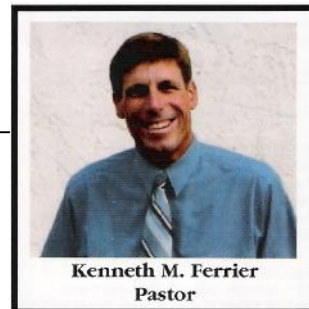


## Happy New Year???



**Kenneth M. Ferrier**  
Pastor

It's a New Year! Is that the good news or the bad? New worries, more problems, deeper debts. The list could go on and on. How easy it would be to throw up our hands in despair...and hang our heads in dismay...at the seemingly overwhelming burdens of the year that's just beginning.

Sadly, that's just what a lot of people do. Behind the New Year's Eve bashes and beneath the confetti of Times Square celebrations there runs an undercurrent of depression, apathy, or even dread, as we stand on the brink of 2008. Elections...wars...the Economy...global warming...AAAAAAYYYHHH!!!

"You are the light of the world...the salt of the earth...a royal priesthood...a holy nation" These statements of our Lord remind us that we Christians are different from the average inhabitants of this planet. The New Year is a good time to reflect on WHY we are different...and WHO it is that makes us that way.

Like the rest of the world, Christians have challenges and setbacks in life. BUT - we have something...someONE...who puts our daily lives in a whole new light. As we just celebrated at Christmas, we have "a Savior who is Christ, the LORD"! What a difference He makes! Forgiveness, life, salvation, comfort, peace, healing, security, a day by day living relationship with God. All of these are ours, given freely and lovingly for the sake of Jesus Christ. We call it GRACE: God's Riches At Christ's Expense. By grace we are saved. By grace we live.

That's *good news!* We enter the New Year, and walk through each day of 2008, under God's grace. And that assurance transforms the way we walk...the way we live.

As we begin a New Year under God's grace, may it be our "new year's resolution", as individuals and as a congregation, to show our gratitude to God for this grace by offering to Him lives of renewed commitment and obedience. Let it be our prayer that in 2008 we would seize the opportunities God gives us for sharing the message of His love and mercy with those whose lives touch ours.

What better new year's resolution could there be than to resolve to be God's fit and willing instrument in bringing a soul...a family member, friend, co-worker, neighbor...to new life in Christ in 2008.

On January 6th each year we observe the Christian festival of the Epiphany. That word "epiphany" means "to have the light shine forth". Just as the light of a star once led the Magi to the Christchild, may Christ's light shine forth in and through us in 2008. That would make it a HAPPY new year indeed!

*Pastor Ferrier*

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# New Members



Christin & John Wacker



Bob Buie



Warren & Patty Sprague



Thomas & Donna Kohn

# Human Care

There's still time to enroll in the Stephen Ministry classes which start this month. Please call Carol Haupt (460-8830) if you are interested.

The Caring Network continues to function quite well. We are thankful for all you willing leaders who see to the care of our members in need. If you don't know who your network leader is, please contact Lessie Kirch (475-3689).

The Messiah Migrant Angel Tree Gifts have been delivered to Messiah Lutheran Church in Tampa. We especially want to thank Michelle Ferrier and the youth group for purchasing many gifts and wrapping most of them!!!! Also thanks to all you members who purchased so many wonderful gifts. Over 100 gifts were taken to Tampa by Joe Lehner and accompanied by Harv Sterriker. We want to thank them as well!



Sr Fellowship meetings are temporarily changed for the month of January due to other scheduled meetings. They will be held on January 2<sup>nd</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> instead of the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesdays.

The Blood Mobile was here on December 9<sup>th</sup> and we had about 25 members participating. Thanks to all of you! The next date is February 10<sup>th</sup>.

The next fund raiser for the Horvath Family will be the Thrivent rummage sale on January 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Remember to bring in your rummage items and then attend the sale!

Our Human Care Board has received a generous grant of \$1,000.00 from the Englewood Wal-Mart. We thank them for this and plan to decide in our next meeting where these funds can best be used.

Don't forget to avail yourselves of the Care Notes found in a rack in the Narthex. There are many titles to choose from.

We still need more members (men are welcome too). Please call Marj Sterriker (475-0553) if you are interested. No special abilities are needed.

