

# REDEEMER REPORTER

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH - DECEMBER 2010

“The Season for Giving and Receiving”

Oh, how the time has quickly passed. Christmas is right around the corner! Many of us look forward to this time of year. Some of us diligently make plans to shop for a special gift to give to a special loved one. Some of us may even entertain the thought of receiving a certain gift from a certain loved one. To be sure, this is the season for both giving and receiving.

When gifts are given and received during the Christmas holiday there are countless expressions of joy shared between individuals. This is one of the more common reasons why many look forward to this time of year: to share and participate in one another's joy. Giving and receiving carefully wrapped gifts between individuals relinquishes an amazing joyful wonder.

Consider when God gave us His greatest gift in which He carefully wrapped His Son in the womb of a virgin. *“For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life”* (John 3:16). This we have come to know as the ‘Gospel in a nutshell.’ This widely known verse; this *Good News* is called this because John 3:16 is considered a summary of the central teaching of Christianity.

God's plan of salvation for mankind is clearly summarized in this one verse. God the Father gave the world His Son in order to save the world from eternal condemnation. In fact, in the very next verse in John's Gospel, Jesus unpacks for us John 3:16. *“For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through Him”* (John 3:17). God the Father gave us His only begotten Son as a gift in order that the Son of Man would seek and save the lost (Luke 19:10). God the Father has given us an extraordinary gift.

The Apostle John also writes, *“to all who receive [Jesus], who believe in His name, He gave the right to become children of God, who were born, not of blood nor of the will of the flesh nor of the will of man, but [born] of God”* (John 1:12-13). Those born again through the water and the Word are made children of God. *“The Spirit Himself bears witness ... that we are children of God, and if children, then we are heirs — heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ ... in order that we may also be glorified with Him”* (Romans 8:16-17).

God is in the business of giving gifts – His gifts. He didn't stop with just giving us His Son. *“Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father ...”* (James 1:17).

Peter preached, *“Repent and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of*

*the Holy Spirit”* (Acts 2:38). In the waters of Holy Baptism God works forgiveness; He gives us His Spirit; He rescues us from death and the power of Satan; He grants us eternal life. The gifts just keep coming.

How then does one believe and receive these gifts? How does one come to faith, and believe and trust in these words and promises of God? The Apostle Paul writes, *“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the word of Christ”* (Romans 10:17). And Jesus says, *“Whoever is of God hears the word of God”* (John 8:47a). You are of God. Therefore, you hear His Word. Jesus also says, *“When [you] hear the word [of God], receive it with joy”* (Luke 8:13).

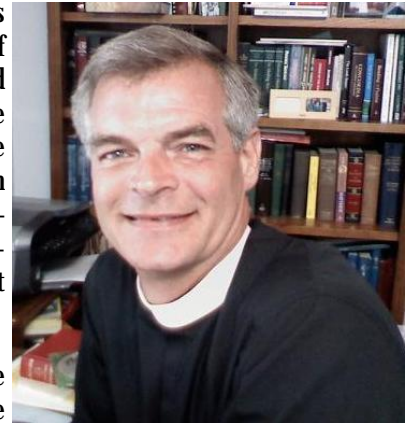
God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit continually give you His gifts. You receive it with joy. *“For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God”* (Ephesians 2:8). The *Good News* of salvation; the gifts of God are the very things you are called to share with others; and to do so with joy.

God gave you the gift of His Son not just to remember and celebrate during the season of Christmas, but He also gave you His Son Jesus so that you would receive Him; believe in Him. Jesus came to save; to give you His gifts of forgiveness, life, and salvation throughout the entire year. He gives you His gifts every day of every month of every year. He loves you with an everlasting love (Jeremiah 31:3).

Paul writes, *“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”* (Galatians 2:20).

May the God of all mercy and the giver of all good gifts, grant each of you a Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

In His Service,  
Pastor Kress



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

Pastor	Rev. James Kress
Child Care Director	Wendy Horvath
Office Secretary	Jennifer Steele
Organists	Doris Dykhuizen Bill Bowers Lanette Schmidt
Choir Director	Doris Dykhuizen

### OFFICERS

President	Ed Sheahan
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Treasurer	Pat Luedtke
Secretary	Dorothy Sinowetski

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Human Care	Carol Sheahan
Outreach	
School Board	Bill Bowers
Stewardship	Sarah Watkins
Youth	Jim Wright
Financial Secretary	Karen Kirkland

