



## “DOUBTING GOD AND HIS GOODNESS”

What God ordains is always good - even when it doesn't appear that way to us. As we wrestle with the painful realities of life, the devil, the world, and our own sinful flesh will often challenge that truth and tempt us to **doubt God and His goodness**. That is one of the challenges of faith in this world, to hold fast and continue to trust God and believe. It is why the Word of God so frequently encourages us to cling to faith, to hold fast to what you have, and to trust God to preserve you. This single temptation is the reason you are encouraged always to be in Divine Service for the gifts of God in the Sacrament and for the fellowship with His saints, to be in Bible Study in order to grow in the knowledge of God's Word, and to have home devotions and daily prayer, especially prayers of thanksgiving, and to speak of your faith to one another, and to do all that God gives you to do to support your faith.

Consider the following hymn (*LSB* #760):

- 1 What God ordains is always good:  
 His will is just and holy.  
 As He directs my life for me,  
 I follow meek and lowly.  
 My God indeed

- In ev'ry need  
 Knows well how He will shield me;  
 To Him, then, I will yield me.
- 2 What God ordains is always good:  
 He never will deceive me;  
 He leads me in His righteous way,  
 And never will He leave me.  
 I take content  
 What He has sent;  
 His hand that sends me sadness  
 Will turn my tears to gladness.
- 3 What God ordains is always good:  
 His loving thought attends me;  
 No poison can be in the cup  
 That my physician sends me.  
 My God is true;  
 Each morning new  
 I trust His grace unending,  
 My life to Him commending.
- 4 What God ordains is always good:  
 He is my friend and Father;  
 He suffers naught to do me harm  
 Though many storms may gather.  
 Now I may know  
 Both joy and woe;  
 Someday I shall see clearly  
 That He has loved me dearly.

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Have you ever noticed how children emulate their parents? Children watch their parents and they do what they see them doing. This is how they learn to speak. They watch the shape and form of their parents' mouths and they try to make the same shape so that they can make the same sounds.

But children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, how they do and say most everything: and children try to copy it. This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable, and sometimes rather embarrassing, situation where a child does or says what one of their parent's have done or said...something that is not too flattering!

We are strengthened to emulate the generosity of our heavenly Father by being generous ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven. More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received God our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. And His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As the Small Catechism teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

*"Give us this day our daily bread. What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving. What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the*

## *Give us this day our daily bread. . .*

Sitcoms thrive on this sort of thing. And it only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents. And they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God by grace, through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, "You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased." God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins, and in exchange He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit, by which we cry out, "Abba, Father." We are born again, born from above, born of water and the Spirit, to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ, through Baptism. And since we are sons, we are heirs; heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace and mercy, because of His generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

And this is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. Through the working of the Holy Spirit, we are enabled to lead holy lives.

support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like."

In other words, he gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds.

Therefore we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week, and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. Not because He has commanded us so to do. But rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

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- 5 What God ordains is always good:  
Though I the cup am drinking  
Which savors now of bitterness,  
I take it without shrinking.  
For after grief  
God gives relief,  
My heart with comfort filling  
And all my sorrow stilling.
- 6 What God ordains is always good:  
This truth remains unshaken.  
Though sorrow, need, or death be mine,  
I shall not be forsaken.  
I fear no harm,  
For with His arm  
He shall embrace and shield me;  
So to my God I yield me.

What does God ordain? Everything, right? Well yes, everything, that is, except sin.

He knows that sin is going to happen. He knows who and what and where of the sin around us, and He takes all of that into account in His plans for us that He may bless us and keep us, and even use unpleasant circumstances to bless us. He knows about sin, but He is not the author of sin nor does He ordain sin to be or happen.

Human reason and logic often says that if God knows, He is causing it or ‘ordaining’ it because, if He knows it is coming and does not stop it, it must be His will. Certainly, this argument is deep and confusing to us at times. We find ourselves acknowledging that God is capable of thinking in ways we are not and doing things we cannot even imagine. We simply must confess what Holy Scripture tells us, even when we cannot work out the seeming contradictions.

This is a debate in the Church that has been going on for longer than I have been alive. Does God know me or you personally? Does He know about all the details of your life and what is happening to you? Do the passages that speak about God choosing and saving refer generically to “those that believe” or to each one of us? Then, human reason asks if God can actually do anything about it or us? This falls into the question, “If God is good, why is there evil?”