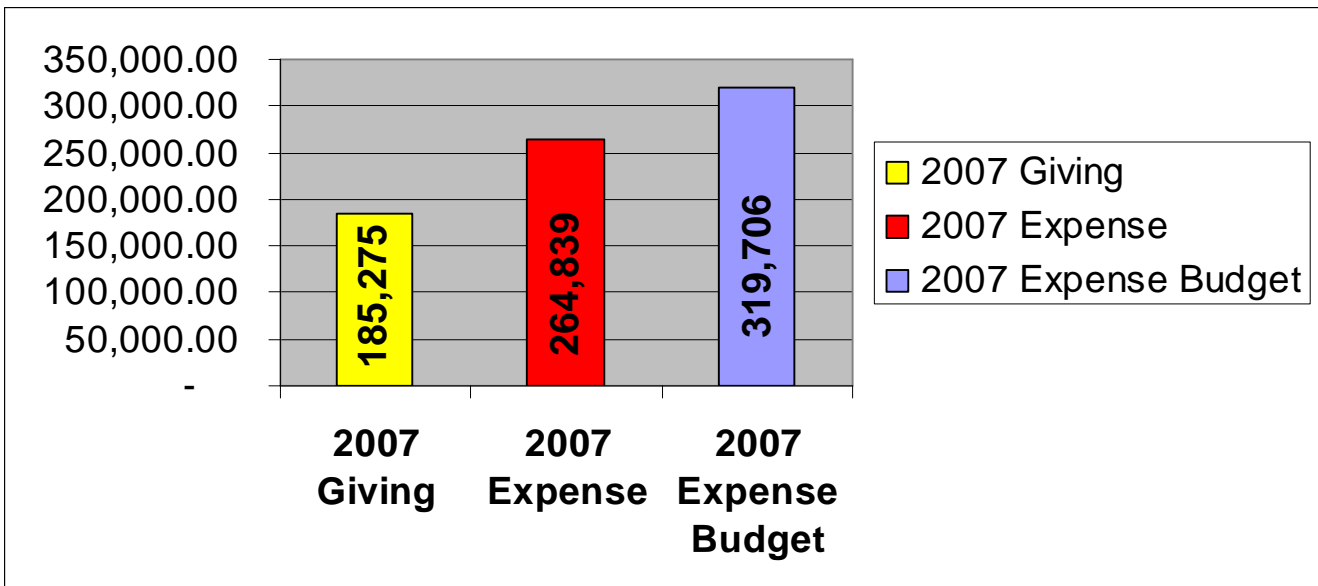
The next Support Group gathering will be January 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The December meeting was cancelled due to Christmas Day celebration.

Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Colossians 3:12

*Submitted by Marj Sterriker*

# Finance

	<u>2007 Giving</u>	<u>2007 Expense</u>	<u>2007 Expense Budget</u>
January	18,056	19,419	33,804
February	19,634	26,638	25,622
March	20,950	28,215	36,631
April	25,608	26,003	26,702
May	11,455	42,022	22,718
June	10,197	13,290	25,519
July	23,262	15,250	33,733
	(Includes \$10,000 Gift)		
August	11,413	21,549	27,859
September	14,627	21,104	24,729
October	14,968	25,764	32,391
November	15,105	25,585	29,998
<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>185,275</b>	<b>264,839</b>	<b>319,706</b>



# Service Directory/Classified Ads

## Services

Beautician/Manicurist      Debbie Balogh      Purple Palace      941-475-0731

Pressure Cleaning - Matt & Michelle Finley - Hoover Pressure Cleaning – 697-6886

Tell us you saw us in the Redeemer Newsletter & get a 10% discount.

Licensed & Insured – [www.hooverpressure.com](http://www.hooverpressure.com)

Hoover Pressure Cleaning ~ “The Plant Friendly People”

## For Sale

Fostoria American Dishes (large lot). The Youth are selling this online at eBay. However, if you are a collector or know someone who is and would like to buy it directly from them, please call Michelle Ferrier at 697-0502.

Tommy Hilfiger “tommy” cologne spray, 1.7 fl. Oz/50 ml. Brand new in box.

1 bottle available.

\$10.00 ea.

Call Michelle Ferrier — 697-0502

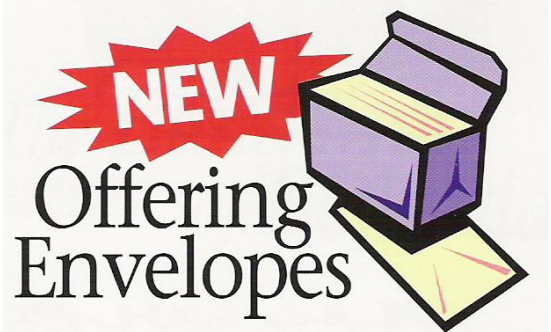
Beautiful Dining Set With Matching Curio Cabinet

54-inch diameter glass table top—Four comfortable chairs plus captain's chair—Cocoa-colored suede upholstery—86" x 50" glass front curio cabinet with glass shelving & accent light—3 Years old—Excellent Condition—\$1,500

To see or for more information call Helen Wagner (941) 697-0807



Contribution Envelopes for 2008 are in the Narthex. Please stop by the activity table and pick up your envelopes. Please do not use envelopes from 2007 in 2008 because the numbers have been changed. Thank You.



