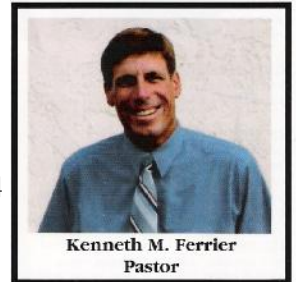


A Good Ol' Fashioned Barn Lifting



Kenneth M. Ferrier
Pastor

I know, I know...some of you looked at the title of this article and thought something like: "Doesn't that Californian realize that it's supposed to be 'barn RAISING'...not barn 'lifting'?" Well, let me assure you that after living in rural Texas for six years, and semi-rural Michigan for 14 more, I do know how farmers used to come from all over the countryside and rally together at a "barn raising" to help a neighbor get a barn erected in just a day or two.

But that's not what I want to talk about. I want to talk about *lifting* a barn...as in the following account, taken from the *Life Awareness Quarterly*:

"Herman Ostry's barn floor was under twenty-nine inches of water because of a rising creek [editor's note - pronounced "crick"]. The Bruno, Nebraska farmer invited a few friends to a 'barn raising' [editor's note - should read "barn lifting"]. He needed to move the entire 17,000 pound barn to a new foundation more than 143 feet away. His son, Mike, devised a lattice work of steel tubing then nailed, bolted, and welded it on the inside and outside of the barn. Hundreds of handles were attached. After one practice lift, 344 volunteers slowly walked the barn up a slight incline, each supporting less than fifty pounds. In just three minutes the barn was on its new foundation."

I hope you'll agree that this is a very heart-warming illustration of what can be accomplished by many hands (and backs) working together.

But what would have happened if some of those 344 volunteers would have refused to grab their handles because they didn't believe the feat could really be accomplished? What if others had argued with Mike, offering "corrections" to what they felt was a faulty design? What if others stood there pouting because they thought the barn should be located somewhere other than where the new foundation had been laid?

How quickly a heart-warming tale of triumph could have been transformed into a heart-wrenching tale of tragedy!

Our Lord tells us that if we have faith like a tiny mustard seed we can move mountains. I believe the history of Redeemer Lutheran Church and Child Care glistens with sparkling examples of one "mountain" after another being overcome for the sake of Christ and His Kingdom.

As you've been hearing lately...and probably will continue to hear for awhile...we're up against some pretty big obstacles right now. Some would probably even go so far as to say that these obstacles cannot be overcome. Where will the workers, the money, the resources come from?

I wonder what Herman Ostry would say? Maybe...*just maybe*...it's time to stop talking (or pouting or pointing) and start lifting. What do you say?

Pastor Ferrier

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President's Corner



The President's Corner

The Church Council and I thank you for your continued prayers and support. We thank God daily for all the blessings he showers on us.

Lately I have been thinking and praying about the many challenges facing our congregation and I have come to the conclusion that it really is a matter of ownership. By that I mean that when we were called to be members of this congregation and when we accepted the call we promised to support the work of this congregation with the help of the Lord and with the talents and treasures that He first gave to us. This makes us equal shareholders in carrying out the mission that the Lord has for our congregation.

As a body I know the Lord has blessed us with all the resources we need as a congregation to carry on His tasks. St. Paul said we are all each blessed with certain gifts. You are a part of this body called Redeemer. You are here because your gift is needed here. Therefore, do not forfeit your right of ownership to the share of the tasks for which you are gifted. If you've read this far, some of you might be wondering if I am trying to pull a Tom Sawyer white wash fence deal, or that I'm smoking something I shouldn't. The answer is no. The answer is very clear in that the Bible says we were given the talent, and we are given the opportunity to use this talent. It's our choice as what we do with what is given to us.

Similarly we forfeit the right of ownership by not attending voters meetings. Ownership is also forfeited when the voters just rubber stamp Council recommendations. Granted, Council does spend much time in studying the issues and recommendations that are brought to the voters, but it's up to the voters to determine the final course of action.

But this I believe is the reality. Most of us came here to Florida with the idea that we will spend the rest of our lives hitting little white balls, spending time on or near the water and/or doing all those other things that we never before had time to do. We've done all the church work we want to do, and we just want a place to worship on Sunday mornings and do some socializing. Guess what? The latter only can happen when someone does the work.

Our congregation is blessed in that we have a core of very hard working, dedicated individuals who have taken their share and more of the work of this congregation. We cannot continue to burden these individuals in such a manner that will result in stress and frustration. This of course will finally lead to resignation.

So it is up to each of us that are physically able to claim our rightful ownership to the task or tasks best matched to our gifts. Those that are not physically able, please pray that those that can, claim their right of ownership to the tasks best suited for them.

At the present time we need heads for our School, Property Management and Fellowship boards.

Please contact Ray Altmann, Brenda Kraft, or Earl Stuck if you have an interest in these positions or if you need some guidance in how you can serve our congregation.

