

REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - JULY 2010

“EVERYONE LOVES A COMEBACK STORY”

One of the many good things I learned from my father when growing up was his optimism in rooting for the underdog. At first, I thought it was a wise thing to root for the favorite. That way, when they won, I could say I chose the winner. Not so with my father. He explained that cheering for the underdog, the weaker, less skilled athlete or team, is like cheering for a family member. We are members of the underdog family. We are not possessed with exceptional skills. We have to fight and battle for everything in life. So when the underdog wins, when they comeback and overcome the odds, their effort would become inspiration for other everyday, regular people like us. And even if they don't win, you recognize their effort, their sacrifice, because so many times in life we too will face defeat.

In sporting events, nearly everyone picks the favorite, the stronger athlete, the proven winner. It appears to be the wisest decision. We do the same in the business market too. We choose the popular product, the largest companies, and the best deals. Doesn't everyone shop at Wal-Mart? But, what happens when a company goes through a difficult time? Can they, like an athlete, comeback?

What a terrible time to be BP, right? With oil continuing to gush out of one of its oil rigs into the Gulf of Mexico, the London-based company's future looks as murky as the water around the Louisiana and Florida coastline. BP faces losses estimated at more than \$5 billion due to the oil spill. Its brand image, for now, and perhaps forever, is tarnished.

Will BP comeback from this disaster? Is anything good even being spoken about them? Who's rooting them on to success?

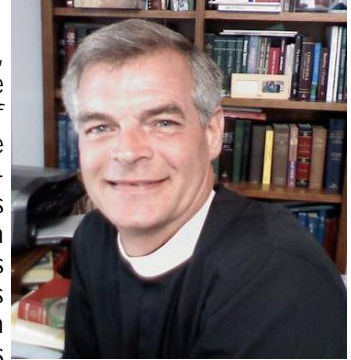
It seemed the company had put an earlier explosion behind them. The Department of Justice fined the company \$50 million in 2007 for safety violations at a Houston refinery that exploded in 2005, killing 15 people and injuring 170.

For big companies, coming back from corporate scandal, financial malfeasance or public disaster is difficult, but it isn't impossible.

Strong leadership is key to all successful corporate comebacks. For example, Gordon Bethune, a former Boeing executive, led Continental Airlines from 1994 to 2004, nursing the company back to health after it filed for Chapter 11 bankruptcy protection on two separate occasions. At the time the company, which announced in early May of this year, a merger with United Airlines, had been ravaged by regulatory and management problems. Bethune famously created the "Go Forward Plan," rebuilding employee morale, reconstructing consumer trust and returning the company to profitability only two years after bankruptcy

filings.

Another strong leader, Steve Jobs, chief executive officer and co-founder of Apple, was ousted from the company in 1985 after losing trust of the company's board members. Innovation at Apple lagged in the years that followed. Sales dropped 18 percent, on average, for three years from 1995 to 1998. Job's return to the California Company in 1997 helped rectify Apple, which went on to revolutionize the digital music and mobile phone industries.



Other keys to a successful comeback are swift action and communication. Advertising can also play a role in helping companies rebuild trust. Of course advertising alone can't repair a company's reputation, but advertising does well when credibility has been re-established.

Recently here at Redeemer Lutheran Church, there have been many resignations submitted from members of the Church Council. (Please read our 'new' President's newsletter article). This activity can easily cause anxiety and distress among the membership of the congregation. By appearance alone, it seems Redeemer is failing or that some sort of scandal has taken place to cause such a stir. Some want to point fingers and cast blame. Others want to support the work and mission of the church. What's the right decision? Support the underdog, the church family.

We were all made members of God's family by the water and the Word in Holy Baptism. We all believe and profess our faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

We are instructed by God's Word to "encourage one another and build one another up" (1 Thessalonians 5:11). Like a coach will encourage an athlete during training or an employer build up his employees to perform their duties, so we should support the church and her servants.

