



# Redeemer Reporter

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NOVEMBER, 2009

## Welcome Back

It's a phrase I have been saying now over the past couple of weeks to our northern friends who have been returning to the Englewood area for the winter. No doubt it will be a phrase in which I will continue to say to the many more returning Redeemer friends and loved ones in the months ahead.

It's a phrase we're all accustomed to saying. However, the implication of the phrase should not be limited to our northern brothers and sisters in Christ returning to our area. The phrase can also be applied to so many others including each and every one of us. How so? When studying Holy Scripture, I have a very close friend who would almost always say, "Context baby! What's the context?"

In considering the context or circumstance surrounding the phrase 'welcome back' let us look at God's word and first the parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32). We're all very familiar with the rudeness of the son who asks his father for his inheritance even while the father is living. The father graciously gives him what he asks. The son goes to a different country and there squanders his inheritance, but while living with swine he remembers how even the workers in his father's fields are treated far better than way he is living. Acknowledging his sin against both his father and God, the son returns to his father's house. But, while he was still a great distance away his father sees him, runs to him, embraces him and welcomes him back. Now he receives him not as a mere worker, of which the son would be happy to be, but with grace and mercy the father welcomes the son back. The sins of the son are forgiven. The son is restored to the father and to his entire household. He was a son again and his father gave a feast to celebrate his son's return.

And so, in this context the phrase 'welcome back' can be applied to every repentant sinner who returns to the Father's house and receives forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. It isn't what we deserve, nor have earned, but what God the Father graciously gives on account of the saving work of His Son Jesus Christ.

I could stop right there, but then I'm not giving full justice to the phrase 'welcome back.' Certainly we are wel-



comed back in true repentance and faith by the Father through the Son in Word and Sacrament. Certainly we understand it is the Father who speaks to us by the Son through the called servants of Christ saying, "Your sins are forgiven." However, the forgiving shouldn't end there.

When you have sinned against your neighbor, you should go to him and ask him for forgiveness too. In hearing that your sin is forgiven a wonderful thing happens. You are both reconciled to one another. Just as the Father through Christ has reconciled us to Himself, He gave us this ministry of reconciliation (2 Corinthians 5:18-19).

Furthermore, when your neighbor has sinned against you, Holy Scripture informs you that it is you who should go to your neighbor, rather than waiting for your neighbor to come to you. And in your going to your neighbor, do so with gentleness and kindness and most importantly in love and then show your neighbor his sin. If he hears you, you have won him over. However, if your neighbor doesn't hear you, pray and go back another time with the purest intention of gaining your neighbor for the sake of the kingdom of God (Matthew 18:15-17).

And so, there are many implications surrounding the phrase 'welcome back.' Let us then not be quick to judge, but rather be ready every day and each week to welcome back ALL who return, whether it be the northern friend, the wayward child, or a penitent sinner like you and me. Let us together pray this simple prayer, shall we: Father, as You welcome me, grant me joy in welcoming others. Amen.

*In His Service,  
Pastor Kress*

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# President's Corner



The President's Corner

With the 2010 budget ready for the upcoming Town Hall/Voter's Meeting, and the Child Care rolling along, as well as things running smoothly at Church, it is a great time to be your President. I honestly don't have any major concerns to let you know about. We still don't have a replacement for the Building and Grounds position, but I am confident the Lord will fill this void when he is ready.

The Elders and the Council are considering going to one service year round, probably starting at 9:00 am, or 9:15 am, or 9:30 am with Sunday School/Bible Class following. This will greatly help in many areas, such as ½ the number of greeters, ushers, communion servers, and will help the Ladies Guild reduce the number of workers on communion Sundays. It will also help with the heating/cooling costs on Sunday. There is also discussion of moving Bible Study from the sanctuary to the kitchen area of the fellowship hall when/if we vote as a congregation to make these changes. The thought behind this is that the 8:00 am folks and the 10:30 am folks don't get to see much of each other all winter. The only time we all get together is at the social functions and then we often miss those not in attendance. We will need to go back to two services when we begin to fill the church, and will need to have more than one service on Easter and Christmas. Pastor doesn't have strong feelings one way or the other on this matter. This idea makes sense to me, and it is important to let an Elder or Council Member know how you feel about it. I predict that the biggest concern will be the start time of the church service. At the October 25th Voter's meeting it was voted to wait until December when more of our Northerners are here so we can get their input. Let me know what **you** think—either email me at [bwbeaber@yahoo.com](mailto:bwbeaber@yahoo.com) or call me at (941) 238-7925).