### CLUBS/GUILDS

Ladies Guild	Doris Dykhuizen
Men's Group	Bob Mortenson
Christian Support	Margie Cypher

As we move forward into the Christmas season our church is facing many challenges. As you know, we are engaged in a very serious discussion as to whether or not we want to hire a DCE for the purpose of increasing youth involvement at Redeemer. The question we all face is our collective willingness to support the hiring of a DCE by increasing our Sunday contribution. I hope each and every one of us will give prayerful consideration to this important decision. We will vote on this at the December voters meeting and I pray that whichever way the vote goes it turns out to be the right decision for Redeemer. We also have the issue of insurance for our church and vehicles. As you know, the council has called for a special voters meeting on November 28<sup>th</sup> between services. At this meeting I am going to propose that due to the exorbitant increase in the cost of wind and hail insurance that we self insure that portion of our coverage and use the savings based on our current premium to establish a dedicated reserve fund earmarked for repairs necessitated by wind or hail. In other words if we are able to save \$15000 per year we would make a \$15000 contribution to the reserve fund. Keeping in mind that we have never had an insurance claim I think this is a wise decision. I believe it is inevitable that our insurance premium will continue to increase at an alarming rate that will leave us no choice but to do what I will propose at the voters meeting. This is being brought to the voters rather than a council decision due to the gravity of the situation. Once again I pray that whatever decision we make, it is the right decision for Redeemer.

As you all know, Pastor and Lisa Kress are in Israel visiting the Holy Land. We all hope they are having a wonderful time and look forward to their return but we are blessed in Pastor's absence to have Pastor Schmidt step in and fulfill all Pastoral duties. I know we all look forward to Pastor Schmidt's sermons and bible classes and we owe Pastor Schmidt a debt of gratitude. Let's not forget to thank him.

In closing I hope you all had a blessed Thanksgiving and that the upcoming holidays are filled with joy for each and every one of our church family.

Respectfully submitted,  
Ed Sheahan



## CHRISTIAN SUPPORT GROUP

The support group met on Wednesday, Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>.

These last day parables have one thing in common: they all reflect the nearness of Jesus' death.

Because he knew the cross was close, our Lord talked about such things as a final judgment, the need to stay alert, the practices and the kind of hope that would sustain his followers in the years to come.

The Gospel accounts in which they are preserved were written thirty or more years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The delay of the bridegroom was regarded as a reference to the delay of Christ's promised return that worried the first century church.

The lesson was THE PARABLE OF THE TEN MAIDENS Matthew 25: 1-13

Then the kingdom of heaven shall be compared to ten maidens who took their lamps and went to meet the bride groom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. For when the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them, but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, they all slumbered and slept. But at midnight there was a cry, "Behold, the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those maidens rose and trimmed their lamps. And the foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "Perhaps there will not be enough for us and for you, go rather to the dealers and buy for yourselves." And while they went to buy, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went in with him to the marriage feast, and the door was shut. Afterward the other maidens came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly, I say to you, I do not know you." Watch therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

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The parable seems to be a clear cut reference to the second coming of Jesus for at least four reasons:

1. The first word, "then" apparently refers to

Matthew 24:44, 50 which tells of the coming of the Son of man and the return of the master of the house.

2. All of the parables and sayings in Matthew 24-25, seem to relate to the return of Christ.

3. The fourth sentence, especially the phrase, "As the bridegroom is delayed," fits the actual experience of the Christian church. Many expected Christ (the bridegroom) to return very soon after his ascension and were disappointed at the delay.

The closing words of the parable, "Watch" refer to other sayings about the coming of the Son of man, such as those already noted in Mathew 24:44, 50,

All this justifies the saying that the parable well describes the Christian church awaiting the return of its Lord. The ten maidens represented the church, the bridegroom is Christ, and the delay is the period of waiting for his coming. The sudden appearance of the bridegroom suggests the manner of the coming of Christ, and the closing of the door on the foolish maidens symbolizes the final judgment.

We must return to the time, place and audience when the story was first told. Jesus had been trying in many ways to awaken his people and their leaders to the fact God's promised kingdom had finally come. As Jesus spoke, his words pointed to the doom and disaster, the deliverance and hope that would come with his death, resurrection, and ascension.

We are not to sit upon a mountaintop expecting Christ's return. We are to keep ourselves ready by living as faithful citizens of God's realm. Then neither Christ's coming, nor any other sudden testing experience will catch us unprepared.

The group discussed the lesson and how we can keep ourselves ready. We also mentioned the members of church and friends we would include in our closing prayer.

