

REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - JANUARY 2012

“The Similarities Are Astounding!”

You may have heard it said, “A church isn’t a museum for saints, but a hospital for sinners.” (This I have heard from a very wise lady). As much as I agree with the statement, have you ever given thought about the resemblance between the church and a hospital? Well, the similarities are astounding!

Consider the reasons why a person goes to a hospital. Obviously there’s something physically wrong; internally or externally. It could be for sudden pain, a break after a fall, treatment for a disease, whatever the reason, it’s because something isn’t right. The point is that a person who suffers from a physical ailment goes to a hospital for help and not to a furniture store.

Now when you consider why a person goes to church, many reasons may first come to mind: social activity, parents make you, loneliness, etc. Whatever the reason, why a person goes to church should not overshadow the real reason why we all need to be in church. Like a person who needs to go to a hospital for a physical malady, so a person needs to go to church because of a spiritual ailment: SIN. We are all infected with this incurable disease.

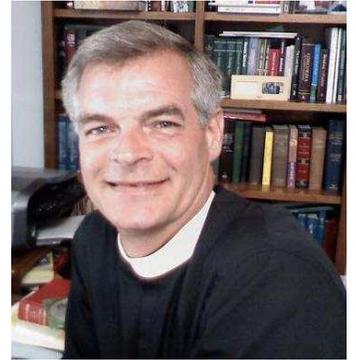
Jesus says, “Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. I came not to call the righteous, but sinners” (Mark 2:17).

I am very thankful for the faithful men on the Board of Elders who have the spiritual condition of the members of Redeemer at heart. Tim Byrne and the Board of Elders are to be commended for making calls and visits to members when either physically or spiritually suffering.

I am also thankful for the compassionate Stephen Minister program here at Redeemer. Carol Carlos, Carol Haupt, Nancy Hall, and their team of care-givers should also be highly praised. For a number of months now they have been making calls and visits on members who are shut-in and/or hospitalized.

I am also very thankful for the Caring Network program

here at Redeemer. Lessie Kirch should be commended for her leadership in this area. And I am very grateful to the many members of Redeemer who make calls on the sick and the hospitalized without notice. All of these men and women are moved to action by the working of the Holy Spirit when Jesus says, “I was sick and you visited Me ... Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these My brothers, you did it to Me” (Matthew 25:36, 40).



Holy Scripture reminds us that the body of Christ is the Church and that Christ Himself is the head of the body (Colossians 3:18). In the body of Christ, the church, members are moved to serve in other ways other than the ones mentioned above. I am thankful to the leadership of Redeemer and the many who serve in their various positions. Without them and the work they do, my work and the work of the church here at Redeemer would be slow and nearly ineffective.

I praise the work of our Church Council and the many who serve on the individual boards and committees within the church. I am appreciative of their dedication and devotion to the church and assisting me in carrying out my work and the work of the church. Especially am I grateful to the service of Avis Stuck and Jane Hoivik for the many years of service to the Lord and His church. Unfortunately they have stepped down from their respective positions, but continue to assist in the transition.

The Apostle Paul says, “If one member suffers, all suffer together” (1 Corinthians 12:26a). A few weeks ago, Ed & Carol Sheahan were given devastating news concerning their son, Ryan. Because they suffer we suffer along with

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Pastor	Rev. James Kress
Child Care Director	Wendy Horvath
Office Secretary	Jennifer Steele
Organists	Bill Bowers Lanette Schmidt
Choir Director	Doris Dykhuizen

OFFICERS

President	Rich Kueker
Vice President	
Treasurer	Judy Murphy
Secretary	Dorothy Sinowetski

BOARDS

Head Elder	Tim Byrne
Assimilation	Deb Kueker
Property Mgmt	Charlie Vovcsko
Christian Ed.	Pam Replinger
Human Care	Carol Carlos
Outreach	Carol Haupt
School Board	Bill Bowers
Stewardship	
Youth	
Financial Secretary	Karen Kirkland

CLUBS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild	Doris Dykhuizen
Men's Group	Bob Mortenson

them. We trust the Lord will carry out His good and gracious will concerning this circumstance and we shall continue to keep all in our prayers.

As a result of this tragedy, Rich Kueker was moved into the position of congregational president, making vacant the position of vice-president. Other vacancies have also occurred during the past two years that haven't since been filled. Moreover, a number of our boards, committees, and guilds are in need of more assistance, that is, more volunteers to carry out their responsibilities.

