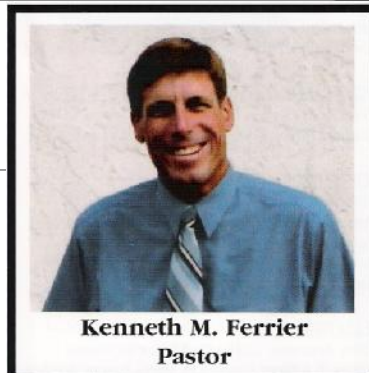


## Reflections on Labor Day



**Kenneth M. Ferrier**  
Pastor

I've always wondered about the name of the national holiday we know as "Labor Day". If I understand correctly, "Labor Day" was enacted as a day for recognizing the contributions made to our United States society and economy by ordinary, everyday laborers". What better way to express appreciation than to give those laborers a much-deserved day off. But why call it LABOR Day? Wouldn't "Rest Day" be better? Or "Stop Labor Day"?

Of course, if you stop to think about all the effort that goes into so many traditional Labor Day activities, maybe the name fits after all. Picnics, parades, family reunions, etc...whew! Maybe we should lobby to make it a two-day holiday: one day for celebrating and a second day strictly for recovery.

You might be comforted to recall that long ago God came up with His own version of a special day for taking things easy. In Exodus 31:15a, 16-17, we read:

*"For six days, work is to be done, but the seventh day is a Sabbath of rest, holy to the LORD. ...The Israelites are to observe the Sabbath, celebrating it for the generations to come as a lasting covenant. It will be a sign between*

*me and the Israelites forever, for in six days the LORD made the heavens and the earth, and on the seventh day he abstained from work and rested."*

But wait ... there's more! It gets even better. In the letter to the Hebrews we are reminded that every Sabbath Day is a mini-preview – and a repeated promise – of that eternal REST that awaits us in the joy and glory of heaven.

I don't know if this Labor Day will live up to its billing for you. But I do know for certain that God's perfect rest will be exactly what its name signifies. *(And for those of you who enjoy all the food and fellowship of picnics and family reunions—don't worry. In God's kingdom resting and feasting always go together. That's a promise we hear every Sunday, too: "a foretaste of the feast to come!")*

Here's hoping your Labor Day...won't be...

*Pastor Ferrier*

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# President's Corner



The President's Corner

The Church Council and I thank you for your continued prayers and support. We thank God daily for all the blessings he showers on us.

Some of you may know that this summer Carol and I spent about six weeks in Europe. We spent four weeks in Portugal, the country I was born in, and two weeks in Italy. Both countries have a strong Christian Heritage, all one has to do is gaze upon the landscape from the smallest villages to the large cities and see amazing edifices that were built to the glory of God or so it seems. A little prodding into history paints somewhat of a different picture in that some of these structures, which in some cases took over a hundred years to build, were simply a demonstration of power and wealth. Also, the idea that one could purchase his or a departed loved one's soul into heaven made many of these buildings possible. The adornment and art in some of these churches have turned them more into museums than houses of prayer were the faithful gather to hear the Good News.

Yet one has to marvel at the engineering and construction of these buildings. In Rome some of these basilicas and churches were built years before Christ as temples for Roman gods and then later converted for Christian use.

The church building in which I was baptized is relatively new it's only about 600 years old. Yet it still is a place of worship for my cousins and their families.

No matter the reason why our sainted forefathers of centuries ago built these edifices one still has to marvel at their faith. Not only investing their wealth, talents, and other resources into edifices that in many cases they would never see completed but also for providing the resources to preserve and spread the Word.

As some of you are aware even with all these wonderful buildings and heritage the state of the church is not very well in Europe. With the exception of special pilgrimages to what is considered holy sites regular church attendance is low. For most, church is a place for marriages, baptisms, child religious training, and of course funerals and maybe Christmas and Easter. Unfortunately the state of the mainline Christian denominations in the United States is following the same path. It is our challenge to stem that trend here in our community.

We do not have thousand year or older churches here in the United States but we do have a heritage of those that have sacrificed much so that today we can enjoy the fruits of their sacrifices. Our mission at Redeemer is not to build edifices but to reach everyone we can with the GOOD NEWS. In order for our congregation to be effective in our mission each of us has to take an active role in this effort by using the gifts and talents by which we were blessed. Also, like those that came before us not only do we have to be prepared for that task today but we have an obligation to those that will come after us.

