

Standing Tall

"My heart is captive to the word of God ... Here I stand, I can do no other ... so help me God." I hope you'll recognize these words of Dr. Martin Luther. You'll probably also recall that he didn't speak them lightly. He knew that "standing on the promises" of God's Word could very well cost him his life. Yet there he stood ... before pope and princes ... knowing that the only hope he had was the God for whose sake he stood on trial.

As "Reformation Day" comes again this month (probably wrestling with "Halloween" just to get our attention) how easy it is for us heirs and beneficiaries of Dr. Martin Luther to settle for a reformation that is more costume than substance. We sing "A Mighty Fortress". We extol the eternal virtues of "Faith alone", "Grace alone", and "Scripture alone". But I wonder if the reformation spirit ever trickles over into our real lives.

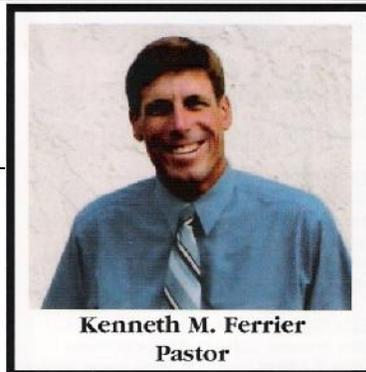
You know, the lives where we are confronted by fears which are just as great as those experienced by Martin Luther when he stood trial as a heretic facing execution. "What's going to happen to my family if this chemotherapy doesn't work?" ... "if I get one of those "pink slips" at work?" ... "if my work causes us to leave the home and people we know and love?" At times such as these can we say, "Here I stand ... so help me God"? Do we look to God as *our* mighty fortress? Do we really put our trust in His promises?

What about the temptations which would draw us away from God, or deceive us into thinking "a little compromise won't hurt anything"? Money ... and the many things we can get with it; Pleasures ... in all of its forms and flavors. Can we stay focused on what

God's Word says? Can we take our stand on "scripture alone" and "faith alone" even when it seems that we will be giving up so much if we do?

Certainly there is a lot about the Reformation that qualifies as *history*. It's the story of what God did in time ... among certain people and places. But the truths which lie at the heart of the Reformation are not buried in the past. They are as current as the most recent trial or challenge confronting you in your Christian life. The expanse of God's grace; the firm foundation of Scripture; the derived power of faith are all *yours*. The same God who preserved the truth of His Word in the 16th century still stands behind that Word ... and in the midst of His Church ... today. The same power that gave victory to Martin Luther -- and the many others who were used by God to "reform" His Church -- is available to see us through our battles against sin, and Satan, and even our own sinful selves.

Most importantly, the same Savior brings the same soul-cleansing, life-changing forgiveness to us that Martin Luther found as he agonized over his sin and guilt. On the basis of God's unchanging Word we sinners are assured that we are saved by God's grace alone, through faith alone, for the sake of Christ alone!!! May that assurance -- that *Savior* -- enable us all to stand tall as we face the foes of our own time and experience.



Kenneth M. Ferrier
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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.

Where has the year gone? It is hard to believe that here we are already in October. It seems just like yesterday that we were looking forward to the summer showers to revive our lawns. Unfortunately we did not get all the rain we were hoping for but now we are all looking forward to the end of the hurricane season. Those of us that enjoy the out doors are looking forward to those wonderful warm sunny days that we enjoy here in Florida without as much humidity as in the summer time. Others of us are looking forward to trips to be united with family and friends during the up coming holiday season. I guess that is part of our human nature to look forward. We enjoy the anticipation of what is to come. Like planning a trip or opening up a wrapped gift.

Traditional October for many is a month of reflection, evaluation and preparation. Reason being that one starts looking forward to years end and the new year. There is still time left in the year that if one is short on meeting a yearly goal that with some effort it still might be possible to meet that goal. Therefore, we reflect on the past year and make evaluations. Are we where we thought we would be at this time? What were the highlights of the year and why? Where did we fall short of getting the desired outcome and why?