Joe Carlos

Stewardship



The Lutheran Church Missouri Synod encourages the study of the biblical Stewardship Principles developed by the Department of Stewardship several years ago. Your Board of Stewardship is presenting in the next several monthly newsletters one of these eight principles. We hope you take the time to read and study these, and that you find them helpful. One of the Stewardship Principles follows:

GOD'S STEWARDS ARE UNIQUELY SINGULAR YET PROFOUNDLY PLURAL

What does this mean:

God's stewards recognize that their lives are not solo performances but are personal responses to God, lived out within the community of faith to benefit the whole world.

What does God's Word say about this?

- Rom. 12:4-5 Just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we who are many form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.
- 1 Cor. 12:12-13 The body is a unit, though it is made up of many parts; and though all its parts are many, they form one body. So it is with Christ. For we were all baptized by one Spirit into one body—whether Jews or Greeks, slave or free—and we were all given the one Spirit to drink.
- 1 Pet. 4:10 Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms.
- 2 Cor. 8:13-14 Our desire is not that others might be relieved while you are hard pressed, but that there might be equality. At the present time your plenty will supply what they need, so that in turn their plenty will supply what you need. Then there will be equality.
- Gal. 6:10 Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers. (cf. 6:7-10)

How is this done?

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will:

- Emphasize the privilege and the accountability this privilege entails of being unique children of God with specific gifts that honor the Lord and bless others;
- Recognize the personal and sensitive nature of the steward's response; and yet emphasize the truth that Christian stewards are members of the Body of Christ and are in kingdom work together with fellow Christians; and
- Remind Christian stewards that God showers blessings upon those who manage them wisely and well for the common good.

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Emphasize one aspect or area of church work to the exclusion or detriment of others;
- Teach or influence in ways which minimize the steward's connection to and need for the rest of the Body of Christ; or,
- Equate stewardship with merely meeting an organization's budget or financial goal.

Submitted by Ray Altmann

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What does this mean:

God's stewards recognize that the Lord sets them apart from the world and by the transforming power of the Gospel sends them into the world to live out the Gospel.

What does God's Word say about this?

- Rom. 12:2 Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God's will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.
- John 17:15-18 My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They're not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into this world, I have sent them into the world. (cf. John 20:21-23)
- Gen. 12:1-3 The LORD said to Abram, "Leave your country, your people and your father's household and go to the land I will show you. I will make you into a great nation and I will bless you; I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse; and all the peoples on earth will be blessed through you.
- John 16:33 I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world.

How is this done?

As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will:

- Emphasize how the Gospel transforms stewards' attitudes in, about and toward the world;
- Emphasize the Christian witness of stewards in the decisions that are made; and
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- Encourage the support of appropriate projects and activities both within and outside the church.

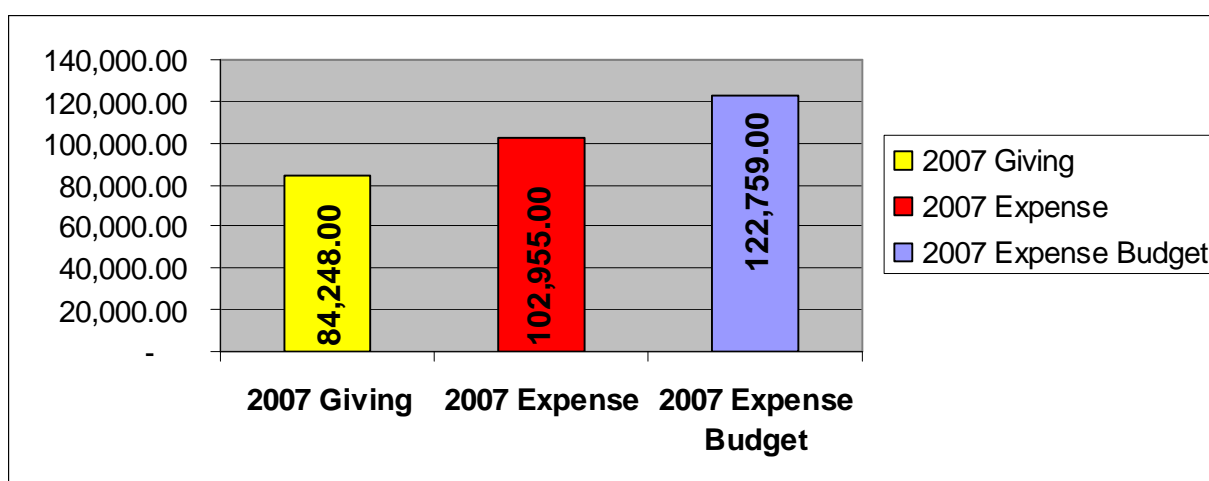
As children of God through faith in Jesus Christ, and with the Holy Spirit's help, we will not:

- Limit the scope of Christian stewardship only to "church-related" projects and activities;
- Use spiritually defective approaches and motivations from the world that are based mainly and primarily on the criterion that the "work:" or
- Forget the daily tensions and struggles of being God's stewards *in* but not *of* the world.

