

REFLECTIONS



OCTOBER 2011

PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

Living Life with Purpose!

Do you ever wonder why you are here? It's easy for us as Christians to glibly answer that question by saying, "Because God put me here." While that is in fact true (and it's a truth that modern school textbooks would try to debate) it doesn't really answer the question. It's like a parent replying to the child asking: "why should I clean my room?" with the response: "because I said so!" It's a true statement, but it's only part of the answer. When you and I ask the very important question, "why are we here?" we are really wanting to know – what's my purpose in life.

In the months of October and November at Redeemer by the Sea we'll be seeking to answer that question. Our Sunday morning messages and our small group studies will be looking at what Scripture has to say as to why God created us. We know *that* God created us ... but WHY? We know that we were created for His good pleasure, but HOW do we please Him? We also know that for those of us who have faith in Jesus, we are assured of Salvation. It's not by any merit or worthiness in us, but only because of God's mercy and grace that we have the hope of eternal life. We are saved, yes ... but now what? What does God want us to do with the days we have until Jesus returns?

I once had a seminary professor who liked to say that the only reason any of us are alive was so that we could come to faith. After that, the only reason God kept us alive, instead of bringing us home, was to do His work on earth! And what is that work? Once again, we find ourselves asking the question about purpose.

We will be spending the weeks ahead answering that question in more detail. But let me give you a sneak peak! First, you were created to WORSHIP God! Chris Tomlin



has made a very popular Christian worship song with the words, "You and I were made to worship." What we learn however, is that worshipping God goes way beyond Sunday. God wants us truly to center our lives around Him! Next, you were created for FELLOWSHIP with other believers. In Genesis God said that it was "not good for man to be alone." God says the same thing today – so He's created, united and sanctified His Church to live together in faith as the Body of Christ. When you and I gather together as believers, we are fulfilling part of God's purposes for us. Next, you were created for DISCIPLESHIP. What does that word mean? Who is a disciple? A disciple is a "learner" ... that's what the word "disciple" means. You and I are intended to use our time on this earth learning how to be like Christ. This is a lifelong process. Further, you were created for SERVICE. God created you with specific abilities and talents that He intends to be used for the benefit of His Kingdom. The question is whether you will discover those gifts and use them to God's glory. Finally, you were made for MISSION. As believers in Christ, you and I were given an incredible gift – our faith! Think back to the people over your life who

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



SEPTEMBER REFLECTIONS:

Our summer of planning and evaluation has now passed and with the Voter's Assembly approval of both our new fiscal year budget as well as our Ministry Development Plan for **WORSHIP / GROW / SERVE**. We are now entering into the ACTION phase of our ministry development. For those who were not able to attend the Voter's meeting, the Power Point summary of the plan will be posted on our website. Over the next several months, I would like to highlight various segments of the plan and add a bit more detail into the thoughts behind the plans.

Our **Mission** and our Vision remain consistent with a Mission to follow our Savior's command to go and make Disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit" while our **Vision** remains to be a Spiritual Lighthouse to our community, reaching out to our community and internally enriching the lives of those whom we Worship and Serve. Along with any Mission and Vision there must be a measurable Goal that with the guidance and blessings of the Holy Spirit we can achieve worshipping and serving *Five hundred souls weekly by the Five Hundredth Anniversary of the Reformation in October 2017 or more briefly '500 by 500'*.

CAN WE DO THIS? Why not? The Preschool started with 17 families in 2005, built a new facility in 2009 and reached a capacity of 275 families in 2010. How did they do this? First and foremost, they believed that with the help of the Holy Spirit, they could. Secondly they made a plan, they built a new facility in faith and trust that the Holy Spirit would bless them with young souls to reach and teach in the name of Jesus Christ. They offer excellence in their teaching programs to instill Christian values in their students as they continue to be blessed as they faithfully serve as an ministry of our congregation.

Just doing a little math, for our congregation to achieve *'500 by 500'* we need to grow between 10 and 12 % annually, sounds like a lot, the Preschool achieved their goal with a 100% growth rate. Now a good point can be made that we are not here to accumulate numbers for the record book...our record book doesn't count, it's the one in heaven that counts. But think about it this way, for every empty space we have in the pews each Sunday or program event, there is someone out there in our community that is missing an invitation or opportunity to hear about the Saving Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and with and through the guidance and blessings of the Holy Spirit that He will work on the hearts of those present

to bring them to faith and discipleship...or to put it more succinctly, *Save their souls for eternal life!*

There are many facets to our Plan, in our WORSHIP we want to continually strive for excellence, to be challenging, to be inviting and to be enriching to all those present and offer expanded fellowship facilities and opportunities. In the GROW part of our Plan we will offer more to our children in Sunday School and our youth ministry, greatly expand our Small Group participation, improve our Care and Visitation ministries and develop more Bible Study and Christian Life programs for our adults, all of these enrichment programs while offering an annual stewardship that focuses on the giving of our time, our talents and our treasures...once again, we are all in this together. The SERVE portion of our plan, there are a host of things that we need to develop and improve upon including our website...which has shown outstanding growth and fulfillment in the past year, our use of Social Media to reach out to our community, continued support of many of the things we do well such as sponsor a MOPS program...with a waiting list; Date night out which features a Christian Life topic at each session...and many more. My comment here is that the opportunities for Community Service projects for our congregation are endless.