Unfortunately here at Redeemer we do not have the tools in place so that we can effectively make those reflections and evaluations across the different facets of our ministry. That deficiency will no longer be once we have our Long Range Plan in place. We are looking forward to the presentation as to the status of the plan next voters meeting on the 28th. This will be followed by a number of workshops both for council and the congregation allowing for review and or modification prior to submitting the Long Range Plan to the voters for adaptation.

In preparation for next year your council will be working on the budget. As you know, for some time now our income has fallen short of our expenditures. The only way we have been able to operate is by some boards not spending their allotted funds. Therefore, not fully doing their ministry. We also have been dipping into our savings. Funds that we should be using to expand our ministry to our community or make it more effective are being used to meet our operating expenses. We cannot continue to operate in this manner.

So we have much to look forward to, end of hurricane season, warm sunny low humidity days, family and friends in the up coming holiday season, a Long Range Plan in place, a realistic budget, but best of all nothing to worry about because we are fortunate because it is all in HIS hands.

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 LIVE WITH AN AWARENESS OF THE PRESENT AND FUTURE, OF TIME AND ETERNITY

What does this mean:

God's stewards live intentionally in the light of the Lord's eternal purpose while being firmly committed to the here and now.

What does God's Word say about this?

Matt. 6:19-21 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

1 Tim. 6:17-19 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

Phil. 3:12-14, 20 Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus. But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ.

2 Pet. 3:11-12a Since everything will be destroyed in this way, what kind of people ought you to be? You ought to live holy and godly lives as you look forward to the day of God and speed its coming.

Rev. 14:13 Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow [with] them."

How is this done?

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

- Point out the eternal dimensions inherent in all that stewards decide to do or not to do;
- Pursue good planning for the present and future as part of stewardship education; and,
- Rejoice in knowing what God's stewards do now can have lasting benefits.

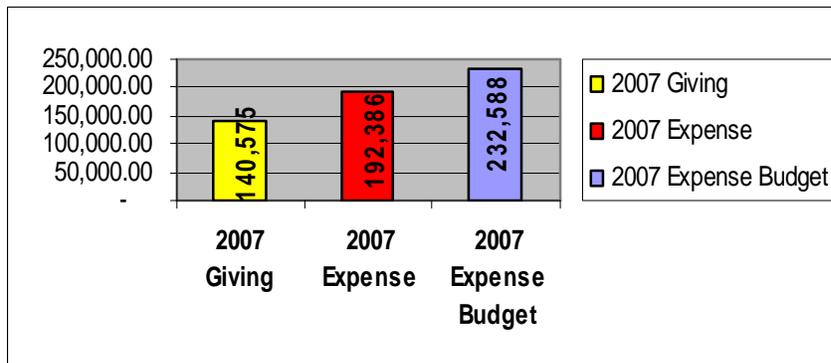
As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Be so intent on the here and now that the possibilities for extending the kingdom after death are neglected; or,
- Be so intent on plans for the future that the possibilities for extending the kingdom here and now are neglected.

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
August	(Includes \$10,000 Gift) 11,413	21,549	27,859
Year to Date	140,575	192,386	232,588