Back to what Scripture tells us. God knows us, each, individually. We get that from where He speaks to the prophets and says that He knew them before they were born (i.e. Jeremiah 1:5). The history of our Savior’s lineage tells us that God is in there step by step. Your Baptism tells you, because there God speaks your name as He claims you as His own – although He speaks through the lips of a servant called to speak His Word in a specific place at a specific time, echoing the Prophet Isaiah “I have called you by name. You are mine!” (Isaiah 43:1)



Our Savior also identifies you individually in the Lord’s Supper. He places His body into your mouth and His blood at your lips individually. He forgives you your sin. It is not a generic thing, like spraying the crowd with a fire hose, and you just happen to be there and get wet. He gives it to you, and while He also deals with the others at the table with you, He deals with each of them individually too.

We also have the promise from Jesus that His Father will listen to and answer each prayer because “the Father Himself loves you, because you have loved Me, and have believed that I came forth from the Father” (John 16:26). To do that, He must be paying attention to each one of us who are His children.

Does He know what is happening in your life? Of course He does. God knows everything. It is one of His attributes, omniscience. But better than that we have the words of Jesus, recorded in Matthew 10 and Luke 12, “But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Therefore do not fear; you are of more value than many sparrows.” He is aware of you down to the details, and He is concerned for you. Jesus describes God’s attention to the small and numerous sparrows, to comfort His disciples (and that is us today) with the care and attention of the Father. God is paying attention with an eye toward keeping us and bringing us to Himself in eternity.

See, that’s the thing, God is not necessarily working on making you rich or famous, or even happy in the sense our culture teaches us to desire. He has our

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salvation in mind, and our resurrection to everlasting life in glory with Him. That is where the preachers of wealth and health and human achievement and satisfaction go wrong. They want to attract a crowd, either to fleece the flock or to validate their bad theology, so they preach what tickles the ears of the flesh. (2 Timothy 4:3) Who doesn't want comfort, or fame, or abundance, or some sort of outward validation?

But, God is looking for faith. Yes, faith! Faith He builds through Word and Sacrament. If it is experienced, seen, or felt, it is knowledge and it is experience, but it is not faith. Paul writes, “For in this hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what he sees?” (Romans 8:24).

Generally speaking, God is not opposed to comfort or abundance or wealth. He bestows those blessings broadly at times. But He does so as part of His plan and purpose, not for our amusement or comfort. He will also withhold those blessings or withdraw them from where they have been for His purposes, too. His purpose in either case is to find or observe faith, and generally for us to recognize His work and the faith He bestows through His Holy Spirit as well. When God tests our faith, it is not for Him to see it. He can see it all of the time. It is for us to see it, to know it, to live it, and take comfort in God's work in and among us. It is a teaching tool. He may also have other purposes for His blessings, but this is one.

Your wealth, your abundance of things, your health, your success, your poverty, your illness, your lack of success, and all that God gives you is about more than just you. Your life itself is not just about you. It is your life and you are to live it, but it is about Christ and about your neighbor. Christ's life was all about you. Your life is for confessing Christ, showing what faith is about, and caring about and caring for your neighbor. The best of us mess that up all too often, and we need to repent, but that is why we need to hear it over and over again.

The question is, “If God is good, and He loves us, and He can do things to make life better, why doesn't he?” The answers of human reason have ranged from “He

can't, even though He would like to,” to “He could, but He doesn't want to.” Of course some just dismiss the concept of God existing out-of-hand, but that is the answer of hardened unbelief. For those who want to believe that there is a way to understand God and the difficult things they see around them, the answer has to either fit in with Scripture, or fit their ability to comprehend.

God loves us. Scripture says, “God is love” (1 John 4:16). Any answer that suggests that God doesn't care about us abandons God's own revelation of Himself. And while we are here, let's take note that if you abandon the Scripture as God's inspired and inerrant Word, what is believed simply becomes one's own wishful thinking, and has no value or genuine power, except, that is, the power of self-delusion. Christian teachers who talk somewhat like Christians but deny the Authority of Scripture (or what they say) and teach their own thoughts have abandoned God and the true faith regardless of what they may say. For example, if one teaches that Christ did not institute the Lord's Supper, but that the church established it later as a memorial ritual, that person rejects the power and benefits in the sacrament, except the “power” of a shared myth and a shared ritual. Islam teaches us what sort of power those things have, and the result is uniformly evil. Note the beheadings and the abuse of women and children and constant violence in the name of Islam for illustrations of this principle.

