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Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care

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“WE CANNOT JUST SAY ‘NO’ ANYMORE”

When our children were young and came to me and asked if they could do this or have that, my answer was usually a simple “No.” When they became older a simple “no” was no longer acceptable. I needed to explain why my answer was “No.” Although my children still didn’t like the answer or my explanation, they were nevertheless instructed that my answers were based on whether what they wanted or what they wanted to do was safe, good or healthy for them, and moral.

The Apostle Paul writes, “When I was a child, I spoke like a child, I thought like a child, I reasoned like a child. When I became a man, I gave up childish ways” (1 Corinthians 13:11). I believe we all understand what Paul is saying here. When we grow up, that is, when we take on more and more responsibilities, such as, motherhood, fatherhood, employee, citizen, etc., we are expected to act and behave in a more mature and god-pleasing way. Our response or answer to much of what is going on in the world today may not be liked by others (even other Christians). However, our answer or response should come in the form of instruction, that is, godly instruction.

All the baptized are children of God. Therefore, let us look at what the writer to the Hebrews has to say to us sons and daughters of our

Father:

“Consider [Jesus] who endured from sinners such hostility against Himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

‘My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by Him. For the Lord disciplines the one He loves, and chastises every son whom He receives.’

“It is for discipline that you have to endure. God is treating you as sons. For what son is there whom his father does not discipline? If you are left without discipline, in which all have participated, then you are illegitimate children and not sons. Besides this, we have had earthly fathers who disciplined us and we respected them. Shall we not much more be subject to the Father of spirits and live? For they disciplined us for a short time as it seemed best to them, but He disciplines us for our good, that we may share His holiness. For the moment all discipline seems painful rather

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God Bless America



STEWARDSHIP

"Soon afterward he went on through cities and villages, proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God. And the twelve were with him, and also some women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities: Mary, called Magdalene, from whom seven demons had gone out, and Joanna, the wife of Chuza, Herod's household manager, and Susanna, and many others, who provided for them out of their means" (Luke 8:1-3).

There were many who provided out of their means for our Lord's work of proclaiming and bringing the good news of the kingdom of God while He was on earth. Think about that for a moment. These pious women gave to God in the flesh for God the Father's work of bringing the good news of God's kingdom. Their generosity, which was moved by the generosity of God Himself to them in the healing of their infirmities and evil spirits, was employed so that others could benefit as they had. The means they provided was put into God's service to feed and clothe and provide shelter as Jesus and the twelve travelled preaching, teaching, and healing.

That's amazing. These women were widows who had been oppressed by demons. They were forgotten, thought of as nobodies. The world didn't think much of them, or perhaps that they were just in the way. Regardless of what the world thought, God forgets no one. No one is a burden to Him. He cares for the widow and the fatherless. He puts the solitary into a home. And

more than that, He brings them the good news of the kingdom and lets them be a part of building it by their giving of what He has provided them. He presses their gifts into His service to His glory. And they are not forgotten. They are inscribed in the Holy Scriptures as a monument of what giving from out of their means does. It helped to turn the world upside down, which happens to be right-side up, reconciliation and healing through what Jesus accomplished on the cross. (Acts 17:6).

This is what your giving to the church does also. It provides the ministers of the Gospel food and clothes, house and home, all that they need for this body and life so that they may preach and teach, and bring the healing of the Gospel of Jesus's death and resurrection to those who need it, those who are homebound and infirm, those who are sick and suffering, those who are bedeviled by evil spirits, depressed, and plagued by guilt and shame. Your gifts are put to use for God's work on earth to bring the good news of His kingdom which has no end.

Who wouldn't want to be part of that? And you are! Thanks be to God. And it does not go unnoticed. Your pastor gives thanks for it and prays for you. And so does your Lord. And the angels rejoice over one sinner who repents and believes. You help to make that happen. You do it because someone else has made it happen for you.