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

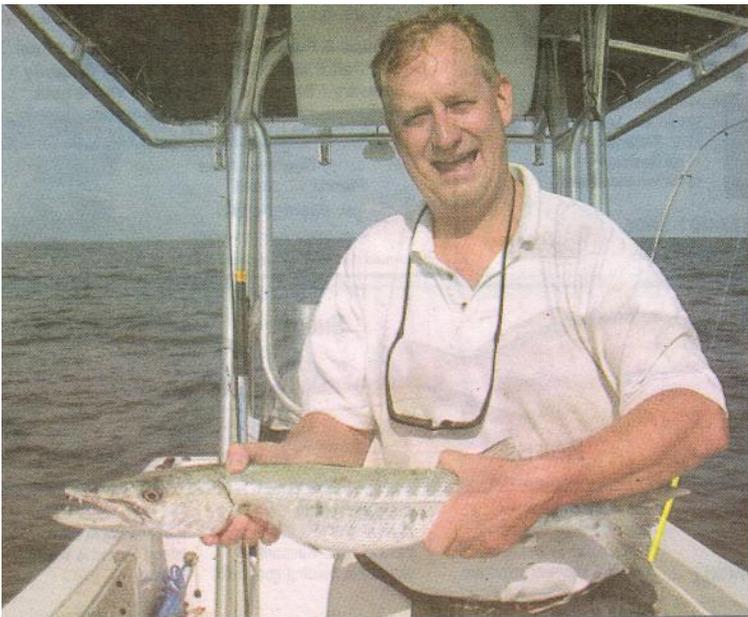


Michelle Finley & children
Spencer, McKenna and Bodie
9630 Arsipe Circle
Port Charlotte, FL 33981
941-698-1155



Erwin & Gudrun Janke
245 Long Meadow Lane
Rotonda West, FL 33947
941-697-3573

Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary



Joe Friess caught this 32-inch barracuda at Tremblay Reef using a small sand perch as bait.

Good job Joe!!!

Reprint from the Waterline, August 23, 2007

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.

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 November is Sunday, October 21st by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to letastender@ewol.com or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after October 21st will be held for the December 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

Leta Stender



GREETERS SCHEDULE

8:00 A.M.

- Oct. 7 Marie Talley & Wilbur Bruce
- Oct. 14 Leona Morrison & Avis Stuck
- Oct. 21 Clare Kieselburg & Ray Janssen
- Oct. 28 Ernie & Shirley Ferguson

10: A.M.

- Oct. 7 Linda Rogers & Carolyn Jordan
- Oct. 14 Jane Hoivik & Laura Brooks
- Oct. 21 Herb & Pat Peterson
- Oct. 28 Tom & Karen Kirkland

Submitted by Laura Brooks

Assimilation

- Oct. 7 Carolyn Jordan
- Oct. 14 LWML SUNDAY
- Oct. 21 Iona Comstock & Georgette Callahan
- Oct. 28 Elma Cancellieri
Susie Haupt

Submitted by Pam DeGourse



Acolytes

USHERS FOR OCTOBER

Ushers will be listed in the bulletin for October. We do not have a list ready for the newsletter. There will be an Usher meeting Sept. 23, at 10:30 for anyone that is now an usher and those who would like to be an usher, male or female. If unable to be at this meeting please call and let me know that you are interested. Please plan to attend. Thank you, Pat Wilcoxon, 941-697-2638.

- Oct. 07 8:00 Courtney Thatcher
10:30 Anthony Bruno
- Oct. 14 8:00 Madeline Keller
10:30 McKenna Heldenbrand
- Oct. 21 8:00 Courtney Thatcher
10:30 Nathan Gunterman
- Oct. 28 8:00 Courtney Thatcher
10:30 Alex Wall

Submitted by Pat Wilcoxon

Human Care



Membership

We are in need of more loving, caring members to help us with the ministry of Human Care! Please consider joining this important board.

Shut-Ins

We have revised our list of shut-ins. Some of our members are assigned a shut-in to visit. This is an ongoing activity which we try to do at least once a month.

Messiah Migrant Mission

Once again we will be having the angel gift tree. In early November watch for the Christmas tree in the Narthex. It will be decorated with gift tags having the names, ages and sex of the potential receivers. Please consider donating a \$15 gift and placing it under the tree, unwrapped, and with the gift tag attached.

Christian Support Group

This group continues to meet very faithfully. The group is open to the public, so let your friends and neighbors who may be hurting know about this helpful support outlet. It consists of cancer survivors, people with incurable diseases, and folks who have lost a loved one, etc. All are welcome.

Sr. Fellowship

We continue to meet on the first and third Tuesday of the month. Come and join us for cards, games and lunch.

Blood Mobile

The Blood Mobile will be at Redeemer on the following dates:

December 9, 2007

February 10, 2008

April 6, 2008

Please consider giving this lifesaving gift and mark the dates on your calendar.

Birthday Cards

Human Care is responsible for sending cards to every member of Redeemer. Diana Collins and Barbara Bishop are doing the honors. Thanks guys!