Along with the Ministry Development Plan, we also include plans for additional staff as needs develop and facilities improvements especially in the area of Youth Programs, utilization of classroom facilities and very important expansion of our fellowship facilities. An observation; if the Preschool had never planned for and built their new facility they could not have achieved the growth in their ministry that the Lord has blessed them with. With that example before us, one of the major aspects of our plan is to project our classroom and fellowship facility needs to be prepared for when we reach, **'500 by 500'**.

The time to plan and prepare is NOW, with God's help and guidance, dedication from our congregation and prayer that is something that I know we are capable of. The opportunities are there for us accomplish.

Pray for our Pastor, our volunteers, our leadership and our congregation that we together may reach out to our community and fulfill our Mission to be a Lighthouse to our Community and the World through our Mission Support.

In His Service,

Our God is great!
Jim Brunner, Council President

EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair

Let Your Light Shine

Each day we interact with people from all different walks of life—and that means every day we have opportunities to share Jesus. Are you looking for more ways to let your light shine? Here are some ideas:

- Spend time each day studying the Bible.
- Prepare a personal statement of faith.
- Pray regularly and ask God to help you spread his Word.
- Forward daily devotions to family and friends.
- Host a Bible study or small group in your home.
- Invite neighbors to events at your church.
- Welcome families that move into the neighborhood.
- Perform simple acts of kindness to others, asking nothing in return.
- Volunteer to teach English as a Second Language classes.
- Make regular visits to nursing homes and assisted living facilities.



STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

TO SERVE

Stewardship invites each of us to become more aware of Jesus Christ.

"...the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve..." Matthew 20:28

God has given everyone the greatest gift—the life of Jesus Christ. The word "steward" indicates a **relationship**, not just ownership. It reinforces that God is the one who provides (Philippians 4:18-19) and that He wants us to practice on earth what we will do forever in eternity.

So **WE** can **SERVE**, **WE** must **COMMIT** - **Talent, Treasure and Time** (yes, all three!!!); thereby continuing the *Mission of Jesus Christ* - serving those **within** Redeemer by the Sea and those **outside** of Redeemer by the Sea.

"In your lives...think and act like Jesus Christ." Philippians 2:5



LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

Remember when customer support meant talking to a person? At LCEF, it still does---Let's talk! LCEF's phones are answered by friendly, exceptionally informed members that are ready to assist you. We believe personal service is quality service. Let's talk!

Have a question about an LCEF investment, loan or ministry-enhancing service? Talk to a person dedicated to getting you the right answer, to provide the information you need, with the genuine care and respect you deserve. Let's talk!

While giving special attention to every call we receive, there may be an occasion when you are invited to leave a message. If you have to do so and it is before 4 p.m. (CENTRAL TIME!) on a weekday, you can expect a return call within two hours. After that time, we'll call back on the next business day. We look forward to talking with you!

If interested in investing in LCEF, contact your congregation representative, who is Jo Voertman, 760-721-6674, email, jybythesea@cox.net, or contact Lutheran Church Extension Fund, 1-800-843-5233





By Jennifer Frost

Thanks also to all those who participated in Rally Day and the new Sunday School kick-off! It was fantastic to see such excitement and enthusiasm for our children and the new program!

Sunday School Routine

Parents check-in their children for Sunday School before the 10:30am service. The children begin in the sanctuary and then are dismissed to their classrooms following the opening songs. Parents pick up their children from the Sunday School Classrooms downstairs. Parents, please form a line in the hallway when picking up your children as each child must be dismissed by their teacher individually.

Don't forget, from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. we offer Enrichment Classes for children. This month will be a fun and rewarding opportunity in the Children's Choir with Gary Wilson! Also, at the end of the month will be a FALLing for Jesus party that is sure to be a hit with the Sunday School crowd!

Our Sunday School Teachers for October:

- Preschool & Kindergarten - Elizabeth Denton
- Grades 1-3 - Bonnie Shanahan
- Grades 4-6 - Rhonda Sutherlin
- Junior & High School - Dan Bitner
- Enrichment Coordinator - Tracey Kiernan



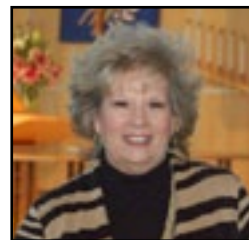
If you are interested in helping with Sunday School or facilitating a youth activity either at 9:45 a.m. or during the 10:30 a.m. service, please contact Dan Bitner at 619-318-4549.\

CONFIRMATION CLASSES BEGIN THIS FALL

Students in 7th and 8th Grade! Mid-week confirmation classes will begin in October. This is your opportunity to learn more about the faith into which you were baptised. Parents, please join your students at our first Information Meeting and Class on Wednesday, October 5 from 4:15 pm to 6:15 pm, in the church fellowship hall. Use your connection card, call or email (om@redeemerbythesea.org) to register! Acolyte training will also take place during this informational meeting and class.