We must be careful though that while we build up, we are not to tear down. In Luther's explanation of the 8th Commandment, he writes, "we should not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but we are to defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way" (*Small Catechism* pp. 87). God requires that we should speak up for and protect our neighbor from false accu-

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER

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| Pastor | Rev. James Kress |
| Office Secretary | Jennifer Steele |
| Organists | Doris Dykhuizen Bill Bowers Lanette Schmidt |
| Choir Director | Doris Dykhuizen |

OFFICERS

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| President | Ed Sheahan |
| Vice President | |
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| Secretary | Dorothy Sinowetski |

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| Property Mgmt | |
| Christian Ed. | Pam Replinger |
| Human Care | |
| Outreach | |
| School Board | Bill Bowers |
| Stewardship | |
| Youth | Jim Wright Lisa Vassallo |
| Financial Secretary | Karen Kirkland |

CLUBS/GUILDS

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| Ladies Guild | |
| Men's Group | Bob Mortenson |
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I'm sure that everyone by now is aware that Ron Beaber recently resigned from his position as President of the congregation. Ron did a wonderful job of overseeing the business of the church and he shall be sorely missed as President. As Vice – President in accordance with the church constitution I have assumed the position of President. I have big shoes to fill and I will do my best.

As is the case with most families, our church family is temporarily going through a difficult time. However, I believe we are on the road to reconciliation. Even though we sadly have had a number of council members resign in recent weeks the remaining members of the council are working very hard and with the leadership and guidance of Pastor Kress we will recover and emerge stronger than before.

We currently have six vacant council positions. We need a Vice – President, Stewardship Chairman, Property & Building Chairman, Assimilation Chairman, Human Care Chairman and Outreach Chairman. These vacancies make it very difficult to achieve the mission of our church. Many of our long time members have in the past worked very hard to make our church the wonderful place that it is. Many of them are still contributing of their time, labor and money. My most sincere gratitude goes out to these wonderful women and men as I am constantly amazed at the depth of their dedication.

We now have a number of newer and younger members who I am sure are capable of taking on the challenge these vacant positions offer. Be assured that nobody works alone on these jobs. You will have as much help and support as is needed. After service on Sunday, June 20th I was approached by two recent members who made themselves available for whatever task was required. This is the kind of involvement and dedication that will bring us to total healing and reconciliation. I implore you to give prayerful consideration to volunteering for these committees. You may contact me or Pastor Kress any time and we will be happy to meet with you and answer any questions you may have.

Let's get behind our Pastor and bring this family back together.

Respectfully submitted,
Ed Sheahan

Restoring the Body of Christ

A message from the Chairman of the Board of Elders

Dear Brothers & Sisters in Christ,

I have been serving Redeemer in one capacity or another since 1994. Most of you know me and that I currently serve as Chairman of our Board of Elders. I am writing this to you, as a brother in Christ, as a fellow servant in Christ, and as someone who loves & cares for each and everyone of you.

Many or most of you may know or have heard of some problems in our congregation. My prayer during this entire time was for peace and harmony for all.

We all just did not happen to be at Redeemer at the same time, this was no accident. It was by "divine" design! We were all brought here at this time and in this place, to this church to serve our Lord Jesus Christ; each with our own gifts and talents given us by Him. Who are we to interfere with His "divine" plan.

I have had numerous meetings and conversations with Pastor Kress and I feel we have a "divinely" inspired plan to bring ALL of us back together as one, as we are intended to be, by His "divine" plan.

Please do this one thing for me and most importantly for our church, the body of Christ!

Prayerfully listen to Pastor Kress' sermon recorded Sunday, June 6th, (link provided below), but before you listen please read the document, "Building Relationships in the Peace of Christ" (link also provided below), at least 'TWICE'. My prayer is that you will be, like me, inspired by His light and that there is a plan, His plan to heal all our wounds and bring us back together as a family.

I fully intend with the help of the Lord to do all I can to help us ALL back together again! I am looking forward to working and worshiping with all of you again soon!

All praise & glory to Him!

Document Link: <http://sidlcms.org/Documents/BuildingRelationships.pdf>

Sermon Link: <http://redeemerfl.com/sermons.htm>

If you do not have access to the Internet, please stop by the church office to receive a copy, or call and have Jen mail one to you.