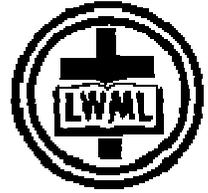
Thanksgiving Day Dinner

Due to Health Department regulations governing dinners open to the public, we will not be able to put on the Thanksgiving Day Dinner. We are looking into another option. Watch for information in the next newsletter.

I hope you all had a great summer! Redeemer friends were in my thoughts and prayers while we were away. Let's all be ready to serve wherever we can and "love our neighbors as ourselves."

Submitted by Marj Sterriker

Ladies Guild



BAZAAR & CRAFT SALE

"Redeemer Ladies Guild" we are organizing a volunteer option for the Ladies and me of the congregation.

The Ladies Guild "Bazaar and Craft Sale" will be held on Saturday, November 17th. The members of Redeemer, both men and women, are asked to be the production personnel, using your skills to make items that can be sold.

The Publicity Committee will inform the community of the event; the Property Committee will have the site in place for the event and assist with the clean-up; the Parking Committee will be responsible for keeping the entrance and exit clear and direct parking; the Refreshment Committee will prepare lunch for the workers and have a coffee/donut booth for the customers.

This is entirely a volunteer venture with the following Bazaar Tables Chairman. There is a need for members to serve on each of the table committees, and to supply the tables with saleable items. You are encouraged to provide items for several tables.

If you will not be in the area for the event, you may send the items to the church office. They will be stored until the event. Mark the suggested selling price on the items.

PUBLICITY CHAIRMAN:

Newspaper/television/radio
Redeemer newsletter/bulletins
Other churches
Outside signs

POSTERS:

Designing
Printing
Distributing

PROPERTY CHAIRMAN:

Setting up tables on Thursday,
November 15th
Breaking-down table on Saturday,
November 17th
Clean-up detail

PARKING COMMITTEE:

Be at the event at least ½ hour before the opening;

REFRESHMENT COMMITTEE:

Coffee/donuts to sell to customers
Hot dogs, chips and soda for the staff

BAZAAR & CRAFT TABLES:

ALMOST NEW/ATTIC TREASURERS
ARTWORK/PICTURES
BAKE SALE
CHILDREN'S CORNERS
CHRISTMAS
HOUSEHOLD ITEMS
HOME DECORATIONS
JEWELRY
PILLOWS & QUILTS
PLANTS
OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ITEM

Chairmen are needed for the various tables. Please contact Margie Cypher (mcypher@comcast.net) or 474-4805 and inform her of the Table you would like to chair, or items you can donate to the event.

Submitted by Margie Cypher

Ladies Guild — Lutheran Women in Mission

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League, also known as "Lutheran Women in Mission", focuses on affirming each woman in her relationship with Christ, to enable her to be in ministry among people of the world. The organization encourages and equips women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global mission work.

More than 5,000 people attended the convention in June 2007 at Sioux Falls, SD under the theme "Rest On Christ the King" or "ROCK". The delegates adopted a record \$1.7 million mission goal. The funds raised by the organizations 250,000 members nationwide over the next two years will be used to support 18 mission grants. These funds are gathered through Mite Box offerings and donations.

The mission goal for the last biennium 2005-07 was exceeded by \$55,106! An unheard of achievement in church groups. God has truly blessed this organization's 65-year history. The women at Redeemer are a part of this national organization.

Please take home a free copy of the Lutheran Woman's Fall Quarterly on the table in the Narthex. Is abortion a topic in our society? The feature article by Jean Garton is a MUST reading for everyone! Are there teen-agers in your family, how about grandchildren? The topic Abstinence on page 15 is excellent, plus many more pages of good reading. Take an extra copy for a friend.

Submitted by Vicky Davis, LWML Rep.

Building and Grounds



Thanks to everyone, including Thrivent, who donated money to help with beautifying the Fellowship Hall grounds.

The planting will be done in October.