# Redeemer Lutheran Child Care & After-School



<u>Recipe/ Snack Idea</u>	<u>Family Notes</u>	<u>Birthdays</u>
<p><u>Mint Thins</u></p> <p><u>Your will need:</u>                      1 pkg. Semi-sweet chocolate                      ¼ tsp. peppermint extract                      35 round crackers                      1 peppermint candy cane,                      crushed</p> <p><u>You will:</u>                      Melt chocolate in bowl.                      Blend in extract. Dip crack-                      ers in melted chocolate.                      Place on wax paper; sprinkle                      with crushed candy.                      Cool for 35 min.</p>	<p>The new changes within the day care are wonderful. Brandy and her staff are doing a terrific job. My son has been going to Redeemer for 3 years &amp; has been more excited about attending. He looks forward to his friends and his newly painted room, going to Chapel once a week &amp; learning new things from his teacher. He has taught us at home the prayer said before each meal &amp; I think it's great! I smile when he tells me about his day because I know he was in good hands.</p> <p>Sincerely,                      Veronica Thompson</p>	<p>Taylor 13<sup>th</sup>                      Joslyn 17<sup>th</sup>                      Dillon 19<sup>th</sup>                      Cheyenne 31<sup>st</sup></p> <p><u>Thank You's</u></p> <p>I would like to thank everyone in advance for helping out with our Christmas program and party. I am sure, as in the past, everyone had a great time and I look forward to future gatherings!</p> <p>Warm Wishes for the New Year!</p> <p><i>Brandi Bilhardt</i></p>



## Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for February is Sunday, January 20th by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to [letastender@ewol.com](mailto:letastender@ewol.com) or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after January 20th will be held for the March newsletter.



Please be sure to put your name on the article so I can contact you if there are any questions.

Leta Stender

# USHERS

THIS MONTH

## Assimilation

Jan 6 8:00 Lee Vancercook  
Olga Nagel  
Steve ProcuK  
Harold Hale

10:30 Ray & Leta Stender  
Karen & Tommy Kirkland

Jan 13 8:00 Lee Vandercook  
Olga Nagel  
Steve ProcuK  
Harold Hale

10:30 Ray & Leta Stender  
Karen & Tommy Kirkland

Jan 20 8:00 Lee Vandercook  
Olga Nagel  
Steve ProcuK  
Harold Hale

10:30 Paul Davis  
Al Webster  
Ed Grobe  
Bob Buie

Jan 27 8:00 Lee Vandercook  
Olga Nagel  
Steve ProcuK  
Harold Hale

10:30 Paul Davis  
Al Webster  
Ed Grobe  
Bob Buie

*Submitted by Pat Wilcoxen*

Jan. 6 Carol & Ed Sheahan

Jan. 13 Sandy Sita &  
Lorraine Hughes

Jan. 20 Phylis & Joe Lehner

Jan. 27 Joyce Redding & Dee Baird

*Submitted by Pam DeGourse*



**Acolytes**

Jan. 6 8:00 Courtney Thatcher  
10:30 Hayley Smith

Jan. 13 8:00 Madeline Keller  
10:30 Anthony Bruno

Jan. 20 8:00 Courtney Thatcher  
10:30 Alex Wall

Jan. 27 8:00 Courtney Thatcher  
10:30 Nathan Gunterman

*Submitted by Pat Wilcoxen*



## GREETERS SCHEDULE

**8:00**

**10:30**

Jan 6 Tom & Donna Kohn  
Jan 13 Earl & Avis Stuck  
Jan 20 Ray & Dolores Altmann  
Jan 27 Ernie & Shirley Ferguson

Don & Helena DeGourse  
Bob Buie & Georgette Callahan  
Laura Brooks & Linda Rogers  
George & Elma Cancellieri