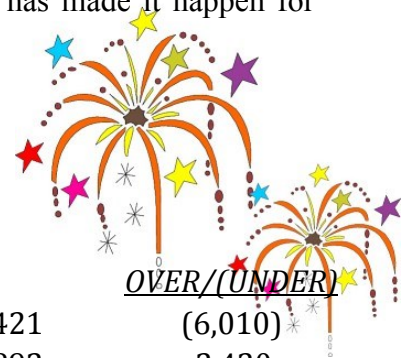
FROM THE TREASURER



<u>ACTUAL</u>	
INCOME:	\$9,411
EXPENSE:	\$19,312
<i>FIRST QUARTER (Jan.-Mar.)</i>	
INCOME:	\$55,427
EXPENSE:	\$54,243

May 2015:

<u>BUDGET</u>		<u>OVER/(UNDER)</u>	
INCOME:	\$15,421	(6,010)	*
EXPENSE:	\$16,892	2,420	
INCOME:	\$46,224	9,203	
EXPENSE:	\$52,225	2,018	



FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with mixed emotions that I write this article, since this will be the last article that I will write as your congregational president. Carol and I have sold our home and we are planning to spend the next year or year and a half traveling throughout the United States and Canada, eventually settling down near our daughter in the Austin, Texas area.

It has been an honor and a privilege to have served as your president and I feel honored in the trust put in me and feel blessed that the LORD gave me this opportunity to serve, and that HE gave me such wonderful brothers and sisters for support.

I leave you in wonderful and capable hands. The LORD has blessed us with a loving caring Pastor and our new president Steve Wurster. Steve has been an excellent VP due to his experiences in previous congregational positions. There has not been a task that I have asked Steve to perform that he did not complete in a very satisfactory manner. I have full confidence that with his knowledge and experience he will be a great president for our congregation.

With Carol and I leaving, it leaves two very important offices open in our church council. Vice President and Human Care. These two positions are critical in the life of our congregation. Please pray that God will fill those positions quickly.

To our associate brothers and sisters, as we travel we might be in your neck of the woods, if so we will give you a shout.

You have become a very important part of our life. We will miss you and be sad from time to time; however, we will be comforted by the knowledge that if our paths never cross again in this earthly life we will see you in Paradise.

Joe Carlos



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	Joe Carlos
Vice President	Stephen Wurster
Treasurer	Denise Fountain
Secretary	June Brown

BOARDS

Head Elder	
Christian Ed.	Pam Replinger
Human Care	Carol Carlos
Outreach	Cindy Johnson
Assimilation	Mary Kay Straw
School Board	Bill Bowers
Stewardship	Rev. Mark Steinke
Youth	James Straw
Financial Secretary	Deb Horner
Property Mgmt.	Todd Armstrong

GROUPS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild	Sally Zierdt
Men's Group	
Altar Guild	
Coffee Hour	

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JOYFUL RESPONSE (LCEF) PROGRAM

Dear Members and Associate Members of
Redeemer Lutheran Church,

The Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) has a stewardship program called *Joyful Response*. This program can benefit us as individuals, as a congregation, as well as our fellow Lutherans Synod-wide. What's so special about this program? It is offered at absolutely no cost to us as individuals or as a congregation.

Joyful Response is a great description of how the Gospel moves us into action. The Gospel message of Jesus' love and sacrifice for us motivates us to respond, in faith, by the power of the Holy Spirit. *Joyful Response* allows us to be more conscientious and consistent about our giving.

Through *Joyful Response*, (LCEF) allows us a very simple way to give to the mission and support of Christ's church here in Englewood and abroad as well. As already mentioned *Joyful Response* is free. It is also a secure program that allows us to give our tithes, offerings and gifts on a scheduled basis to Redeemer Lutheran Church.

This program has several advantages for so many people. Here are a few:

FOR YOU: It allows you consistent and scheduled giving in a safe and secure way. If you live here in Englewood, there is no more need to search for your offering envelopes, writing a check and waiting for it to be cashed. For those who spend time on vacations or who split their time between Florida and a northern state, it enables you to continue to support the ministry here in Englewood while away.

FOR YOUR LOCAL CHURCH: It enables better budgeting. We are able to rely on specific and consistent income so that bills can be paid and mission opportunities can be planned and carried out.

FOR THE CHURCH AT

LARGE: It enables the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod to use the funds to grow mission churches for greater outreach and the spread of the Gospel saving message. This would enable a greater joyful response from more children of the faith from generation to generation.

As stated above, your automatic contributions are safe and secure in a proven system. Only one person, Deb Horner, our Financial Secretary, would know of any personal information locally. And did I mention *Joyful Response* is free?

Friends, all of this points to good and faithful stewardship on the part of the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church and for the Church as an entire entity.

Enclosed in this Newsletter is an application.