In order to better understand our capabilities and what resources are needed to carry out our mission now and into the future we had a retreat almost a year ago. Since then there have been several workshops and input from various boards in order to generate a Long Range Plan. Portions of the plan are now complete. A presentation as to the status of the plan will be made at our next voters meeting in October. There will be a number of workshops both for council and the congregation allowing for review and or modification prior to submitting the plan to the voters for adaptation.

Some of us will never see the long range fruits of this labor. But perhaps someone in the future will be thankful for the legacy we left them as they are preparing for those that will follow them.

*Joe Carlos*

# Stewardship



The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod encourages the study of the biblical Stewardship Principles developed by the Department of Stewardship several years ago. Your Board of Stewardship is presenting in the next several monthly newsletters one of these eight principles.

We hope you take the time to read and study these, and that you find them helpful. One of the Stewardship Principles follows:

## GOD'S STEWARDS ARE SERVED AND SERVING

What does this mean:

God's stewards recognize that their stewardship involves a Gospel-powered style of life which is demonstrated in servant hood within all the arenas of life.

What does God's Word say about this?

**Phil. 2:5-8** Your attitude should be the same as that of Christ Jesus, who being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be grasped, but made himself nothing, taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient to death—death on a cross.

**Matt. 20:26b-28** Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wants to be first must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many. (cf. Matt.25:31-46)

**John 13:3-5** Jesus knew that the Father had put all things under his power, and that he had come from God and was returning to God; so he got up from the meal, took off his outer clothing, and wrapped a towel around his waist. After that, he poured water into a basin and began to wash his disciples' feet, drying them with the towel that was wrapped around him.

**John 13:15-17** I have set you an example that you should do as I have done for you. I tell you the truth, no servant is greater than his master, nor is a messenger greater than the one who sent him. Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them.

How is this done?

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will:

- Recognize that service done for the benefit of the community and world is also part of Christian stewardship;
- Emphasize that just as Jesus came to serve, stewards are privileged to serve others through their abilities and resources; and
- Adopt the attitude of a servant in all our relationships with others.

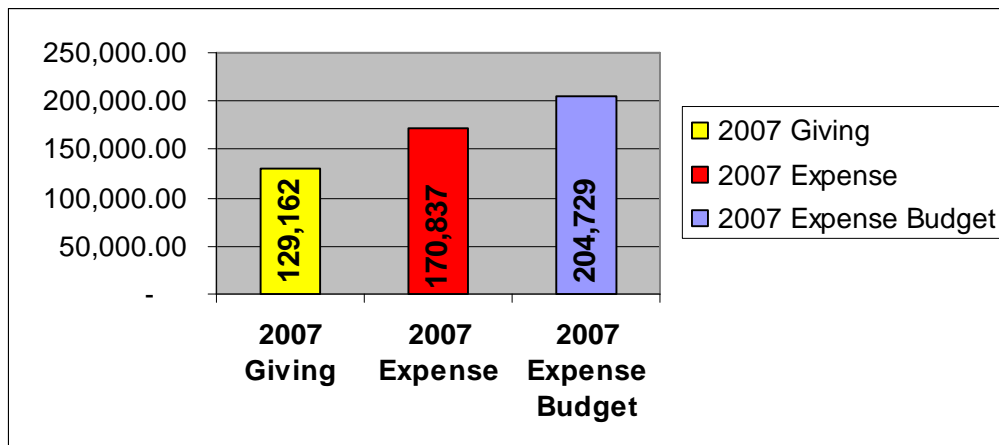
As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Set aside servant hood for the sake of merely reaching an organizational goal;
- Fail to encourage stewards to be God's servants in any decision or action; or,
- Fail to challenge stewards to serve the Lord with personal acts of compassion and service as well as financial gifts.