*Submitted by Ellie Ratzlaff*

# Stephen Ministry

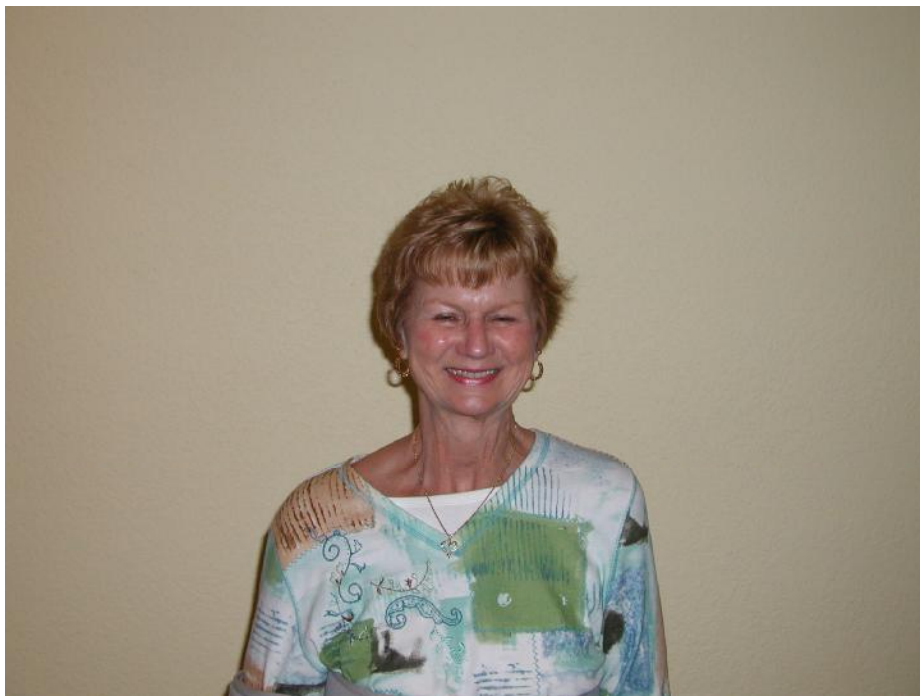


New Stephen Ministry classes will begin January 12, 2008. Stephen Ministry is Life Encouragement or SMILE. We ask people how they are, listen to what they have to say and share the love of Jesus. If you would like to join us we would love to have you. For education, fun, and spiritual growth, Stephen Minister classes is the place to be. If interested, please contact Carol Carlos at (home) 941-255-3354 (cell) 941-456-0827.

The Stephen Minister highlighted for the month of January, 2008 is Mary Beaber who lives in North Port, Florida with her husband Ron. Mary and Ron have been married for 9 years and between them have 5 children. Mary was born in Ohio but lived most of her adult life in Indiana. They moved to Florida 4 years ago and have been members of Redeemer for 2 years. Mary is currently retired but was in accounting and customer relations in the past. Her hobbies and interests include reading, Sudoku, working with computers, exercise, fishing and boating.

Mary states that she was encouraged by her former Pastor's wife in becoming a Stephen Minister. Also, the Holy Spirit has led her to feel the need to become closer to God and her fellow man.

Thank you Mary for your faithfulness to Stephen Ministry and especially the love you show to your care receiver.



*Submitted by Carol Carlos*



# A Girl of Mention

Love makes the world go 'round. . . And it is through love that people around the globe give of themselves to promote good and improve human (and animal) quality of life. Therefore, it could also be said that philanthropists make the world go round. This month, *Women's LifeStyle Magazine* salutes Shannen Smith as she chose to donate her hair to Locks of Love or Wigs for Kids.



There are many ways to give, whether monetarily, of your time, or of yourself. Donating hair, donating blood, signing your donor card on the back of your driver's license; all are ways to give back. . . And make the world go 'round!

**Shannon Smith, 9 Years Old  
Vineland Elementary, Englewood  
Originally From Boulder Colorado**

**Nicknames?** I have a lot of nicknames! Shimdog, Shimmer, Banana, Peanut, and my mom calls me Littlest Pet Shop.

**What Inspired you to donate your hair to Locks of Love?** Instead of my hair being wasted after I cut it, I decided to give it to somebody who really needs it.

**How did you learn about Locks of Love?** A person at my hair cutting place (Hair by St. Pierre in Englewood), told me about it. Then my mom when online and found more information and showed it to me.

**How did they cut your hair?** First they washed it. Then they put it in a pony tail and chopped it off. They gave the pony tail to us and my mom sent it in.

**What were you thinking when they cut your hair?** I wondered what I would look like. . . And it turned out good.

**I understand you won an award for donating your hair. Tell us about it.** We went to Punta Gorda City Hall, the place where the judge is—with the big chairs. They gave me a gab with a lot of presents, a big trophy, and a "Do the Right Thing" plaque. I also got a letter in the mail from Senator Bill Nelson thanking me for "Doing the Right Thing."