Submitted by Ray Altmann

Finance

	<u>2007 Giving</u>	<u>2007 Expense</u>	<u>2007 Budget</u>
January	18,056.00	19,419.00	33,804.00
February	19,634.00	28,276.00	25,622.00
March	20,950.00	29,853.00	36,631.00
April	25,608.00	25,407.00	26,702.00
Year to Date	84,248.00	102,955.00	122,759.00

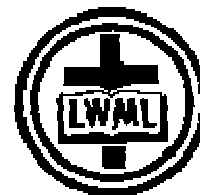


Active List of Dedicated Funds

Servants in His Mission has been Paid IN FULL and closed, please do not use the envelopes in your giving book.
 Giving can be substituted to Debt Reduction (Pay off Mortgage) or any other dedicated fund.

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| Building Fund | Thrivent Fund |
| Future School Fund | LCMS World Relief Fund |
| Building Maintenance Fund | Office Equipment Fund |
| Debt Reduction Fund | Tape Ministry Fund |
| Memorials General Fund | Disaster Relief Fund |
| Child Care Fund | Rally Fund |
| Youth Ministry Fund | Retreat Fund |
| Memorial Garden Fund | Migrant Workers Fund |
| Choir Fund | LWML Fund |
| Outreach Fund | Family Assistance Fund |
| Stephen Ministry Fund | Horvath Family Fund |
| Human Care Fund | Englewood Helping Hands |
| | Church World Services |

Ladies Guild—Lutheran Women in Mission



To the women of Redeemer:

You are needed to spread the good news, goodwill, and to reach out to the needs of the Englewood Area, and the missions of the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

You can do this while being part of the group that meets on the first Wednesday of the month, October through May. The future of our organization depends on the support of the women of Redeemer.

An example of our "Outreach Program":

A "Thank you" was received from the Luther Memorial School, Cleveland, Ohio for the contribution of \$250.00. Their letter stated that parents send their children to the

Luther Memorial School because they want them in a safe setting where the Gospel is shared.

The school is sponsored by a group of Lutheran Churches, one of which was where Dorothy Sinowetski attended while living in Ohio.

An example of spreading the Gospel:

A "Thank you" is from the "Lutheran Prison Ministry" for the 48 Bibles marked for use in the prisons by this ministry. This outreach is in regard to Matthew 25:36 "For I was in prison and you came to Me...I say to you, inasmuch as you did it to one of the least of these My brethren,

you did it to Me". The Ladies Guild purchases the bibles, marks the designated scriptures (15 from the new Testament) and mails them to the American Correctional Association /Association of Lutheran Mission Agencies. If you would like a copy of the selected scriptures you can get a copy form Margie Cypher.

There are no collection plates in prison and all of their funding comes from folks outside the prison walls.

Submitted by Margie Cypher



Lutheran Women in Missions—that is who we are and it is what we do. We fill our Mite Boxes and give scholarships to seminary students and teachers. We serve; we reach out in our communities and around the world with the good news of Jesus Christ! But sometimes when we serve frustration sets in. But we know that when we serve God by serving those around us two things happen. First, by serving we praise and glorify God. "If anyone serves he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ," (1 Peter 4:11) Second, by serving we edify, build up the church. "It was He who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up." (Ephesians 4:11-12).

Women at Redeemer have been called to lead and serve. Our Ladies Guild is needful of a President and Vice President to lead this group Oct. '07 - April 08, Serving with secretary, Sybil Grahl; treasurer, Margie Cypher; Christian growth, Helen Sturzenbecker; and LWML Rep, Vicky Davis would be an opportunity for any woman at Redeemer! Please consider calling any of these women to make your intentions known or give your name to Pat Wilcoxon in the Church office. To God be the Glory!

Submitted by Vicky Davis

Services Directory/Classified Ads

Services

Experienced 10th grade babysitter, available evenings and weekends, or for summer position. Contact Chelsea Gunterman 941-544-2797 or 941-474-0774.

Beautician/Manicurist

Debbie Balogh

Purple Palace

941-475-0731

For Sale

HP Ink Jet Printer Cartridges.

Black—#56—Original Cost: \$20. Now—\$10

Color—#57—Original Cost: \$40. Now—\$20.

Call Ginny Doenges —697-2429

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.

7 bottles available.

\$10.00 ea.

Call Michelle Ferrier — 697-0502

Assimilation Board

A joyful welcome to all new members recently brought into the Redeemer Church family.

During the summer months of June, July and August, the members of our board will be the church greeters. We take this opportunity to thank all who help as greeters throughout the church year.

The Assimilation Board donated \$100.00 to the Mark Horvath fund on May 6th, 2007. These funds came by way of your donation to the coffee fund on Sunday mornings. Those one dollar bills do add up! Thank you.