Submitted by Shirley Ferguson

Memorial Garden



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September 2, 2007



Assistant Sexton Pat Petersen and Sexton Pam DeGourse



Charles D. Vovcsko



Concrete contractor installing walkway 9/13/07

The Memorial Garden has been under expansion and enhancement this summer. Twenty additional burial sites were added along with additional block walkways within the garden proper. On September 13th, the walkway leading from the church parking lot to the Memorial Garden was installed by Charlie Vovcsko our resident concrete contractor.

I would like to thank Pat Petersen for the many hours she has worked along side me this past summer and thanks to Ray Janssen for supplying the soil we constantly needed.

We encourage you to visit the Memorial Garden and should you have any questions please call me.

Pam DeGourse
Sexton

Stephen Ministry



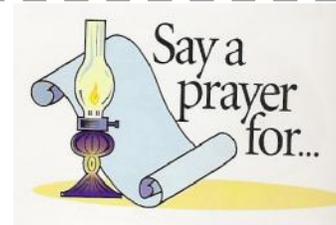
Our Stephen Minister highlight for the month of October is Maureen Ann Nesvacil. Maureen and her husband Erwin live in North Port part time due to traveling 5 months of the year in their motor home and an additional 2 months is business related travel. Her birth place is Milwaukee, Wisconsin but in 1970 moved to a suburb of Chicago, Illinois. She attended college in Wisconsin and graduated with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree with a major in business management and minors in economics and English. Maureen states "on my very first night of college at a freshmen orientation dance I met my husband who rescued me from a guy named Louie as we danced to a song named "Louie, Louie" (some of us may remember that song) and all the guy I was dancing with could say was "that's my name, that's my name"! (Thank you Erwin) Maureen and Erwin have been married 37 1/2 years and have 2 sons, Robert and Jason and grandchildren, Clara Rose age 4 1/2 and Zachary Thomas age 2. Maureen worked 30 years as a Portfolio Manager with a privately held company whose clients were large ticket institutional investors with portfolio assets as varied as oil wells, nuclear plants, reservoirs, satellites, corporate headquarters, strip shopping centers, navy tankers and etc. In 2003 she retired but has been vacationing in Florida since 1979. A transfer was obtained from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Palatine, Illinois to Redeemer in 2003 although she had been attending Redeemer since it first met at Lemon Bay High School. Her parents, Thomas and Elinor (Sandy) McGrath and grandparents, Herman and Bertha Sandhusen helped to start Redeemer Lutheran Church. In Maureen's spare time she volunteers for Habitat for Humanity which they both enjoy. She also enjoys reading and takes many, many interesting cruises and travels to wherever the road might take her. Maureen became a Stephen Minister because the Bible states in John 13:34 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." Galatians 6:2&5 "Carry each others burdens and in this way you will fulfill the law of Christ for each one should carry his own load".

Thank you Maureen for being so insightful and loving towards Stephen Ministry.

Stephen Ministry is recruiting for the 2008 classes which will begin in January. As we look at the Bible we see that over 50 times in the New Testament the words "one another" or "each other" are used. John 15:12, Romans 15:7, Galatians 6:2, Ephesians 4:2, Ephesians 4:32, 1 Thessalonians 5:11, Hebrews 10:24, James 5:16 are but a few of these verses. This tells us that God did not create us to be independent but interdependent. We are made in his own image, to be loving, caring, forgiving. He created us to need each other, "It is not good that man should be alone". When "one another" or "each other" is used in the Bible there is a reciprocal meaning. We are not only willing to care for others and help others but we are also willing to be cared for and helped by others. We have a number of members who are willing to be cared for and helped. Our Stephen Ministry classes are insightful, fun, easy reading with interesting stories. Will you be the one to answer the call and help us with our caring ministry? Let's all pray about involvement in Stephen Ministry.



Submitted by Carol Carlos

HEALING:

Members

Joe Carlos
 Gene Eiler
 Mark Horvath
 Bob Johnson
 Lessie Kirch
 Cliff Larsen
 Tom McGrath
 Jaye Nistendirk
 James Overmyer
 Steve Procuk
 Katie Rudolph
 Arlene Twombly
 Peggy Vanetta
 Barbara Wolgast
 James Wonsey, Sr.