The Child Care continues to have over 70 children, with the majority being full time children. Wendy continues to do a great job with the staff and the children. We have a new full time van driver, our own Tommy Kirkland, with Ray Stender being his able back up. We had to let the bus/van driver go because of some problems. Because of the number of children and the profit associated with increased numbers, we have been able to put some of this profit back into the staff and add some benefits. If approved in the budget, it will be nice to reward those that are making the Child Care successful.

The only upcoming event I am aware of is the Annual Talent show. Please sign up today, and if you don't want to perform, plan on attending. There is a rumor that Pastor will be performing.

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

*Ron Beaber*

## Newsletter Deadline



The deadline for submission of articles for December is Sunday, November 22nd by 6 p.m. Due to the Thanksgiving holiday, early submission would be appreciated!

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@gmail.com](mailto:letastender@gmail.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after November 22nd will be held for the January, 2010 newsletter.

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

Leta Stender

### Joan E. Johnson

A long-time member of Redeemer, Joan passed away on August 12, 2009. A memorial service for Joan will be held on November 13 at Redeemer Lutheran Church at 11: a.m. A light luncheon in the Fellowship Hall will follow the service.



## Donations to Child Care and/or Angel Fund

If you make a donation to the Child Care or Angel Fund, please make checks payable to Redeemer Child Care. They now have their own checking account. Thank you!

*Submitted by Karen Kirkland*

Ushers are always needed. Plan ahead and call Tom Kirkland (941) 474-6407 and let him know the dates and service times (8 a.m. or 10:30 a.m.) you could help. Unsure of being an usher?—call Tom and he will do a walk through with you of the usher's duties.

*Submitted by Tom Kirkland*



# Talent Show



## Talent Show!

Don't forget to attend the wonderful Talent show  
 Nov. 20 (Fri.) 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.  
**NO CHARGE!!**

You won't want to miss the great performances by your fellow parishioners!

*Snacks! Drinks! Wonderful!*

*Submitted by Doris Dykhuizen*

### THANK YOU

A big Thank You to Pat Wilcoxon for doing SCRIP during my absence. She did a great job.

*Sybil Grahl*



# Ladies Guild



The Ladies Guild met on Oct. 7th and what a way to start the new season with good attendance and fellowship. Our thanks go to hostesses Helen Sturzenbecker and Jane Hoivik, greeter Dolores Altmann, and to Dorothy Sinowetski for filling in for our secretary Sybil Grahl. Pastor Kress gave the devotion.

Guest speaker was Tom Choate from the office of Florida Attorney General. He gave an interesting talk about seniors vs. crime on how we can protect ourselves from being targeted for specific crimes.

The Sarasota Zone Fall Rally is at Redeemer on Sat., Nov. 7th starting at 8:45 with coffee and refreshments. Registration and lunch is \$6.00 payable to Ladies Guild by Oct. 30th. We need volunteers to help serve and clean up. If you can help in any way, call Avis Stuck—475-7862. Plan now to attend. All ladies from Redeemer are welcome. Our purpose is that our women may come to know joy in serving our Lord, looking to Him as the rock of our salvation.

Plans for the annual Style Show in Jan. were discussed, possibly using a consignment shop. Sybil Grahl and Ellie Ratzliff will co-chair.

*Submitted by Linda Rogers, V.P.*

# Stewardship

Gratitude for God's Blessings, November 2009



On November First Christians around the world join in celebrating All Saints Day. Among the saints in heaven are our loved ones who have died in the faith and now share in the joys of heaven. The recommended Epistle reading for All Saints day comes from Revelation 7 and includes these words: *"These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will spread his tent over them. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down upon them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."* (Revelation 7:14-17 NIV)

This beautiful picture of the saints before the throne brings us comfort as we remember our loved ones who have passed before us and strengthens our hope in the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. On the last Thursday of November we celebrate Thanksgiving Day which provides us with the opportunity to pause and thank our God for his mercy which endures forever and his providing of so many spiritual and physical blessings day after day.