**What else do you do to help people?** There's a Jump Rope for Heart event at my school. We jump rope and

send money to the American Heart Association. I am in Girl Scouts and we had a clean-up day and picked up trash at Cedar Point (in Englewood). We go Christmas caroling at hospitals and sing to the people there. At church (Redeemer Lutheran in Englewood), we have a spaghetti dinner. My mom brings food, my brother Hunter, helps serve people, and my job is to eat spaghetti.

**What are your hobbies?** Basketball, swimming, reading, writing stores, and piano.

**What is one of your favorite books?** I like books by the author Jennifer Alison. She writes Gilda Joyce books. Gilda Joyce is an investigator. I mostly like mysteries.

**What type of job would you like to have after you finish school?** It would be cool to do what you do—like interview people. I want to be an author, too.

**What advice would you give other kids if they wanted to help people?** They could donate their hair to Locks of Love. They could volunteer at other places. I saw on TV that a bunch of kids saved dogs. The dogs were going to have to die, so the kids built this huge shelter and the dogs didn't have to die. Each kid had a different job; one cleaned the cages, they all had a job.

**What are three words that describe you?** Caring. Fun. Friendly.

**Would you donate your hair again?** Yes.

*Reprint from Women's LifeStyle, November, 2007  
By Diana Donlon*

# Scrip

Scrip orders for January will be taken Sunday, January 13 and returned Sunday, January 20. Sybil Grahl will be in the narthex after both services. List of participation retailers and order blanks are available in the narthex.

Scrip is gift cards--the same ones you purchases from various merchants. Gift cards make the perfect gift any time of the year. The Ladies Guild receives a percentage of the amount purchased. This is used for their various mission endeavors.

WalMart/Sams Club gift cards in \$25.00 and \$100.00 are now available through the Scrip program.

*Submitted by Sybil Grahl*

# Simply Giving

Just a reminder. Redeemer is a participating member of the "Simply Giving Program" provided through Thrivent Financial for Lutherans.

Through this program our members can arrange to make their regular contributions by weekly, semi-monthly, or monthly withdrawals from their bank accounts. These funds are then deposited into Redeemer's account the same day.

Simply Giving provides safe and consistent giving. Application forms are available in the Church Office or in the Narthex. Please complete the enrollment and Congregation Donation sections. You may mail your completed form to:

Vanco Services, LLC  
12600 Whitewater Drive, Suite 200  
Minnetonka, MN 55343

Or if you prefer, you may bring your completed form into the Church Office and we will take care of it for you.

*Submitted by Ray Altmann*

# Youth

## Youth News

Thanks to all the Youth who wrote notes and packed boxes for our American servicemen and women on November 11. They were Angie Ziegler, Chelsea Gunterman, Michelle Oliver, Nathan Gunterman, and McKenna Heldenbrand. We mailed a total of 12 packages! Thank you also to the members of Redeemer who supported this effort with their donations. A special Thank You goes to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans, who donated \$200 to purchase items for the boxes. (The Thrivent money was from the Care in Congregations program and was for a hands-on service activity.)

The Youth were quite busy on November 11. After having lunch in the Fellowship Hall, eleven of them headed off to Wal-Mart, thanks to drivers Nancy Gunterman and Michelle Ferrier, to purchase 31 gifts for the Messiah Migrant Ministry Angel Tree. The Youth were given \$20, the age and gender of a child, and were to buy the best gift they could with that money! Several Youth went over, but one hit \$20 on the nose, and another spent \$19.99! Thank you to the Thrivent Financial County Chapter Board for their contribution of \$600 through the Care in Communities program to help the Youth do this service project. The Youth participating in the shopping were Angie Ziegler, Chelsea Gunterman, Miranda Leksche, Michelle Oliver, Hunter Smith, Max Leksche, Alex Wall, McKenna Heldenbrand, Nathan Gunterman, Hayley Smith, and Shannen Smith.

November 12 was our Youth Activity Night for November. From 5:30-7:30 the Youth met in the Narthex, ate supper, and wrapped gifts. All present received door prizes of a Blockbuster Single Video Rental card! Chelsea Gunterman won the prize for the game played while the kids wrapped gifts for the Angel Tree. Youth participating were Chelsea Gunterman, Alex Wall, Maddie Keller, McKenna Heldenbrand, Hayley Smith, and Nathan Gunterman. Missey Williams and Michelle Ferrier were the adults on duty. The Youth wrapped close to 50 gifts that night, and, on subsequent Sundays, wrapped most of the gifts donated for the Angel Tree! Thanks to all for your hard work!