Please look it over and prayerfully consider your participation in this stewardship program. If you believe *Joyful Response* will be a benefit to you, please complete the form, indicate on the envelope *Joyful Response* and return to our church office to the attention of Deb Horner, Financial Secretary. If you are unable to print out an application, they may be picked up at the Visitor's Desk in the church Narthex or in our church office.

Thank you for your consideration as we work and walk together to carry out the work and ministry of Christ Jesus our Lord and only Savior. The Lord richly bless you in His grace.

Joe Carlos,

President, Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care

Rev. Mark Steinke,

Chairman, Board of Stewardship

Rev. Jim Kress

Pastor, Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care

*Joyful
Response®*

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than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:3-11)

Eight times the word ‘discipline’ appears in this text. Perhaps it grabbed your attention. Here’s an interesting note: The Greek word for discipline (παιδεύω), can also mean: bring up, instruct, train, or educate. Just as a father or mother brings up, instructs, trains, and educates children, so God the Father brings us up, instructs us, trains us, and educates us. How does He do that? By His Word, of course.

So if you are still reading this, allow me to say a few more things about how we can best proceed in gaining ground with our family, friends, and neighbors rather than losing ground with them. We most certainly need to put the best construction on what and how we explain our position – pro or con.

There was a time when we transformed the argument from being anti-abortion (a negative term), to being pro-life (a positive term). Today we need to reinvent the cause from the negative, stereotypical, antagonism against modernism (a deliberate departure from tradition), to a positive presentation of God’s design for husband, wife, and family.

The issue of same-sex marriage was never simply about who may marry and who may not but about what marriage is, how society is built and how it is dependent upon the structure of the home and family. This issue is about the vision to see children as both gift and purpose of that home and marriage, and the faithfulness and fidelity that once and still marks the distinguishing character of marriage.

We cannot afford to be simply against gay marriage and the debate cannot be allowed to be simply about who can or should marry. What it must be about is what marriage was intended to be and how husband and wife live it out within the bounds of our sinful and weak humanity but still within God’s positive and gracious design. Such a discussion does not begin

with same sex-marriage, but with a renewed call and expectation of loyalty for married couples and chastity for those not married, both for the homosexual and the heterosexual.

In a hook up culture when marriage is secondary to the enjoyment of sexual pleasure (safe and without responsibility for disease or children), and when reproduction becomes a personal and individual right made possible by our technology, what we need to hold up is the fundamental shape of what marriage has always been since the beginning: a life of faithfulness, sacrificial love, and fruitful creation that is a mirror of God’s own fruitfulness in creation.

How is this done? We, as Christians, must begin with repentance. Yes, our own repentance from sin. Let’s face it, we have not taught our children as well as we should have. We have not held them or ourselves to be fully accountable for our choices and habits. We have not struggled to make marriage reflect God’s own design and purpose and so it has regrettably become our personal preference, choice, and definition. Once having repented, no matter your vocation in the family or the public square, we must then begin a renewed time of teaching, instruction, nurture, and noble living-out of such godly relationships.

What I am concerned about is not the fight that will and probably should take place in the political arena and courtrooms and ballot boxes but what happens in the congregations, from the pulpits, and in the classrooms of our churches. Our parishes are often tragically unprepared to say anything but “no” on this issue. We have not equipped our people to give answer and we have left them dangerously vulnerable to the power of feelings, peer pressure, anecdotal evidence, and sentiment from an extraordinarily effective GLBT platform.

We cannot just say “no” anymore or we will be labeled simply as naysayers within and outside our parishes. We must speak positively of the created order of man and woman before God, of marriage and children by His design, of home and family as the first place where Christ is known – or our children and grandchildren will not know about nor appreciate the very gift and blessing of this creative order by God’s design.

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HUMAN CARE BOARD

My heart hurts to say "farewell" to my church family. I know that someday we will all be together in HIS heavenly glory. This comforts me. There is a reason Joe and I are traveling throughout the United States but only HE knows the reason. I am proud to have been a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church who looks and listens to God. Remember, we plant the seed and water it but God makes it grow. (paraphrased from 1 Corinthians 3:6)

The Human Care Board is a diverse board using many different gifts. We are in need of members and a chair person. Four members comprise the board, two who have just offered their gifts. Thank you all so very much. Please pray about the gifts you may have to offer.

Please, everyone, visit our shut-ins. It gets very tiresome and lonely sitting in a nursing care facility day after day. One day can feel like a week, if not a year. You will feel joy in your heart also.