Yours in Christ,
Pam DeGourse
Assimilation Secretary

GREETERS SCHEDULE

Assimilation

June

June 3 The Assimilation Board Members
 June 10 The Assimilation Board Members
 June 17 The Assimilation Board Members
 June 24 The Assimilation Board Members

June 3 Helen Sturzenbecker & Inge Tringali
 June 10 Sharon Grcevic
 June 17 The DeGourse Family
 June 24 Mary Ellen Graef & Bob Morgenson

July

July 1 The Assimilation Board Members
 July 8 The Assimilation Board Members
 July 15 The Assimilation Board Members
 July 22 The Assimilation Board Members
 July 29 Youth

July 1 Laura Brooks
 July 8 Leoma Morrison
 July 15 Dot Sinowetski
 July 22 Pat & Herb Petersen
 July 29 Youth

Submitted by Pam DeGourse

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THIS MONTH USHERS

June

June 3 Glen Kraft
 Shirley Zatkalik
 Patrick & Jackie Wall

June 17 Glen Kraft
 Shirley Zatkalik
 Patrick & Jacki Wall

June 10 Glenn Kraft
 Wilbur Bruce
 Patrick & Jacki Wall

June 24 Wilbur Bruce
 Glen Kraft
 Patrick & Jacki Wall

July (All Services)

Lee Vandercook
 Olga Nagle
 Dallas & Rusty Queck

Submitted by Ray Janssen

Special Dates

- Trinity Sunday, June 3, 2007
- Flag Day, June 14, 2007
- Father's Day, June 17, 2007
- First day of summer, June 21, 2007
- Independence Day, July 4, 2007

Stephen Ministry



The June/July highlighted Stephen Minister is Nancy Fandrich. Nancy is not only a Stephen Minister but completed the Leadership Training Program in Orlando, Florida January 2007 to become a Stephen Minister Leader. She now teaches the 50 hour Stephen Minister Training and has taught continuing education at the supervisory meetings. Saulte Ste. Marie, Michigan is where Nancy is originally from. For the past 8 years she has lived in Englewood, Florida from November through April and May through October in Saulte Ste. Marie. She has been a member of Redeemer for the same amount of years. Nancy and her husband James (now deceased) were married 38 years. They have 2 daughters, along with grandchildren, residing in Michigan. You may have seen Nancy using her professional skills and taking blood pressures occasionally the last Sunday of every month. Nancy is a registered nurse. Nancy's interests focus on gardening, reading and volunteering (folding Sunday bulletins, signing people up for the crop walk, baking for the bazaar, besides the above duties and much more). Nancy's reply as to why she became a Stephen Minister is so like Nancy in her quiet, gentle, God fearing way:

"Stephen Ministry is one way I can serve God by caring for others on a one to one basis. To me it is a unique calling, always remembering that God is the cure giver, I am only a vessel he uses. Through the training and leadership program, skills such as listening, are enhanced. How blessed I feel to be able to provide a touch of God's care on earth. May God bless each one of us as we follow his example."

"Be completely humble and gentle; be patient, bearing with one another in love" (Ephesians 4:2)

Submitted by Carol Carlos



Concerning Our Finances

Recently in our Voters' Assembly our Treasurer explained in some detail the financial shortfall in which we found ourselves at the close of the first quarter. He presented the immediate actions required to meet past due obligations and to provide the financial support to see us through 2007.

Those of us dealing with our financial situation have come to realize that very probably there is a thought among our members that says "while we have had a problem in that we had to dip into reserve funds to meet operating expenses, we have moved sufficient funds from reserve to meet our expected operating expenses and thus it is thought that our problem has been corrected." WRONG!! True, we have been blessed with a bequest which has permitted us to move \$122,000 from an investment account into operating or general funds. Understand that this \$122,000 has permitted us to meet past due obligations, and to create an available savings account balance which will support our continued operation until the end of 2007.

As we come to the close of 2007, we will face the question of how to plan our operating expenses for 2008, and to what extent will our contributions support that plan. If our expenses continue to exceed our contributions, we will be faced with again dipping into the remainder of the bequest. Obviously that situation can last only as long as the bequest funds. Then we are faced with a very difficult question of "How does Redeemer continue to exist?" So you see that the idea that our problems have been solved is certainly not the case. We have a great deal of work and planning to do to see us through these difficult times. This may be a difficult problem but it is not impossible to solve; however, it certainly must first be recognized. That is the simple purpose of this message, to help each of us to be aware that our problem is real and not yet solved. Simply stated, our operating expenses currently exceeds our contributions, and this situation must be corrected.

With prayer and diligence we will find the answer He has for us. Thank you for your attention to this message.

Submitted by the Board of Stewardship

May 8, 2007

Thank you very much for staffing our food pantry with volunteers during the month of April. Thank you also for your donations of food and money. Your continued support and generosity to Englewood Helping Hand is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hodgdon
Corresponding Sec.



Redeemer Book Exchange and Library

The new book exchange and library in the Fellowship Hall is up and running. Look for the bookcase by the Crafts.

We still need books— any kind—paperbacks, hard cover, new, used, fiction, non-fiction, religious, whatever! You can drop them off either in the church office, or just leave them by the bookshelves.