Sunday School Teacher Highlight ~ Rhonda Sutherlin

Rhonda is from Iowa and visited California with her parents in her 20's. On that trip, she decided that one day she wanted to live in the Golden State and moved to Carlsbad 25 years ago. Rhonda is the Office Manager for a Financial Planning firm and also has a jewelry business (Premier Designs) with which she does home shows on the evenings & weekends. Rhonda loves to read, play golf, travel, work in her garden and spend time with her friends.



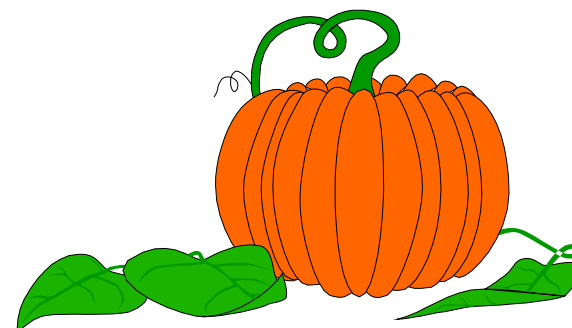
Rhonda watched the church being built on her way home from work every day. This beautiful sanctuary is what initially brought her to Redeemer by the Sea. She began attending church regularly in mid-2007 and officially became a member in January 2008. Rhonda taught both Sunday School and Vacation Bible School back in Iowa for several years, so when Dan Bitner asked her to substitute for Alice Lehman one Sunday, she said, "Yes." She also thought, "What better way to strengthen her relationship with God and have a better understanding of the Bible and than by teaching Sunday School." She has been involved in teaching Sunday School at Redeemer for approximately 3 months. Her favorite part of Sunday School is sharing the word of God with the children. Rhonda is also the Church Council Secretary, serves on the Fellowship Committee, participates in Communion preparation, small groups, weekly prayer meetings, flowers and anywhere else the church needs her.



WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING, Tuesday, October 11th beginning at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall. We will continue our planning for the upcoming year. If permission is granted we will assemble the Runner's Crosses for the Marathon in January. November 6th will be LWML Sunday and we will finalize those plans. Report from the nominating committee will be presented as well as plans for the preparing of the Christmas Card Kits which will be assembled in November. Plan to join us as we fellowship and keep our hands and minds busy.

Our Zone Fall Rally will be on October 22nd at Zion Lutheran, Fallbrook. Registration begins at 9:30 A.M. Cost is \$6 which includes lunch.

Special speaker will be Kamrann Haffampour with PABLO (People of the Book Lutheran Outreach) We will donate a "Chocolate Basket" for the raffle. Chocolate items can be left in the Church office designated "Zone Rally". Carpooling will be arranged for this day.



Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12, NIV)

The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes (Psalm 19:8, NIV)

Christmas Card Packets

By Mavis Ward

The Women's Ministry will again put together 200 Christmas card packets for the residents of various convalescent homes and service organizations (abused women) in North County.

If you would be interested in helping us with this outreach project, please purchase new Christmas cards with envelopes and bring them to the church before November 6. The Women's Ministry will be assembling these packets at the November 8 meeting. The only requirement is that we ask there be no Santas on the cards. If you would prefer, monetary donations are always welcome.



The packets consist of an 8-1/2 x 11 green presentation folder. On the front of the folder is attached a lovely used Christmas card (cover only). Inside the packet is a little story about "The First Christmas Tree" along with a business card from RBTs church. We also enclose three Christmas cards with stamps already placed on the envelopes and a ballpoint pen for their use in sending Christmas greetings to their loved ones. The final touch is a gold/silver ribbon that is attached so residents know this is a special gift just for them.

These packets will be distributed to residents the first week of December.

THRIVENT QUILTERS' FALL JAMBOREE



October 18, from 10 am to 1 pm, at the McMillin Event Center, NTC Promenade of Point Loma, the Lutheran quilting circles from San Diego County will be displaying their quilts and sharing about their ministries. The event will include special guest speaker Wendy Mathson, fellowship and much more. Reservations are required by October 4. Contact Norma Russell 760-931-1947 for more information.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

Lois O'Donnell Crowned Chancel Choir Member of the Month

It is with pleasure that we recognize Lois O'Donnell as the Chancel Choir's featured member of the month for October.

Lois has sung in our choir for the past four years. She has always loved to sing and her mother encouraged her by taking her to a voice teacher for a while. Lois has sung in choirs and also a few weddings in her singing career. She started singing in the Redeemer Chancel Choir shortly after she moved to Carlsbad from Redlands in 1999.

Lois has a younger sister, Loretta, and her parents were dairy farmers in rural Wisconsin for many years. Her mother is now 93 years old and still lives by herself in a little village in Wisconsin.

When Lois was asked why she is singing in the Chancel Choir, she said, "I just plain love music in almost any form. It is a small contribution I can make toward our worship experience." Additionally, Lois said, "The Choir members are a joy to be with, and she appreciates Gary Wilson's leadership." "He always pushes us that inch above our perceived limits."