God is at work, accomplishing what He purposes through all means at His disposal, particularly through His Word, “So shall My word be that goes out from My mouth; It shall not return to Me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it” (Isaiah 55:11).

The question about God's goodness despite the existence of evil is argued because we are limited in our ability to see and understand. “For My thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways My ways, declares the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways and My thoughts than your thoughts” (Isaiah 55:8-9).

So we need to humble ourselves, as the Apostle Peter says, under the mighty hand of God (1 Peter 5:6). He

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## SERVING THE LORD

is good, and He loves us, and His will toward us is good and salvation. The cross of Jesus Christ shows us that. The cross says, “this is how far God is willing to go to rescue you. This is how much He loves you.”

And confess inside yourself (and then outside) that God knows you and cares for you personally. Then you are left singing the hymn on the first page. Christians recognize that life is not going to be everything we want it to be in this world and during this life. The reason for that is SIN and how it impacts every aspect of life, and how God’s plan for each of us and for our neighbor as that part of His plan touches on us. For, “God our Savior, desires all people to be saved and come to the knowledge of the truth” (1 Timothy 2:4). Those who do not refuse His gift in Christ, life will be a blessing, a gift, and a challenge.

You have heard it said: “Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Proverbs 3:5-6).

And let us keep this in mind also: “For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them” (Ephesians 2:8-10).

Join me then in praying for faith and patience and understanding for each of us. Life isn’t what we want at every moment, but we do want God’s good and gracious will to be done, so we can join together in glory to sing His praise, and do whatever else He has planned for us, “For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us” (Romans 8:18).

In His Service,  
Pastor Kress

|                     |                                |
|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| Pastor              | Rev. James Kress               |
| Seasonal Pastor     |                                |
| LHM Ambassador      | Rev. Earl Schmidt              |
| Child Care Director | Wendy Horvath                  |
| Office Secretary    | Deb Horner                     |
| Organists           | Bill Bowers<br>Lanette Schmidt |
| Choir Director      | Collins Sita                   |
| Newsletter Editor   | Deb Horner                     |

### OFFICERS

|                |             |
|----------------|-------------|
| President      | Rich Kueker |
| Vice President | Ed Sheahan  |
| Treasurer      | Judy Murphy |
| Secretary      |             |

### BOARDS

|                     |                |
|---------------------|----------------|
| Head Elder          | Tim Byrne      |
| Assimilation        | Deb Kueker     |
| Property Mgmt.      | Todd Armstrong |
| Christian Ed.       | Pam Replinger  |
| Human Care          | Carol Carlos   |
| Outreach            | Carol Haupt    |
| School Board        | Bill Bowers    |
| Stewardship         | Fred Fernald   |
| Youth               | Kevin Hopkins  |
| Financial Secretary |                |

### GROUPS/GUILDS

|              |               |
|--------------|---------------|
| Ladies Guild | Sally Zierdt  |
| Men’s Group  | Bob Mortenson |
| Altar Guild  |               |
| Coffee Hour  |               |



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Web—Child Care: [www.redeemerfl-cc.com](http://www.redeemerfl-cc.com)

# PRAYERS

**SHUT-INS:** Marjorie Boliere, Helen Perry, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING:** Carl & Betty Bertka, Elma Cancellieri, Pat Finkenbine, Arlene Harden, Bernice Heppner, Erwin Janke, Sandy McGrath, Carolyn Plesner, Steve Procuk, Ron Ratzlaff, Henry Rudolph, Michael Sanders, Duwayne Schoeneck, Vern & Ruth Speer, Russ Spooner, Earl Stuck, Marie Talley, Fred Toth, Lois Webster, and Arlene Wiley.

**Friends & Relatives:** Anthony Abreu, Catherine Armstrong, Linny Aspery, Gioconda Barlow, Shirley Bloom, Grace Blum, Dennis Burchell, Georgia Bush, Jack Carlos, Beverly Carper, Diane Carr, Debbie Carr, Esther Clapham, Bobbett Clark, Martin Cressman, Renee Dempsey, Irene DiTommaso, Rev. Joe Doenges, James Dodge, Barb Dumeah, Bruce Everson, Darla Finkenbine, Marla Flores, Manual Galan, Glenn Galway, Liam Garland, Nancy Gleis, Shelley Roedel Gutz, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Joel Heppner, Walter Heppner, Glory Herget, Robin Hincman, David Hirtle, Larry Hladun, Carol Holmes, Linda Holt, John Hunter, Linda Hunter, Stanley & Lynne Jablonski, Heather Johnson, Rachel Kagay, John