How fitting it is to remember the example, instruction and encouragement of those saints who have been special blessings to us. Many of us learned about the grace of God in Jesus Christ our Savior at the knees of Christian parents. Many of us have also learned from them what it is like to live as God's children who receive his gifts with thanksgiving. We thank God for those who have been teachers and examples of good stewardship. It is so true that only the Holy Spirit can change us from selfish, self-centered sinners into faithful stewards of all that God has given to us. But the example of good stewardship that we learned from our parents and other important people in our lives is a great blessing.

One day we will join the saints in heaven but until then God empowers us to be teachers, models and examples of good stewardship for our children and other people who are special to us. *"Christian stewardship really is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for his purposes."*

One of our common table prayers contains these words: *"Come, Lord Jesus, be our Guest and may these gifts to us be blessed."* The godly ladies who are part of the Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) have added these great stewardship thoughts to this prayer: *"And may there be a goodly share on every table everywhere and may we help to put it there."*

May God bless us as his stewards so that our management of all of life and life's resources (money, time, talents, relationships, etc.) honors him, blesses our neighbors and serves as an example and encouragement to those around us.

Joseph Friess, Stewardship Chairman

# Stephen Ministry



The Stephen Minister of the month of November is Joe Carlos who was commissioned March, 2009 along with Dottie LaMere and Ruth Speer. Joe was born in Ilhavo, Portugal and came to this country when he was seven years old. His family settled in New York City where he completed his schooling. He then Joined the United States Navy and when stationed in Chicago met his future wife Carol where they lived for fifteen years after their marriage. Two children, five grandchildren and forty eight years later he is retired in Port Charlotte, FL. enjoying boating, fishing, woodworking (building a boat) and always trying to complete his honey do list. He is an active elder as well as a Stephen Minister and has occupied seats on all of the boards of a church throughout the years.

Almost two years ago, Joe had the opportunity to lie on his back for almost four months and ponder many things. First he discovered that the everyday tasks that people do without any thought were impossible for him. He also learned that he was not so self sufficient as he had previously thought of himself. He became very quick to realize that at any moment in life you might need assistance be it physical or just for your own well being. It became quite obvious to Joe that most of the care givers attending him were women. Although they were great caretakers they could not fully understand the frustrations that a man experiences when all his life he has been the strong one and he finds himself in a position when he cannot perform the simplest tasks of everyday living.

Joe feels he has a much better understanding of what it feels to be hurting and with God's help he wants to assist others in their pain. The Stephen Ministry training has prepared Joe to minister to other men who might be hurting.

Thank you Joe for your caring attitude and your insights into life during the classes. We all learned from you as well as you becoming prepared for ministry to others.

"Finally, all of you, live in harmony with one another; be sympathetic, love as brothers, be compassionate and humble"

1 Peter 3:8

Stephen Ministry classes will begin January 8, 2010 from 9:00am to 2:00pm once every week. Completion will be the end of March. November 22, 2010 will be Stephen Minister Sunday at Redeemer. You will hear a Stephen Minister talk about their experience before services. The Bible class that day will be conducted by Stephen Ministers and more information will be given concerning the Stephen Minister series. Please pray about becoming a Stephen Minister or perhaps just coming to the classes to see what it's all about. Are you hurting about something? Try a Stephen Minister who is a great listener and will share your hurt. That's what we do! Call Carol Carlos 941-255-3354 or catch Carol at church.

*Submitted by Carol Carlos*

# Christian Support Group

The Christian Support Group meets the last Wednesday of each month at 10:00 am in the church "Quiet Room". An invitation is extended to the members of the congregation. All are welcome.

THE PALM TREE was the topic of the lesson for Wednesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. The scripture reading was Psalm 92:12 - the righteous will flourish like a palm tree. The palm is a remarkable tree, and fittingly pictures the life and experience of a child of God. They do not need the touch of human hands. The Christian life, like the palm tree, should manifest true beauty - spiritual and moral.

A striking fact about the palm tree is that it almost invariably grows erect and straight. Seldom do you see a crooked palm. When you see a palm tree that leans in a given direction, you can be sure it is due to some unnatural circumstance such as constant strong winds. The palm tree is by its nature, upright, straight and erect. The Christian life, pictured in God's Word, is a perfectly upright life. The Christian's life is not to be "crooked". It is to be straight and true at all times. Another remarkable thing about the palm tree is that its life is in the center, or the heart of the tree. It is not in the circumference, under the bark, as is the case with most trees. The Christian life does not consist of outward things but is deep, inner, spiritual life. Indeed, a Christian is one in whose heart the Holy Spirit has implanted new, divine life, making him a child of God.