*Submitted by Ray Altmann*

# Finance

	<u>2007 Giving</u>	<u>2007 Expense</u>	<u>2007 Expense Budget</u>
January	18,056	19,419	33,804
February	19,634	26,638	25,622
March	20,950	28,215	36,631
April	25,608	26,003	26,702
May	11,455	42,022	22,718
June	10,197	13,290	25,519
July	23,262	15,250	33,733
Year to Date	129,162	170,837	204,729



## Active List of Dedicated Funds

Servants in His Mission has been Paid IN FULL and closed, please do not use the envelopes in your giving book. Giving can be substituted to Debt Reduction (Pay off Mortgage) or any other dedicated fund.

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|---------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| Building Fund             | Choir Fund             | Disaster Relief Fund    |
| Future School Fund        | Outreach Fund          | Rally Fund              |
| Building Maintenance Fund | Stephen Ministry Fund  | Retreat Fund            |
| Debt Reduction Fund       | Human Care Fund        | Migrant Workers Fund    |
| Memorials General Fund    | Thrivent Fund          | LWML Fund               |
| Child Care Fund           | LCMS World Relief Fund | Family Assistance Fund  |
| Youth Ministry Fund       | Office Equipment Fund  | Horvath Family Fund     |
| Memorial Garden Fund      | Tape Ministry Fund     | Englewood Helping Hands |
|                           |                        | Church World Services   |

# From the Office

Please make the following changes to your bright pink 2007 Church Directory:

## NEW MEMBERS

Carol Anne Sheahan

9146 Pine Haven Way  
Englewood, FL. 34224  
941-828-2670

James and Rebecca Heichelbech

103 Byron Ct.  
Rotonda West, FL. 33947  
941-830-8640

## REMOVED FROM ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP due to move

Lydia Klinger

1449 Haise Lane  
Elk Grove Village, IL. 60007  
Phone # 847-895-8555

Ken and Janet Fasnacht

9772 Mountain Rd.  
Grantville, PA. 17028  
Phone # 717-469-2627

## DECEASED

Norman Grewe      August 12, 2007

Changes are thru August 19<sup>th</sup>, 2007.

*Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*



Gloria "Sis" Carlsen

Herb Bohm

Earl & Avis Stuck were visiting with Herb last Sunday  
and they all drove over to visit with "Sis" Carlsen!!

# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

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

Experienced 10th grade babysitter, available evenings and weekends, or for summer position.  
Contact Chelsea Gunterman 941-544-2797 or 941-474-0774.

## For Sale

Nutri-system 4-week shipment of food in unopened box. Original cost \$280, sell for \$200. Also, additional meals at no cost. Call Ed at 475-8116.

### HP Ink Jet Printer Cartridges.

Black—#56—Original Cost: \$20. Now—\$10

Color—#57—Original Cost: \$40. Now—\$20.

Call Ginny Doenges —697-2429

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.

Tommy Hilfiger "tommy" cologne spray, 1.7 fl. Oz/50 ml. Brand new in box.

1 bottle available.

\$10.00 ea.

Call Michelle Ferrier — 697-0502

## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for October is Sunday, September 16th by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@ewol.com](mailto:letastender@ewol.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office.

Articles received after September 16th will be held for the November newsletter.

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

Please Note: New email address: [letastender@ewol.com](mailto:letastender@ewol.com)

Leta Stender

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH



# GREETERS SCHEDULE

Sept. 2 Assimilation Board Members  
 Sept. 9 Assimilation Board Members  
 Sept. 16 Assimilation Board Members  
 Sept. 23 Assimilation Board Members  
 Sept. 30 Youth

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

## Assimilation

Sept. 2 Leona Morrison  
 Sept. 9 Georgette Callahan  
 Lone Comstock  
 Sept. 16 Inge Tringali & Dee Baird  
 Sept. 23 Helen Wagner & Jane Hoivik  
 Sept. 30 Youth

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*



# Welcome New Members!!!



James & Rebecca Heichelbech



Carol Ann and Ed Sheahan

# 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." --Matthew 28:19*

That is our mission, each and every one of us, to make disciples, i.e., tell the good news. God gave us the gift of Jesus, our Savior, because he loves us. But now that we are a part of God's family, it is our duty, our obligation, to share Him with others, to broaden our family. Jesus told us to love one another; the greatest act of love that we can do is to share our gift with those who do not yet belong to the family of believers.