*Submitted by Margie Cypher*





## STEWARDSHIP

### Stewardship: Fellowship—A Partnership of Giving and Receiving

December brings to mind thoughts of family, shared times with friends, and hopes for the future. It is a time of gift giving and receiving. What gifts can we give that mean something; that will be appreciated and received with gratitude?

There are gifts of the heart that one can give that mean more than expensive gifts. The gift of time is priceless. Giving another your time—enjoying the company of a friend or family member, cherishing the moments of friendship and companionship is a wonderful gift. Giving the gift of listening—consciously turning your thoughts over to focus on another to truly listen—empathizing, caring, and understanding—is a most thoughtful and appreciated gift.

Being a good steward is a gift we can give ourselves and our family and friends. Honoring God, sharing our time, relationships, and finances responsibly enriches and rewards us. Using our talents—God's gifts to us helps us grow in faith and goodness.

Where do you find yourself this December as it relates to loving and giving? In this season of giving and receiving where do you find your greater joy? Is it in giving or in receiving? Are you among those people who get more joy and excitement from searching for and finding the right gifts for the special people in their lives? Many Christians really do enjoy giving more than receiving.

During this season of giving and receiving take some time to reflect on the words of Jesus that “*it is more blessed to give than to receive*” and pray for the Holy Spirit’s power to grow in the grace of giving. May that giving be more than just selecting gifts for those you love. May that giving extend to supporting the work of the Lord through your church and other charitable organizations as you give generously of your time, abilities and financial resources to bring the love of Jesus into the lives of others.

The New Year ahead will be filled with many challenges and rewards for us as individuals, as members of our families, and as members of our church family. Prayerfully, with thoughtful consideration for each other, we can meet many challenges and reap many blessings. Let us be kind to each other and to ourselves as well. Together we can continue to make a positive difference—enriching our own lives and the lives of those with whom we come in contact. Kindness and loving, Christian attitudes; gifts of the heart tied with a bow of love, are gifts that give and give and make the giver a receiver too.

With gratitude and warmest wishes for a wonderful Christmas and a New Year of bountiful blessings...  
Sarah Watkins



### A Special Family Thank You

The family of Arline Twombly would like to thank everyone for the kind words and support that you gave after our mother's passing. She loved being involved with all activities as well as Sunday services. You were all an extension of her large family. Again, thank you!

### ADVENT DINNERS

- December 1st: Shepherd's Pie
- December 8th: Baked Chicken Salad
- December 15th: Scalloped Potatoes & Ham
- December 22nd: TBA



## OUTREACH NEWS

*“Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”*

### GLORY TO GOD IN THE HIGHEST

The Apostle John says, “The Word became flesh and made his dwelling among us. We have seen his glory, the glory of the One and Only, who came from the Father, full of grace and truth.” (John 1:14)

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember the greatest miracle of all—the incarnation of God, as was promised in days of old. The tiny, blessed baby Jesus came to

earth to save us from ourselves and our sins. Our sins may not seem great to us, but big or small, they separated us from God. At this time of year we thank our merciful God for the gift of the baby Jesus and what he did to save us from our sins. We need only to believe in this wonderful miracle.

Because he loved us, we love him, and want to share this greatest gift with oth-

ers. Christmas is an especially good opportunity to reach out to others with the Word. Show your love, show what makes us special, and bring an unchurched friend/relative/acquaintance to Christmas services with you.

**HAVE A BLESSED CHRISTMAS!**

*Submitted By Carol Haupt*

## ALTAR GUILD

We will soon be accepting orders for the placement of red Poinsettia plants around our altar for the Christmas services. They may be purchased for \$7.00 per plant and you may include your payment with your weekly contribution envelope. Write "Poinsettia" on the line below Child Care, show the \$7 amount and include this amount in your normal pledge check. To order your plant, a sign up sheet will be on the activity desk in the narthex beginning November 28. You are welcome to take your plant after the 7 pm Christmas Eve service or the 10 am Christmas Day service to enjoy at home during the holidays. - Avis Stuck, Altar Guild

## FINANCE

### 2010 Church Actual vs. Budget Through October 31, 2010

Offerings Budget	Offerings Received	Expenses
\$209,610.10	\$198,800.52	\$184,462.56

## SCRIP

December SCRIP orders will be taken Sunday, December 5th after both services and returned the following Sunday, December 12th. These gift cards make great gifts at Christmas or anytime.