Paul also writes, "For as in one body we have many members, and the members do not all have the same function, so we, though many, are one body in Christ, and individually members one of another" (Romans 12:4-5). The body of Christ here at Redeemer is suffering and is in need of members to keep the body alive, active and healthy. Please prayerfully consider how the Lord may be calling you to serve Him here at Redeemer. It may not be in a position of leadership, but becoming an active participant on a board, committee, or guild is participating in the life of the church. Consider also service as an usher or choir member, a greeter or Sunday School teacher.

As each of us suffer from physical, emotional, and even psychological afflictions, the body of Christ is also affected. St. Paul also writes, "Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ's sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too" (2 Corinthians 1:3-5). As we are given opportunity to provide comfort to others in a time of need, so we also comfort the body of Christ, the church through service.

We may not always need to go to a hospital or we may not always be in need of a doctor, but because of sin, we are always in need of the Physician who heals us in both His Word and Sacrament. "He Himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed" (1 Peter 2:24).

In His Service,
Pastor Kress



STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry begins their 2012 training on Monday, January 16th. The class time will be 9:00am to 2:00pm. We invite any member of the congregation to attend one or all the classes. The schedule was issued in a previous newsletter. The Stephen Ministers thank the Lord for the previous year that the Holy Spirit was with us to assist members and nonmembers alike to a fuller life. We did the caring and God did the curing. We pray that with God's guidance we once again give love and encouragement to our care receivers. Each Stephen Minister wishes you all a blessed New Year filled with love, peace and joy. May we love and honor each other as we ought. God Bless you all! Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. 1 Peter 4:8 - Submitted by Carol Carlos

WELCOME OUR NEW MEMBERS



Leslie Miles

Leslie enjoys recording music videos to YouTube. Leslie is currently living with her grandmother, Lillian.
611 Wentworth Avenue
Englewood, FL 34223



Catherine Bedwell

222 Boundary Boulevard Rotonda West, FL 33947
941-830-3083

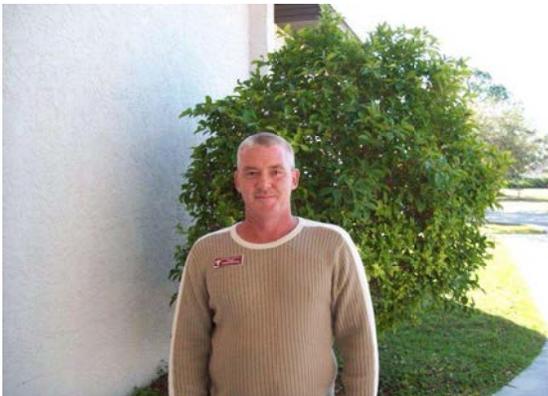
Catherine enjoys designing and sewing little girl dresses, which she sells on Ebay. She grew up in Palm Springs, CA. She has 3 children and 3 grand-children. Catherine works for the Sarasota County Property Appraisers office.



Daniel & Rebecca Fernandez

11200 Euler Avenue Englewood, FL 34224
941-661-9825

Daniel owns his own therapeutic massage business. Daniel enjoys restoring old clocks and working on automobile and boats. Rebecca enjoys spending time with her family. They have two children, Seth and Devon.



Todd Armstrong

2910 10th Street Englewood, FL 34224
941-961-7584

Todd was born in New York City and moved to New Jersey when he was three. He grew up on the water and worked on tug boats for eight years while also working in construction. Todd has obtained a Captain's License. He moved to Florida five years ago and started a lawn care business. His hobbies are fishing and skiing, and he also enjoys giving his time to talk to the elderly.



FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

2011 Church Actual vs. Budget Through Nov 30, 2011

Offerings Budget	Offerings	Received Expenses
\$231,873.62	\$179,666.25	\$228,955.97

USHERS ARE NEEDED!

USHERS ARE NEEDED. October began our two worship services and there is a need for 4 ushers per service. Please prayerfully consider becoming an usher and sign up in the Narthex. If you have any questions or wish a walk-through of usher duties, please contact Tom Kirkland at 941-474-6407 or 941-456-5550.