Your brother in Christ,

Tim Byrne



"Everyone Loves a Comeback Story" - Continued from page 1

sations; that we should praise our neighbor's good actions and qualities; that we should explain our neighbor's actions in the best possible way. This is supporting the mission of the church. This is living our life in faith.

Although it appears Satan and the sinful world is winning the war, it is Christ Jesus who has already won the battle for you. He was looked upon as the underdog. No one chose Him to win or to succeed. He didn't stand a chance against the mighty foes, powers, and forces of the world. He was crucified and died. It appeared the situation was over. Not so with God. Jesus rose from the dead and claimed victory over sin, death, and Satan. "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are possible" (Matthew 19:26).

Jesus is our Underdog, our Comeback Story. Hearing His Word taught in its truth and purity; and rightly receiving the Sacra-

ments He instituted, we have the keys to a successful comeback. Therefore, being members of His body, the Church, let us work together; building one another up, toward that comeback to the glory of God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Jesus said, "You did not choose Me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in My name, He may give it to you. These things I command you, so that you will love one another" (John 15:16-17).

My prayer for all the members here at Redeemer is for repentance and faith. As I pray for you, please pray for both Lisa and me. We love you all.

In His Service,
Pastor Kress

LADIES GUILD

"Thank you" notes and letters were received from the following for the love gift sent from the Ladies Guild of Redeemer:

Lutheran Bible Translators for the monetary gift of \$100.00

LCMS World Mission for the monetary

gift of \$100.00

Hope Seeds for the monetary gift of \$100.00

Englewood Meals on Wheels for the monetary gift of \$100.00

Manasota S.O.L.V.E. for the monetary

gift of \$100.00

Orphan Grain Train for the monetary gift of \$100.00

Jennifer Steele for the gift of appreciation for her services to the Ladies Guild.

Submitted by Margie Cypher

OUTREACH NEWS

"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.

God blesses us richly! In this month of July we celebrate one of the greatest blessings He has given us—citizenship in the United States of America, with all the freedoms that such citizenship entails, especially the freedom to worship our Father God. We also have freedom of speech, so we can talk about our God and his wonderful grace. Thank you God! He tells us to go and make disciples, then he makes it truly possible to tell others about Jesus without fear of persecution. **HE PAVES THE WAY.**

He also provides opportunities for us to tell others what he has done for us; we should be ever vigilant to spot these opportunities and take advantage of them. And, we should pray for such opportunities and pray for the Holy Spirit to lead us and give us the appropriate words to speak.



4th of July Potluck Picnic

Plan to come to Redeemer's annual Potluck Picnic on Sunday, July 4, from 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. Fried chicken, BBQ pork and beverages will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. Our 4th of July celebration has become a much-enjoyed afternoon of good eats, fun, patriotic songs, and games, including bingo. This is another great opportunity to invite friends and family for a day of Christian fellowship, especially those who are unchurched.

Ice Cream Social

Mark your calendars! This year's Ice Cream Social will be held on Sunday, August 15, at 2:00 p.m.

Child Care and the Board of Outreach

will be co-sponsors of this afternoon of fun and fellowship. Come meet the Child Care staff and families. We will again have games and bingo and prizes. We encourage you to bring friends and family. A good old-fashioned time will be had by all.

WITNESSING TIPS

Question: How can I witness to my friend who believes that there is no afterlife, that we live out our years and then we die?

Answer: You could say, "Well, wouldn't you rather continue living after death?" Then you could tell him about how it is possible to have eternal life in Jesus, just by believing in him and his saving grace.

There is nothing they have to do, just believe. This would be a good conversation starter.

"... tell everyone what he has done for you." Luke 8:39.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

BIBLE FACTS

The bible contains 1,189 chapters. The old testament has 929 chapters and the new testament has 260. The shortest chapter is Psalm 117, the longest is Psalm 119. The very center of the bible is Psalm 118, verse 14, "The Lord is my strength and my song and He has become my salvation". So, we can learn that Christ is the center of the bible and therefore He should be the center of our life. The word bible comes from the word *biblia* meaning "books". The bible has been written in three languages, originally. The old testament was written in Hebrew, with the exception of Daniel which is written in Aramaic. The new testament was written in Greek.

CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The Support Group meets on the last Wednesday of the month at 10:00 am in the Quiet Room, off the Narthex of the church. Members and friends are invited to attend.

At the meeting of May 26, the first scripture lesson was from the Revised Standard Version - **Psalm 56: 8** - Thou has kept count of my tossings: put thou my tears in thy bottle. Are they not in thy book?

The second scripture lesson was - **Luke 7: 36-50** - Now one of the Pharisees invited Jesus to have dinner with him, so he went to the Pharisee's house and reclined at the table. When a woman who had lived a sinful life in that town learned that Jesus was eating at the Pharisee's house, she brought an alabaster jar of perfume, and as she stood behind him at his feet weeping, she began to wet his feet with her tears. Then she wiped them with her hair, kissed them and poured perfume on them.

Tears are mentioned frequently in the Bible. The tear bottle is mentioned only once though perhaps it is alluded to in a number of other passages. The experiences which were recorded in the Psalms were difficult for David and his prayers and tears were numerous. David's desperation was very evident. He cried to God in his difficult time, and his prayer was accompanied by tears. Such experiences are not uncommon to God's people today. The Christian's prayers can bring tears - actual tears as well as inner tears of agony.

Sorrow, suffering and tears are a result of sin. After man first sinned in the Garden of Eden, God promised to both that sorrow would be a part of human life. To ever, He said, "In sorrow thou shalt bring forth children" To Adam He said, "in sorrow shall thou eat of the ground, all the days of thy life."

The expression "put thou my tears into thy bottle" seems unusual to us. In Persia, and in Egypt, tears were wiped from the cheeks and the eyes of the mourners and were stored in a tar bottle, where they were carefully preserved. They believed that tears would prove to God that the person had been righteous during his lifetime and that God would mercifully reward him. That such a belief existed seems to be substantiated by the fact that the individual's tear bottle was buried with him at death. Tear bottles have been found in many of the ancient tombs of Egypt and elsewhere throughout the East. These bottles were made of alabaster/, since glass was not yet in use.

During his imprisonment among the Philistines David did not have a tear bottle of his own. Thus, he asked the Lord to store his tears and to record them in His divine record book. He was praying that God would record his sufferings and sorrow and that He would not forget his tears. One is reminded of God's statement to Moses regarding the sufferings of His people in ancient Egypt.

The story of Luke has often puzzled Bible readers. While Jesus ate at Simon's home, (one of the Pharisees) a woman stood at his feet behind him weeping, and began to wash His feet with tears, and

she wiped them with hairs of her head, and kissed His feet and anointed them with the ointment. How could a woman shed enough tears to wash a person's feet?

It is possible that the woman brought her bottle of tears to Jesus. These tears, saved during her lifetime, were the symbol of her sorrow. She washed Christ's feet with her tears, an act which was meaningful to the women and also to Jesus. She gave her most precious items, her tears and the box of costly ointment, or perfume to Christ. Instead of keeping these treasures until she died, this woman poured them out on Jesus as tokens of her love and gratitude for His mercy.

It will be wonderful when "God shall wipe away all tears", from the eyes of the redeemed people. Then we will live eternally in His presence, where there "shall be no more death, sorrow or crying - neither shall there be any more pain". (Rev. 21:4)

Tears and tear bottles will be discarded forever.

We discussed the lessons, then situations that had occurred during the last month regarding friends and ourselves. We ended with the "Lord's Prayer" and a prayer for our members who were present and for those that were absent.

Submitted by Margie Cypher



STEWARDSHIP

“July is Freedom Month!”