Tom, (Lois' husband) and Lois have five children between them. (She said she did most of the work, as four of them are her own children.) They are scattered geographically, so Tom and Lois don't get to see them as often as they would like. Except for their daughter Laurie and her family, who live in Carmel Valley. The O'Donnells enjoy their six grandchildren when they can. Lois also added that "It is a gift to be a member of the RBTS family. We have made many close friends here at Redeemer."

Lois's first husband, DuWayne Ziegler, passed away in 1984. Tom and Lois were married in 1989.

We treasure Lois O'Donnell as a loyal choir member and always enjoy her active participation and support when she is not cruising around the world with other Choir members from time to time.

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir, members of the Praise Team, and the Carlsbad Korean Choir are busy working on our Christmas Cantata, *The Night Before Christmas*. We plan to present this work to the congregation on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. It's still not too late to join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm as we rehearse the Cantata, and anthems we plan to sing on Sunday mornings. We also have rehearsal tapes available so one can practice the Cantata on their own. If you have further questions about the Chancel Choir, please call, Director of Choirs, Gary Wilson at 858 864-3491 cell or at home in the evenings at 858 521-9618.

Gary Wilson will be working with the Sunday School children during second service for the next three months. We are trying to put together a children's choir which can sing periodically for the Sunday service. We love to hear our children sing praises to the Lord in church. Stay tuned for more information to follow in our next addition.



CONCORDIA CHOIR

Join us on Oct. 23rd when the Concordia Choir will be leading the worship music at both our services. The Concordia Choir is the premiere choir at Concordia University Irvine, and is featured yearly in at the Christmas and MasterWorks. They also tour annually and have been in concerts all over the world. They have about 50 members and are directed by Dr. Michael Busch, the head of the vocal music department.



CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda

MEET THE BAND

Generally there is an article about one of our RBTS Worship Band members in this space. However, it is difficult to write such an article without biographical information. I ponder on why some of our talented musicians are holding back. Could the reason be that they are too modest, or too busy, or maybe there is a deep, dark, secret in their past. To discover which of the three is correct, don't miss reading the newsletter every month..

For now, I thought this would be a good opportunity to introduce you to the "youth" band. But that word "youth" doesn't quite fit.

You see, in 2010, a guitar class was offered to young people between ages twelve and eighteen. But there were many requests for lessons for children under age twelve. The age requirement kept lowering, and finally stopped at age six. We now have two six year olds, two nine year olds, and one fourteen year old in beginning guitar class.

At the same time, the "RBTS Youth Worship Band" was somewhat in flux. But once the guitar classes were introduced, an interest in musicianship by some of the older group, ages fifteen and up, developed. As of Sept 2011, we have musicians ranging from fifteen through twenty-one. Music is no respecter of age. It is the level of expertise that matters. Once again the word "youth" doesn't fit. We have a mix of high school, and college/young adult musicians in the band at this point.

Our music program is an outreach, just in case some of you did not know. Regular attendees of RBTS often bring friends and relatives to see what we are doing. Most want to return and join in the playing of music. We play music for God. Then there is a half-hour after regular instruction and practice to just "jam", under the direction of Joe Flatt, our worship band lead guitarist.

Recently, vocal lessons were added.

Joe and I never know who will show up for band. The Lord leads them to us. Their energy is very exciting, and uplifting. We always have room for more musicians. We also have plenty of seats in the sanctuary, where visitors can watch the band. We meet once a week on Thursday evenings. Below is our class schedule.

Vocal instruction—meet in sanctuary Kathy Esqueda-teacher 6:00-6:25 P.M.

Beginning vocals, ages 6 thru' 14, downstairs

FREE GUITAR LESSONS!!!
Beginning and intermediate students
ages 9-18 are welcome every Thursday
from 6:30-7:30pm...

Contact Kathy at ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com for more information or just come by to view a class.



Music Through The Decades

BINGO NIGHT - Mike Chamberlin will appear- November 12, 2011
6:30PM TIL 9:30 in the fellowship hall.
Afterwards, Mike will sell and sign copies of his CD and book. CD or Book \$15 each Special both CD and Book \$25



Mike Chamberlin spent 35 years as a TV News Anchor, including four years at KCOP – Los Angeles and 10 years with ESPN. . After retiring from broadcasting, Mike returned to his first love of singing and entertaining. With over 500 concerts to his musical credit, Mike walks his audiences through the musical decades with songs like "Over the Rainbow" and "Till There Was You." Mike also performs some original compositions and shares inspiration and humor throughout his concert. Recently, Mike published a book entitled: God Has A Sense Of Humor For Heaven's Sake. It is a collection of family friendly religious humor that he loves to share during his concerts.



6:30-6:50 P.M.

Beginning vocals, 15 yrs and over –this is a private lesson right now

New time slots for vocals will be added if requested.

Guitar instruction-- Joe Flatt-teacher

6:30-7:00 Beginning Guitar for ages 6 thru' 14

7:00-8:00 RBTS Worship Band instruction and practice for ages 15 thru' 21

Thank you to those who support this program with your prayers, assistance, and funds.

