have that power makes it easier. So, LET US TELL EVERYONE WHAT JESUS HAS DONE FOR US!

Child Care Publicity

The Outreach Board placed a 4" X 6" ad in the Englewood Review announcing our summer camp program, we put free announcements in all the local papers, we provided over 1600 advertising flyers to the local elementary schools regarding summer camp as well as our other programs, we placed large banners on SR776 at Mayport and at the corner of SR776 and Pine/Placida, and flyers were placed around town at local businesses. Hopefully this will generate a full enrollment for summer camp, with many of the children carrying over into the school year.

Signage

Watch for signs around Englewood announcing our church and child care as we resume putting out signs on week-ends. Also, more magnetic signs have been ordered for you to place on your cars. They will be available in the Narthex (\$5.00).

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Outreach



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M I N I S T R I E S

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New Business Cards

Redeemer business cards are being printed up and will be available in the Narthex for you to take to pass out to people as you are talking to them about your faith and your church. The card will have our name, address, phone numbers and other pertinent information, with a map of how to find us on the reverse side. Keep them handy in your wallet or purse and look for opportunities to pass them out (they can be like invitations). Pray for opportunities, God will provide them.

Beach BBQ

We are planning a social event for June at Englewood Beach. Redeemer will provide the hot dogs, members will bring dishes to pass. We will have singing, games, etc. This activity is tentatively planned for Sunday, June 22, from 4:00 to 7:30 p.m. or dusk. Watch the Bulletin for more information. This is a good time to invite friends and neighbors to a fun Christian activity. And hopefully the aroma of hot dogs on the BBQ and the joyous singing will draw strangers from the beach.

4th of July Potluck

Redeemer is hoping to have another 4th of July get-together this year. Mark your calendars. Sign up sheets will be in the Narthex. Again, this is another wonderful opportunity to invite your un-churched friends and neighbors to join us in warm Christian fellowship. Look for more information in the Bulletin in the weeks ahead.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

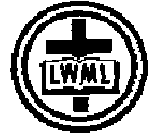
Information Corner



1. Yes, we ARE working on the sound system. Pastor Thomason was able to use the new mic this past Sunday and many remarked how nice it was to have a clear sound. The sound board has been ordered and should be in place in the near future.
2. Please note that there are large print bulletins available each Sunday. Should you desire one, the usher will be happy to give you one.
3. A new church directory is in the works. If you have any address or phone number changes, please advise the church secretary within the next two weeks.

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon,
Church Secretary

Ladies Guild



The Ladies Guild meets on the First Wednesday of the month, beginning in October and ending with a salad luncheon in April. During these months the members work to carry on a mission for Redeemer Church. All the women of Redeemer are considered members of the Guild, and welcome to attend the meetings and/or serve on the various committees.

At the meetings and the first Sunday of each month, the Ladies Guild as members of the LWML ask the members to deposit their mites in the "Large Mite Box". Small boxes are available to the members of the Guild and congregation, to deposit their pennies for daily blessings. This past season \$487.78 was collected and sent to LWML.

For the Bakeless Bake Sale held in February - \$337.00 was contributed. The money is donated to the church office for supplies used to duplicate the Sunday and special Services for our home-bound. Previous contributions have provided the funds for the purchase of equipment needed to operate a modern office.

The Ladies Guild has a Bazaar in November, recruiting not only the members of the Guild, but also the men of the congregation to become involved. It is a Fund Raiser but also a fun filled time of meeting with members of the Redeemer family as we work together. The amount derived from our efforts was \$734.21.

Delores Altmann is the chairman of the Gift Corner, where you can purchase an assortment of gifts and all occasion cards at a very reasonable price. Delores also provides the cards for the Human Care Committee and the Ladies Guild for mailings to our Redeemer members for birthdays, get well wishes, messages of sympathy, and "thinking of you". If you have time visit and check out her inventory in the Fellowship Hall.

In addition to her generous contributions to the committees, she earned \$230.98 for the Ladies Guild.

How many of you enjoyed the fellowship at the Advent and Lenten Dinners provided by the Ladies Guild. With the free will offering from the events, \$587.00 was contributed by those attending.

In February the Ladies Guild had a Fashion Show for members and friends. While viewing fashions the attendees enjoyed a delicious luncheon. The amount of \$1,363.83 was added to the Ladies Guild Treasury.

Each month the Ladies Guild sell scrip to the members for their convenience and gifts. It is a service to the members but earned the Ladies Guild \$558.47 during this past season.

Now just what do they do with all this money?

- They arranged the farewell for Shawn Richards and Shirley Byrne with awards and gifts
- Provide funeral luncheons for the families of Redeemer members.
- Have an "Easter Breakfast" for the members of Redeemer.
- Provide devotionals for the confirmation class, and a personalized bible for the confirmands.
- Provide the paper products, coffee and tea used at the Fellowship Hall.
- Purchased an Electric Roaster for the Fellowship Hall
- Paid for the installation of a new faucet unit and garbage disposal in the Fellowship Hall
- Supported the Horvath fund with \$500 gift
- Supports the "Quilting Group"
- Donates to the Child Care,
- Support the Prison Bible Ministry Program
- Scholarship to Concordia Student - \$1,000.00
- Two Student Scholarships totaling \$2,000.00
- Love Gifts of \$100 are given to the following: Orphan Grain, Loveland Center, DASH, FL/GA Deaf & Blind, Hope Seeds, FISH of Englewood, Bible Translators, Lutheran Braille Workers, LCMS World Mission, Helping Hand of Englewood.

Margie Cypher, Ladies Guild Treasurer

Welcome New Members



Martin and Diane McGrath
506 Fleetwood St.
North Port, FL 34287
(941) 429-5366

Youth



Youth beach party will be on Sunday, June 8th after church.

Food will be provided.

Come and bring your friends.

Please R.S.V.P. to Michelle Findlay at 698-1155 by June 4th.

Submitted by Jim Wright