I leave you with this thought. "In all my prayers for all of you, I always pray with joy because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now, being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus." Philippians 1:4-6

Carol Carlos

REHABILITATION & NURSING CENTERS

Emeritus River Oaks
925 South River Road
Englewood, FL 34225
1. Duwayne Schoeneck
2. Ruth Sutley

Harbor Chase
950 Pinebrook Road
Room 214
Venice, FL 34285
Carl & Betty Bertka

Manor Care Health Services
1450 E. Venice Ave.
Venice, FL 34292
Betty Keller

Brookdale Senior Living
550 Rotonda Blvd.
Rotonda West, FL 33947
1. Alice Borowski
2. Helen Perry

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Englewood, FL 34224

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10527 Army Lane
Athelstane, WI 54104

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Englewood, FL 34223

Don & Bonnie Roussin
6276 Falcon Dr.
Englewood, FL 34224

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Complete this form and return it to the church office.

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Joyful Response[®] Electronic Offering Program

Enrollment/Change Form

Complete this form and return it to the church office to begin or change your current stewardship offering. Your offering will be made automatically from your bank account or your LCEF StewardAccount[®].

Check the appropriate box:

☐ New enrollment ☐ Offering change ☐ Account information change

Please Print in Black Ink

Member Last Name	First Name	MI	Daytime Telephone
Mailing Address		City, State, ZIP	Email Address
REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH & CHILD CARE			(941) 475-2410
Congregation Name		Congregation Telephone Number	
6970 MINEOLA STREET		ENGLEWOOD, FL 34224	
Congregation Mailing Address		City, State, ZIP	

My Offering

Fund Designations:	Amount:
1. General Fund _____	\$ _____
2. Building _____	\$ _____
3. _____	\$ _____
4. _____	\$ _____
5. _____	\$ _____
6. _____	\$ _____
TOTAL \$ _____	

Debiting Account

Debit from:

- ☐ Checking
☐ Savings
☐ LCEF StewardAccount

Account Number _____

Routing Number (First nine numbers
in bottom left-hand corner of check)

Transfer Date (check one):

- ☐ Weekly (Monday)
☐ Semi-monthly (1st and 15th)
☐ Monthly on the 1st
☐ Monthly on the 15th
☐ Other _____
(As approved by church office.)

Start date: ____/____/____

End date (if any): ____/____/____

Authorization

I authorize the above-named organization and Vanco Services, LLC to process debit entries from my account. This authority will remain in effect until I give reasonable notification to terminate this authorization or until the last specified payment date.

Authorized Signature for Account _____

Date _____

TO BE COMPLETED BY CHURCH OFFICE

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When sex was divorced from marriage and marriage from children, no one was set free and we were all imprisoned to the insatiable god of personal preference and the worship of desire. The rampant explosion of quick and easy divorce, the rapid rise and acceptability of cohabitation, and the reduction of goodness to personal preference and satisfaction have not added to marital happiness, enriched the lives of our children, answered the loneliness within us, or ended the terror of our fears and doubts. We are lost. We are alone. We are afraid. And we have passed this onto our children – leaving them without the joy of childhood and with adult responsibility and erotic desire before they can shoulder their weight. They are the child, we are the grown-ups.

We need hope. We need help. We need a higher calling and a nobler perspective. We need the Word of God. This is what Christendom is uniquely poised to offer to a world in love with freedom but unable to use it positively.

When gay people come to us, we must be ready to say more than their desires are bad and their behavior is sinful. In fact, we must not simply begin there but with a positive picture of God’s creative will in which gender is not the driving force of personhood and sex not the defining aspect of nature. Self-denial in sexual desire does not stand in isolation from self-denial when it comes to the indulgence in every area of life.