TEAM LEADERSHIP TRAINING

Dan Bitner

Leadership was a previous Sunday School class topic here at Redeemer and when we saw the District was hosting a leadership training class, it was a good opportunity to take the instruction to the next level. Six of our Teens attended the one day class on September 10 at Concordia University Irvine - Matt, Josh, Deo, Liam, Chloe and Dallas, along with Chaperones Joe Flatt and Lauren Luecke; Pastor Augie and Dan Bitner also attended.

The session was well done including very good classroom material for the students, which covered the most important topics. The training was led by Zach Oedewaldt, a National Board member of the Lutheran Youth Fellowship and current Concordia University DCE student. All the leaders did a good job of mixing interactive activities along with the classroom instruction and I saw very few yawns through the day. Everyone had opportunities to participate and there was plenty of fellowship and time to meet new friends.

Lunch was provided at the college cafeteria, where our youth had the chance to mingle with some of the students currently attending the school. The trip was topped off with an unplanned stop at In & Out Burger on the way home.

We will continue to explore opportunities for our youth to get together like this and look forward to the future where an active Youth Group engages our teens in fun activities that are Christ centered, include Christian learning and help to develop a closer relationship to the church. Thanks to Joe and Lauren for chaperoning and thanks to the parents & youth who took a chance and signed up – Good Job!



KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

Our Fall Festival Fundraiser is Saturday, November 5, 2011 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm on the school grounds. We will have lots of fun filled events which include: jumpies, face painting, crazy hair, games, silent auction, and much more!

Our school is in partnership with Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and we have once again applied for a "Care in Communities Grant" in matching funds for Redeemer by the Sea Kindergarten and Preschool. This fundraiser will allow us to purchase new materials for our school, such as: new die cuts, and die cut storage a professional size laminating machine, and trikes, trikes, and more trikes. Without your support this would not be possible.



Here's to a great Fall Festival!

FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Bobbie Ankenbrandt

To start off a new school year, Lynn Rose (Early Childhood Consultant from LCMS District Office) was invited to meet with our staff for a presentation about the Characteristics (of) and Curriculum (for) young children. RBTS school supports the ECE outreach opportunities, and we annually donate \$7.00 per student toward those efforts (this year totaling over \$2,000.00)

In addition to our morning Devotions, this year the curriculum will include weekly memory Bible verses. Obviously, they will be presented with age appropriate "editing" to stimulate thought and discussion. Our focus is to bring Biblical principles and lessons into everyday practical application. And, believe me ... the opportunities are endless!!

We have added another teacher to our staff.. to accommodate the amazingly popular Enrichment classes (Spanish, Drama and Art) as well as the ever-expanding "Lunch Bunch" social hour!!

Mark Your Calendars

Mark your calendars for our Fall Festival! Saturday, November 5, 2011 10:00 - 2:00

School will be closed on Friday, November 11 in observance of Veteran's Day

School will be closed Monday-Friday, November 21-25 for the Thanksgiving Holiday

Please remember that we are a "Peanut/Nut Free School"!

Many foods that were acceptable last year are NOT acceptable this year due to a change in the ingredient disclaimer. Please read all labels carefully.

ATTENTION

MOTHERS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-6...



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) HAD our first meeting of the semester starting on September 14th! We meet the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of every month downstairs in the Fellowship

hall & have terrific speakers, fun crafts and playdates that benefit all!

If you're new to MOPS it's a wonderful way to network with Moms from our church and other Moms in the local neighborhood. Whether you need a friend to compare stories with, a shoulder to lean on, or ideas to help you be a better mom, MOPS is just the place. MOPS is a support group focusing on the unique needs of moms in this phase of life. Experience warmth & shared wisdom from other moms, with different lifestyles & backgrounds, but all with a shared desire to be the best mothers they can be.

Childcare is available through our MOPPETS program. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers for the MOPPETS program! If interested in volunteering please contact Elizabeth Denton @ elizsanchez03@gmail.com.

For MOPS Interest please contact Krista Hadam @ hadamk@msn.com or via telephone: 760-672-9669.

AMELIA'S HOPE FOR HEARING

Dear Redeemer Friends,

So many of you have been interested in the progress of our little granddaughter Amelia and have been so faithful in praying for her ever since she was born, that we thought you might like to have an update of what is going on in her life now.

For those of you who are not familiar with this story, here's a little recap. Amelia was born on June 26, 2009. After an uncomplicated full-term pregnancy with no problems anticipated, we were shocked when she was born with multiple craniofacial abnormalities. We would later learn that she is also profoundly deaf.

Her doctors diagnosed her with facio-auricular vertebral malformation spectrum. Her symptoms included a cleft lip/palate, eyelid colobomas (missing part of the right and most of the left eyelid), a small VSD (hole in her heart) and missing her auditory and balance nerve in both ears. This missing nerve bundle also includes the nerve that controls facial expressions.

Amelia spent the first three weeks of her life at Rady Children's Hospital and was back at Rady for doctor's visits two or three times a week during her first year. She has had 8 surgeries which include her initial cleft lip/palate repair and eyelid reconstructions. She is currently being monitored by a number of different specialists and therapists and she will have to have several more operations in the future.

