



“FORGIVEN! HOW DO I KNOW THIS?”

Occasionally I will walk over to our bookshelf and pull out one of the many family photo albums to view. I enjoy looking at pictures of our children – and now grandchildren – growing up. However, two things always stand out when I look at these pictures: 1) the blonde-haired beauty always looks the same, and 2) who is the dark-haired man in these pictures?

I love to look at pictures. They are a moment in time made still. The time may be mine, they may belong to another family member or a friend, and they may even be of a time my eyes have never seen. Regardless of all that, they are indeed a time to remember. I love to look at pictures – black and white, or color – it doesn’t matter. Perhaps it’s because the still picture assures me that what took place in that picture was an actual event in time and that that time can never be taken away from me.

Recently, I pondered a question about forgiveness and how do I

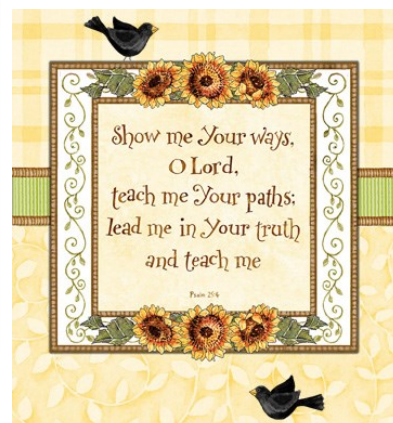
know I am truly forgiven. I have many sins. Some I immediately recognize and instantly seek forgiveness not only from God, but just as importantly from the one I offended and harmed. And then there are some sins that go on unnoticed or unchecked. Through the hearing of the Law of God, I am awakened to this truth of my sin and I seek to receive forgiveness from both God and the one I sinned against.

Strange how my mind, after a period of time – long or short, even after receiving forgiveness, will recall my transgression. It’s like my mind or better said, “my old sinful flesh,” will pull down an old photo album from the shelf and randomly open to a moment in time when I committed a sin. I can see the picture clearly. It happened. There is no denying it. And what is worse? I am continuously tormented by the Old Adam with guilt and shame. Then the new man in me reminds me that I am FORGIVEN! Unfortunately, the sinful flesh doesn’t give in so easily. He uses the old reliable

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STEWARDSHIP

In the course of time Cain brought to the Lord an offering of the fruit of the ground, and Abel also brought of the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions. And the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering, but for Cain and his offering he had no regard” (Gen 4:2). Why did the Lord not have regard for Cain and his offering, but did regard Abel and his offering? Was it because Abel’s offering was better intrinsically than Cain’s? No. The Book of Hebrews tells us: “By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain, through which he was commended as righteous, God commending him by accepting his gifts” (Heb 11:4). The thing that distinguished Abel’s offering from that of Cain’s is faith. By faith, Abel offered a more acceptable offering.

Faith and giving are inseparable. They are two sides of the same coin. It is faith in the promises of God that leads us to give. By faith we trust that God will do what He says. By faith, we receive everything God gives as a gift from His divine mercy and goodness. For what do we have that we have not received (1 Cor 4:7)? Nothing. Everything we have comes from the Lord. By faith we give to others because God has first given to us, and by faith we trust that He will continue to provide for us all that we need for this

body and life. And when by faith we give, God accepts our offerings and commends us as righteous. For by faith we are accounted righteous before God on account of Christ. Giving is a spiritual issue.

But there is a flip side to this two-sided coin: Cain didn’t give an offering to God by faith. His offering did not come from faith but from someplace else. And since it didn’t originate with faith in God and His promises, it was not regarded by God. And he was not accounted righteous. This is a warning to us. Pay attention to your faith and your offerings, and from where they come.

From where do your offerings come? Like all good works, offerings acceptable in God’s sight flow from faith in Christ. They are given in response to the gifts God has given to us, especially the gift of forgiveness of sins in Jesus Christ. And since they are given by faith, they will be the target of Satan’s attacks to ruin the church, do damage to the gospel of Christ, and to weaken your faith in Him. For sin is crouching at our doors, and the temptation to sin in giving is great because of the fallen world and our sinful flesh. But Jesus is greater than our hearts. Jesus has overcome the world. And by faith, so have we. By faith, we rule over them.



FROM THE PRESIDENT

After just conducting my second Quarterly Voter's Assembly Meeting I feel blessed to be surrounded by such caring and sincere people doing the Lords work. My fellow Officers, Board Chairs and Committees are to be commended for their dedication toward making Redeemer Church and Child Care what it is today.