When straight people cohabit we must do more than simply say what you are doing is wrong. We must give

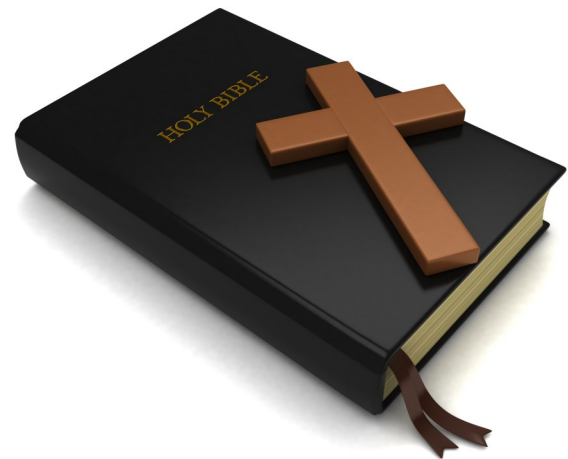
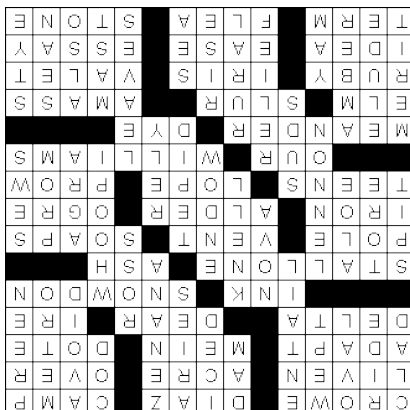
them a vision of a higher love, a still more excellent way, in which sacrificial love begins with publicly accountable commitment, sanctioned by the God who gives us the power to live it out.

When children come to us we must do more than tell them what they must not think or do. We must teach them how vulgarity of all forms cheapens them as God’s creation and for whom Christ died and call them to live high and holy the noble calling of their baptism. We must provide for them good and wholesome environments in which to grow, learn, and experience the world God has made (home, school, church, neighborhood, etc.). We must speak the Word of God into their ears that it may inhabit their thoughts and desires.

This is what we should have been doing. But, it’s not too late. We must still speak the truth in love to our neighbor. When faced with the difficult questions from children, family, friends, and the world, call upon the Spirit to pour upon you His fruits of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, that you may be able to respond with words that will bring up, instruct, train, and educate them.

The Holy Scriptures reveal, “God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears Him and does what is right is acceptable to Him” (Acts 10:34b-35). We cannot simply say ‘NO’ anymore. We need to say ‘YES’ about God acting in creation and redemption out of love for us.

In the Service of Christ Jesus,
Pastor Kress



LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND (LCEF)

As we head into the summer months of rest, relaxation, and vacations, we often forget about the needs of the church. Almost all churches experience a reduction in offerings throughout the summer months. It becomes difficult to pay bills at times.

LCEF has a program called Joyful Response which makes our financial commitments to the church easier to fulfill. The program was described in a previous newsletter on how we can have our offerings automatically deducted from our bank account. This is an easy way for you to help Redeemer manage its resources. Your automatic withdrawal can either be your usual monetary giving or it could be an additional amount besides what you give in your envelope. Calling all associate members.....you too can be a part of Redeemer's mission all year long with this program.

Joyful Response is another one of the programs that Lutheran Church Extension Fund has available to help churches spread the Good News. It helps us in our busy lives to keep our commitments to the church. Also, don't forget about the other products LCEF has to offer. When you open an LCEF account, you also help other congregations spread the Word of God.

PS....Guess who is going to get a Young Investor Club Steward Account???? Our newborn granddaughter Catherine Anne, that's who! This is one of the things we are doing in honor of her baptism into the Lord's family on July 5th. Consider giving your child or grandchild a head start on saving and help further the Lord's Kingdom at the same time.

Respectfully submitted,
Laurie Steinke
LCEF Congregational Advocate





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"But Jesus said, 'Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs to the kingdom of heaven.'" —Matthew 19:14

Check out the **NEW** Young Investors (Y.I.) Club Online Activity Center at yiclub.lcef.org for:

- > Games!
- > Bible stories!
- > Devotions!
- > Videos!
- > Service project ideas!
- > Crafts and recipes!

Each group—Little Lambs, Mission Builders and World Changers—has its own area on the site with age-appropriate activities. There are interactive games, coloring pages, Bible stories and devotions, videos, and, for older members, news stories and links to servant events and projects. New items will be added regularly to keep young ones engaged and entertained!

This website will reinforce Bible lessons, enhance understanding of stewardship concepts and supplement studies in math, English, history and personal finance in a fun and meaningful manner. We want each Y.I. Club member to know and understand Jesus' love and the fact that their investment is helping others learn about Jesus as well.

Explore the site and have some Y.I. Club fun! Designed to work well on mobile devices and tablets, it's perfect for families on the go!