## Prayer Requests

Kearns, Elizabeth Lynn Klopfenstein, Mary Krueger, Ray Likowski, Denise Line, Sean Maki, Joe Manson, Pete Mogg, John Montondo, Mike Morrissey, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Rev. Dana Narring, Maureen Nesvacil, Charles Pentecost Jr., Pete Prior, Mary Raines, Friends and Family of Virginia Roussin, Rachell Sanders, Bill Seech, Ryan Sheahan, Don Shepherd, Nancy Sly, Debbie Speer Smith, Virginia Stanley, Charles Tolley, Samantha Jo Ann Toth, George Vespa, Steven Walker, Family & Friends of Lois Webster, Helen Weishaar, Gordan Winkel, Reece Withers, Tim Wright, and Angel Zavala.

**Military Personnel:** Mark Baranowsky, Michael Broughton, Brian Jackson, Joshua Jones, Brett Keck, Jonathan Koen, David MacLeod, Michael Monson, Steven Seigmundt, 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.**



# FROM THE TREASURER'S DESK

As of September 30, 2014



## Church

### Actual September 2014

Income: \$161,865.65  
Expense: \$165,537.01

### Budget

\$202,820.67  
\$202,827.42

## Child Care

### Actual September 2014

Income: \$237,665.14  
Expense: \$220,280.51

### Budget

\$191,616.12  
\$191,616.21



It is not we who build. [Christ] builds the church. No man builds the church but Christ alone. Whoever is minded to build the church is surely well on the way to destroying it; for he will build a temple to idols without wishing or knowing it. We must confess – he builds. We must proclaim – he builds. We must pray to him – that he may build.

We do not know his plan. We cannot see whether he is building or pulling down. It may be that the times which by human standards are times of collapse are for him the great times of construction. It may be that the times which for a human point of view are great times for the church are times when it is pulled down.

It is a great comfort which Christ gives to his church: you confess, preach, bear witness to me and I alone will build where it pleases me. Do not meddle in what is my province. Do what is given to you to do well. Pay no heed to views and opinions. Don't ask for judgments. Don't always be calculating what will happen. Don't always be on the lookout for another refuge! Church, stay a church! But church, confess, confess, confess! Christ alone is your Lord; from his grace alone can you live as you are. Christ builds.

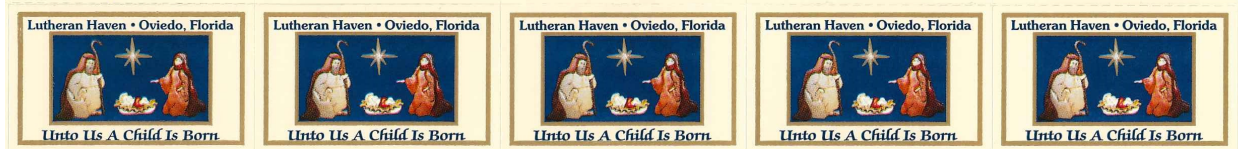
--Dietrich Bonhoeffer

## 2014 CHRISTMAS SEALS



Lutheran Haven is proud to make available to you our 67th Annual Christmas Seal. This will be our ninth Christmas Celebration in our Nursing Home and Assisted Living facility as we all share in knowing that we offer our healthcare residents a beautiful "home away from home". However, the need remains great for many of those residents who have outlived their financial resources. Your Christmas Seal donation will be specifically designed for Lutheran Haven's Benevolent Assistance Fund to assist in this regard. So please, give prayerfully — our residents will be particularly grateful for your generosity this holiday season.

***THE LUTHERAN HAVEN CHRISTMAS SEALS PACKETS ARE LOCATED IN THE CHURCH NARTHEX.***



## ***SPECIAL VOTER'S MEETING SCHEDULED***

Sunday, **Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>**, in between services (beginning approximately 9:30 AM), a special voters meeting has been called by the Pastor to discuss the various vacancies that have recently occurred. It is the hope that this meeting will be able to produce willing members who will fill in the vacant positions of leadership in order that the mission and ministry of the church will continue uninterrupted. — Pastor Jim Kress

Members of Redeemer:

It is a sad time for the Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church. The division within the congregation should never have happened. The Board of Elders, in their role, had tried to handle a very difficult situation in a confidential and biblical manner with the best interests of both the Pastor and members in mind. Unfortunately, and particularly thanks to what happened in church on Trinity Sunday, the division was both created and made much deeper. Many things have been said and written and many members have been hurt deeply. The Pastor, the Elders, the church leadership, and many others have been discredited; many without cause.