We are entering the holiday season, which of course includes Thanksgiving. I found the below announcement from the year 1623 appropriate.

William Bradford, governor of the Plymouth Colony announced, "To All Ye Pilgrims: Inasmuch as the great Father has given us this year an abundant harvest of Indian corn, wheat, beans, squashes, and garden vegetables, and has made the forests to abound with game and the sea with fish and clams, and inasmuch as He has protected us from the ravages of the savages, has spared us from pestilence and disease, has granted us freedom to worship God according to the dictates of our own conscience; now, I, your magistrate, do proclaim that all ye Pilgrims, with your wives and little ones, do gather at ye meeting house, on ye hill, between the hours of 9 and 12 in the day time, on Thursday, November ye 29th of the year of our Lord one thousand six hundred and twenty-three, and third year since ye Pilgrims landed on ye Pilgrim Rock, there to listen to ye pastor, and render thanksgiving to ye Almighty God for all His blessings."

We have so much to be thankful for. A Blessed Thanksgiving to all.



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tool of the devil and says, “Did God really say you’re forgiven?” My mind questions and begins to doubt. I say to myself, “Am I forgiven? How do I know this?”

Have you ever had such doubt? Have you ever questioned the grace of God in the forgiveness of sins? Has your faith ever been so rattled that you have wondered if you are truly forgiven for past sins. And if so, how do you know this for sure and with undeniable certainty?

Friends, you are obviously not alone. Because of our old Adam, the sinful world, and the evil Foe, we will always be tempted to doubt the truth of God’s Word. This is what Jesus says of the Devil: “He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth, because there is no truth in him. When he lies, he speaks out of his own character, for he is a liar and the father of lies” (John 8:44).

Now listen to what Jesus has to say about the world: “In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world” (John 16:33b). The world will always be your enemy just as Satan and your own sinful nature will always be your enemy. But Jesus has overcome, that is, triumphed over sin, death, and Satan by His victorious resurrection from the dead.

Just listen to what Paul has to say of you: “For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:3-4). So, there is hope for you while still in this world. Yes, we desire to be with Jesus, but God’s will is for

you to remain here until He calls you to be with Him in glory. While here on earth we need to hear the assurance that we are not alone to face the challenges, trials, tribulations, and temptations alone. St. John writes, “Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for He who is in you is greater than he who is in the world” (1 John 4:4).

Now back to the question of forgiven sins. You know your sins are forgiven through the inspired and inerrant Word of God. From the very mouth of God we hear: “Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered” (Psalm 32:1).

The Word of God is loaded with examples of Jesus personally forgiving the sins of sinners. When people brought to Him a paralytic, lying on a bed, Jesus saw their faith and said to the paralytic, “Take heart, My son; your sins are forgiven” (Matthew 9:2).

When a sinful woman of the city came to see Jesus, He addressed all the doubters saying, “I tell you, her sins, which are many, are forgiven—for she loved much. But he who is forgiven little, loves little.’ And then He said to her, “Your sins are forgiven” (Luke 7:47, 48).

Where do we go to hear Jesus forgive us our sins? We are called, gathered, and enlightened by the Holy Spirit to go where Jesus promises to be – in His Church. There is where God has called and sent men to speak in Christ’s stead the words a penitent sinner longs to hear. Jesus gave us this assurance when He said to His disciples, “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them” (John 20:23a). Therefore, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins

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in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Having received forgiveness from me, as from God Himself, we are now set free to forgive our neighbor. Jesus instructs us, “Judge not, and you will not be judged; condemn not, and you will not be condemned; forgive, and you will be forgiven” (Luke 6:37).

Listen now to some portions of Holy Scripture that shall strengthen your faith in the assurance your sins are forgiven.

Paul writes, “Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin” (Romans 4:7-8).

And he says again, “Anyone whom you forgive, I also forgive. Indeed, what I have forgiven, if I have forgiven anything, has been for your sake in the presence of Christ, so that we would not be outwitted by Satan; for we are not ignorant of his designs” (2 Corinthians 2:10-11).

And again he says, “And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of

your flesh, God made alive together with [Jesus], having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This He set aside, nailing it to the cross” (Colossians 2:13-14).

God made it clear from the beginning, “Indeed, under the law almost everything is purified with blood, and without the shedding of blood there is no forgiveness of sins” (Hebrews 9:22).