July 4, 1776 was a memorable day in the history of the United States of America. On that day, the founding fathers of our nation declared their independence from England and English rule. Each year we pause to remember the freedoms we enjoy and give thanks for all those brave men and women from 1776 to this date who have risked their lives for the sake of freedom and independence. We enjoy the freedom of religion, of gathering in public, of oppression from the government or any other agency. We have the freedom of electing our national, state, and local leaders into office as our leaders. In November, we will have the opportunity to exercise that freedom one more time. It is our privilege and duty to vote whenever we have the opportunity. History teaches us that national apathy has destroyed numerous empires and America can also flounder and fail if we citizens do not exercise our freedoms in a responsible way.

Not only are we citizens of probably the greatest nation in the history of mankind, but we are also citizens of the Kingdom of God! Because of that citizenship, we enjoy countless freedoms and blessings, like the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. These freedoms and blessings come to us at a great cost--not on our part, but on

the part of our gracious Savior Jesus who offered Himself up to death as the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Even though we can never adequately express our thanks to Jesus, we can by the power of the Holy Spirit live each day more and more like the children of God. In Colossians 3:12-17, we find a list of virtues that are appropriate for us as God's children.

God's children are stewards or managers of the many blessings that God has bestowed upon us. Stewardship is not meant to be an oppressive response to God's grace and goodness, but rather a joyful response. In our church we have defined stewardship this way: *“Christian stewardship is the free and joyous activity of the child of God and God's family, the church, in managing all of life and life's resources for God's purposes.”* What a beautiful definition for our Christian stewardship!

Because Christ has redeemed us to be the children of God and heirs of salvation, we have the privilege and responsibility to give evidence of this precious freedom through our words and actions. Jesus changes everything in our lives (relationships, use of money, time, talents, and so much more) so that we practice our stewardship not in order to gain salvation, but rather as a free and joyous response because of what God has already done for us through the sacrifice

of Jesus and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.



What a joy to freely and joyfully practice Christian stewardship not because we have to but because we get to! Enjoy your freedom as a citizen of the United States of America and a citizen of the kingdom of God and let your life show it!

*Faithfully submitted,
The Stewardship Committee*



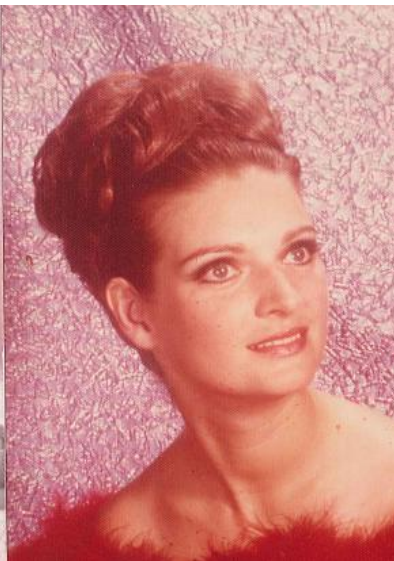
Congratulations Christian, Lindsay, Aaden and Kaylee!!!

Kaylee Elise Mosser was Baptized into the body of Christ on Sunday, June 20th. Christian & Lindsay Mosser are the proud parents and Aaden is her big brother. Kaylee was wearing the same dress her mother wore when she was Baptized. Christian is serving in the United States Army and was grateful to be able to attend Kaylee's Baptism .



CAN YOU GUESS THESE MEMBERS???

See if you can guess who the below Redeemer Church members are...the FIRST person to contact the office with the correct answers wins a special prize!!!!



Any members who would like to submit a photo for next month's contest please send submissions to the church office. Thank you!!!

STEPHEN MINISTRY

As July is upon us, I cannot help but think about the independence and freedom that is ours in our country and also from God. On the 4th of July and also at different gatherings throughout the year, we recite the "Pledge of Allegiance." Just like the Lord's Prayer, which we often say from memory without thinking about the words, so it is also true with the "Pledge of Allegiance." Following is a brief explanation that I found: "I pledge allegiance" (I promise to be true) "to the flag" (to the symbol of our country) "of the United States of America" (each state that has joined to make our country). And to the Republic" (a republic is a country where the people choose others to make laws for them--the government is "of, by and for" the people) "for which it stands" (the

flag means the country) "one nation" (a single country) "under God" (the people believe in a supreme being) "indivisible" (the country cannot be split into parts) "with Liberty and Justice" (with freedom and fairness) "for all." (for each person in the country. You and me!)