January Orders will taken Wednesday, January 5th at the Ladies Guild/LWML meeting and Sunday, January 9th after both services. These orders will be returned Sunday, January 16th. SCRIP is a substitute for money. They are gifts cards for everything from fast food restaurants, grocery items, department stores, gasoline, movies, office supply stores and many, many more. Each month an updated list is on the narthex desk. Everyone who is interested should pick up a copy and see what is available.

The percentage the Ladies Guild/LWML earns is based on the amount of the SCRIP orders for the month. These earnings are used for our Mission Projects. Your support is appreciated.

If you have questions call Sybil Grahl, 475-0263.

Thank You.

Sybil Grahl, SCRIP Chairman

## Big Decision for Redeemer

I was asked to give some thoughts about a DCE (Director of Christian Education) at Redeemer. Even though a DCE is trained to work with all age groups, Redeemer would want the majority of effort directed toward the younger generation in our church and community. After hearing the presentation to our congregation on Oct. 31, I share the following observations with my fellow members at Redeemer:

1) When Jesus said: "Go into the highways and byways and compel them to come in," the challenge is not only to "bring them in" but ask the Holy Spirit to work through us to do everything we can to "keep them coming back!" Also, if many of our own children, youth and adults are not active in church, I believe

it can be helpful for us to ask them "Why." A DCE could be useful in both of these areas.

2) I believe we should be serious about Biblical principles found in Mt 10:16 and Luke 16:8, i.e. How can we use God-given wisdom to better reach our members and community?

How can we learn from St. Paul when he says: "I have become all things to all men so that by all possible means I might save some" 1 Corinthians 9:22? If the DCE were to suggest something new, even though it was Biblically acceptable but "different than we're used to," would we give that idea a chance?

3) The DCE could be a key person to provide leadership to the many talented

lay people in Redeemer.

4) Since the cost of a DCE would add about \$55,000 per year to our budget, would enough members be willing to increase their offerings a little so Redeemer's budget would not end in the "red" each year? Calling a DCE involves a long-term addition to Redeemer's staff. I believe there should be wide base support for a DCE within Redeemer before a Call is issued.

5) Given a favorable analysis of the foregoing concerns, I believe a DCE could be a blessing to Redeemer. A DCE could help lead our congregation in directions pleasing to our Lord, and I would be happy to support this Call.

*Rev. Earl Schmidt*



## LADIES GUILD TREATS & TREASURERS

The event sponsored by the Redeemer Ladies Guild was a great success because of the cooperation of the members of Redeemer. The articles and items for the sale were contributed by the members, and on Thursday the Social Room was alive with activity when the tables were piled high with treats and treasures by volunteers,

Saturday morning brought members of the community who purchased over \$1,000 worth of merchandise.

The sale ended at 2:00 pm and the packing and cleanup began. A crew of workers separated the Christmas items that would not have a resale value at the Thrivent Sale in January. Many of the small items were placed in the Craft Corner for members to purchase as gifts. The Assimilation committee replaced the two trees that had been used to decorate the chancel area. The old trees were donated to the sale, but were not sold. They along with other decorations were boxed and contributed to the "PAL" program sponsored by the Charlotte County Police Department for their work with boys and girls of the community, craft items were given to one of the church members to complete, other items were boxed and given to the student program at Vineland Elementary School for art classes and tiles were contributed to the Englewood Elementary School for their art class. The books were given to a reading program assisted by one of Redeemer members.

The sale was considered a great success.

*Margie Cypher*

## STEPHEN MINISTRY

Stephen Ministry training will begin the first week in January. We are flexible with the day we meet and also the time that we meet so if interested please contact one of the Stephen leaders. We can talk about the day and time. The training consists of 50 hours of classroom time broken down to 2 1/2 hour sessions. At the end of the training the members will be commissioned as Stephen Ministers. The first and third Thursday evening of every month, after the commissioning, all Stephen Ministers meet for small group peer supervision. It is a support group for the caregivers and also continuing education. It is of utmost importance that we know by the middle of November who will be joining the class because of books and supplies that need to be ordered.