The Newsletter deadline for the February Newsletter is January 22nd. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time. Thank you. Electronic submissions are best sent to redemerfl@verizon.net

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

Please join us for our monthly "Property Appreciation" Day on the second Saturday of the month, JANUARY 14th!!! Join us in keeping our buildings and properties beautiful. There's a little something to do for anyone willing to help... For more information please contact Charlie Vovcsko at 941-266-5118. *THANK YOU!-Property Management*

THANK YOU

"Thank you" to the members of Redeemer who took a name from the Angel Tree. Santa had a wonderful time passing out the gifts to the children of the Child Care. Each child received a gift and many remarked to Santa it was just what they wanted. "Thank you to Santa" for visiting with the children and distributing the gifts. - Margie Cypher

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Jesus...The Greatest Gift was the Christmas program that the Sunday School shared along with the Child care on Wednesday December 14, 2011. All of the children worked very hard on this with the help of Mr. Bill Bowers and Ms. Wendy!! It was such a blessing to see the children share with their parents and the church members the gift received in Jesus, who came into the world to be the Greatest Gift we could ever receive, offering us eternal life, and salvation! The children wrapped up the program by singing Happy Birthday to Jesus and sharing cake with all in attendance.

Again, I would offer this to those that would like to serve the Lord. Teaching children about Jesus is a vital part of the work to be done at Redeemer Lutheran Church. There is great joy when a child expresses the understanding that Christ died on the cross for their sins. Please consider being a part of the Sunday School by teaching, substituting, or even providing snacks!

In Christ's service, Lisa Kress



SCRIPT



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!

Thanks to all who placed Scrip orders in December. The next Scrip order will be taken February 5 and returned February 12. Proceeds from the sale of Scrip are used for the Redeemer Ladies Guild/LWML mission projects. Watch for bulletin announcement. Updated list of retailers and order blanks will be available in the narthex January 29.

If you have any questions call Sybil Grahl 475-0263.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASSES

January 1, 2012

Dearly Redeemed in Christ,

Holy Scripture and the Confessions of the Lutheran Church show that fellowship is being one in spirit and one in doctrine (Ephesians 4:4-6). Jesus says, "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you" (Matthew 28:19-20).

As you know, Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care provides classes for instruction for both children as well as adults. Our next session of Instruction Classes for adults, who are not currently members of Redeemer, will start Thursday, January 12th beginning at 6:00 pm in the Narthex and run about an hour and a half in length. These classes will be conducted for a total of 10 class periods according to the schedule shown below:

Thursday, January 12th

Tuesday, January 17th

Thursday, January 19th

Tuesday, January 24th

Thursday, January 26th

Tuesday, January 31st

Thursday, February 2nd

Thursday, February 9th

Tuesday, February 14th

Thursday, February 16th

Why am I bringing this to your attention? You're already a confirmed member of the Lutheran Church. Well, this subject has recently been discussed at a previous Board of Elders meeting. It is the belief of the Elders that our members should have an opportunity to become refreshed in the basic fundamentals of the Christian faith which they have learned. For many of us, it has been years since we opened the Small Catechism, which contain those basic fundamental truths. Therefore, this next session of classes (all classes for that matter) are open to you also. If you can't attend them all, no problem, come to those you can.

At the completion of these classes you will no doubt remember and thank the Lord you are a Lutheran. You will also have the opportunity to witness the confirmation of new members from this class and welcome them into fellowship here at Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care through the Rite of Confirmation on **Sunday, February 19th**.

I look forward to seeing you not only during class time, but certainly during our worship services and in serving the Lord and His people. If you have any questions, or if I can be of help with some specific need, please give me a call.

In the Service of Christ,

Rev. James T. Kress, Sr.
Pastor

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING**November 14, 2011**

Present: Ed Sheahan, Pastor Kress, Tim Byrne, Bill Bowers, Pat Luedtke, Rich Kueker, Karen Kirkland, Jane Hoivik, Pam Replinger, Carol Haupt, Betty Foster, Charlie Vovcsko, Dorothy Sinowetski.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by President Ed Sheahan. Pastor Kress opened with a prayer.

The minutes of October 10, 2011 were presented. PAM MOVED, KAREN SECONDED TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS PRESENTED. MOTION CARRIED.

The calendar for December was presented and updated.