Amelia is now 2 years old and she has been a huge blessing and a huge challenge to her parents and our entire family. She spends a lot of time with us, as we care for her several days a week while our daughter is at work and our son-in-law is busy with school. She is an intelligent and determined little girl and does not let her disabilities hold her back. She is walking now and struggling to learn to climb stairs and ride a tricycle. She does her best to imitate her big sister Siena. Her sign language vocabulary is increasing daily, causing us to work hard to keep up with her.

We'd love to give her the chance to develop hearing and ultimately learn to speak, but because of the nature of her hearing loss, she is not a candidate for cochlear implants. She is however a perfect candidate for an auditory brainstem implant (ABI). The ABI is the only device clinically proven to restore partial hearing ability to people without auditory nerves. Unfortunately, these implants are not yet approved by the FDA for children under 12 years old. Our daughter and son-in-law have been in contact with a doctor in Italy who is the leading expert in ABIs. Dr. Coletti has been effectively implanting children with this device and has achieved great success.

You may wonder why we don't just wait for the FDA to grant approval. (This approval process has been pending for years!) The window of opportunity for auditory learning and later speech development is relatively small and it has to happen at a very young age to be successful. Amelia is already at the outside limit of this window of time and we need to get it done to give her the best chance for success. So after all the tests, examinations, consultations with the experts and lots of agonizing and prayer our family has come to the decision to take Amelia to Italy for a brainstem implant.

Needless to say the cost of this operation and the required 4 to 6 week stay in Italy is mind-boggling and quite beyond our reach. Our current efforts are directed toward raising funds to make this operation possible. You've heard it said that it takes a village? Well, in this case it may take a country. We need your support in prayer and by spreading the word about this need to anyone who might be able to help.

Please visit Amelia's blog to get to know her (www.ameliaisamazing.blogspot.com) and on face- book (Amelia's Hope for Hearing). We are sure you'll enjoy it.

Tom and Erika Burke



Joyful Response

Our congregation now offers a new, FREE electronic method to make your donations! You can make automatic transfers directly from your bank account safely and conveniently through the Joyful Response Electronic Offering Program from the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. Reduce time, cost and effort associated with check writing by having your weekly contribution electronically gifted to the church. Even if you currently have offering envelopes, you can start using Joyful Response today. Contact the church office for more details about this special program..

FELLOWSHIP

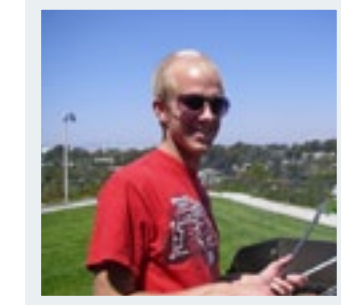
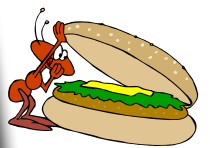
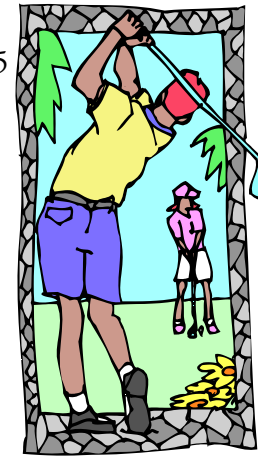
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RBTS Third Annual Golf Tournament Golfers & Non-Golfers Welcome!

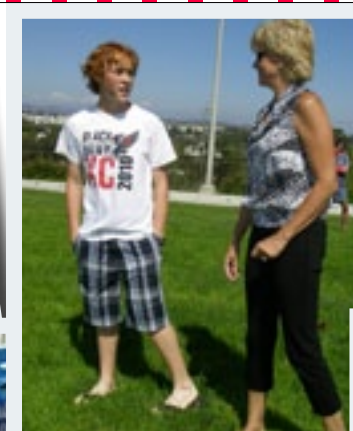
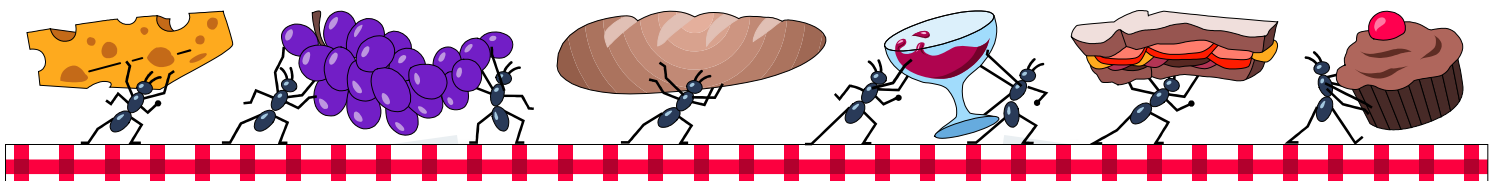
The Third Annual Golf Tournament for RBTS will be held on October 15 at Oaks North in Rancho Bernardo with a 9:00 am Tee Time. It is a scramble format You don't have to be a golfer to play - its fun & all about fellowship!! The cost to play is \$65.00 which includes 18 holes of golf, golf cart and lunch. Lots of prizes!!!