The love of God is poured into the believer's heart by the Holy Spirit - love "which passeth knowledge (Eph. 3:19). The Christian is not to live by outward nourishment from the world but by the inner nourishment that comes from the Holy Spirit through the Word of God. This is part of the meaning of the statement, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (Ps. 92: 12). The Christian life is a deep, sweet, rich life within.

The Palm tree is master over virtually all circumstances. It flourishes even in barren desert areas where no other plant life can exist. The man of God should, like the palm tree, flourish and be triumphant over all circumstances - wind, storm, fire, drought or deluge. The Christian is always to remain steadfast because he is nourished by an inner life rather than by outward circumstances.

Palm trees and branches have been used as symbols of victory. Triumphant armies, in and before the days of the Roman Empire, carried palm branches when they returned from victories in battle. When Jesus made his triumphant entry into the city of Jerusalem, the people, "took branches of palm trees, and went forth to meet him, and cried, Hosanna: Blessed is the King of Israel that cometh in the name of the Lord" (John 12:13) In Book of Revelation (7:9) the final victory of the saints is portrayed by this description: (They were) clothed with white robes and palms in their hands; and (they) cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb"

The Bible certainly has much to say about the Christian life as a life of triumph. We are to be triumphant and victorious over all the circumstances that may oppose us in this world. There are battles, there are seasons of drought, and there are storms, but in all this we have the inner life and power of the Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, we can always triumph in Him. Palm trees are nourished from springs of water hidden beneath the surface of the earth. They have large, deep roots that go many feet into the earth until they find water for nurture. The hidden source is the secret of their triumph. This is precisely the secret of the Christian life. We are not nourished by the outward things of the world but by a secret spring of living water - the Holy Spirit, who is dwelling within us and strengthening our inner man.

Jesus promised, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life".

The palm tree is benevolent to mankind, often marking the oases in the desert where travelers may find water. The coconut palm produces both food and drink for the hungry and thirsty. The date palm, of course, produces the sweet and nourishing fruit. Palm oil has had many uses since primitive times. Palms are used for constructing houses and buildings in areas where these trees flourish.

The verse we have been considering, "The righteous shall flourish like the palm tree" (ps. 92:12), conveys both a divine exhortation and a divine expectations. Beauty, uprightness, inner life and strength, mastery over circumstances, nourishment from the divine Source and benevolence to mankind - all these are to be the manifestations of the true Christian life.

*Submitted by Margie Cypher*

# 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

Jesus gave us a great commission of sharing the good news of salvation as we are living out our daily lives—whether in our homes, neighborhoods, work places, or anywhere we connect with people who do not yet know or believe in Jesus as their Savior. What a great privilege that our Lord would invite us to share in this blessed work!

“Business Cards” are again available in the Narthex to pass out to people you meet. This card has Redeemer’s name and address, phone number, service times, and most importantly, a map on the reverse. Grab some, keep them in your purse or wallet, pass them out to people you encounter. Invite!

## ROTONDA CHRISTMAS PARADE

Our next Outreach event will be the afternoon of the Rotonda Christmas Parade on Saturday, December 5. We will again have a float displaying the true meaning of Christmas, probably with a human manger scene. The Youth will be working with us on this project. Brochures and treats will be passed out.

## OUTREACH/EVANGELISM/ASSIMILATION WORKSHOP

The Boards of Outreach and Assimilation invite and encourage you to participate in our Workshop on Saturday, January 23, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. A professional speaker from Confessional Lutherans for Christ’s Commission will present a program to help us better reach out to our community and assimilate our members. This is a **MUST ATTEND** for everyone! A *donation* of \$15 per person will be requested. Refreshments will be provided. We will be inviting members of our Circuit churches, as well as the community. Look for publicity for this event in coming weeks, and please mark your calendars with this date, so you won’t miss out.

## JANUARY FRIENDSHIP SUNDAY

Following on the heels of the Outreach Workshop will be our next Friendship Sunday, on January 31. We will all be enthused to invite our neighbors, friends, relatives, acquaintances. This is our important work—share Jesus with others. Again, please mark your calendars.

## MORE RADIO ADS ON WENG

Redeemer will be running radio ads on WENG during the Lemon Bay Mantas basketball games. The football ads were a great success; hopefully the basketball ads will be too.