The following is a schedule of the training classes:

- The Person of the Caregiver
- Feelings: Yours, Mine and Ours
- The Art of Listening
- Distinctively Christian Caring-Part 1
- Distinctively Christian Caring-Part 2
- Process versus Results In Caregiving
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly - Part 1
- Assertiveness: Relating Gently and Firmly - Part 2
- Maintaining Boundaries in Caregiving
- Crisis Theory and Practice: Danger Versus Opportunity
- Confidentiality
- Telecare - The Next Best Thing to Being There
- Using Mental Health Professionals and Other Community Resources
- Ministering to Those Experiencing Grief
- Dealing With Depression: The Stephen Ministers Role
- Helping Suicidal Persons Get the Help They need
- Bringing the Caring Relationship to a Close
- Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care - Part 1
- Supervision: A Key to Quality Christian Care - Part 2
- How to Make a First Caring Visit
- Follow Me

You will increase your personal and spiritual growth and will enjoy the close Christian community formed within the class. We have our serious moments and our fun moments and always food.

The leaders you need to speak with about the training classes are as follows:

**Carol Carlos 941-255-3354**

**Nancy Hall 941-473-5547**

**Carol Haupt 941-460-8830**

If you would like to speak to a Stephen Minister about the classes they are as follows:

Dee Baird

Ed Doenges

Sharon Grcevic

Joe Carlos

Dottie LaMere

Sandy Sita

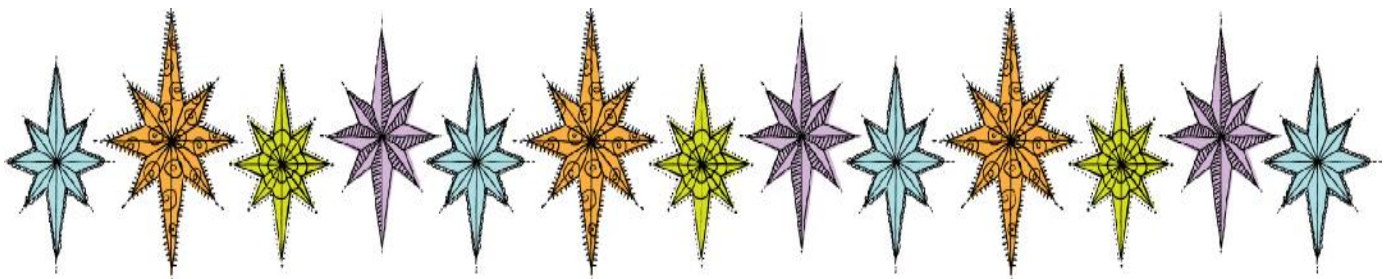
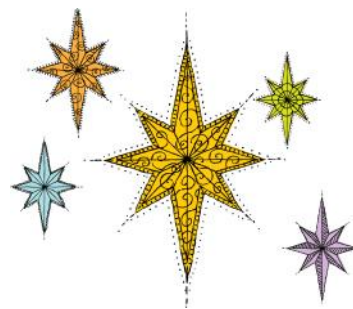
Ruth Speer

Tim Frees

***They will be wearing a blue badge that identifies them as a Stephen Minister.***

"Whatever you have learned or received or heard from Me, or seen in Me -- put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you." . Philippians 4:9

***Submitted by Carol Carlos***







## A Christmas Eve Celebration!

Dear Ones of Redeemer, Pastor and I would like to invite you all to our home after the last Christmas Eve Service of Lessons & Carols on Friday, December 24, 2010. We look forward to sharing Christmas cheer, sweets and treats. We also look forward to visiting and enjoying your company. We again are so blessed to be a part of the Redeemer family, we offer this evening as a small token of thanks to all you do to take care of us during the entire year. We love you all! Please join us.....

Love in Christ...Lisa Kress

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Welcome to December! It is already here!! Redeemer Sunday School is looking forward to the Advent and Christmas season. The Sunday School and Child Care will be giving praise to our newborn King, Wednesday, December 16, 2010. Please join us to celebrate Jesus' Birthday! The Sunday School will also be hosting a Christmas Breakfast Sunday, December 20, 2010 during the Sunday School hour. All are invited to attend as we read the story of Jesus birth. Please make special note on your calendars, there will be no

Sunday School Sunday, December 26, 2010 and Sunday, January 2, 2011.

In Christ's Service, Lisa Kress



## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

### Senior Fellowship

Volunteers are needed to bring a "hot dish" to the Thursday morning Senior Fellowship. There is a sign-up sheet in the office. We look forward to seeing you there and all your help is greatly appreciated! THANK YOU!

### Newsletter

Monthly volunteers are needed for the folding of the newsletter. If you are able and willing, please contact the church office. Thank you so very much.