Therefore, “When Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, He sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until His enemies should be made a footstool for His feet. For by a single offering He has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified. And the Holy Spirit also bears witness to us; for after saying, ‘This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, declares the Lord: I will put My laws on their hearts, and write them on their minds,’ then He adds, ‘I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more.’ Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer

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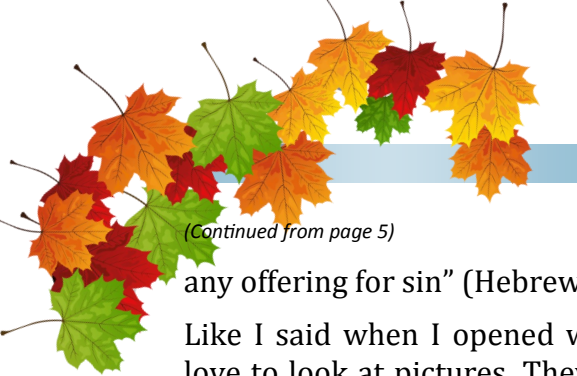
FROM THE TREASURER

September 2015:

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>		<u>OVER/(UNDER)</u>
INCOME:	\$27,119	INCOME:	\$15,406	\$11,713
EXPENSE:	\$18,331	EXPENSE:	\$17,519	\$812

YEAR TO DATE (AS OF September 30, 2015)

<u>ACTUAL</u>		<u>BUDGET</u>		
INCOME:	\$138,027	INCOME:	\$138,678	(\$651)
EXPENSE:	\$155,994	EXPENSE:	\$163,726	(\$7,732)



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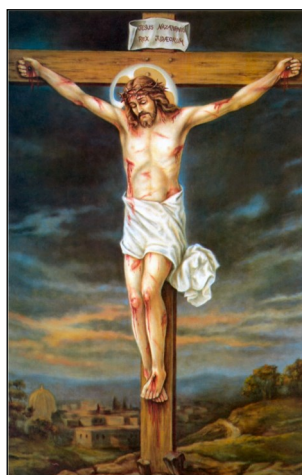
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any offering for sin” (Hebrews 10:12-18).

Like I said when I opened with this article, I love to look at pictures. They tell of time that actually happened in history. When it comes to knowing my sins are forgiven, there is only one picture to look at for assurance. The picture appears on this page. It’s not too difficult to notice. It’s a picture of Jesus’ crucifixion; His death on the cross. What happened in that picture, in the moment in history? He’s paying the price for sin – all sin – your sin and my sin, the sin of your brother and sister, the sin of your spouse, child, and parent with His precious and innocent blood. Underneath the picture is a caption. When reading the caption can you hear what He is saying? It sounds like this: “I love you. You are FORGIVEN!” And His sacrifice on the cross, His atonement for all sin can never be taken away. His righteous act belongs to you.

Here are some final words of assurance from the Apostle Paul: “Put on then, as God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience, bearing with one another and, if one has a complaint against another, forgiving each other; as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put

on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs,



“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” – Luke 23:34

with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Colossians 3:12-17). See you in Church so that your ears can hear, your heart can receive, and your mind can know ... in Christ Jesus you are FORGIVEN!

In His Service,
Pastor Kress





VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

*Our Volunteer in the Spotlight
this month is Harold Hale.*



When you come out to a Property Appreciation work day you will no doubt see Harold manning the Round Up spraying weeds, pulling weeds or doing what ever needs to be done to help with the upkeep of the church grounds. When you come to church on Sunday's you will see Harold ushering or helping in any way he can to make sure everything is running smoothly.



Carl and Betty Bertka

These "newlyweds" have been married for 72 years on October 2, 2015!

Congratulations to you both!



TRAVELS OF AQUILA AND PRISCILLA

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, we are now in month three of our travels. After leaving the upper peninsula of Michigan we drove south along the west coast overlooking Lake Michigan. One does not have to go to the tropics to see the various hues of blue in the water and sandy beaches.

The cities of Patroskey and Traverse are show pieces along with their homes and landscaping. The weather moderating effect of Lake Michigan makes it possible to grow many different types of fruit. Cherries is the main product of this area but we got here too late. Farmer's road side stands had plums, apples, tomatoes and sweet corn. Boy were the plums and apples good.

We went to the Sleeping Bear Dunes National Seashore. What a beautiful park. Heavily wooded with hardwoods making it seem like the park road went through a tunnel of trees. The dunes along the shore are huge and you are cautioned to stay on the paths. If one goes off the path it would be like going down a ski slope takes 20 minutes to slide down but two hours to climb back up. If the rangers have to come and help you get back up it gets pretty costly.

The high light of Michigan for us was spending two days visiting with Glenn & Marlene Mossner. One could not ask for better hosts and tour guides.