The December Youth Activity was decorating the Christmas trees in the Sanctuary and going Christmas caroling. After being served lunch, the Youth went over to the Sanctuary, learned about the Chrismons, and, with the help of some adults, decorated the tree. Participating were Chelsea Gunterman, Nathan Gunterman, Alexis Gunterman, Nancy and Larry Gunterman, Gudrun and Erven Janke and their grandchildren Bradley and Hannah, Alex Wall, Patrick and Jackie Wall, Haley Scott, Michelle Oliver, and Pastor and Michelle Ferrier. Afterwards, all went caroling.

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS – JANUARY, bowling, to be announced.  
FEBRUARY, spaghetti supper, February 15

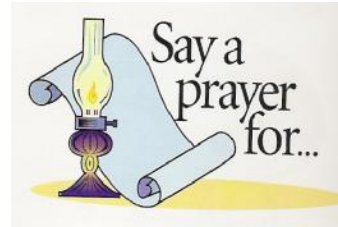
If you would like to serve on the Board of Youth, please contact Jim Wright! He's in the book!

*Submitted by Michelle Ferrier*

HEALING:

Members  
 George Cancellieri  
 Ada Hagerman  
 Mark Horvath  
 Bob & Joan Johnson  
 Lessie Kirch  
 Cliff Larsen  
 James Overmyer  
 Helen Perry  
 Dallas Queck  
 Ellie Ratzlaff  
 Katie Rudolph  
 Jim turner  
 Dorothy Waterhouse  
 Lee Vandercook

Friends & Relatives  
 Phil Alcantara  
 Betty Best  
 Ella Boegeman  
 Jim Cleary  
 Julia Earl  
 Bruce Ferrier  
 Esther Gaskill  
 Cheryl Harfst  
 Debbie & Red Harrison  
 Sandy Hubbard  
 Jenna Layson  
 Estella Lewis  
 Rev. David Maier  
 Christine McCollough  
 Ron Peterson  
 Gwyn Ramsey  
 Marion Talley  
 Denise Vincenti  
 Pat Vovcsko  
 Cameron Wasiluk  
 Charlie Welch



MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



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

# Helping Hands



Many thanks to all who contributed to the "Adopt-a-Family" program.

It's that time again. Redeemer will be providing volunteers at the Helping Hand Food Pantry the last two weeks in February, Monday—Thursday, 10 a.m.—2:30 p.m. If you can help, please call 475-3060.

Thanks to all who contributed to the Helping Hand Food Pantry!

*Submitted by Helen Sturzenbecker*



# Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women In Mission

Do you hate change? "How will I live with an empty nest?" "Another new hymn book?" "How will I get along now that my husband is ill?"

When a new year comes around, we often make resolutions. "I will lose weight this year." "I will visit shut-ins more often," "I will——." And how long do we keep our resolutions? Most often before January is over, we have abandoned our plans. Why? Maybe we don't like to change. And yet, change is inevitable. This year we, our children, grandchildren, nieces and nephews will all be one year older. That often brings many changes! The seasons will change. Loved ones are born and die. Life is full of changes.

The Lord is one who never changes. As this new year, 2008, begins, He remains the same. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever. Hebrews 13:8. Thank You, our Triune God, that in the year 2008 and beyond, Your promises will not change. Our sins are forgiven. There is nothing left for us to do to gain heaven. Jesus Christ has done it all. He will be with us, in whatever change occur, during this year!

Maybe you'll have to change your schedule to join your sisters in Christ as we gather on Wednesday, January 9 for devotions, inspiration and information about the Blood Center Program in our area. Plans are under way for the February Style Show, YOUR ideas will be helpful. All women are welcome, wear your name badge and come for dessert at 12:30 in the Fellowship Hall. No badge? Come, we want to meet you!

Mites will be gathered in support of the Food Co-Op at the Ft. Wayne Seminary and the China Seminary in Taiwan. The large MITE BOX is in the Narthex the FIRST Sunday of every month, small mite boxes and Quarterlies are complimentary.

*Submitted by Vicky Davis*



Our Lord heard all the prayers and is now helping me heal. A special love to everyone at Redeemer who not only prayed for me, but called me with many offers of needed help.

Dear Lord, help me trust you, be with me in my suffering, and bring me safely through it.

Amen

Jaye Nistendirk



# Thrivent Financial For Lutherans

2007 has been a busy year for our congregation's Thrivent group. Donations were made to families and organizations within our Redeemer family. Below is a listing of many of the ways Thrivent has been able to support our church. Thrivent also gives crosses to Confirmands, and crosses and baptismal shells for the newly baptized.