### Nurses or medical personnel

please consider assisting with blood pressures on the last Sunday of every month. This is an inreach program of our human care ministry. This is one way of showing your loving care to our Redeemer congregation. Please contact Carol Carlos at 941-255-3354 or see you at church.



## *CHILD CARE*

**Please join us for the Child Care and  
Sunday School Christmas Program**

**December 15th at 7:00 PM**

**“Away in a Manger”**



**Please join us on December 23rd  
at 11:00 AM for the Annual  
Christmas Potluck and Lunch  
with Santa!**

## LADIES GUILD/LWML

In November, Ladies Guild held our annual yard sale. Many ladies helped in sorting and pricing the items. We consider this sale a huge success. We can donate these proceeds to many needy organizations on our "Love Gifts" list. Thanks to Margie Cypher for organizing the sale and for storing many of the donations.

At our meeting in November we learned about the Red Dot Medical Information Program presented by Andrea of the Charlotte County Red Cross. This program provides your medical information to the EMTs who respond to your emergency, whether at home or in your car. This advance information can be life-saving to you. This was an especially informative program.

This month our Christmas Party will replace the regular meeting. We were able to book the Rotonda Hills for December 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please purchase your tickets on November 21 or 28 from

Ellie. We will also take a collection for the Child Care Angel Scholarship.

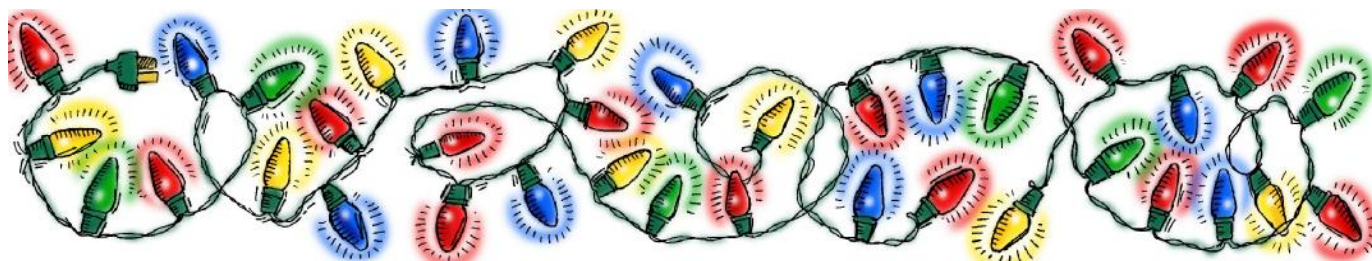
Another one of our "big" events for the season will be the Style Show presented by Patchington's in Venice, on January 21<sup>st</sup>. See Sybil or Ellie for tickets. This is always a "SOLD OUT" event.

If you haven't purchased your Christmas cards yet, please visit the Craft Corner in the fellowship hall. There are many beautiful cards at a great discount.

We are planning a trip to the Broadway Palm dinner theater sometime in March. The comedy, "The Church Basement Ladies" is supposed to be a riot.

Our next meeting will be January 5, 2011 at 12:30 for dessert. The meeting begins at 1pm. Please join us.

*Submitted by Carol Sheahan*



## HUMAN CARE

Human Care has a new member. We welcome Mary Ann Sochacki, a retired nurse residing in Pt. Charlotte. She is also a new member to Redeemer. Mary Ann will help take blood pressure readings on the last Sunday of each month.

Our Blood Draw on October 24<sup>th</sup> brought 14 donors. While this seems like a small number, the Blood Center representative said this is good due to the time of year. Many churches much larger than us bring in around 4 donors. We really hope to greatly surpass this number in December.

There are only a few reasons for not donating: if you take Coumadin, are under 17 years, have an iron deficiency or weigh less than 102 pounds. Many medications are now on the "acceptable" list.

When you enter the bus you are given a medical history to fill out followed by a quick physical (blood pressure, temperature and test for iron), then the donation, and snacks. This all takes around 1 hour. The one pint of blood you donate will be replenished in 4 weeks. This one pint can be used to help three people. There is no substitute for blood.

**The Big Red Bus will be coming to Redeemer from 8:30am to 1pm on:**

**December 19, February 13 and April 10.**

This Christmas season we are dedicating the Angel Tree to our Child Care.

We will have the tree in the narthex at the beginning of December. We aren't setting a price range for the gifts because we know they will all be very thoughtful and generous. After wrapping the gift please tape the name tag on the package. There are currently 80 children in Child Care ranging from one year to eleven years. You have a lot of gift choices.