The first day we had lunch with Glenn, Marlene and Gerald Schreiner we toured the Mossner farm which has been in his family for over 100 years, the lovely and historic church's they worship in when they are not in Florida, and of course Frankenmuth. We enjoyed Frankenmuth, so much we went back the following day with Glenn and Marlene. Frankenmuth is set up like a

Bavarian city in which the main theme is Christmas. They even have a full size replica of the Austrian chapel in which Silent Night was first played. In the chapel there is a picture of Gerald installing the star on the chapel.

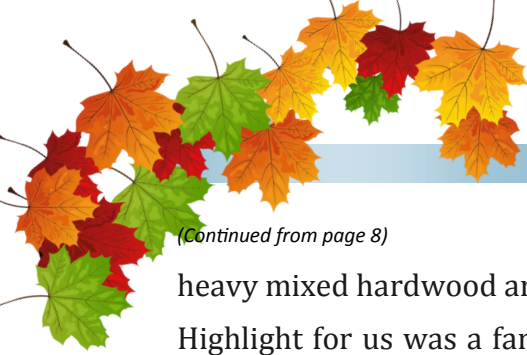


We had a great time enjoying Glenn's home made fruit wines and Marlene's wonderful baking and their wonderful hospitality. What fun.

On to Ohio, where we drove along the shore of Lake Erie. 12th largest lake in the world but the shallowest of the great lakes. We stopped at Marblehead Lighthouse State Park. It has great views of the lake and the islands off shore. Great place for taking pictures. There were three wedding parties there having their pictures taken. Highlight for us was stopping at the Magee Marsh Wildlife area. This is a top spot to see different migrating birds. We saw lots of egrets and herons and some ducks and birds we could not identify but most importantly we saw several trumpeter swans with their signets. What pretty birds and they are big.

From Cleveland we drove south along the Ohio & Erie Canalway. This canal was built between 1825 and 1832 to reduce the amount of time it took to move grain and other goods from the midwest to New York. It reduced the time from 30 to 10 days. The canal was short lived because the railroads became a better way to move product. The tow paths from which the mules used to pull the tow boats are now hiking and biking trails. The drive along the canal is through a

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heavy mixed hardwood area.

Highlight for us was a farmers stand set up as sort of a fair. With a great variety of fruits, vegetables, pumpkins and gourds very colorfully displayed. They had live music, a corn maze, and were selling various food items and drinks. We of course had to have the roasted sweet corn. The corn was taken right from the wagon that was bringing it in from the field. Talk about fresh sweet corn.

The next day found us visiting one of Carol's cousins. Her and her husband just got tired of the hustle of Chicago living and decided they needed a different pace. They found it in the lovely hills of Ohio. They have adjusted well to rural living. In fact they both have won prizes at their local county fair. Cheryl for her baking and Rick for his peppers. It was fun visiting and catching up with them since we have not seen them for many years.

Since Ohio has the highest Amish population in the United States. We decided to check things and get some first hand knowledge about the Amish.

We toured an Amish farm and rode in an Amish buggy. Basically we learned that there are two different Amish orders, one stricter than the other. An Amish church has a membership of about 25 to 35 families. Church services are held bi weekly in a families home. The benches and other items needed for the service and lunch are hauled in the church wagon from home to home. The service consists of a hymn lasting 20 to 25 minutes. Reading from the Bible. (this is done by the Bishop) and two men deliver a sermon. Each sermon is about an hour long. So service is about three hours. After church there is a lunch served. Church wagon is

packed up and the next family to host the services takes the wagon home.

Members are not Baptized until they are ready to get married. Children usually go to school until the 8th grade and then their work life begins.

They believe in a simple life and the general rule is if your father didn't have it than there is no need for it.

We enjoyed the food and the baked goods are outstanding. The whole area is picture book perfect.

After leaving the Canton area of Ohio we headed to Warren, Pennsylvania to pick up the Timber, Oil and Coal Country Drive. One can not describe the beauty that the eye beholds as one travels through the Alleghenies. The leaves are just starting to turn. One sees golds, yellows, oranges, greens, browns, reds and flowers of all different colors along side the roadway. Vistas of dams and gorges. Oh what a beautiful country we live in and what an awesome GOD we have that made all of this for us to enjoy.

Next stop for us was Corning New York. Where we visited the Corning Glass Museum. It is hard to believe what can be done with glass. It is amazing what pieces of art can be created by using glass. This is a must stop if you are ever in this part of New York State. We also toured the Rockwell Museum in Corning.

We took a six day break in our travels and spent six days with Joe's sister who lives in Spencer New York. A small town in the finger lake area. An area of great vistas, and best of all lots of vineyards and they all have tasting rooms.