Tickets will be sold for the basket raffle beginning October 2 between services and after second service - everyone is welcome to participate even if you don't play in the tournament. Raffle tickets are \$5.00 each, 5 for \$15.00 or 10 for \$25.00.

Come & play with us - you are guaranteed to have fun & meet some new friends!! Contact Rhonda Sutherland @760-518-7449 with questions.



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MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES OCTOBER

Men's Bible Study

Every Monday morning for breakfast
7:00 am at Coco's Restaurant
605 W. Vista Way, Vista (at Melrose)
Teacher: Don Howard.

Monday Bible Study

Monday Bible Study
For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....
9:15 am to 11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday October 4 and 18 at 1:00 pm
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Neighborhood Bible Study

For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....
9:00 am to 11:30 am
Evelyn Meyer's home.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study

Lutheranism 101
Fellowship Hall
9:45 am

For more details on the above Bible Studies,
or if you need information on starting one,
call the Church Office 431-8990.

DATE NIGHT

I have great news for all of you! It is time to schedule that date night with your spouse! I have all the date nights scheduled through August! These are the dates and Topics for discussion from 5:00 to 9:00 pm.

10/22	Where Does Faith Begin
12/3	10am-2pm, Drop and Shop- No parent topic
2/11/12	Raising Our Children Like God Raises Us
4/14/12	The Driving Need of Our Children»
6/9/12	Your Family's Faith Plan
8/11/12	Tools for Your Family's Faith Plan

I know you are all excited, but please don't send me an e-mail registering for all the dates. We will register for them after e-mail notice just like normal. But for now we will do it the old fashion way with an e-mail to me Traceykiernan@yahoo.com. And yes, you may start signing up for October. As always right before date night I will send you the room assignments and the specifics of the date night (kids food, craft/activity, movie, and adult topic). If you are new to date night I really try hard to take room assignment requests, I want the kids to be happy and comfortable.. The price has remained the same \$10 for one Child and \$20 for families with more than one child.

Here is what is new this year. The parent topic will be up in the sanctuary. This year we will be focusing on raising kids. The video series that we will be using is *Raising Kids with a Faith that Lasts*, by Focus on the Family. As usual I will give you a set of discussion questions, but new this year I would love to invite you to return with your family the following Sunday morning to discuss the questions. Your children can enjoy enrichment classes while you are in group discussion. The times will be 9:30-10:25. Here is a real life lesson that happened to me that relates to the video series, I think you will find it funny! Today I was feeling particularly tired and didn't really feel like going to bible study, I mentioned this to my 6 year old son.....He said to me «mom your walking away from your faith». I thought «wow» you learned this in Sunday School, and when I asked him I was surprised at his answer, «No mom, it is from that movie we got from the Christian Bookstore for Date night, don't you remember?» Ok, so I have a lot to learn and I am looking forward to sharing with you what obviously my son has learned. Boy, I would love to have a faith like a child.

Blessings to you and your family and we will see you at Date Night!
Tracey Kiernan

October

Birthdays

10/02 Jenna Denton
10/03 Erika Burke
10/8 Charles Um
10/09 Ann Doering
10/09 Robert Witt
10/10 Tina Riendeau
10/12 Tim O'Brien
10/18 Joanne Brandt
10/19 Marie Russell
10/20 Lauren Riendeau
10/20 Paul Lahr
10/21 Marilyn Swearingen
10/26 Ruth Strigle
10/27 Wilma Boggs
10/28 Laura Cline
10/31 Jim Houston

Anniversaries

10/05/02 Budd & Barbara Johnson
10/10/71 Ron & Suzanne Hughes
10/11/03 Tim & Andrea O'Brien
10/12/02 Dan & Melissa Borchardt
10/15/49 Ruth Strigle
10/17/55 Ken & Jo Voertman
10/21/89 Tom & Lois O'Donnell
10/26/96 Eric & Tracy Prior
10/30/91 Chris & Tina Riendeau



BINGO Night at Redeemer!!!

Saturday Nov. 12th
6:30pm to 9:30pm

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A	B	C	D	E
F	G	H	I	J
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Come one! Come All! Join us for Bingo Night with special guest, television personality Mike Chamberlin. He will perform a program called "Music Through the Decades". All ages can play Bingo (childcare is available).

This is great time to invite your friends, family & neighbors to play with us. We will play bingo & then Mike will sing and entertain us with stories from his book "God has a sense of Humor for Heaven's Sake".

This is going to be a full hour concert of songs such as "Over the Rainbow", "Till There Was You", some original compositions and much more.

Bingo prizes are from Starbucks, Coldstone, and Chick Filet. One card is \$.50. Three cards \$1.00. Bring a can of food for our food drive and get one card free!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

Perhaps it is time for a little clarification about our group. Lunches are not attended solely by people with a birthday in a particular month, although they are considered special, congratulated and receive a free dessert (which they generally share with the rest of the group). They also have input in selecting the restaurant, the celebration date and the charity. Everyone is welcome to join the fellowship but we do need to let the various restaurants know how many to prepare for.



We celebrated the September birthdays of Suzanne Hanthorn, Bettye and Don Howard and Sam Russell at Romano's Macaroni Grill and contributed one hundred nine (\$109) dollars toward the Youth Lounge remodel.