PRAYERS

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

HEALING: Mickie Abel, Neva Aldene, Alice Borowski, Melissa Brew, Pat Finkenbine, Bernice Heppner, Susan Jahns, Ken Miekle, Martin McGrath, Sandy McGrath, Joe Maramonte, Bob Mortenson, Marlene Mossner, Carolyn Plesner, Don & Bonnie Roussin, Duwayne Schoeneck, Fred Toth, Bob Varone, Arlene Wiley and Robert Vickey.

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Lynn Klopfenstein, Stacey Lampert, Ray Likowski, Denise Line, Sean Maki, Joe Manson, Pete Mogg, John Montondo, Mike Morrissey, Maureen Nesvacil, Charles Pentecost Jr., Margo Plamondon, Mary Raines, Rachell Sanders, Ryan Sheahan, Don Shepherd, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Virginia Stanley, Family & Friends of Earl Stuck, Charles Tolley, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Tim Wright, and Angel Zavala.

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

***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!***

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.

BIBLE STUDY

With all the hype and excitement of the new Avengers fictional movie, *Age of Ultron*, I thought it would be advantageous for us to look into a book of the Bible containing some nonfictional biblical super heroes. The Book of Judges is just such a book. Following the death of Joshua and before the rise of Israel's monarchy, God preserved His people from being absorbed by pagan cultures through the ministry of savior-judges. Although immanently human and sometimes exceedingly wicked, God's gracious work through these men and women foreshadows His greater work of deliverance through the true and perfect Savior-Judge, Jesus Christ. In Judges you will learn about: the successful woman-man team of Deborah and Barak; the mighty Spirit-powered deeds of Samson; and God's



faithfulness to His covenantal promises to His people, ultimately fulfilled in His Son, Jesus Christ. Come join us on **Sunday mornings at 8:00 AM** in the church sanctuary to learn more about these biblical super heroes. You will be amazed how God worked through men and women and how He continues to work through you. Are you a super hero?

Annual 4th of July Picnic

Saturday, July 4th Noon—3:00 PM

Singing

Games

Bounce House/water slide

Water Balloons

Snow-Cones

Bingo

Corn-Hole toss

Bring a dish to share—pulled pork and refreshments will be provided.

Invite Family, Friends and Neighbors.



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00. Several of our Snow birds are returning and we have a full house of tables. We are happy to add more. 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.



KRAFT KORNER

We are always in need of items we can sell in our corner. Even if you think it is junk "remember, your junk is someone else's treasurer. Please check around and see what you might have. We have a pretty good supply of books if you need to read while relaxing or waiting in doctors office. Come check it out.

LUTERHAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTION

If you are not familiar with the Lutheran Witness magazine, it has undergone some wonderful improvements this past year. Renewed or new subscriptions are now being received. If you would like to renew or begin a subscription, please contact the church office. Yearly subscriptions are \$11.00 and all checks should be made out to Redeemer Lutheran Church c/o The Lutheran Witness. The Lutheran Witness can also be obtained electronically or by way of a mobile application. Go to the following link in order to get connected today: <http://www.lcms.org/resources/publications>.

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 11th, 2015 at 10:00 AM.**



QUARTERLY VOTERS MEETING

Our next Quarterly Voter's Meeting is scheduled for Sunday, July 12th following Divine Service. The meeting will be held in the sanctuary after a little refreshment of coffee or juice and other treats supplied at our coffee hour table. If you are a voting member of Redeemer congregation, it is important that you are in attendance. If you are a member of Redeemer congregation, but not sure if you're a voting member, please come to sign the Voter's registry. If you have any questions, please contact President Joe Carlos.



Happy 4th of July from Redeemer Child Care!



Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

7/6 Jonah and the Big
Fish

The Book of Jonah

7/13 Food for Elijah and
the Widow

1 Kings 17:1-16

7/20 Jesus Calls His
Disciples

Luke 5:1-11

7/27 VBS



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

Birthdays

7/1 Ms. Jadilyn

7/1 Faith

7/3 Violet

7/3 Amelia

7/7 Kamrie

7/8 Adam

7/10 Arabella

7/12 Ethan

7/27 Isaiah

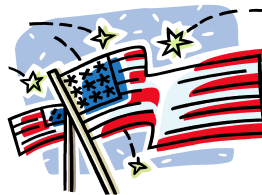
7/31 Lola

7/31 Ms. Nicole



Closings

Child Care will be Closed
July 3th



Happy 4th of July!