REPORTS**PASTOR:**

- This Sunday will be Stephen Ministry Sunday.
- Thanksgiving Eve service will be Wednesday, November 23 with Pastor Schmidt officiating.
- Nov. 27 will be the first Sunday in Advent.
- Wednesday Advent services will be Nov. 30, and Dec. 7 & 14.
- Child Care & S.S. Christmas program will be Dec. 14 at 7:00 PM.
- There will be one service on Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
- Adult instruction class has begun.
- A trip to Fisherman's Village Festival of Lights boat ride will be Sat., Dec. 17.
- Pastor is to be a guest preacher on KFUEO.
- Presented was a report from Raymond L. Hartwig, LCMS Secretary offering suggestions on how congregations can have "grass-roots participation".

Pastor expressed a need for a white board. TIM BYRNE MADE A MOTION TO APPROVE THE PURCHASE OF A MOVABLE, TWO-SIDED WHITE BOARD FROM AL-FAX, AT A COST OF ABOUT \$529 PLUS S&H OF \$119. PAM REPLINGER SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

VICE PRESIDENT: Rich reported he has contacted FPL to fix some outdoor lights.

ELDERS: Tim reported the Elders met with a full board. There is a need for additional communion assistants. Pastor Schmidt has agreed to be a part-time Winter Pastor with limited pay as he will not need mileage payments.

FINANCE: Reports attached. Karen Kirkland reported that contributions are up but lower than last year. The stove has been purchased. New mics are needed and will cost about \$350 to \$500.

KAREN KIRKLAND MADE A MOTION TO PAY FOR THE STOVE AND THE WHITE BOARD FROM THE THRIVENT LINE #2160. TIM BYRNE SECONDED. MOTION CARRIED.

PROPERTY MANAGEMENT: Charlie reported that the cost of the stove is \$449.00. Looney Electric has been working on the outdoor lighting system.

ASSIMILATION: Sent in a report. Deb Kueker will be Assimilation Chairperson.

- New Christmas candle holders have been received.
- Christmas decorations will be put up on the Friday after Thanksgiving.
- Since Christmas fall on Sunday, a birthday cake for Jesus will be provided for Coffee Hour.
- New members are need.
- Continue to assimilate new members at Redeemer.

OUTREACH: Carol reported.

- Dec. 3rd is the Rotonda Christmas Parade.
- The training class has been rescheduled until Jan. 2012.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION: Pam reported the hope that a Sunday School Superintendent will be found.

SCHOOL BOARD: Bill reported on short-term cash flow. VPK enrollment has declined, the AC repairs are costly, costs for finishing the playground weren't taken into consideration and the scholarships are depleting the Angel Fund.

A letter from a State Certified General RE Appraiser was presented that shows the Child Care was paying too high of a share of Property Taxes. After much discussion, CAROL HAUPT MADE A MOTION TO USE ALL OF THE REMAINING ANGEL FUNDS AND TO REDUCE THE TAXES TO A 1/5TH SHARE AND TO TAKE OUT OF DEDICATED FUNDS WHAT IS NEEDED TO PAY EXPENSES. PAM REPLINGER SECONDED. The motion was withdrawn and the subject tabled for next month's council meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm with a prayer from Pastor and the Lord's Prayer and the Doxology.

Respectfully submitted, Dorothy Sinowetski, Congregation Secretary

STEWARDSHIP

How did you do with your resolutions for the year 2011? About the same as for other years? Can you even remember what those resolutions were? Why do we struggle so much with resolutions? Is it because they are not realistic? Is it because we try to do it completely on our own without any outside help (even from God)? Failure is one of the biggest disappointments in life. Is it possible to start over successfully?

As we enter into this New Year we have another opportunity to start over. Having the privilege of starting over is one of the things in life that gives us hope and courage as we look to the future. As we take down our 2011 calendars and replace them with 2012 calendars we really can start over.

In Romans 12:12 (NIV) the Holy Spirit gives us some great ingredients for a really good New Year's resolution. The encouragement is to ***"be joyful in hope, patient in affliction and faithful in prayer."*** Life would be so sweet if everyone could adopt and live out those three pieces as a New Year's resolution.

"Be joyful in hope" should be pretty easy for Christians because our hope is in Christ and ***"that hope will never disappoint us, because God has poured out His love into our hearts by the Holy Spirit, whom He has given us."*** (Romans 5::5 NIV)

"Be patient in affliction" can be considerably more difficult because we do not like affliction. Who of us likes to be mistreated by people who are rude, inconsiderate and downright nasty? Where can we get the strength to be patient in affliction? It takes a giant transformation to behave so nicely

when afflicted? Our comfort is that the power to do that does not come from within us, but from outside of us. When we were baptized ***"we were buried with Him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life."*** (Romans 6:4 NIV) No one in the history of mankind had to deal with as much affliction as Jesus, our Savior! And He did it out of love for us so that we do not have to fear eternal affliction!