It was a wonderful break catching up on

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family stories, talking about times gone by and of course eating some great home cooking and baking.

Sunday saw us at Trinity Lutheran Church, a small but very active congregation of about 100 members. We felt very much at home. People were friendly and best of all the service was conducted in our worship style.

Tuesday found us on the road again traveling along the Erie Canal and the Mohawk River Valley. We past many a town that we would have liked to stop and explore but rain put a little damper on things.

Once we crossed the Hudson River into Northwest Massachusetts we noticed a change in the terrain. Sometimes we were driving in the clouds and sometimes there were clouds below us. The views were great and we wondered how much better they would be if it was a sunny day. Since most of our driving is on back roads we pass many farm stands selling apples, pumpkins and maple syrup.

The towns and villages that we pass through reminded us of times gone by. One of the towns converted one of their bridges too narrow for current traffic into a flower bridge for pedestrian traffic.

In Vermont we visited museums with Grandma Moses pictures and Norman Rockwell illustrations. We saw a state park that was once a white marble quarry and many covered bridges. We even drove through a covered bridge. Of course one has to visit Ben and Jerry Ice Cream and Cabot Cheese.

Learned today that when Cabot makes their cheddar all the sugar from the milk is removed. So all of you that are lactose intolerant can have Cabot's cheddar. By the way, there is no difference in the cheese from mild to extreme

sharpness except for age. Also there is no difference between yellow and white cheddar except food coloring. Colby and Monterey are the same except for the color. Our friends, those are the cheesy facts.

A trip to New England is not complete unless one goes to the top of Mount Washington, the tallest peak on the east coast. The peak, because of it's location, also has some of the most extreme weather conditions on earth. On a clear day one could not ask for a more awesome vista to behold. We were at the summit for about an hour. Temp was 24 degrees and with a wind chill of 5 degrees. We went from bright sunshine to fog and back again to bright sunshine.

Our next two days in New Hampshire consisted of taking two science train rides through valleys, around gorges and mountains. The fall colors are just about peak. it amazes Carol and I that anyone could believe this all came about by accident.

We are now on a quest. In one of the hotels we stayed at they had a head of a moose mounted on the wall. Carol now wants to see one in the wild. We headed over to US 1 and drove up along the beautiful rugged Maine coast to our border with Canada. No moose were sighted. We drove into New Brunswick, Canada to see FDR's summer cottage. Drove to the eastern most tip of the USA. The people that reside there see the sun rise every day before the rest of us.

Carol enjoyed a couple of lobster dinners, me fish. I don't care much for lobster. The clam chowder was enjoyed by both of us. We visited Acadia National Park and drove to the top of Cadillac Mountain. (I asked the park ranger if our Dodge van was allowed and she said no problem). The views are great and it is a nice easy drive. After the drive one must take in Bar

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Harbor. A nice fishing village that has been converted into a tourist magnet. There were three cruise ships in the harbor. Lines of people everywhere because of the ships and tour buses but a very nice place to see.

In Bath, Maine we visited The Maine Maritime Museum. If you like boats and ships of years gone by it is a great place to visit. Even though it was raining pretty hard we took a boat tour that took us past the Bath ship yard where

they build destroyers for the navy. We saw three under construction. One most of us would recognize as a destroyer, the other two where stealth and I've never seen a ship that looked like those two. They only cost about 3 billion dollars each.

We have gone the furthest north that we had planned for this part of our adventures and have started to head south. Since we left Florida we have been in thirteen states and have driven over 8000 miles.



Sunday, Nov. 1st	Lisa Kress Martha Winters	Gretchen Armstrong Vicki Fernald
Sunday, Nov. 8th	Jim & MaryKay Straw Bob Varone	Carolyn Francis Bernice Heppner
Sunday, Nov. 15th	Gretchen Armstrong	Lisa Kress Sally Zierdt
Sunday, Nov. 22nd	Sandi Libke Jane Harty	Mickie Abel Martha Winters
Wednesday, Nov. 25th	Lisa Kress	Lisa Kress
Sunday, Nov. 29th	Jane Harty Sandi Libke	Laurie Steinke



POINSETTIA ORDERS

We will be accepting orders for the placement of red Poinsettia plants around our altar for the Christmas services. They may be purchased for \$11.00 per plant and you may include your payment with your weekly contribution envelope. Write "Poinsettia" on the line below Child Care on the front of your contribution envelope, show the \$11.00 amount and include this amount with your normal offering.