Here's how it works:

- **Book Exchange:** Bring a book you no longer want and exchange it with one you haven't read! You may never have to buy another book!!
- **Library:** Borrow a book, return it within a reasonable time.

This is an honor system so you don't need to check in with anyone.

If you have any questions, call Carol Haupt (941) 493-0399 or Leta Stender (941) 830-1412.

Submitted by Carol Haupt and Leta Stender

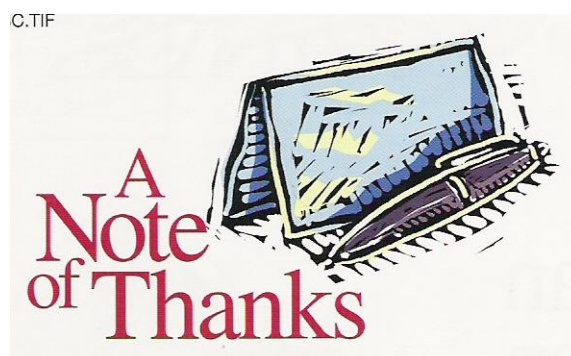


**New
Redeemer Book
Exchange & Library**

A big thank you to Helen Sturzenbecker, Georgia Lang, Dolores Altmann, Linda Rogers, Dottie LaMere and Carol Haupt for marking bibles for the Lutheran Prison Ministry.

Forty eight bibles were sent to the St. John's County Jail in St. Augustine, Florida. The Ladies Guild has supported this ministry for several years.

Submitted by Sybil Grahl



Simply Giving



A Way to Make Giving First Fruits Simple

Dear Friends & Members,

The board of Stewardship invites you to consider a new way of implementing your giving to Redeemer. Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has developed an automated giving program called *Simply Giving* to assist congregations and their members. Response at other congregations suggests many of you may be interested.

Both our members and the Redeemer benefit with this program. For those who choose to participate, withdrawing the pledged or specified amount from your bank account is truly giving the biblical "first fruits." It also eliminates the minor frustrations of writing checks or forgetting the checkbook. For the church, the advantages are related to a consistent, predictable income. The seasonal fluctuations in giving patterns are lessened. Thrivent Financial offers this service to benefit congregations. They pay all of the cost for this service.

The enrollment forms are available in the church office and also in the Narthex. The enrollment form should answer questions you may have, and show you how to use the automated withdrawal plan. You can implement this plan by completing the enrollment form and bringing it and the appropriate bank information to the church office marked attention Stewardship. PLEASE NOTE WHEN COMPLETING THE ENROLLMENT FORM WE HAVE SELECTED TO SUPPORT THE FUND DESIGNATION OF ONLY GENERAL/OPERATING FUND.

For those of you that are away at this time but are interested in participating, please contact the church office and we will mail the enrollment forms to you.

Finally, we will maintain a supply of enrollment forms in the church office to facilitate any future changes you may wish to make to your giving program. We hope you choose to participate and that you will find this program helpful.

Blessings,

Board of Stewardship

New Members

It is with great joy that we welcome the following new members into our Redeemer Family:



John & Audrey Thurow



Tom & Missey Smith
Hunter, Hayley, Shannen

Englewood Helping Hands

May 7, 2007

Pastor Kenneth Ferrier
Redeemer Lutheran church
6970 Mineola Road
Englewood, FL 34224



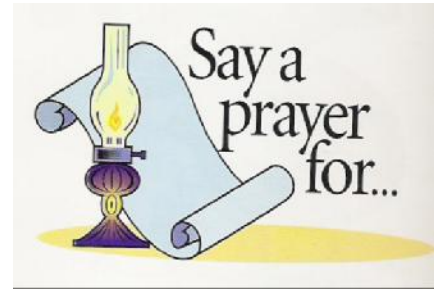
Dear Pastor Ferrier,

The 2007 Englewood CROP Walk was a big success! Thank you for the dedication and generosity of your recruiters, walkers and sponsors. This year's receipts from your church totaled \$1393 collected by 17 walkers.

You may be interested to know that through community and ecumenical support collected pledges totaled \$16,653.55. Our Englewood community will receive twenty-five percent, \$4,163.39 to aid the needy, hungry, and homeless. The other seventy-five percent is used to fight hunger nationally and globally.

Thank you again for supporting the 2007 Englewood CROP Walk!

Sincerely,
Carol Rice
CROP Walk Organizer



HEALING:

Members
Elma Cancellieri
Norman Grewe
Mark Horvath
Lessie Kirch
Brenda Craft
Tom McGrath
David Perry
Irma Proehl
Katie Rudolph
James Wonsey, Sr.

Friends & Relatives

Jim Bergman
Esther Gaskill
Cheryl Harfst
Nathalie Kiedaisch
Mary Ann Leidy
Rev. David Maier
Cheri Petersen
Marion Talley

ALL GRADUATES

PRAYERS OF COMFORT FOR LOIS WEBSTER AND FAMILY WHOSE SISTER VALERIE BUIE WAS CALLED TO HER ETERNAL HOME.