"Faithful in prayer" keeps us in touch with God--Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Jesus spent entire nights in prayer with His Father in heaven so that He would have the strength to carry out His mission of dying for sinners so that they might have the forgiveness of sins, life and salvation. Prayer is an excellent way to stay in touch with God and His love and power.

How does this threefold resolution make a difference in our lives and the lives of those around us? It does because the Holy Spirit is at work within us to make us more and more

the children of God. As children of God we seek to do the same things that give Him such delight. John 3:16 tells us that God delights in **loving** and **giving**. God has entrusted us with all of life and life's resources and desires that we manage them wisely according to His purposes. **Loving** and **giving** are at the heart of Christian stewardship.

May God bless us all as His stewards in this New Year of 2012!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR HEAD ELDER

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As the head Elder, I recently attended Pastor's instruction class. It was a great "re-awaking" for me. It is "filled" with nuggets of truth about what & why we believe as we do. I would highly recommend that you take a little time and attend as many classes as you can. It will strengthen & renew the foundation of your beliefs. I pray that you will make an effort to attend. You will be overjoyed just as I was! God bless you.

Tim Byrne
Head Elder

PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Marjorie Boliere, Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Jim Prather, and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Bill Balogh, Sr., Lorraine Hughes, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Gary Lute, Sandy McGrath, Clara Mitchell, Herb Petersen, Don Plesner, Michael Sanders, Zannie Scheel, Mary Ann Sochacki, Marie Talley, Fred Toth, Ronald Woller.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Noel Antonelli, Linny Aspery, Jean Bajner, Mary Beaver, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Jack & Cathy Carlos, Debbie Carr, Bobbett Clark, Carly DeFeos, Renee Dempsey, John Denick, Irene DiTommaso, Nick Frees, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Malia Grayer, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, Bill Hillis, Robin Hincman, Tom Holt, Stanley Jablonski, the family and friends of Ruth Jansch, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Ashley Johnston, Betty Kabert, Rachel Kagay, Marinela Kandt, Julie Keck, Jim Lane, Denise Lines, Sean Maki, Elsie Malecki, Greg Martens, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Amelia McInerney and family, Pete Mogg, Linda Mohr, John Molle, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Rev. Gary Nehring, Dan Niemann, Darwin & Noreen Oliver, Charles Pentecost Jr., Ronnie Powers, Mary Raines, Sherrie Rhoades, Delaney Saunders, the family and friends of Ashley Schultz, Ryan Sheahan, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Michael Stio, Eva Tabbitas, Teresa Tormala, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, Cindy Whitaker, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Linda "Kirkland" Woodum.

Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Roger Hammond, Christopher Hankins, Jonathan Hibbard, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Katherine Janssen, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Jesse Krone, Michael Monson, Jesse Morse, Christian Mosser, Jeremy Schaitz, Scott Senna, Brandon Smith, Jeremy Twombly, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

Pastor and members of the church are always willing to pray for you, family members and friends. If a loved one appears on our prayer list above, please call pastor or the church office to give us a health update. Thank you.

GREETERS

1st 10:00 AM - Ray Janssen
 8th 8:00 AM - Ray & Dolores Altmann
 10:30 AM - Paul & Vicky Davis
 15th 8:00 AM - Ray Janssen & Marie Talley
 10:30 AM - Chuck & Elaine Malecki
 22nd 8:00 AM - Ray Janssen & Marie Talley
 10:30 AM - Alan Webster & Bob Buie
 29th 8:00 AM - Ray Janssen
 10:30 AM - Jim Turner & Ellie Ratzlaff

COFFEE HOUR

1st Clare Kieselburg
 Angie Ziegler
 8th Donna Antonelli
 Helen Plank
 15th Carol Spooner
 Sue Poyer
 22nd Marion Buie
 Lois Webster
 29th THRIVENT

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Redeemer Child Care would like to wish you a Happy New Year!

Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

1/2 The Visit of the
Wise Men

Matthew 2:1-12

1/9 The Boy Jesus in
the Temple

Luke 2:41-52

1/16 Jesus Calls
Disciples

John 1:35-51

1/23 Jesus Changes
Water into Wine

John 2:1-12

1/30 Jesus Clears the
Temple

John 2:13-22



Glory to God in the
highest.