*Submitted by Carol Sheahan, Human Care*

## NEW MEMBERS



Cherylann Galway is a teacher from our Child Care. She is proud to be from her home state of Massachusetts. She has been married to her husband Glenn for 23 years and has 4 children and 8 grandchildren. She enjoys karaoke and is a big Red Sox fan!



James & Sandra Libke come to us as Associate Members and are from Wisconsin. Jim is a retired banker with Wells Fargo. Sandi is a former elementary school teacher. Jim is a golf enthusiast and Sandi enjoys cards, crafts, handiwork and home decorating.



Dan Anter is from Rhode Island. He is a retired truck & bus driver. He loves riding his Harley-Davidson motorcycle. He also enjoys the ocean, hiking, music and dancing.



Judy Murphy is a retired banker. She also teaches tap dancing here at Redeemer. Just also enjoys sewing and scrapbooking.

*New Member bios provided by Ellie Ratzlaff, Assimilation*

## HALLOWEEN SAFEWALK 2010





# TALENT SHOW 2010





## PRAYERS

**SHUT-INS:** Gloria Carlson, Evelyn Etheridge, Ruth Jansch, Jaye Nistendirk, Jim Prather, and Ruth Sutley.

**HEALING: Members:** Marjorie Boliere, Bob Johnson, Carolyn Jordan, Cliff Larsen, Clara Mitchell, Leona Morrison, Don Plesner, Tom Poyer, Joe Scarangella, Jerry Schriener, Ed Sita, Ronald Woller.

**Friends & Relatives:** Lorraine Agens, Grace Blum, Georgia Bush, Raymond Carlos, Julie Carroll, Shirley Chattin, Lisa Clemens, Carly DeFeos, Renee Dempsey, John Denick, Bruce Gnatkowski II, Debbie Harrison, Larry Headun, Claudette Hendershot, Glory Herget, Bill Hillis, Robin Hincman, Casey Hoivik, Tom Holt, Bob Janmey, Douglas Johnson, Heather Johnson, Family of Louis "Doc" Kirkland, Betty Kabert, Rachel Kagay, Julie Keck, Rev. Howie Krienke, Denise Lines, Elsie Malecki, Dan Mason, Joe Manson, Patrick McCord, Vinnie Meli, Pete Mogg, Kaye Gene Mortenson, Ann Nagel, Judy Nagel, Dan Niemann, Josh Niemann, Charles Pentecost Jr., Mary Raines, Sherrie Rhoades, Donna Santora-Vovcsko, Audrey Slusher, Nancy Sly, Michael Stio, Eva Tabbitas, Phyllis Tucker, Helen Weishaar, Cindy Whitaker, Andrew Wolgast, and Angelika Ziegler.

**Military Personnel:** Daniel Anderson, Matthew Anderson, Adam Buchner, Eric Byrne, Kevin Copeman, Christopher Dutch, Michael Garza, Courtney Gutenswager, Christopher Hankins, Brian Hollis, Jonathan Hudson, Nathan Hudson, Brian Jackson, Keith Janssen, Josh Johnson, Joshua Jones, Eric Kieselburg, Michael Monson, Christian Mosser, Jeremy Schaitz, Brandon Smith, Jeremy Twombly, Katherine Utroska, Matthew Walenta, and Charles Weishaar.

### COFFEE HOUR

5th: Lois Webster & Marion Buie

12th: Gudrun Janke & Joyce Redding

19th: Elaine Malecki & Lanette Schmidt

26th: Judy Murphy & Lee Procuk

Provided by Jane Hoivik, Assimilation

### GREETERS

**5th:**

8:00 AM - Helen Plank & Olga Nagel

10:30 AM - Arlene Harden & Georgette Callahan

**12th:**

8:00 AM - Erwin & Gudrun Janke

10:30 AM - Gary & Jonti Lute

**19th:**

8:00 AM - Claire Kieselburg & Donna Antonelli

10:30 AM - Sally Zierdt & Jane Hoivik

**26th:**

8:00 AM - Ray & Dolores Altmann

10:30 AM - Dan Anter & Barbara Duff

Provided by Jane Hoivik, Assimilation





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**If anyone has a used, working computer (and possibly a printer) for sale or donation, please contact George Cancellieri. The computer will be used for church work.....THANK YOU.**

**Heron Creek Middle School Orchestra**

On Wednesday, December 1 from 5-8pm Chik-fil-A in Port Charlotte is going to donate a portion of their sales to the Heron Creek Middle School Orchestra. We will be performing from 6-7ish that night and we would really appreciate any support we can get! The more people we have out there that evening, the better we will do!