The petition received by church council, therefore, was not to be unexpected. This division and unchristian attitudes by many must end.

It is time to let the congregation decide its future by vote on **Nov. 16**; it is their decision that must be honored as required by the constitution. It is so sad to see that this is what must come to pass within a church. What the Lord has in mind, I cannot comprehend.

Rich Kueker, President

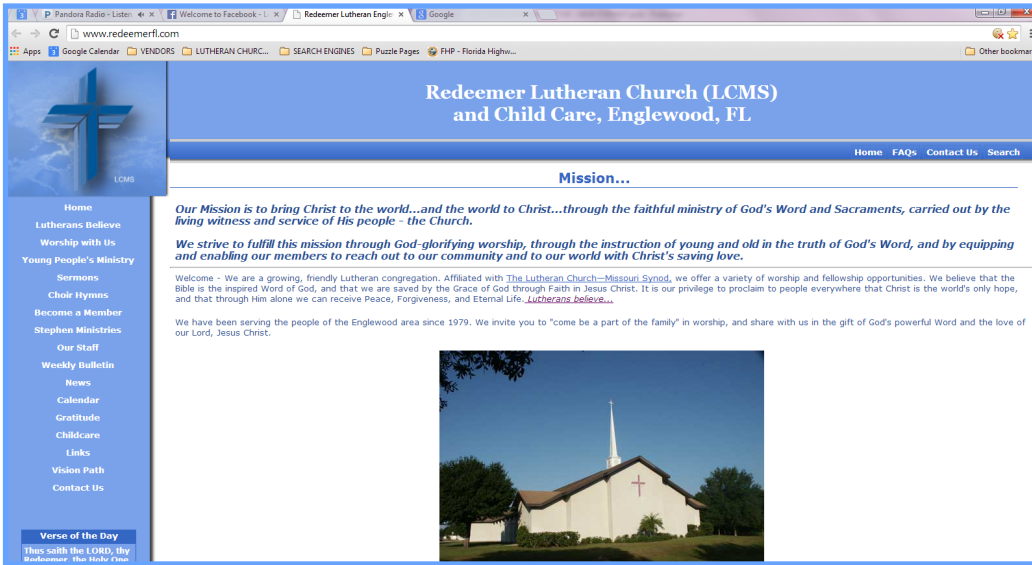


# REDEEMER'S NEW WEBSITE

The first part of September the Redeemer Lutheran Church & Child Care website changed domains and the look was updated. The web address is still the same, but the look is updated!!

*Come on over and check it out!*

[www.redeemerfl.com](http://www.redeemerfl.com)



**OLD WEBSITE**

**NEW WEBSITE**



## ENGLEWOOD HELPING HAND

Thank you to Harold Hale and friend, Cathy Malecki and Clare Kieselburg for volunteering at Helping Hand during Redeemer's week. Volunteers are needed on a regular basis. This is an excellent opportunity to obey our Lord's command to feed the hungry and help the needy.

***The pantry is in need of the following items: tuna, canned chicken or turkey, spaghetti sauce, fruit, toilet paper, laundry detergent, powdered milk, mayonnaise, ketchup and mustard.***

## THANK YOU

**\*\*Dear Redeemer Family,**

We thank you so much for your prayers, call and cards. Vern and I are home and recovering well. We ask to please continue prayers for our Debbie who will start a new clinical trial at the end of the month.

Yours in Christian Love, Vern and Ruth Speer



**\*\*Tommy and Karen Kirkland would like to thank everyone for their thoughtfulness, prayers and cards in the loss of his brother. It means a great deal to have so many caring friends. God bless all of you.**

## SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

Everyone is invited to the Fellowship every Thursday, starting at 10:00. Several of our Snow birds are returning and we have a full house of tables. We are happy to add more. 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.



## SINGLE LUNCHEON

The Redeemers Singles will meet the 11th of November, 11:30 AM, at "Prime Time" located at 5855 Placida Road, Englewood. We would like to invite all singles to come join us. If you are not single and would like to share the time with us, you are welcome. Please sign up on the sheet in the Narthex no later than Sunday the 9th.



## TWO SERVICE SCHEDULE TO START IN NOVEMBER



Our Divine Service schedule will start on November 2nd.