As you read this list, please consider serving as a Congregational Coordinator for Redeemer for 2008. Without three Congregational Coordinators in place, our church will be unable to receive any matching fund money (usually \$1300) for activities at our church, or activities that benefit individuals in our church/community (money is unlimited from the County). Serving as Congregational Coordinators for 2007 were Marie Talley, Sandy McGrath, and Sarah Ferrier. Especially needed for 2008 is a Lead Congregational Coordinator. If you are willing to serve our church in this way, let Michelle Ferrier know.

January	Annual Thrivent Rummage Sale [local] \$500 in matching money for fundraiser for 2 needy families [communities] (a total of \$1,800 was split between the two families in our church) \$400 in matching money for Ladies Guild Style Show [congregation]
February	\$200 in matching money for "Souper Bowl" door offering to benefit Englewood Helping Hand congregation] (a total of \$913.25 was donated to HH) \$500 in matching money for Youth Spaghetti Supper [congregation] \$500 in matching money for C.A.R.E. (LBHS service group) [communities] Provide snacks and lunch for Leadership Workshop [local] Provided Ash Wednesday Chili Supper [local]
March	\$500 in matching money for Lenten Suppers/Ladies Guild Scholarship [communities] Provided lunch for chair upholsters [local] Provided donuts and lunch for Work Day at Redeemer [local] Donated \$200 for Work Day supplies [local] \$500 in matching money for Child Care Little Caesar's Fundraiser [communities] Donated \$200 to Youth [local]
April	Donated \$100 to Boy Scout Troop #26 [local] Donated \$100 to FISH [local]
May	\$3,500 in matching money for Horvath Fundraiser [communities] (over \$10,000 total was raised) Donated \$1,000 to Horvath Fundraiser [local] Provided dinner for Confirmation Questioning [local] Provided reception for Confirmation [local]
September	Purchased Bibles for Confirmation class [local]
October	\$1,300 in matching money for Horvath Fundraiser [communities] (over \$5,300 total raised) Donated \$200 toward purchase of plants for church grounds beautification Purchased Baptism books for Pastor Ferrier to give to families [local]
November	Veterans of the Cross Fundraiser [communities] \$600 for hands-on service activity for Angel Tree [communities] \$200 for Military care boxes [congregation] Helped with refreshments for coffee hour on November 11 - County Elections
December	Provided dinner for carolers [local] Provided Christmas gift bags for children for the Christmas program and for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day [local] Provided refreshments for the Children's Christmas program service

Submitted by Michelle Ferrier



Baptized December 9, 2007

Aiden R. Hopkins  
Born November 7, 2007 to Tricia and Kevin Hopkins

11-21-07

Dear Pastor,

Thank you so much for your prayers these past few months.

In memory of Jim's mom, Ruth Turner, we are enclosing a check to be used wherever needed.

Warm Regards,

Jim & Mary Turner



## CALLING ALL MUSICIANS

Do you have a song in your heart? Do you appreciate how God can use music to work in the hearts of His people? Do you play an instrument? You may not realize it but our new hymnal has many songs in it that are well suited for a variety of styles of accompaniment. Pastor Ferrier is looking for individuals who would be willing to use their love of music to help our congregation grow in its worship life. If you're interested please talk to Pastor as soon as possible. Thanks!!!

*Pastor Ferrier*



# Assimilation

It is *THANK YOU* time from the Board of Assimilation.

A sincere *THANK YOU* to all who have hosted the coffee hours this past year.

*THANK YOU* to Earl Stuck for being our photographer and taking the photos of our new members and Avis who than posts the photos on our New Member board located in the Narthex.

*THANK YOU* to all who have accepted a call to be a Greeter during 2007.

*THANK YOU* to all the Sponsors of New Members.

*THANK YOU* to Earl and Avis Stuck for chairing the Hanging of the Greens (decorating the Church at Christmas) and for the assistance given by Ed & Carol Sheahan, the Assimilation Board and the Youth. (Did you notice the enhanced manger scene in the Narthex?) Thanks to Earl for the stained glass Star of Bethlehem and Dorothy Sinowetski for the blue skirting and lights.

*THANK YOU* to Dorothy Sinowetski for the floral arrangements in the Narthex and for all her artistic contributions through out the year.

*Blessings in His name,  
Pam DeGourse,, Assimilation Secretary*

## Redeemer Day Care Center





# Outreach



"Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." Matthew 28:19

## What is Outreach?

Outreach is just another word for Evangelism. Both words mean to reach out to the world and tell them the story of Jesus and how he fulfilled God's promise to save us from our sins—so that we all could be reunited with Him for eternity. It does not mean getting more members for Redeemer Lutheran Church (RLC), but that can be a side benefit. We Reach Out to get more members for Christ's Church—the Body of Christ.