The pledge says you are promising to be true to the United States of America! God has also given us freedom. In John 8, v31-36, he tells us, "If the Son makes you free, you are free indeed." His Son paid the price for our sins by dying on the cross for each one of us, and then rising again that we might have eternal life. This freedom and gift of salvation, allows us to be the person that He intended us to be. We live not only for yourself but to serve others. Stand firm in your faith no matter what trials or hardships come your

way. Rest assured that you are never alone for He has promised "I will never leave you nor forsake you."

Here at Redeemer, we are blessed to have Stephen Ministry which means "people caring for people through people." If you are hurting in any way, we are here to walk side by side with you. Any burden or concern is always lighter when it is shared. Our prayer is that you will have the courage to contact one of the leaders and accept the Christian help that is available. We are here to serve you in Christ's name. (Carol Carlos 941-255-3354, Carol Haupt 941-460-8830, Nancy Hall 586-752-3253)

Yours in Christ,

Nancy Hall, Carol Carlos and Carol Haupt

ASSIMILATION

A heart felt "THANK YOU" to all who served coffee and "GOODIES" this past winter and spring and to those who were greeters. Summer has arrived and we are looking for people to host coffee hour and for people to be greeters during summer and fall. This is a wonderful way to get to know your Redeemer family and to meet and greet visitors and friends.

If you would like more information about involvement, please contact Avis at 475 7862 or Jane 475 9839.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

July 26-30, 2010

Concordia's PLANET ZOOM

Where Bold Bee-lievers Zip, Zap & Zoom for Jesus



At Planet Zoom, Bold bee-lievers zip, zap and zoom for Jesus. Energetic songs and sticky activities put kids in the middle of five Bible events that feature kids and youth just like them.

Kids grow in faith, confess that they BEE-LIEVE in Jesus, our Savior and share Jesus' love in the world.

**PLEASE CALL WENDY AT 475-2631 TO SIGN UP
TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS YEARS VBS.**

PRAYERS

SHUT-INS: Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Ruth Jansch, James Prather, Laura Simis and Ruth Sutley.

HEALING: Members: Doris Dykhuizen, Gene Eiler, Dick Hughes, Bob Johnson, Cliff Larsen, Clara Mitchell, Leona Morrison, Bob Mortenson, Herb Petersen, Don Plesner, Tom Poyer, Henry Rudolph, Jerry Schriener, Duwayne Schoeneck, Sam Simonson, Ed Sita, Arlene Twombly, Lee Vandercook, Ronald Woller, Barbara Wolgast.

Friends & Relatives: Lorraine Agens, Grace Blum, Froilan Bonilla, Georgia Bush, Julie Carroll, Shirley Chattin, Lisa Clemens, Carly DeFeos, John Denick, Don Francis, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, Bill Hillis, Robin Hincman, Casey Hoivik, Tom Holt, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, Howard Kagay, Julie Keck, Rev. Howie Krienke, Elsie Malecki, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Linda Merisko, Pete Mogg, Kaye Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Charles Pentecost Jr., Sherrie Rhoades, Donna Santora-Vovcsko, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Marion Talley, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, and Andrew Wolgast.



Military Personnel: Daniel Anderson, Col. Dennis Beatty, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Cope-
man, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Stephen Geib, Christopher Hankins, Brian Hollis, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Eric Kieselburg, Michael Monson, Christian Mosser, Luis Oquendo, Jeremy Schaitz, Jeremy Twombly, Katherine Utroska, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

GREETERS

JULY 4

Avis & Earl Stuck

JULY 11

Roger & Pat Luedtke

JULY 18

Sam Jollay & Olga Nagel

JULY 25

Erv & Betty Maki

COFFEE HOUR

JULY 4

Ed & Carol Sheahan

JULY 11

Barbara Duff

JULY 18

Linda Rogers

JULY 25

Lisa Kress





DIRECTORY UPDATES

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- **Dwayne Schoeneck: 9850 Fiddlers Green Circle, Unit 129
Rotonda West, FL 33947**