We know that all do not have the gift of Evangelism. Perhaps only a few do. But we all have some other gifts that can be used in the furtherance of God's kingdom. For example, if you have the gift of Faith, you can pray for our ministry. If you have the gift of Hospitality, you can invite someone to church with you, or be a greeter. If you have the gift of Giving, you can support our mission financially. Or the gift of Helping, join the Outreach Board, or help us put up signs, pass out brochures and tracts, or assemble materials for mailing. There are tons of ways that we can all work together in the mission that Jesus gave us.

## Nametags

Please try to remember to wear your nametags to church. This will help us all get to know one another better and help us to identify visitors. We are again making nametags for visitors and regular non-members. So if you see someone with no nametag, or with the visitor nametag, welcome them to our church family. Also, if you have lost your nametag, you can replace it for \$6.50; fill out a card in the Narthex.

## Magnetic Car Signs

You may have noticed the Redeemer magnetic sign on Pastor's truck door and also on Carol's car door. Ray Janssen's son made these for our church. It's an excellent way to advertise our church and child care. We will be ordering more for members to put on their cars. Watch for sign-up sheet in Narthex and notices in bulletin. We may also get smaller bumper sticker type signs, if that would be more useful to members.

## Help Wanted

Volunteers are needed to put up weekend signs in your neighborhood. We now have over 30 weekend signs that must be put up on Saturday morning and removed on Sunday evening. It takes about 2 hours to put up all the signs and 2 hours to take them down, so if we could divide the labor, it would only take a few minutes for each volunteer. See sign up sheet in Narthex.

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# Outreach

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## Redeemer Worship Service on Radio?????

The Board of Outreach is investigating the possibility of putting our worship service on WENG, on Saturday afternoon and on Sunday morning. We're working on logistics. Please pray about this opportunity.

## Front Yard Signs

As you know, because we have no frontage on a main road on which to place signs, we have been using the weekend signs to let people know we're here. If you would like to put a sign in your front yard, let Carol Haupt know, we'll order one for you. 460-8830.

*"Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest." --Luke 10:2*

*Submitted by Carol Haupt*



Sunday, September 30

10:30 a.m.

Breakfast Casseroles  
Fun & Games

Planning Meeting:           September 11  
  3 pm  
  Fellowship Hall

Anyone wishing to help, contact Joe Carlos or come to the planning meeting!!

*Submitted by Joe Carlos*

# Child Care BBQ



# National Youth Gathering—Orlando



# Stephen Ministry



The spotlight centers on our joyful Sharon Grcevic for the month of August. Sharon lights up our Stephen Ministry meetings with her jubilant attitude and it's contagious. Sharon and her husband Tony ( Anthony ) will be married 39 years in August. Their son and daughter, along with their families live in the Chicago area which Sharon is originally from and frequently visits. Sharon states "I'm a grandmother of triplets whom I adore. I love being a grandma ." We frequently see grandma and the triplets sitting in the front row of church when the triplets visit Florida. Sharon has been in Florida for 12 years living in the Riverwood Golf Community and a member of Redeemer for approximately 6 years. Before having children she worked as a dental assistant but for the past 26 years has worked with her husband Tony. Sharon's interests include golfing, Sudoku and crosswords from the paper each day and of course singing in the church choir. There are many other volunteer activities that Sharon has been involved with regarding Stephen Ministry that she is not at liberty to speak about. We thank you for your devotion to the ministry Sharon.

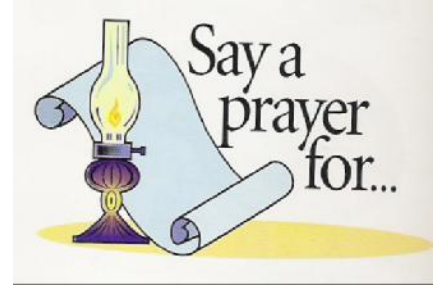
Sharon's response as to why she became a Stephen Minister—"I have been blessed with so much love in my life I wanted to share it with others. It has been an amazing experience, seeing God working in my care receivers life. I invite all of you to share this experience with us in becoming Stephen Ministers."

" My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you "

*John 15:12*

*Submitted by Carol Carlos*



HEALING:

## Members

Ray Altmann  
 Wilbur Bruce  
 Gene Eiler  
 Mark Horvath  
 Bob Johnson  
 Lessie Kirch  
 Cliff Larsen  
 Tom McGrath  
 Ken Mielke  
 James Overmyer  
 Steve Procuk  
 Katie Rudolph  
 Arlene Twombly  
 Peggy Vanetta  
 Barbara Wolgast  
 James Wonsey, Sr.