I am very concerned that Redeemer is on a path toward getting rid of one of our greatest Outreach opportunities—our Child Care mission. The children in Child Care probably won't become members of RLC. The vast majority of their parents won't join RLC. But most of the children will become members of Christ's Church at some point in their lives, as a result of the Christian teaching and environment of our Child Care facility.

As a VBS teacher, I have seen first-hand how much the Child Care children know about Jesus. Some of them may have learned at home, but a lot of them learned about Jesus in Child Care. Through Bible stories, songs, Pastor's weekly Chapel, etc.

The Book of Proverbs teaches us to "[t]rain a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." --*Proverbs 22:6*

Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for such is the kingdom of heaven." (Emphasis added.) --*Matthew 19:14*

St. Paul urges us to "bring [your children] up in the training and instruction of the Lord." --*Ephesians 6:4*.

## Rotonda Christmas Parade

The first Rotonda Christmas Parade was a real success. A great time was had by all. We passed out hundreds of Christmas church schedules and candy canes (with the story of the candy cane). Many thanks to Karen and Tommy Kirkland for loaning us the trailer, and to Karen for making up the candy cane messages. Thanks also to Leta and Ray Stender for letting us use their manger scene—we were told that our "float" was the only one with a manger scene. Thanks to Ray Altmann for working on the float and for driving. And, of course, thanks to the "kids" of Redeemer, who walked and rode on the trailer: Nathan, Chelsea, Lexie and Nancy Gunterman, Haley Scott, Leslie Miles, and I. Did you see our picture in the Englewood Review? It was the only one, and showed all of us on the trailer. (Look for the picture elsewhere in the Newsletter.)

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# Outreach

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## Magnetic Car Signs

We've been selling the magnetic car signs for several weeks now. This has been an excellent outreach tool. Recently, neighbors of two of our members came to church with them because they saw the manger scene in their yard and because they saw the sign on their car. The neighbors told them this and asked if they could come to church with them. See! It works! The signs are available in the Narthex for \$5 (cost). If we all put them on our cars, think how many people might ask each of us about our church and about Jesus.

## LCMS Witness Pins

Also for sale in the Narthex are lapel pins with the LCMS cross. Buy them, wear them, talk about them and what your church means to you. Only \$2 each. If you "wear" your faith, people will ask you about it.

## Witness Workshop

The next witness training is scheduled for Saturday, February 2. Please mark your calendars and plan to attend. The format from last year will be revised, with more opportunities for small group discussions and sharing. And, as was done last year, lunch will be served. Even if you came last year, please come again for this "refresher." We have scheduled the training early in February so that Associate Members will also be able to attend. One-on-one Outreach is the most effective.

## Friendship Sunday

The Board is planning a Friendship Sunday on February 10. Plan on inviting friends, neighbors, acquaintances to worship and fellowship on that day. Especially those who do not know the Lord or have a regular church home. More on this activity later.



*Submitted by Carol Haupt*

# From the Office

I would like to extend a hearty Thank You to all of the volunteers who have helped me in the church office this past year. From those of you who have folded bulletins, helped answer phones, fixed computer problems, and assisted with communion cards, your efforts are most appreciated.



Laura Books – Newsletter folder  
 Margie Cypher – Office coverage and newsletter folder  
 Georgette Callahan – Newsletter folder  
 Pam DeGourse – Newsletter folder and communion cards  
 Joe Friess – Computer fixer and Web site programmer  
 Sybil Grahl – Newsletter folder and folding bulletins  
 Nancy & Richard Hall – Newsletter folder and folding bulletins  
 Jane Hoivik – Newsletter folder and folding bulletins  
 Carolyn Jordan – Newsletter folder  
 Clare Kieselburg – Office coverage  
 Miranda Leksche – CD recording of worship service  
 Leona Morrison – Shut-in CD & bulletin mail out  
 Pat Petersen – Newsletter folder and folding bulletins  
 Avis Stuck – Newsletter folder

There are others who have pinch-hitted during 2007. Again, thanks to each of you.

Thank you Leta for all your efforts as the Newsletter Editor.

*Submitted by*  
*Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary*



Doris Olga Evertson, 89, of Fort Wayne, died Wednesday, Sept. 12, 2007. Doris was a member of Redeemer for many years. She is survived by sons Michael and Steven, a brother Jim McGinley, a sister Carol McGinley and granddaughters Lisa and Danielle.

# Halloween



# Christmas Parade



# Youth Wrapping Gifts



# Ladies Guild Luncheon