To order your plant, a sign-up sheet will be on the activity desk in the Narthex beginning November 29th. You are welcome to take your plant home following the 7 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service of Lessons & Carols on Thursday, Dec. 24th or following the 10 AM Christmas Day Divine Service on Friday, Dec. 25th.



PRAYERS



In Our Prayers

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

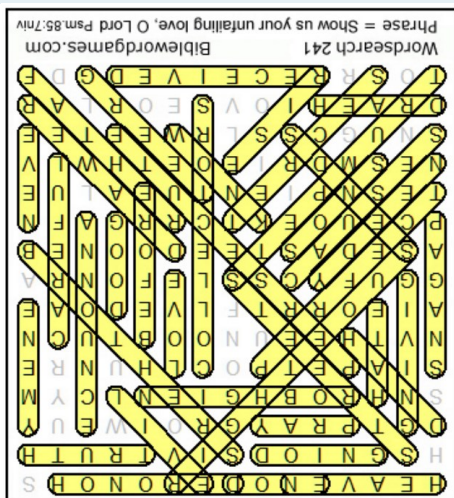
HEALING: Mickie Abel, Neva Aldene, Marion Bise, Frank Demma, Pat Finkenbine, Bernice Heppner, Susan Jahns, Dave Johnson, Rita Kaufmann, Martin McGrath, Sandy McGrath, Bob Mortenson, Marlene Mossner, Bob Payne, Carolyn Plesner, Joyce Redding, Duwayne Schoeneck, Fred Toth, Bob Varone and Robert Vickey.

Friends & Relatives: Linnny Aspery, Dick & Marilyn Bjornas, Grace Blum, Michelle Bernard, Bill Bowers, Jr., Debbie Buel, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Joanne Clymo, Martin Cressman, Renee Dempsey, Dale DesJardins, Brian DeTrow, Ed DeTrow, Irene DiTommaso, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Darla Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Lou Fountain, Denver Fredett, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Sandra Gettings, Nancy Gleis, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Friends

and Family of Rev. William Hassold, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Joan Hillis, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Carol Holmes, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Bill Jaquest, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, John Kearns, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Stacey Lampert, Ray Likowski, Sean Maki, Joe Manson, Candace McGowan, Pete Mogg, John Montondo, Mike Morrissey, Maureen Nesvacil, Charles Pentecost Jr., Margo Plamondon, Mary Raines, Rachell Sanders, Ashley Scudder, Nancy Sly, Virginia Stanley, Charles Tolley, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Christy Wallace, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, and Tim Wright.

Military Personnel: Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, Steven Seigmundt, and Charles D. 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 so that we may either keep or remove their name. Thank you!



The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 16th
Please have all your submissions sent to [redeemerfl@verizon.net](mailto:redemerfl@verizon.net) OR drop it off at the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.
Thank You!

BIBLE STUDY

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



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

TUESDAY MORNING BIBLE CLASS: On Tuesdays, at 10 AM in the small meeting room of Fellowship Hall we have begun an exciting year diving into the Word of God. This year we shall consider: **THE PERSON AND WORK OF JESUS CHRIST: WHAT'S IN THE NAME?** Did you know that the name *Jesus* means "the Lord saves?" So, Jesus is His personal name. Did you know that the name *Christ* means "the Anointed?" Jesus has been anointed by God, the Father with the Holy Spirit without limit to be our Prophet, Priest, and King. So, Christ is His work or office. Furthermore, have you ever wondered if there is any significance when reading God's Word sometimes scripture will read "Jesus Christ" and other times scripture will read "Christ Jesus?" I have had those same questions. Come join us on Tuesday Mornings at 10AM and let's search the SCRIPTURES and see what they have to say about it.

LADIES BIBLE CLASS ON THURSDAY: On Thursdays, at 10AM, the ladies of Redeemer Lutheran Church and their lady friends meet in the large meeting room of Fellowship Hall to study God's Word with the aid of *GOOD NEWS* magazine. We will discover **GOD'S HEALING MEDICINE FOR YOU.** Have you ever been sick and needed medicine to heal you? What would you do? You would go to your doctor and he would prescribe medicine to bring you back to health, right? Well, we are all sick with sin. We cannot avoid it. We need to go to our Divine Physician to receive from Him prescribed medicine to heal us from our sin sickness. Ladies! Come join us on Thursday mornings at 10AM to learn more about our terminal illness of sin and how God, in Christ, has provided us with the medicine of His Word and Sacraments to fight against the effects of this dreaded disease and finally deliver us into everlasting life with Him in heaven.

SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00AM. ***The more people attending, the more FUN we can have!!!*** The most popular things to play are: Pinochle, Phase 10, SkipBO, and Hand & Foot. We also have Dominoes or other games if they are requested. There must be something you would like to have fun with, so come on out. Once in awhile we have a special home made lunch but usually everyone brings a bag lunch. Drinks and dessert furnished.

KRAFT KORNER

It has been decided that at this time **ALL BOOKS ARE FREE!!!** We have an over abundance of books at this time, so stop by and see our selections. We are always in need of items we can sell in our corner. Even if you think it is junk "remember, your junk is someone else's treasurer. Please check around and see what you might have. We have a pretty good supply of books if you need to read while relaxing or waiting in doctors office. Come check it out.



ENGLEWOOD HELPING HANDS

At this time of year, Englewood Helping Hands is very busy and are always in need of supplies for their pantry. **Also, if you would like to volunteer to help at the pantry, contact Englewood Helping Hands at 941-474-5864.** If you would like to donate to their pantry, following is a list of the current needs: canned chicken, tuna or ham, peanut butter & jelly, mac & cheese, canned fruit, cereal, rice, soups, toilet paper, paper towels, bar soap, shampoo, clothes detergent and dish soap. Thank you for all your support.

PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciations Days every month. There is outside work to do and cleaning and dusting that needs done inside the Church. If you can help, please come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is November 14th at 8:00 AM.**



The Rotonda West Christmas Parade

Mark you calendars for Saturday, December 5th, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Redeemer will be participating in the Annual Rotonda West Christmas Parade. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Cindy Johnson at 815-228-0536.



HANGING OF THE GREENS

We will be Hanging the Greens on Saturday Nov. 28th. Please join us in getting the Church ready for the greatest celebration of the year! We will have something for everyone to do, from decorating the Christmas trees, to hanging window decorations, and setting of the Nativity scene in the Narthex. If you would like to join in the fun, please be at the Church by 10:00 AM. Many hands make light work.



**Sunday, November 29th is the first Sunday in Advent.
You know what that means!!**

**Our Annual Advent Dinners will be starting Wednesday
December 2nd between Divine Services.**



2015 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

MIDWEEK ADVENT SERVICES:

Wednesday, December 2nd – 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 9th – 4:30 PM & 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 16th – 4:30 PM

Wednesday, December 16th – 7:30 PM Children's Christmas Program

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDELIGHT SERVICES:

Thursday, December 24th – 4:30 & 7:00 PM

Service of Lessons and Carols

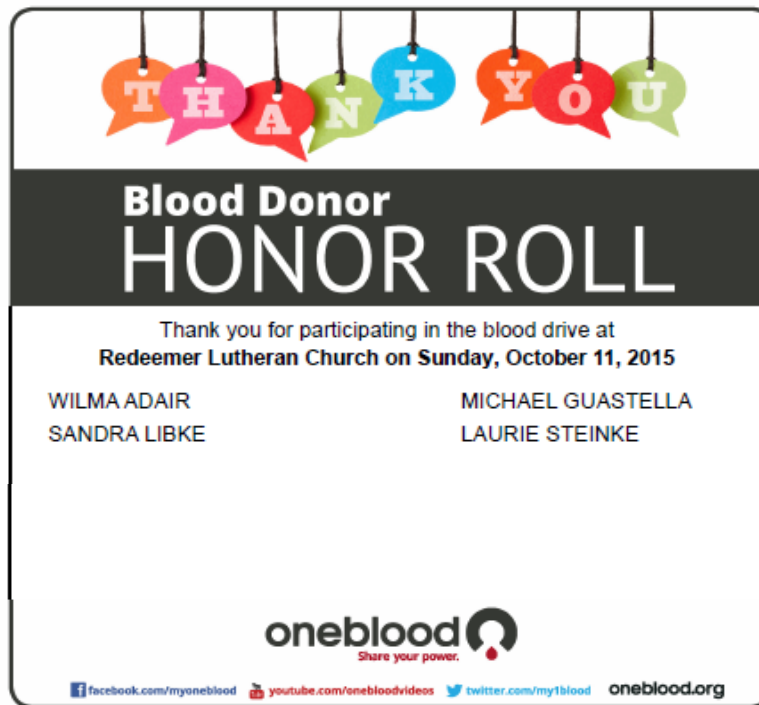
CHRISTMAS DAY DIVINE SERVICE:

Friday, December 25th – 10:00 AM

The Nativity of Our Lord



ONEBLOOD REPORT



Thank you to our recent donors!

The recent blood drive resulted in only 4 units of blood – well below our goal of 10 units.