MILITARY PERSONNEL & FAMILIES



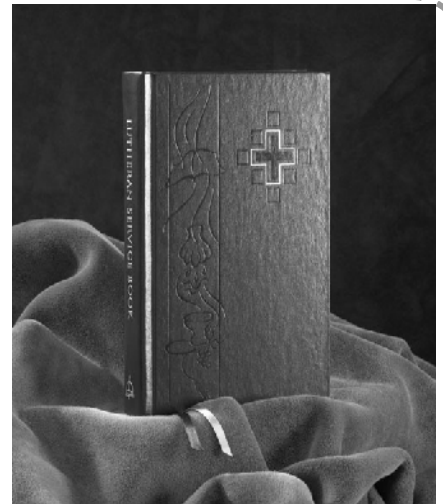
Herb Bohm
Gloria Carlson
Ruth Jansch
James Prather
Bertha Sandhusen
Norma Spaw
Shirley Youngberg

Lutheran Service Book

In our May Newsletter we discussed a funding plan for our adoption of the *Lutheran Service Book (LSB)* as our “new hymnal”. Now let’s talk about why we’re making the switch and what we plan to do with the old hymnals.

Why Switch???

One of the main improvements in *LSB* is the fact that it comes with a package of computer software and licensing agreements that make it infinitely easier to make “user friendly” Orders of Worship which can then be printed right in the worship folder. Even lifelong Lutherans who are fully adept at using the current hymnal can attest to the fact that it can sometimes be awkward and confusing.



Another improvement in *LSB* is that it will allow for much more variety in our worship services. New hymns, different liturgies and prayers, and the capability to print out old favorites in new ways, will greatly enhance the worship life of the congregation.

Something else you’ll appreciate about *LSB* is that it has taken many of the hymns we already know and love and changed them into a musical key that is much easier to sing. No, it won’t change us all into opera stars (or pop stars!) but we will have a much better chance of being able to carry a tune in a vocal range that is comfortable to sing.

In addition to making familiar hymns more “singable” *LSB* also incorporates a collection of new hymns for us to learn together. These new hymns include some that have been written by talented musicians in the years since *Lutheran Worship* came out. There are hymns which come from various countries around the world. There are hymns that are suited for accompaniment by piano, or even guitar or other string instruments. Some are perfect for solos or duets... or a children’s choir. All of them are completely Scriptural...rooted in our solid Lutheran theology...yet serve as a fresh voice to our changing world.

If your Lutheran roots go back earlier than 1980 you might appreciate the fact that *LSB* also includes some of the liturgies from *The Lutheran Hymnal*, which was in use from the mid-1940’s. It will be fun to help today’s worshippers learn as “new” those beloved texts and melodies from years gone by.

What Do We Do With the Old Hymnals ???

To a certain extent, the answer to this question remains to be seen. You’re probably aware that many of the copies of *Lutheran Worship* were donated in memory/honor of loved ones. Jim and Mary Turner went through all our hymnals and compiled a list of all those who were honored in this way. That list will be published along with the opportunity for you to keep those hymnals that may have been given in honor of someone special to you.

We will also be making copies available for anyone to take home for personal use. A hymnal at home is a great tool for private devotions...or to keep at the piano...or for family singing at Christmas time, etc.

If you have other suggestions for using the hymnals which will be taken out of service please be sure to pass them along.

Pastor Ferrier

From the Office

Its that time of year again when you Northerners start going back north. Please make sure you let the office know.

Thank you,
Pat Wilcoxon, Church Secretary



Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for submission of articles for August is **Sunday, July 22** by 12 noon.

If you have an article you would like to submit for the newsletter, either e-mail it to shortstack44@ewol.com or place it in the newsletter box in the church office. Articles received after July 22nd will be held for the September newsletter.



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

Leta Stender

Youth News



From Saturday, July 28, through Wednesday, August 1, five youth and two chaperons from Redeemer Lutheran Church will be attending the LC-MS National Youth Gathering in Orlando, FL. They will join 35,000 youth and adults from all over the world celebrating being CHOSEN by God. The Youth attending are James Wonsey Jr., Sarah Ferrier, Chelsea Gunterman, Ray Altmann, and Hannah Altmann. The brave adults going as chaperons are Lea Wonsey and Michelle Ferrier. Thank you to all for the support you have given the Youth to help them be able to attend this event. On Thursday, August 2, the group will go to Universal Studios for a day of fun and relaxation, and then return home.

Submitted by Michelle Ferrier

Choir Party at Sterriker's

Music Ministry

We had our "end of the year" choir party on April 11th at the Sterriker's home. There were 26 of us (choir/spouses) and all seemed to have a great time. (My neighbors commented on the beautiful music they heard as we practiced our final Sunday anthem.) During the summer, we will continue to familiarize the congregation with hymns from the new Lutheran Service Book". Soloists, duets, quartets, etc. will sing on several Sundays. We are always looking for new members to help us sing praises to God! Please consider joining us. We'll start rehearsals early in September. Watch for the date in the Newsletter and bulletins. Questions? Call Marj Sterriker 475-0553, any time after August 15th.