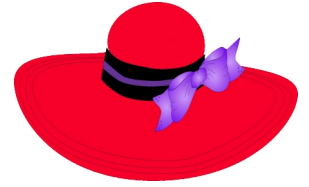
**Divine Services:** 8:00 & 10:30 AM

**Bible Class:** 9:15 AM

**Sunday School:** 9:15 AM

## RED HAT LUNCHEON

The Red hats will meet on November 25th at 11:30 AM at the Gulf View Grill on N. Beach Road in Englewood.  
Please sign up in the Narthex.



## PROPERTY APPRECIATION DAY

We sure could use some help on our Property Appreciations Days every month. With the weather getting a little cooler, we can tackle more jobs around the property. We want to get spruced up for the return of our Northern members. We meet the second Saturday of every month at 8:00 AM. If can help, come to the church and we will put you to work. **Our next Property Appreciation Day is November 8th @ 8:00 AM.**



## LADIES GUILD/LWML



Ladies Guild will meet November 5th at 12:00. There were only 8 ladies at the last meeting. We need to get organized ladies. We have already missed the convention in Jacksonville, and the Zone Rally in Sarasota. We presently need a Treasurer after losing Avis who has been with us for years. We also need a Secretary with the loss of Betty Clemens. In other words we need to get organized if we want to have a guild. Please put this date on your calendar and come help. This will now be the third meeting for the year and nothing has been planned for activities as yet. Your presence is needed. Bring a bag lunch. Dessert and beverage will be provided. Hope to see you there. Sally Zierdt, President

## PORTALS OF PRAYER AVAILABLE

The Portals of Prayer —October through December 2014 — are available in the Narthex

## KRAFT KORNER

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 treasure. 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 Drs office. Come check it out.

***The deadline for the December Newsletter is November 16th***

***Please have all your submissions sent to [redemerfl@verizon.net](mailto:redemerfl@verizon.net) OR drop it off at the church office to Deb by the date indicated above.***

***Thank You!***

# CHILD CARE FIELD TRIPS...

October was Fire Safety month and the children had the opportunity to see a fire truck “up close and personal”! The Englewood Fire District showed up with Engine #71 for the kids to look over, climb into and ask A LOT of questions. The VPK kids had made their own fire truck and gave this to the Firefighters to take back to the station.



## CHILD CARE FIELD TRIPS...

The VPK kids also visited the Venice Police Department in October. They toured the building, asked a lot of questions, got to see the inside of a police car and received a goodie bag from the officers.





## November 2014 Bible Lessons

Chapel is on Mondays at  
3:45

11/3 The Tabernacle Is  
Built

Exodus 35-36

11/10 Gideon Wins the  
Battle

Judges 7

11/17 David, the singing  
Shepherd

1 Samuel 16; Psalm 23

11/24 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

Silas 11/2

Ada 11/12

Cali 11/12

Braeden 11/13

Nolan 11/14

Allison 11/16

Anthony M 11/16

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 8, 2014 from  
3:00-5:00. Please join us  
and bring the whole family  
for games, food, crafts  
and our Scholastic Book  
Fair!



## What We Are Learning

11/3 God's People  
Worship in God's House  
Theme: Worship

11/10 God Gives Us  
Confidence to Trust His  
Plans

Theme: Music

11/17 God's Presence  
Gives Us Peace

Theme: Music

11/24 Our Caring God Is  
in Control

Theme: Thanksgiving



GOBBLE, GOBBLE!

## Closed

November 27<sup>th</sup> & 28<sup>th</sup>



Submitted by Wendy Horvath

## CLASSIFIEDS

### 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.

### Cleaning Services

Free estimates! Please contact Sheila Murphy at 941-473-1747.

### Lawn Care

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

### 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.

### For Sale

Electric wheelchair/scooter—only used for two months. In brand new condition. Has battery and charger. You will need a way to transport the chair. Please contact Deb Horner @ 941-468-3923, if you are interested.

## 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

*November 2nd*

*November 9th Helen Plank*

*November 16th Cathy Mielke*

*November 23rd Ed & Carol Sheahan*

*November 30th Tim & Mary Ann Frees*

*Submitted by  
Assimilation*



### COFFEE HOUR

*November 2nd Sue Poyer  
June Markart*

*November 9th*

*November 16th Katie Demma*

*November 23rd*

*November 30th*

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Bible Study: 9:15 AM  
Sunday School: 9:15 AM

CHURCH OFFICE PHONE: 941-475-2410

*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.*