CLASSIFIEDS

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| Beautician/Manicurist | Debbie Balogh Linda Pontello | Purple Palace Purple Palace | 941-475-0731 941-475-0731 |
| Service with a Smile | A ride to the airport, house cleaning, or pet sitting in your home. Reasonable and reliable. References available. Call Lisa Vassallo at 941-698-0093. | | |
| John Toth Handyman | If it's broken, I can fix it. Satisfaction Guaranteed. Home: 941-697-1670, Cell: 941-320-4987. | | |
| House Watching | Watch you house while you are back home in the north. Weekly or monthly inspection with written report on findings. Minor repairs if needed included. Monthly—\$25.00, Weekly—\$12.00. If interested, call Ed Sita at 475-8116. | | |
| Sales—Rentals | Pineapple Gulf Properties—Glenda McDorman, Owner/Broker (Lessie Kirch's Daughter) 880 S. McCall Road Englewood, FL 34223 . Office: 941-473-0300, Cell: 941-330-7922. | | |
| For Sale | Small "Dorm Fridge" - 19"x19"x19" - \$30.00 or Best Offer. Men's "Driving Iron" - \$10.00. Call Sam Jollay at 941-697-5905. | | |
| Giveaway | Two Uniroyal Freedom Tires, size 205x70x14 used only three months. Please contact Lessie Kirch if interested at 475-3689. | | |
| Insurance | For all your insurance needs, contact Lisa Kress at State Farm! 941-548-2205 | | |



REMINDERS

Email vs. Mailing—As mentioned last month, if you would like to receive your newsletter via email, please email or call the church office. Thank you.

The Newsletter deadline for next month is July 19th. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time.

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

Greetings!

I would like to thank all for the nice cards, telephone calls, and prayers throughout my stay at the hospital and surgery. A special thanks to Pastor Kress - he was there when I needed him most. I am on the best way to recovery thanks to Sarah and my daughter Linda.

God bless you all,

Henry Rudolph

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Happy Summer! The Sunday School is in the middle of our Summer times (10:30-11:30AM) and lesson plan "Even the Wind and Waves Obey Him". We are looking forward to the fall session as we are planning for Rally Day August 29, 2010. This is the last Sunday of August and also Youth Sunday. Our Rally Day will follow the 9:15 AM service. There will be more information in the August newsletter. As we prepare for the fall I also would like to ask that you to prayerfully consider serving the children of our church either as a teacher, helper or snack provider. We are specifically looking for teachers at 2 grade levels Lower Grades and Middle School grades. Miss Miranda was a faithful teacher who now is moving on to college!! This is a wonderful way to serve the Lord with your time and talents. If you would like to serve the Lord in this capacity please call Lisa Kress at 941-889-8938.

Faithfully submitted, Lisa Kress



YOUTH GROUP

**GIVEN - Higher Things Youth Conference -
Nashville, TN**

"Take, eat; this is My Body given for you. This is My Blood, poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins." Sound familiar? Jesus does the giving, we are the ones given-to. Jesus gives His life for us on the Cross and we are given His Cross-won forgiveness in the Divine Service—in the Word, in Holy Absolution, in Holy Baptism, and His Supper. As Jesus gives us His life and salvation in the Divine Service, so we are given to pray in His Name, to praise and to give thanks unto our Father in heaven. And just as we are given

the gift of Jesus in the Divine Service, so also He gives us as a gift to our neighbors. We will rejoice in all that we are GIVEN in the Divine Service. Jesus gives us His Body to eat and His Blood to drink. His Word and Sacraments enliven us to give our lives in service to our neighbors. It's all given to us in the Divine Service—the Cross, forgiveness, eternal life, salvation, and service to others! Please keep our youth and chaperones in your prayers as they travel to and from Nashville, Tennessee beginning Monday, July 5th through Saturday, July 10th. Maddy Keller, Naomi Sylvester, Matthew Geist, Alex & Billy Ruccatano, Barbara Duff, Lisa Vassallo, and Pastor Kress



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

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

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