Also, my Intermediate and Advanced Orchestra will be holding their annual winter concert on Monday, December 6 at 6pm in the Heron Creek Middle School Cafeteria in North Port. This is a great way to get into the Holiday Season! There is no charge to get in. Please come out and see what a fabulous program I have! These kids are awesome! Thanks, and I hope to see everyone there!

- Sarah Cooper

**REMINDERS**

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

The Newsletter deadline for next month is January 16th. Please have all your submissions to the church office by that time.

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU**

We would like to thank our Redeemer family for their love, prayers, cards and Peace Lily plant after the loss of Tom's brother "Doc". We are very blessed.

Tom & Karen Kirkland

## Redeemer Ladies Guild/LWML Style Show and Luncheon

The annual style show and luncheon will be hosted by the Ladies Guild/LWML on Friday, January 21, 2011 at 12 noon. Patchington's of Venice will provide the fashions.

Chicken salad with trimmings, dessert and beverages will be served. Door prizes will be given. All ladies of the congregation are invited to attend and bring your friends. The tickets are \$12.00 and will go on sale starting Sunday, January 2. Tickets will be available Sunday, January 2, 9 and 16 after the 8 am service and before and after the 10:30 am service. Ellie Ratzlaff (474-7869) and Sybil Grahl (475-0263) will handle ticket sales in the narthex.

Circle the date...tables of eight can be reserved. Last year we sold out, so get your tickets early.

If you would like to help with decorations, set up, food preparation, serving or clean up, call or see Ellie or Sybil. Lots of help is needed to make the event a success.

The proceeds will go to our "Love Gifts". The mission of the Ladies Guild/LWML is to provide funds for local and church missions, including Englewood Helping Hand, Englewood Meals on Wheels, Englewood FISH, SOLVE (Englewood home for unwed mothers), Loveland Center (Venice), Hope Seeds, Orphan Grain Train, Lutheran Prison Ministry, Lutheran Braille Workers and LCMS World Mission, etc.

Your support of this endeavor will be appreciated.

Ellie Ratzlaff and Sybil Grahl, Chairmen

## THE "GREAT WOMEN OF THE BIBLE" BIBLE STUDY CONTINUES ON DECEMBER 9<sup>TH</sup> AT 6:00 PM!

We began our study in November in the Old Testament with a look at Eve before the Fall. Our December study continues with a discussion of Eve as a Sinner, and finally, Eve as a Believer. It's never too late to study along with us, and all women of Redeemer are invited and encouraged to join us in the Fellowship Hall for this exciting hour long Bible Study! Materials for this study are available now at the Church Office, and will also be available on December 9<sup>th</sup>.

## December Elders and Communion Assistant Schedule

- Wednesday Dec 1st.....Elder on Duty: 4:30 PM - George Cancellieri, 7:00 PM - Bob Buie
- Sunday, Dec 5th.....Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM - Ed Sheahan, 10:30 AM - George Cancellieri, Comm. Asst.: Bob Buie
- Wednesday, Dec 8th.....Elder on Duty: 4:30 PM - Ed Doenges, 7:00 PM - Tim Byrne
- Sunday, Dec 12th.....Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM - Roger Luedtke, Comm. Asst.: Ray Janssen, 10:30 AM - George Cancellieri
- Wednesday, Dec 15th.....Elder on Duty: 4:30 PM - Ray Janssen, 7:00 PM - Joe Carlos
- Sunday, Dec 19th.....Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM - Tim Frees, 10:30 AM - Joe Carlos, Comm. Asst.: Ed Doenges
- Wednesday, Dec 22nd.....Elder on Duty: 4:30 PM - George Cancellieri, 7:00 PM - Ed Doenges
- Friday, Dec 24th.....Elder on Duty: 4:30 PM - George Cancellieri, 7:00 PM - Tim Byrne
- Saturday, Dec 25th.....Elder on Duty: 10:00 AM - Bob Buie, Comm. Asst.: Tim Frees
- Sunday, December 26th.....Elder on Duty: 8:00 AM - Roger Luedtke, Comm. Asst.: Ed Sheahan, 10:30 AM - Tim Byrne
- Friday, December 31st.....Elder on Duty: 7:00 PM - Joe Carlos

***Elder on 4:30 PM Midweek Advent duty will go immediately to the fellowship hall to give the table blessing for the Advent Supper***

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

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

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