Luke 2:14

Birthdays

Ms. Katie 1/1

Lauren 1/9

Isabella F. 1/15

Reece 1/16



Congratulations on your years of service!

Ms. Cheryl - 2 years
on 12/8

Ms. Jackie - 5 years
on 1/16

Ms. Cherylann - 2 years
on 1/25

Congratulations to:

Ms. Cherylann on
receiving her National
Child Development
Associate Degree!

What We Are Learning

1/2-1/13 Under the Big
Top

1/16-1/27 The Funny
Farm

1/30-1/3 Sound &
Movement

A Great Big Thank You!

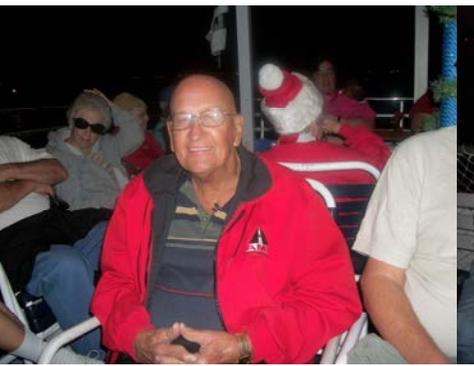
A great big thank you to
all who have donated
items and time to the
Child Care Children and
Building this year!
Everyone and
everything was greatly
appreciated by the
Staff and the Children.

Submitted by Wendy Horvath

ROTONDA CHRISTMAS PARADE!



FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS



SENIOR FELLOWSHIP CHRISTMAS PARTY



CHILD CARE CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA



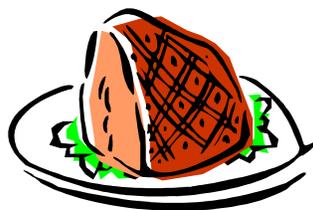
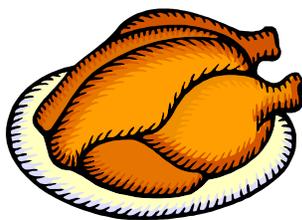
CHILD CARE CHRISTMAS WITH SANTA



**NEW MEMBERS
FROM: 2009, 2010 and 2011
RECOGNITION
POT LUCK DINNER
January 14th, 2012 at 5:00 PM**



**FELLOWSHIP HALL
ALL MEMEBERS ARE INVITED
BRING A COVERED DISH**



CHICKEN, HAM & SALAD provided.

**PLEASE SIGN UP SO WE KNOW HOW
MANY TO PREPARE FOR!
THANK YOU!**

CLASSIFIEDS

Beautician/Manicurist	Debbie Balogh Linda Pontello	Purple Palace Purple Palace	941-475-0731 941-475-0731
Sales—Rentals	Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker (Lessie Kirch's Daughter) 350 S. Indiana Road Englewood, FL 34223. Office: 941-473-0300, Cell: 941-330-7922.		
Handyman	Work any handyman job from A-Z, nothing is too big or small. Please call John Toth at 941-697-1670!		
Cleaning Services	Free estimates! Please contact Sheila Murphy at 941-473-1747.		
Lawn Care	Call John Zimmerman at 941-445-0772 for a free estimate.		
Construction	Call Rob Long! A.C.S., Inc. - Licensed General Contractor - Anything from full remodels, full lanai's, window and door installation and ALL phases of construction. State certified licensed and insured. Please call for a free estimate at 941-475-5008 or 941-232-6606!		
For Sale	"Rebounder" Trampoline with Holding Bars. \$99 or best offer...Please call Sammy Jollay at 697-5905 if interested.		

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 28:19-20)

SPREAD THE GOOD NEWS

Luke tells us that Jesus demonstrated that he is the Son of God through his miracles and his teaching and preaching. Many were amazed at the power and authority he showed and *"the news about him spread throughout the surrounding areas."* (Luke 4:37) How did it spread? It spread because of others who shared the good news. Today the good news of Jesus still spreads as his followers share it with others. BE A GOOD DISCIPLE, TELL OTHERS WHAT YOU KNOW.