Submitted by Marj Sterriker



Human Care



Messiah Migrant Mission

We will have two "Undie Sundays" for the mission on July 15th and 22nd. We donate underwear for the boys and girls so they have new undies for school.

Please buy for ages 4 – 15 years. Boys prefer boxers, (but other ok too).

They especially need the larger sizes. There will be collection box by the Care Pillows in the Narthex.

Caring Network

Remember to call your leader (or Lessie Kirch) if you are in need of a helping hand.

Christian Support Group

The group visited Shea Thurow in April. She is doing quite well and they were even going on a transatlantic cruise. This group is still in great need of a leader. This doesn't involve a lot of time, just one meeting a month to open with prayer and keep the sessions going. (It really sort of runs itself, they love to talk.)

Armed Forces Ministry

We ended up with at least four boxfuls of "shoebox" items. The Rotonda American Legion staff was amazed at how much we collected. They expressed many thank yous!

Sr. Fellowship

This group plans to continue during the summer months. Helpers are needed to provide lunch for them on the 1st and 3rd Tuesday of the month from 10 a.m. to noon starting on June 19th. Please call Carol Haupt if you are able to do this. (There are usually only 6-10 people participating.)

Horvath Fund Raisers

Over \$11,000 was collected which included a door offering, youth car wash, a Wal-Mart contribution and Thrivent funds. Praise the Lord!! A special committee has been established to distribute funds to the family as they are needed. More fund raisers will be held if the need arises.

Miscellaneous Info

I attended a TideWell Hospice workshop in May. They have many available resources for patients and families of those who are facing terminal illnesses. We will be presenting their Transitions program possibly to Guild (congregation) members in the fall. Also watch for new Blood Mobile dates this fall.

Human Care will not meet this summer. If you have questions or needs, please Call Carol Haupt at 493-0399.

THERE IS NO ROCK LIKE OUR GOD

Try this fun summer craft that transforms rocks into beautiful waxy jewels! This craft can remind you that "there is no Rock like our God" (1 Samuel 2:2).

What you need:

- Smooth flat rocks
- Aluminum foil
- Oven mitt
- Newspapers
- Old crayons
- Cookie sheet
- Black permanent marker (optional)*
- An adult to help



What you do:

1. Clean off the rocks.
2. With an adult's help, set the oven to 225 degrees and bake your rocks for 15 minutes on a foil-lined cookie sheet.
3. While the rocks bake, remove the paper wrappers from the old crayons.
4. With an adult's help, use an oven mitt to remove the rocks from the stove and set them on a pad of newspapers. The rocks will be VERY HOT, so be careful!
5. Draw on the stones with the crayons. The heat will melt the crayons into vibrant liquid wax. For a swirl effect, hold each crayon against the rock in one place to create a puddle of color, and continue to swirl the color around with the end of the crayon.
6. *After the rock cools, use the marker to write "God Rocks," "The LORD is my Rock" or "My God is my Rock."



Remember Our Heavenly Father

Father's Day is a time to thank our dads, who work hard to keep the family fed, safe and loved. Let us also remember God, our heavenly Father, who gives life to us all.

Use the grid to fill in the blanks below. To find the letter for each number, look down the column to the dot, and then go to the left to the letter. Write the letter on the appropriate blank.

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1 John 3:1, NIV

HOW GREAT IS THE LOVE THE FATHER HAS LAVISHED ON US, THAT WE SHOULD BE CALLED CHILDREN OF GOD!"

Redfish Baseball

Redfish baseball is here in Charlotte County, and Redeemer is planning an outing to see the team play on Tuesday, June 19th. All youth, high school age (including graduating seniors) and younger, are invited to attend as guests of the Board of Youth. You need to sign up with Michelle Ferrier, Carol Haupt, or Missey Williams so we know how many tickets to get. You are welcome to bring your friends as our guests. For all those planning to go, youth and adults, the evening starts out at 5:30 p.m. with a meal of hot dogs, hamburgers, potato salad, baked beans, drinks and dessert at the Park. The cost is \$10/person. Tickets will be available in the Narthex starting Sunday, June 3.



Congratulations 2007 High School Grads!!!

Terry Curry
Sarah Ferrier
Charles Wagenseil
James Wonsey Jr.