## Friends &amp; Relatives

Jim Bergman  
 Glenda Burgh  
 Jim Cleary  
 Esther Gaskill  
 Jeanna & Mike Gohl  
 Cheryl Harfst  
 Jack Haynes  
 Sandy Hubbard  
 Danny Jollay  
 Nathalie Kiedaisch  
 Don Korfmacher  
 Rev. David Maier  
 Christine McCollough  
 Tommy Palmer  
 Annette Peters  
 Cheri Petersen  
 Despina Spanos  
 Marion Talley  
 Jennie Topczewski  
 Dean Turner  
 Ruth Turner  
 Pat Vovcsko  
 Charlie Welch

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR BRENDA KRAFT AND FAMILY WHOSE BROTHER RONALD LEWIS WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME AND FOR FAMILY AND FRIENDS OF NORMAN GREWS WHO WAS CALLED TO HIS ETERNAL HOME ON AUGUST 12 IN WISCONSIN AFTER A BATTLE WITH LIVER CANCER.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES

Herb Bohm  
 Gloria Carlson  
 Ruth Jansch  
 Bertha Sandhusen  
 Ruth Sutley  
 Shirley Youngberg

# Youth News



## YOUTH ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER

On Monday, September 10, all Youth (high school, junior high, and younger) and their friends are invited to a meal and game night activity in the Fellowship Hall, sponsored by the Board of Youth.

The meal will start shortly after Confirmation classes have ended—around 5:30-5:45 PM. The activity is scheduled to end at 7:30 PM.

The meal and games are yet to be determined, but “Apples to Apples” will definitely be one of the game choices!

Prizes will be awarded!

If you know in advance that you will attend, please tell Carol Haupt, Missey Williams, or Michelle Ferrier so appropriate plans can be made.

Parents, if you would like to help with this activity, please contact the above mentioned people. All help is greatly appreciated.

*Submitted by Michelle Ferrier*

## Thrivent

The August meeting of our congregational Thrivent organization voted to purchase ten Baptismal books to give to the newly baptized and their families. Also, a motion was approved to donate \$200 toward the Building and Grounds beautification fund.

Thrivent meetings are held the second Sunday of the month after late church (or after the 9:15 AM service). The next meeting will be Sunday, September 9, 2007. If you have any concerns to bring before Thrivent, please contact Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502, or any Thrivent member.

*Submitted by Michelle Ferrier*

### Easy Applesauce Muffins


*This healthy recipe will make a great start to your day, a great snack or a great gift for your teacher and classmates.*

**What you need:**

- 6 tablespoons butter
- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 eggs
- 2/3 cup brown sugar
- 1 1/2 cups chunky applesauce
- Baking cups

**What you do:**

1. With an adult's help, heat the oven to 375 degrees. Line a 12-cup muffin tin with baking cups and set aside.
2. In a small, microwave-safe bowl, melt the butter on high for about 30 seconds; set aside to cool slightly.
3. Sift together the flour, baking powder, baking soda, cinnamon and salt in to a large mixing bowl.
4. In another large bowl, whisk together the eggs and brown sugar. Stir in the applesauce and melted butter until the mixture is smooth.
5. Pour the apple mixture over the flour mixture. Stir with a wooden spoon just until the flour disappears. (This will produce muffins with a nice, crumbly texture.)
6. Fill the baking cups about two-thirds full with batter. (For mess-free muffins, use an ice-cream scoop to spoon batter into the baking cups.)
7. Bake for 20 minutes or until light brown. Test for doneness by inserting a toothpick in the middle; if it comes out clean, the muffins are ready to eat. Makes 12.



## Apple of Your Eye

When something is said to be the "apple of your eye," it means it's precious to you and you would protect it as you would your own eye. With school starting up again, we should remember God's instructions in Proverbs 7:2: "Keep my commands and you will live; guard my teachings as the apple of your eye" (NIV).

*Find and circle the word "apple" 13 times in the puzzle below. It can be horizontal, vertical, diagonal and even backward.*

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