This is a great opportunity to reach out to the YOUTH of our community.

*Submitted by Carol Haupt*

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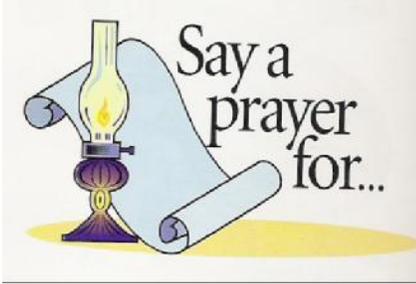
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# Youth



The youth group has been quite busy & will be busy for the next few months. We had our first annual golf fundraiser on October 3 @ Long Marsh golf course in Rotonda. We had an awesome day & did very well. With our profits we bought new t-shirts that read Redeemer Lutheran Church Youth Group in lime green. We are all proud of our new shirts & will wear them on all our outings.

We will have another golf fund raiser in April 2010 @ The Hills Country Club. We are hoping for even more people to come out & support us and a great big thank you to all that supported us on October 3 rd.

Our youth group went to Bit of Hope Ranch on Texas Street in Englewood on October 10 and helped do a little farm work for the horses. It was a very hot but rewarding day for all of us. After leaving the ranch the children had lunch & then enjoyed the rest of the afternoon @ Oyster Creek pool and had ice cream @ Lickety Split before going home. It was a long day.

The children will be enjoying a Halloween Party on October 30th with a prize for the best costume. We will have lots to eat, a piñata, games, karaoke, and hopefully a lot of fun. Our chaperones will be Pastor & Lisa Kress, Barbara Duff, Sheila Murphy and myself. We hope the fun will continue to the next day October 31, as we trick or treat on Dearborn Street.

Our upcoming events will be The Holy Land in Orlando on November 13-14, a candle and pillow fund raiser beginning Nov 1, and the Naples Zoo on November 8 th.

I would like to end by saying the youth will be doing more fund raisers this year as we are saving to send our senior youth and our confirmands of 2010 to The Given retreat in Memphis, TN in July 2010. We hope you will continue to support us and thank you all.

The Youth Group is proud to announce that Harold Hale is the #1 sponsor for 2009 with his generous support. He was awarded with a trophy at the Youth Golf Fundraiser.

We also would like to thank Rick Vassallo for donating back his winnings to the Youth Group from the 50/50 at the Youth Fundraiser.

*Submitted by Lisa Vassallo*



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

Nov. 1	Sybil & Cecil Grahl
November 8	Barbara Duff & Peggy Blain
November 15	Lorraine Hughes & Sandy Sita
November 22	Mary Beaber & Carol Carlos
November 29	Youth

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

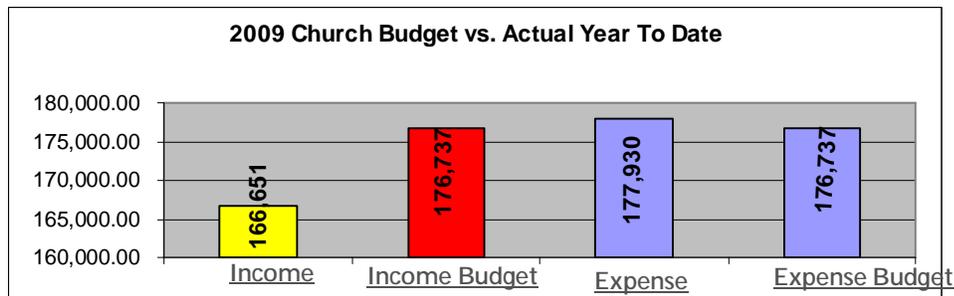
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Nov. 1	Ken & Cathy Mielke
November 8	Ed & Carol Sheahan
November 15	Elaine & Chuck Malecki
November 22	Stephen Ministers
November 29	Youth
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Nov. 1	Barbara Wolgast & Ginny Doenges
November 8	Shirley Zatkalik & Anna Smith
November 15	George Dykhuizen & Georgette Callahan
November 22	Stephen Ministers
November 29	Youth