Friends & Relatives

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

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR DEBBIE LULLO AND FAMILY WHOSE GRANDMOTHER DESPINA SPANOS WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR CLARE KIESELBURG AND FAMILY WHOSE SISTER SIGUE BLODGT WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNALHOME ON SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1 IN BELVEDERE, IL. SHE WAS 80 YEARS OLD.

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR STEVEN HORVATH AND FAMILY WHOSE MOTHER JACKIE HORVATH WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME THIS PAST WEEK.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES

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

Youth News

Have a Ball at Redeemer

Join your friends at Redeemer for a fun night of
volleyball,
ping-pong,
basketball,
and making bouncy balls on
Monday, October 15
from 5:30-7:30 PM.

Supper will be served at 5:30-5:45 and the activities will begin afterward.
Door prizes will be awarded!

All Junior and Senior High Youth
are invited, and encouraged to bring their friends.

Please RSVP to Michelle Ferrier
at
697-0502
or
mferrier7959@gmail.com

Submitted by Michelle Ferrier

Dear Redeemer Lutheran Church Members,

Thank you for all the support you have given to the Youth program at Redeemer Lutheran Church. Thank you especially for your financial support in helping several of our youth attend the 2007 LCMS National Youth Gathering in Orlando.



Heartfelt Thanks

The theme of this year's gathering was CHOSEN. The part of each day that I liked the best were the Hear It! Sessions. These were breakout sessions that focused on the theme for the day that we learned in the morning Bible Class. There were several to choose from each day. The session that stands out in my mind was the one where the speaker stressed that that we are in this world but not of this world, and also how God's love is different from how the world views love.

This Gathering daily stressed that we are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God. Christians need to remind themselves of this daily as well. God has chosen us! We didn't have any part in the choosing. Thanks be to God that He has chosen me! Thank you again for your support.

Sarah Ferrier

Assimilation

Over the summer, Redeemer has been blessed to add new members. A **BIG** welcome to all! Please remember to wear your name tags so we can get acquainted with you and welcome you into our Redeemer family with open arms.

A special "thanks" to Laura Brooks for faithfully setting up our coffee hour table and to Jane Hoivik who helps in Laura's absence. Ray Janssen makes sure he is at the church extra early in order to have the coffee "perked" for our parishioners. Thank you Ray!

We continue to thank **ALL** who serve as host or hostess for our coffee hour.

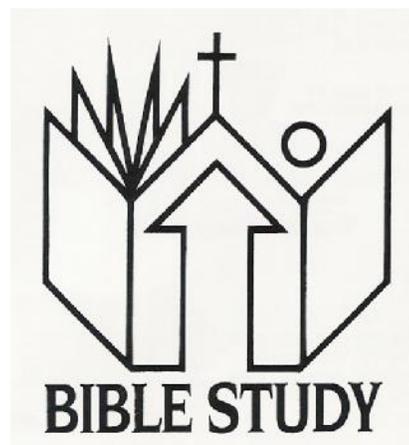
The Assimilation Board's next regularly scheduled meeting is October 16, 2007 at 9:30 am. in the Fellowship Hall.

Submitted by Pam DeGourse, Secretary

Bible Study

CPH has a new series of Bible Studies called "Faith on the Edge", Christian ethics for the 21st century. Using this series we begin a six-week study called "Playing God", redesigning life. We will meet Thursday, October 11, at 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. For more information or a study guide, call Helen Sturzenbecker, 475-3060.

Submitted by Helen Sturzenbecker



Where will you be
sitting in eternity?
Smoking or non-smoking?

New Hymnals

A BIG THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE WHO HELPED PUT THE NAME LABELS IN THE 421 NEW HYMNALS; AS WELL AS PUTTING FRAY CHECK ON ALL OF THE RIBBONS TO HELP THEM LAST LONGER, AND PLACING THEM IN THE PEWS. THIS JOB WOULD HAVE TAKEN SO MUCH LONGER IF NOT FOR THE HELP OF VOLUNTEERS.