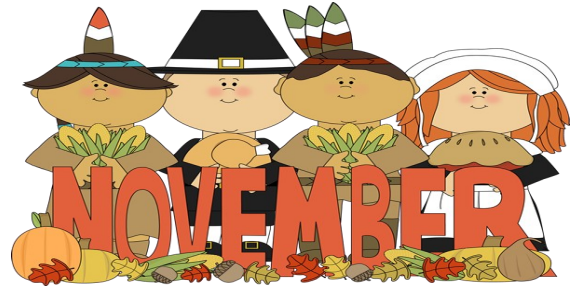
Every two seconds, someone needs blood. The blood donated at our blood drive will likely be transfused into a patient within 48 to 72 hours. The turnaround is that fast and is that constant.

Our next scheduled blood drive is 12/13/15 from 8:30am to 12:00pm. If the number of donors does not increase with this drive, we run the risk of not having this service available at our convenience, just outside our doors. If we want to continue to give this lifesaving gift, please set time aside on Dec. 13th to donate.





Redeemer Child Care!



Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at
3:45

11/2 The Tabernacle Is
Built

Exodus 35-36

11/9 Gideon Wins the
Battle

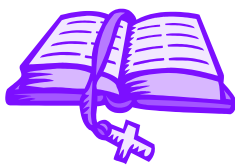
Judges 7

11/16 David, the singing
Shepherd

1 Samuel 16; Psalm 23

11/23 God Loves Naomi
and Ruth

The Book of Ruth



Lord,
You helped Gideon lead
Your people to love and
trust in You. Forgive me
when I do wrong. Lead
me to love and trust in
You too. Amen

Birthdays

Alivia 11/2
Jackson 11/2
Bailey F. 11/6
Cali 11/12
Braeden 11/13
Sky 11/14
Kaleigh 11/21
Nathan 11/21
Mykalina 11/26
Reed 11/26
Ms. Wendy 11/28



Fall Festival

Our Annual Child Care Fall
Festival will be held on
November 14, 2015 from
11:00-2:00. Please join us
and bring the whole family
for games, food, crafts and
our Scholastic Book Fair!



What We Are Learning

11/2 God's People
Worship in God's House
Theme: Worship

11/9 God Gives Us
Confidence to Trust His
Plans
Theme: Music

11/16 God's Presence
Gives Us Peace
Theme: Music

11/23 Our Caring God Is
in Control
Theme: Thanksgiving



GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

Closed

November 26th & 27th



Submitted by Wendy Horvath



Choir



Voices Needed

Choir meets each Wednesday at 6:00 PM. Choir is preparing for a new season of performances and is inviting you to join them. If you love to sing, prayerfully consider responding to their invitation and join the choir. There is always room for more angelic voices or voices that love to sing praises to God! Rehearsals are every Wednesday in the Choir Room located behind the altar. If you are interested in becoming a member of the choir and have questions, please contact Collins Sita for more information.



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Real Estate Services

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

Lawn Care

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

Cleaning Services

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FREE

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS, HERE IS A GREAT OPPORTUNITY!!! We have limited space, but space available, for you to place your FREE advertisement. Please contact the Church office by phone or email if you would like to place an ad.

LOST AND FOUND

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

GREETERS

<i>Nov. 1</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 8</i>	<i>Sally Zierdt</i>
<i>Nov. 15</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 22</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 29</i>	<i>TBA</i>

*Submitted by
Assimilation*



COFFEE HOUR

<i>Nov. 1</i>	<i>Laurie Steinke</i>
<i>Nov. 8</i>	<i>Sue Poyer</i>
<i>Nov. 15</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 22</i>	<i>TBA</i>
<i>Nov. 29</i>	<i>TBA</i>

*Submitted by Brd. of
Community &
Parish Fellowship*





Bible Wordsearch

Wordsearch 241

Matt 5:43-6:4

Sermons of Jesus 2

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PERFECT HEARD
RECEIVED KNOW
REWARD LOVE
RIGHTEOUS NEEDY
SECRET PRAY
STREETS RISE
TRUMPETS SENDS
TRUTH SONS
PERSECUTE
COLLECTORS

After you find all the hidden words the left over letters spell out a Bible verse reading from the top left to the bottom right

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Solution on Page 13

I give thanks unto the
LORD
for he is good:
FOR HIS MERCY
endureth forever.
Psalm 107:1



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Sunday School: 9:15 AM

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The Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care Family are called into the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ by His command (Matthew 28:18-20) to:

- Disciple all nations, that is, all people;
- Baptize in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit;
- Proclaim the Gospel and teach His Word in its truth and purity.