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*

# Finance

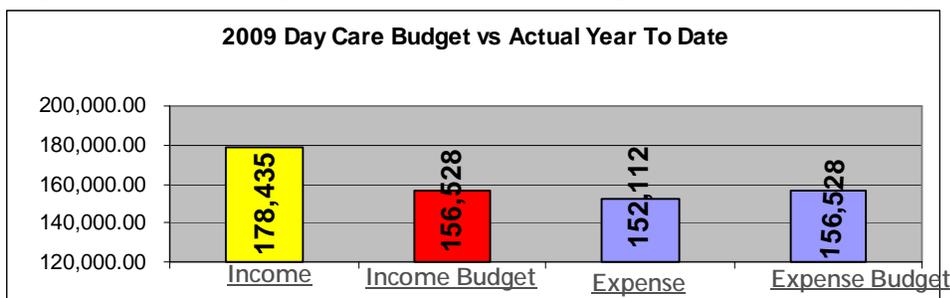
## 2009 Church Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through September 30, 2009

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$166,651	\$176,737	\$177,930	\$176,737



## 2009 Day Care Actual vs. Budget Year to Date Through September 30, 2009

<u>Actual Income</u>	<u>Income Budget</u>	<u>Actual Expenses</u>	<u>Expense Budget</u>
\$178,435	\$156,528	\$152,112	\$156,528



# Human Care

### CHRISTMAS ANGEL TREE

The Christmas Angel Tree will be set up in the Narthex on November 15 for all who would like to give a gift for the children of the Messiah Migrant Mission in Tampa.

You may take a child's name, sign the sheet for the child selected, purchase an age/sex appropriate gift, wrap the gift, and attach the sales receipt. This year the gifts should have a \$20-\$25 price range. This year has been tough for everyone, especially the migrant workers. Let's help to make this a good Christmas for the kids.

### BLOOD DRIVE

We had a successful Blood Drive on October 11. A big THANK YOU to all who donated their blood to save lives. The next Blood Drive will be December 6, so please mark your calendars.

### HEALTH SCREENING PROGRAM

The Life Screening organization will be on site in January to perform a number of medical tests for a very reasonable cost. This will be publicized throughout the community. The costs range from \$60 to \$219, depending on the tests selected. The tests screen for heart disease, stroke, and bone density.

Submitted by Carol Haupt



## SCRIP

**NOVEMBER** orders for Scrip will be taken at the **Ladies Guild meeting** on **Wednesday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, and Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, in the church narthex after the 8:00 a.m. service and before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. Orders will be returned **Sunday, November 15<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to everyone who placed orders in October.

**DECEMBER** orders for Scrip will be taken **Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**, in the church narthex after the 8:00 a.m. service and before and after the 10:30 a.m. service. Orders will be returned **Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>**.

**Christmas is coming and your December orders will be back in time to give as Christmas gifts.** Scrip is a substitute for money. They are gift cards for every thing from fast food restaurants, food stores, department stores, gasoline, office product stores and even hotels, cruises and many more. Every month we have an updated **list on the desk in the Narthex**. Everyone who is interested should pick up a copy and at least see what is available.

The percentage the Ladies Guild makes is based on the scrip orders for the month. This percentage is then applied to our **mission projects**. Your support is appreciated. Thank you, *Scrip Chairperson, Sybil Grahl*.

### **What Is Scrip?**

Scrip is a term that means "substitute money". When you purchase scrip, you're purchasing negotiable gift certificates and prepaid cards that are used just like cash. You can use scrip to purchase everyday expenses like food, clothing, and other essentials, and with every purchase, you earn revenue for our organization.

### **How scrip generates revenue for you**

The Great Lakes Scrip Center acts on behalf of churches, schools and other non-profit organizations to purchase large amounts of scrip from grocery stores, department stores, and other retailers. Because the scrip is purchased with cash up front, the participating retailers offer a substantial discount. Our organization buys the scrip from Great Lakes Scrip Center at a discount, and re-sells the certificates to families like yours for full face value. The discount - from two to fifteen percent or more - is our organization's revenue.

### **Scrip is "shopping cart fundraising"**

Scrip is a popular fundraiser because families don't have to sell anything. Organization members produce revenue by making regular household purchases they would make anyway. Groceries, clothing, toys, gifts, even gasoline can be purchased with scrip.