Pat Petersen, Dee Baird, Jane Hoivik and Pam DeGourse
Sept. 9, 2007

Thank you,
Pat Wilcoxon
Church Secretary

Choir

Everyone is welcome to sing in the choir.
We especially need bases and tenors.

Choir practice is every Wednesday evening
at 7 p.m.
Come and enjoy the fun!



Thank You

Miranda Leksche is one of our youth volunteer's. She assists in recording of the Worship Service onto CD's. The CD's are then sent out to our shut-in's or anyone who request them.



Miranda Leksche

Thank you,
Pat Wilcoxon
Church Secretary



Special Dates

Columbus Day Observance, October 8, 2007

Reformation Sunday, October 28, 2007

Reformation Day, October 31, 2007

Oct. 7—We begin 2 services: 8 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.
Bible Class at 9:15 a.m.

Simply Giving



Dear Friends & Members,

The Board of Stewardship invites you to consider a new way of implementing your giving to Redeemer. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has developed an automated giving program called Simply giving to assist congregations and their members. Our Church Council have examined the program and found it a good option for members. Response at other congregations suggest many of you may be interested.

Both our members and the Redeemer benefit with this program. For those who choose to participate, withdrawing the pledged or specified amount from your bank account is truly giving the Biblical "first fruits." It also eliminates the minor frustrations of writing checks or forgetting the checkbook. For the church, the advantages are related to a consistent, predictable income. The seasonal fluctuations in giving patterns are lessened. Thrivent Financial offers this service to benefit congregations. They pay all of the costs for this service.

The enrollment forms are available in the church office and also in the Narthex and also is enclosed in this newsletter. The enrollment form should answer questions you may have, and show you how to use the automated withdrawal plan. You can implement this plan by completing the enrollment form and mailing it to the address on the enrollment form. It's that easy! PLEASE NOTE WHEN COMPLETING THE ENROLLMENT FORM WE HAVE SELECTED TO SUPPORT THE FUND DESIGNATION OF ONLY GENERAL/OPERATING FUND.

We will maintain a supply of enrollment forms in the church office to facilitate any future changes you may wish to make to your giving program. We hope you choose to participate and that you find this program helpful.

Blessings,

Board of Stewardship

Hands That Give



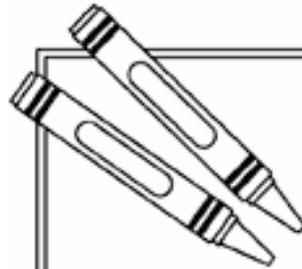
There are many ways you can give to others.
All you have to do is lend a hand!

What you need:

- Colored paper
- Scissors
- Markers or crayons
- Yarn or heavy string
- Clothespins or paper clips

What you do:

1. With your parents' help, think of seven (or more) things that you can do for seven (or more) people. For example, you could clean out closets and donate the items to charity, help a neighbor bring in her trash, and so on.
2. Trace your hand on the paper seven times. Cut out each hand.
3. On one side of each hand, write a person's name. On the other side, write how you will help him or her.
4. Cut a long piece of yarn (or heavy string) and hang it in your room – like a clothesline.
5. Use the clothespins or paper clips to hang each hand on the "clothesline."
6. When you've completed each act of service, take the hand off, but keep it to use another time.
7. Do this activity over and over again by "giving a hand" to someone.



Just for **KIDS**

THE POWER TO GIVE

In the New Testament, Jesus emphasizes the importance of giving and doing for others. In the Old Testament, Proverbs 3:27 (NIV) tells us what not to do.

Cross out ALL of the following letters to reveal Proverbs 3:27.

..... **B J K Q X Z**

Write the remaining letters (in order) on the spaces below.

B W J I T J H Q H O B L Z D G B O O K
 D K F Q R O M T B H J O B S Q E W H O
 X B D B E K Q S E Z X R Z V J E Z X I B
 T W K H Q E N I K Q T I Z S I Z N B Y
 J X J O Z U X R P Q O K W J J E B B R T
 O A Q C Z T

"DO NOT _____

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PROVERBS 3:27, NIV

Answer: "Do not withhold good from those who deserve it, when it is in your power to act."