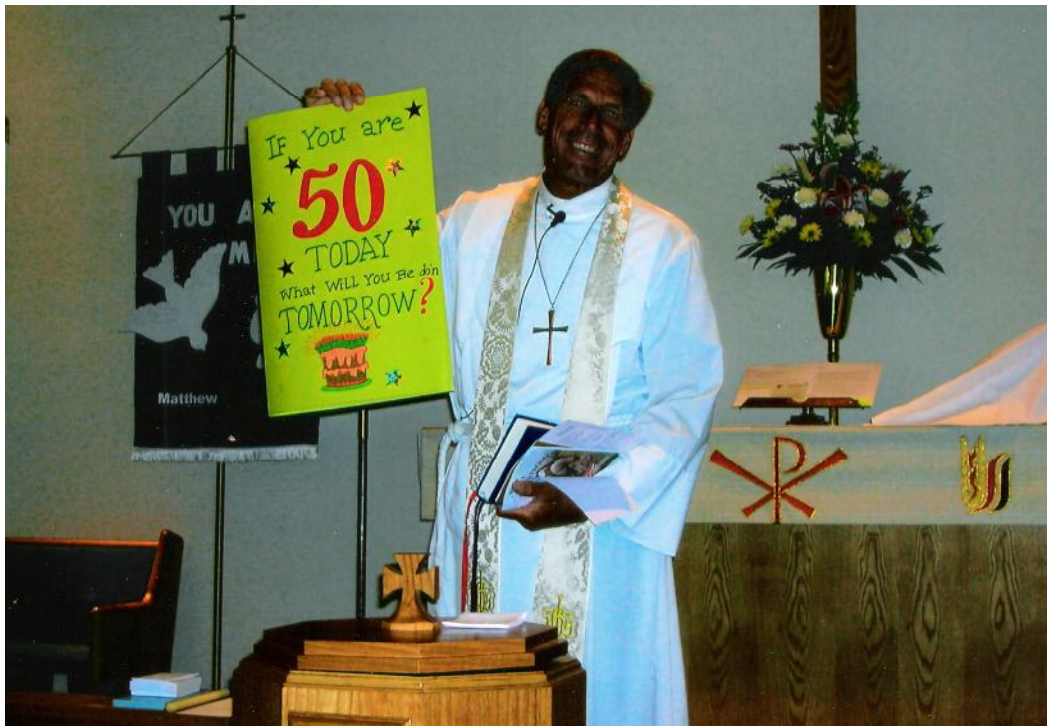
James Wonsey Jr. and Sarah Ferrier

Happy Birthday Bertha!!



Our Oldest Member of Redeemer Celebrates Her 104th Birthday on July 10th!!!!

Happy 50th Birthday Pastor Ferrier!!



Outreach



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

--Matthew 28:19

Outreach Magazine recently conducted a survey of the "un-churched." They discovered that about 38% of the un-churched are receptive to attending church and that the reason they do not attend is that they haven't been invited. If invited and escorted, 82% would attend church with a friend or acquaintance. The unfortunate statistic, however, is that only 21% of active church-going Christians invited someone to church last year. (May/June 2007).

WOW! This is extraordinarily good news. All we have to do is invite them, and bring them. God does the rest. Think of those among your acquaintances you know who don't go to church. Consider inviting them to church next Sunday, and come with them. They might just surprise you and come. Wouldn't that be wonderful!!!!

Another thing we can all do to reach the un-churched is to pray for them. We can all do that. Think of someone you know who doesn't know or accept Jesus' saving grace. Pray that God will find a way to reach them with the Good News. Pray that you may be an instrument in reaching that person.

HURRICANE PREPARATION

It's that time of year again. Time to stock up on supplies, gather important documents, stock your hurricane kit. Plan your evacuation route and destination. And so forth. Look for hurricane magazine inserts from the local papers in the Narthex. These publications are full of tips and good information.

If you need a "special needs" shelter, it is important to register early. Persons with special needs, which include various disabilities, are required to fill out a special needs shelter registration before being allowed to use the shelter. Also, transportation may be provided. If you live in Sarasota County, you may register online at www.scgov.net or call their emergency management department at 941-861-5000. Charlotte County residents may call 941-505-4620.

Submitted by Carol Haupt

A Short Quiz

Q: What time of day was Adam created?

A: A little before Eve.

Baptism



Baptized on May 20, 2007: *Matthew Cameron Schick*, born August 16, 2005, to Katherine and Frederick Schick. Sponsors for Matthew are Bernie & Jackie King and Jack & Barbra King. Big brother is Austin

NAIL IN THE FENCE

There once was a little boy who had a bad temper. His Father gave him a bag of nails and told him that every time he lost his temper, he must hammer a nail into the back of the fence. The first day the boy had driven 37 nails into the fence. Over the next few weeks, as he learned to control his anger, the number of nails hammered daily gradually dwindled down. He discovered it was easier to hold his temper than to drive those nails into the fence.

Finally the day came when the boy didn't lose his temper at all. He told his father about it and the father suggested that the boy now pull out one nail for each day that he was able to hold his temper.

The days passed and the young boy was finally able to tell his father that all the nails were gone. The father took his son by the hand and led him to the fence. He said, "You have done well, my son, but look at the holes in the fence. The fence will never be the same. When you say things in anger, they leave a scar just like this one. You can put a knife in a man and draw it out.

It won't matter how many times you say I'm sorry, the wound is still there. A verbal wound is as bad as a physical one.