OUTREACH NEWS

New Member Recognition Dinner

Plan on coming to the New Member Recognition Dinner on Saturday, January 14, at 5:00 p.m. This will be a potluck dinner, with ham and chicken provided. All members are encouraged to attend, to get to know each other and our newest members. New members from 2009, 2010, and 2011 will be honored. It will be a time to learn more about what goes on at Redeemer as well; all the Board Chairpersons will be providing information about the work of their respective Boards. We'll have lots of fun, too, with games and prizes. Please sign up in the Narthex if you can attend. We look forward to seeing you there.

Witness Workshop

We will be having another workshop to learn more about "telling the good news" to friends, family and acquaintances. Set aside two Saturdays in February, the 4th and the 11th. This will be hands-on training, including how to start a conversation and how to respond to questions. Pastor will be conducting the workshop.

Friendship Sunday

Following the witness training, we will be having Friendship Sunday, on February 19. Start thinking about who you might invite.

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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WORSHIP SERVICES:

October—April: 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Sunday School: 9:15 AM

Bible Study: 9:15 AM

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

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

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

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>1 <i>The First Sunday After Christmas</i> 10:00 AM Divine Service 11:00 AM Bible Class - Mission Presentation <i>New Year's Day</i></p>	<p>2 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM School Board</p>	<p>3 9:00 AM Hula Class 9:00 AM Sarasota Circuit Pastor's Meeting 6:00 PM Elder's Mtg 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p>4 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 10:00 AM Outreach 12:30 PM Ladies Guild Mtg 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>5 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class 4:00 - 5:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry</p>	<p>6 <i>The Epiphany of Our Lord</i></p>	<p>7 8:00 AM - ? Property Appreciation Day 5:00 PM New Member Recognition Pot Luck Dinner</p>
<p>8 <i>The Baptism of Our Lord</i> 3:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service 3:15 AM Property Mgmt Mtg 3:15 AM Sunday School 3:15 AM Bible Class</p>	<p>9 7:00 AM Men's Group 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers 7:00 PM Council Mtg</p>	<p>10 9:00 AM Hula Class 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Christian Ed. 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p>11 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>12 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class 4:00 - 5:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation</p>		
<p>15 <i>The 2nd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 3:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Voter's Meeting</p>	<p>16 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>	<p>17 9:00 AM Hula Class 10:00 AM Bible Class 9:00 AM Assimilation 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p>18 <i>The Confession of St. Peter</i> 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>19 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class 4:00 - 5:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation 6:30 PM Stephen Ministry</p>		
<p>22 <i>The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Bible Class NEWSLETTER DEADLINE</p>	<p>23 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>	<p>24 9:00 AM Hula Class 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>	<p>25 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 7:00 PM Choir Practice</p>	<p>26 10:00 AM Sr. Fellowship 10:00 AM Ladies Bible Class 4:00 - 5:30 PM Youth Confirmation Class 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation</p>		
<p>29 <i>The 4th Sunday after the Epiphany</i> 8:00 AM Divine Service 10:30 AM Divine Service 9:15 AM Sunday School 9:15 AM Bible Class BLOOD PRESSURE</p>	<p>30 9:00 - 11:00 AM Tap 3:45 PM Child Care Chapel 4:00 PM Weight Watchers 6:00 PM Weight Watchers</p>	<p>31 9:00 AM Hula Class 10:00 AM Bible Class 6:00 PM Adult Confirmation 7:00 PM AA Mtg.</p>		<p>A HAPPY NEW YEAR</p>		

Redeemer Lutheran Church (LCMS)
Wedding Anniversaries – January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 Charlie & Carol Vovosko (9 Years)	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Pastor & Lisa Kress (24 Years)	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Alton & Alice Leduc (61 Years)	28
29	30	31				

Birthdays – January 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Bedwell, Cathy	4 Zierdt, Sally	5 Heppner, Bernice Toth, Clara Jo	6 Anter, Barbara Jonas, Bill Zwick, Eileen	7
8 Jordan, Carolyn Vassallo, Lisa	9 Copeman, Trevor DeBraccio, Gayle Stuck, Earl	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Keller, Marlene	18	19 Miles, Lillian	20 Scarangella, Joseph	21 Euler, Heather
22 Ratzlaff, Ron Schmidt, Lanette	23 Kirch, Lessie Larsen, Clifford Zatkalk, Shirley	24 Balogh, Cathy	25 Hall, Richard	26 Lute, Gary	27 Demma, Marissa	28 Armstrong, Todd
29 Schaitz, Jenna	30 Sochacki, Mary Ann	31				