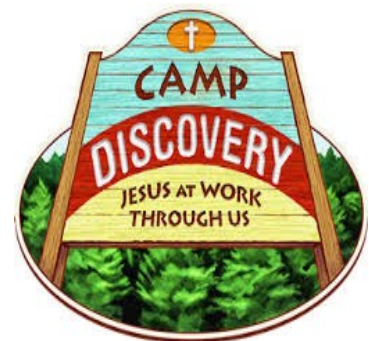
Summer is here and we
will be very busy with
water days, field trips,
the ice cream truck,
special activities and
more.

Special Days in July

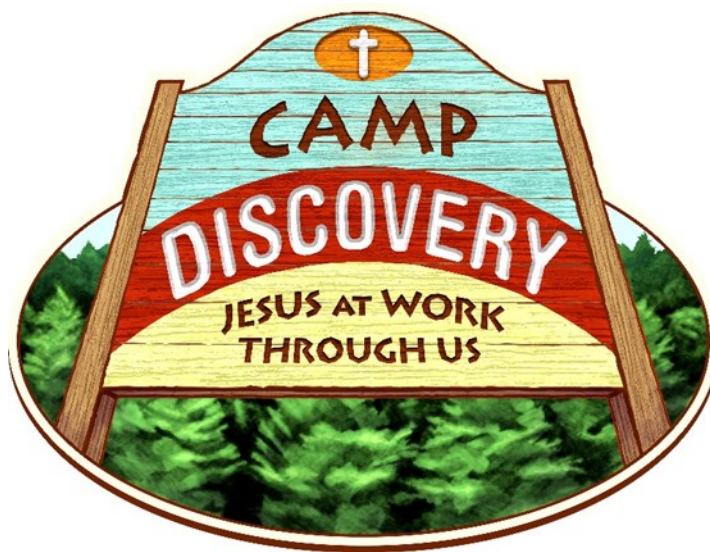
7/4 Independence Day
7/27-7/31 VBS

VBS

July 27-31



Submitted by Wendy Horvath



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

***Concordia's Camp Discovery...
Jesus at Work Through Us
JULY 27th – 31st (9am – Noon)***

At Camp Discovery, kids have fun as they explore the Bible, make new friends, sing songs, and learn how Jesus works through them in their everyday lives. Campers discover 5 Bible truths that excite and challenge them. Jesus, their True North, gives them the wisdom and the courage to step out in faith and serve—whether they're at school, playing with friends, or helping out at home. Now, that's a VBS with purpose!

**PLEASE CALL PAM REPLINGER AT 941-473-9018 OR
WENDY HORVATH AT 941-475-2631 IF YOU WOULD LIKE
TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEAR'S VBS! THANK YOU!**

CLASS OF 2015—VOLUNTARY PRE-KINDERGARTEN GRADUATION



Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care had 17 Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten (VPK) students graduate this year. The children accomplished the many skills needed to start Kindergarten in the Fall. During their ceremony, they preformed many of the cute and wonderful songs they learned throughout the year. After the ceremony, there was a party to celebrate. Of course, there was cake! And delicious food for all. There was a photo booth where students and parents could preserve this night in pictures. We are very proud our them and we know they will do well in their future!



CLASSIFIEDS



Real Estate Services

Lora Laurain
Placida Properties 888-941-9444 or Cell 941-408-5292

Lawn Care

Call Todd Armstrong at 941-961-7584 for your lawn care needs.

FREE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS, HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!!

We have limited space, but space available, for you to place your FREE advertisement. Please contact the Church office by phone or email if you would like to place an ad.

LOST AND FOUND

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

GREETERS

July 5th Sally Zierdt
July 12th Colette & Mike Nagel
July 19th
July 26th

*Submitted by
Assimilation*



COFFEE HOUR

July 5th Lora Laurain
July 12th Paulette & Collins Sita
July 19th Anne Varone
July 26th