### **Find Out More**

Ask your scrip coordinator listed below for the latest participating retailer list. Then put your shopping dollars to work for our organization! **Contact: Sybil Grahl 941-475-0263.**

*Assistant Scrip Taker, Pat Wilcoxon*

## HOUSE WARMING

**All ladies of the congregation are invited to a "House Warming" for Lisa Kress!**



### **Hostesses:**

Lessie Kirch

Lisa Vassallo

Dolores Altmann

**WHEN:** Saturday, November 21st

**TIME:** 1:00 PM

**WHERE:** Church Fellowship Hall

**Please RSVP by November 15<sup>th</sup>. Drop in the box in the narthex marked "House Warming".**

**NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COME JOIN THE****THE HOLY LAND  
EXPERIENCE . . . . .**

Please Contact LISA VASSALLO  
Home: 941-698-0093  
Cell: 732-773-6600

DATE: 11/13-14/09

**REDEEMER LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**

WE WILL BE STAYING OVERNIGHT AT THE COMFORT INN ON SAND LAKE ROAD IN ORLANDO. DINNER WILL BE ON YOUR OWN, BUT PLACES TO EAT NEAR HOTEL ARE WALKING DISTANCE. A CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST IS INCLUDED AT THE HOTEL. TICKETS INCLUDE HOTEL, ENTRANCE TO THE HOLYLAND AND TRANSPORTATION. SNACKS WILL BE PROVIDED. THERE IS A POOL AT THE HOTEL. ACCOMMODATIONS: NON-SMOKING ROOM WITH TWO BEDS. FREE PRIZES!!!

PAYMENT MUST BE MADE IN FULL NO LATER THAN NOVEMBER 8TH, MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO REDEEMER CHURCH. THANK YOU!!!

**PRICES**

ADULTS: \$80—2nd Adult in same room \$40  
SENIORS: \$75—2nd Senior in same room \$37  
CHILDREN: (6-12)\$25 with Adult or Senior

**BUS LEAVES CHURCH AT  
4:30 PM on the 13th and  
returns on the 14th at 7:00  
PM.**



# Youth Group Thank You for The Golf Outing

A very special thank you to everyone who helped make the 1st annual youth group golf outing fundraiser such a success.

**Donations:** Greg & Marcia Reineer, Long Marsh Golf Course, The Redeemer Ladies Guild, SunTrust Bank, Englewood Bank, Key West Subs, Tiffany's Restaurant, Outback (Port Charlotte), Lickety Split, Joe's Pizza, Designer Tees of Englewood, Golf USA, Florida Everblades, Charlotte Stone Crabs Baseball, Dr. Elhrich & Dr. Sallapudi Orthodontics, White Elephant, Gulf View Grill, Blue Dolphin Carwash, D&L Hair Designs, Sprinkles (Port Charlotte).

**Hole Sponsors:** Howard Hale, Rick & Lisa Vassallo, Billy Ruccatano, Cape Haze Consignment (Barbara Duff), LaStanza Restaurant, Howard's Restaurant, Perin's Barber Shop, Pooky's BP, Gullotta's Auto Body, Econo Pest Control, Aaron Memon Dentistry, South Gulf Cove Realty (Gary Miner, Sheila-Alex Murphy, & Tim Byrne).

**Volunteers:** Pat Luedtke, Barbara Duff, Sheila Murphy, Alexandria Murphy, George Cancellieri, Gudrun Janke, Jennifer & Kayla Reid, Lisa Kress, Billy Ruccatano, Naomi Sylvester, Madeline Keller, Matthew Geist, Mike & Alexis Reid, Karen Kirkland, Rick Vassallo.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU TO PASTOR KRESS FOR ALLOWING AND ENCOURAGING THIS FUNDRAISER.



**Harold Hale**



**Maddy Keller, Naomi Sylvester, Pastor Kress,  
Alexandria Murphy,  
Billy Ruccatano**



**Rick Vassallo**

*Submitted by Lisa Vassallo*

# Youth

## Oyster Creek Pool



Sarah, Hailey, Samantha, Maddie,  
Naomi, Vanessa, Nicole, Billy

## Bit of Hope Ranch



Madelyn, Vanessa, Naomi, Billy,  
Samantha, Hailey, Sarah, Nicole

# LWML Sunday

**LWML SUNDAY** was observed on October 11, 2009 at Redeemer. Pictured is Jane Hoivik with the cake supplied by the Ladies Guild/ LWML group.

*Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon*



## ALL LADIES ARE WELCOME, COME AND ENJOY THE FUN!

The Ladies Guild will be having its annual Christmas Party on **December 11, 2009 at 11:30 am at the Rotonda Hills Country Club in Rotonda West**. The cost is **\$15.00 per person this includes tax and gratuity**. You have a choice of **Chicken Marsala** or **Spinach Quiche**, (salad, rolls, iced tea, coffee and Strawberry Cheese cake is included). The **deadline to sign up will be Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>**. Also, we will be singing Christmas carols. Tickets are available from Pat Wilcoxon or Sybil Grahl starting Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

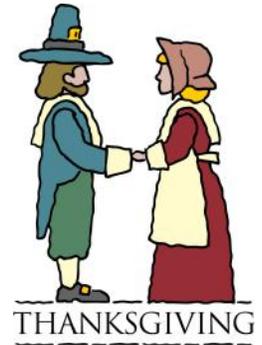
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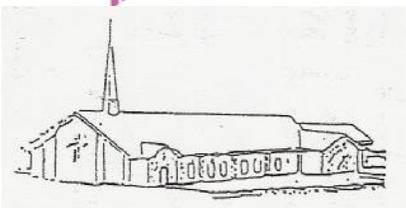
**CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED**

**November**  

Redeemer Lutheran Church  
6465 Mayport Rd.  
Englewood, FL 34224

Rev. James Kress



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

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

Christ's love for us and our love for Christ compels us to serve our Sisters and Brothers as He served us.

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**WORSHIP SERVICES**

September – May	8:00 & 10:30 am
June - August	9:15 am
Communion	First & Third Sundays
Thanksgiving Eve	7:00 pm

**ADULT BIBLE STUDY**

September - May	9:15 am
June - August	10:30 am

**SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:15 AM**

**Church Phone: 941-475-2410**



## The Carlos Family Times

### “Merci Dieu pour tout vous avez fait pour nous.”

“Thank you God for everything you have done for us!” When we reflect on the events of the past year, it is truly amazing how God worked in such a mighty way to provide for our family and bring us to where we are right now. No day is perfect and we have certainly had our struggles over the past several weeks – adjusting to a new country & culture, getting used to being full-time students again, missing our children, etc. But God is with us and we walk daily with Him.

God has provided for us recently by leading us to a church that we can call home while we are here in Albertville. We have been attending a small church where we can worship on Sundays and attend a Bible study once per month. Everything is in French – but we are managing and we think it is good for our ears!

God also led us to a language partner. A wonderful woman, Denise, meets with us once per week and we are able to practice our French conversation skills. She is truly a blessing to us (and very patient too)!

Finally, we were able to be part of a community outreach event here in Albertville. The students at our school hosted an open house at the school with music and food from around the world and invited the people from the neighborhood to attend. It was a great afternoon and it was nice to meet some new people.

We thank God for these gifts and we ask for His continued presence in Guinea where there is instability due to the current political situation there. Please pray for the safety of the people of Guinea and the missionaries who are living there.

### From Germany & Wisconsin.....

Raymond & Hannah continue to adjust to their new life situations. We really miss

them! It is hard to be “empty-nesters!”

Raymond had his first college swim meet at St. Mary’s University this past weekend and he did very well. Two of his cousins even travelled all the way for Illinois to cheer him on! His next meet is October at Macalester College in St. Paul, MN. There is a chance that they may suspend the swim & dive program at UW River Falls after this year. Please pray for discernment for all concerned regarding this matter.

Hannah has a wonderful trip to Italy with her senior class from Black Forest Academy. They visited Florence, Rome, & Venice. Nothing like experiencing history first-hand huh? She had her first article published in the school newspaper and is preparing to take the ACT test.



## Stay Connected – Support our Work

We couldn’t do the work we are called to without your prayers & financial support. We invite you to be involved in God’s mission by:

- Giving financially - click “Give Now” on our website or by sending a gift by mail to: LCMS World Mission, 1333 Kirkwood Rd. St. Louis, MO 63122 (write “Carlos Support” in the memo line of your check)
- Support our work on a regular basis by becoming a *Mission Sender*. You will find the Mission Sender form on our website under the *Newsletters / Prayer Cards* tab.

### Prayers Please!

- Thanksgiving for a great language school!
- Thanksgiving for Jack & Cathy “getting connected” with a language partner, a church community & the neighborhood
- Thanksgiving for good adjustments for Raymond & Hannah
- Jack & Cathy’s French studies
- Raymond & Hannah’s studies at UW-River Falls & Black Forest Academy
- For peace to prevail in Guinea & for the safety of the people who live there