*Submitted by Brd. of
Community &
Parish Fellowship*



PUZZLE PAGE

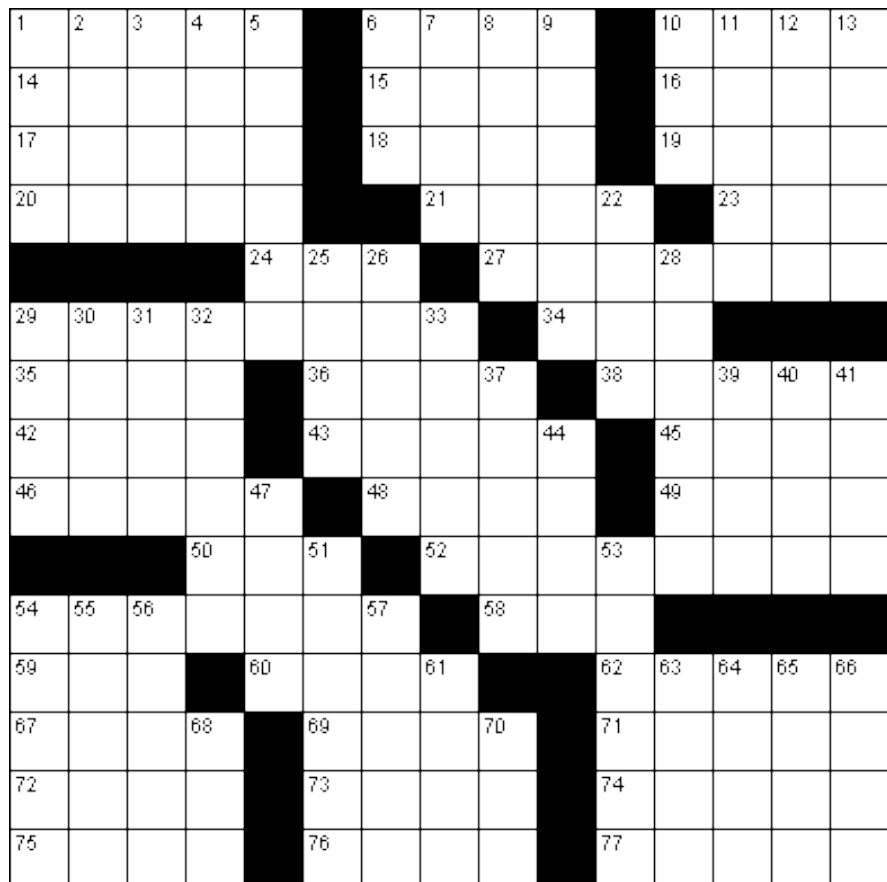
Across

1. Surname of *A Beautiful Mind* actor
6. Actress, Cameron ____
10. Bivouac
14. Invigorate
15. Land measure
16. Finished
17. Rewrite
18. Chow ____
19. Show excessive affection
20. Fertile plain
21. Expensive
23. Anger
24. Writing fluid
27. Highest mountain in Wales
29. Surname of Rocky actor
34. Volcanic debris
35. Earth has a north and south
36. Opening
38. TV serials
42. Golfclub
43. Type of tree
45. Fiend
46. Adolescent years
48. Trot
49. Bow of a ship
50. Belonging to us
52. Surname of Oscar-winning *Good Will Hunting* actor
54. Wander
58. Coloring material
59. Nightmare street
60. Disparaging remark
62. Accumulate
67. Gemstone
69. Part of the eye
71. Personal attendant
72. Notion
73. Simplicity
74. Composition
75. Limited period of time
76. Leaping insect
77. Laurel Hedare in the 2004 movie, *Catwoman*, Sharon ____

Down

1. Clothed
2. First American woman in space, Sally ____
3. English cricket ground, sounds geometric
4. Cried
5. Imply
6. Water barrier
7. Frozen
8. Star sign
9. Light quilted fabric
10. Fish
11. Obviate
12. French Underground railway
13. Clean with a bill
22. Surname of *Lady Sings the Blues* star
25. Kind of star
26. Sound of a bell
28. First name of *Sister Act* actress
29. Skewer
30. Ripped
31. Succulent plant
32. Surname of ex-Beatle
33. Empower
37. Lukewarm
39. Site of the Taj Mahal
40. School dance
41. Darns
44. Depend
47. Foam
51. Respite
53. Departs
54. Virtue

55. Evade
56. Translucent fossil resin
57. Pertaining to country life
61. Ascent
63. Vertical spar
64. As well as
65. Former Bond actor, ____ Connery
66. Eye infection
68. Edible tuber



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*We, the members of Redeemer Lutheran Church are called into the service of our Lord by
accepting His command (Matthew 28:18-20):*

- *Making disciples of all nations/peoples*
- *Baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*
- *Proclaiming the Gospel and teaching the Word.*

Christ's love for us compels us to serve our neighbors as He served us.