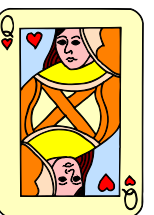
On THURSDAY, October 6 at 11:30 a.m. we will celebrate the birthdays of Wilma Boggs, Jo Brandt, Erika Burke, Ann Doering, Jim Houston and Paul Lahr at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, 5800 The Crossings. Lunches are generally around fifteen (\$15) dollars. The restaurant policy is one check per table so be sure to have adequate cash to settle up with your tablemates.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be used to help with a cause chosen by the October celebrants.

Everyone is welcome to join us but reservations are needed. To make yours, or to find out more about our group, call Jo Voertman, 1-760-721-6674, jvbythesea@cox.net.

BRIDGE CLUB

The bridge ladies played at the home of Bobbie Ankenbrandt on September 30, finishing off the month in grand style and will play on Friday, October 28 at the home of Audrey Wickstrand.



We play from twelve-thirty until four on the fourth Friday of every month except December (third Friday in November). Usually there are two tables. Light refreshments are served. Currently the group is all female but bridge playing men would be welcome.

Anyone interested in joining our group may contact the Bridge Coordinator, Alice Lehmann, buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com, 1-760-941-1197.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES IN THE FALL!

Dan Bitner 619-318-4549

The Sunday morning schedule has been modified— Parents can check-in their children for Sunday School before the 10:30am service. The children will begin in the sanctuary then be dismissed to their classrooms following the opening songs. Also from 9:45am – 10:30am there will be a time for “Enrichment and Fellowship” with a whole new set of offerings for children, youth, and adults! If you are interested in helping with Sunday School or facilitating an adult study or youth activity either at 9:45am or during the 10:30am service, then contact Dan!

LIFE JOURNALS & TWITTER

Pastor Augie 760-431-8990

Want to receive periodic “Tweets” from Pastor Augie regarding your daily life journal readings and other topics? Visit www.twitter.com/RevAugie and sign up to receive PA's tweets on your computer or phone! If you want to know more about the Life Journal and how to use it – contact Pastor Augie by phone or pastor@redeemerbythesea.org.

YOUTH ROOM / LOUNGE

Chuck Denton 760-930-1916

We are going to re-model Room #4 in the lower level of the church! This room is planned to have a significant “face lift” to make it more conducive to youth ministry. We hope to create a safe and fun place for youth and young adult Bible Studies and activities. Other ministries will benefit from the modifications as well – including a better bridal party preparation area. However, your special donation is necessary to make this possible. Please pray about your support of this project.

STAMPS FOR MISSIONS

Marilyn Swearingen 760-603-0295

Drop your stamps for missions in the box at the LWML table upstairs in the entrance way. Any cancelled stamps are being accepted.

CANS & BOTTLES

Kindergarten & Preschool 760-431-8293

Please save your cans, plastic, and glass (those with the CRV mark) and drop them off near the trash containers. They are turned in and funds are used for the awesome art program in the school.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

Kindergarten & Preschool 760-431-8293

Please save your box tops and drop them off in the box in the lobby – the Kindergarten & Preschool receives 10¢ for each one turned in! You can find them on cereal, ziplocs, Kleenex and much more!

INK RECYCLING

Rachelle 760-431-8990

If you have empty printer ink cartridges or copier toner cartridges, bring them in to the office as we are able to turn them in for recycling. We receive a minimum of \$2 per cartridge that can be used toward the purchase of office supplies.

SUNDAY POWERPOINT

Rachelle 760-431-8990

If you are interested in helping to run the PowerPoint during either of the worship services, contact Rachelle. Training is provided. We will be setting up a schedule so that you would only need to be available for 1 Sunday per month.

SUNDAY REFRESHMENTS

BJ Lahr 760-945-3750

If you are interested in helping set up or clean up for the refreshments on Sunday at either the 8:30 or 10:30 service, contact BJ. It's easy to do!

PRAYER CHAIN MINISTRY

Jo Brandt: donjobrandt@sbcglobal.net

Each Sunday, members of the congregation and guests request prayers. These requests are forwarded to me and I pass them on to members of the PRAYER CHAIN. I, also, receive emails requesting prayers during the week. As of this date, we have 41 members on the PRAYER CHAIN praying daily for those on the list. If you would like to be a part of this praying ministry, please contact me.



Pastor Augie.....Continued

have witnessed to you and helped you either come to faith or grow in your faith? Now that you know about Jesus and the salvation that is found only in Him, God desires you to share that faith with others. That is an important part of your purpose here on earth.

Understanding your purpose can be so helpful! It's been said that a person can endure almost any “what” if they understand the “why!” I agree with that statement. You and I are much more likely to endure hardship, challenge and uncertainty in our life if we know that it all has purpose. It is my goal that over these next two months at Redeemer, you will discover that in fact your life has significant purpose and meaning!

I would like to close with one point of clarification. To say that God has a purpose for your life does not mean that you no longer have any say in the matter. You still have freedom in *how* you fulfill God's purposes in your life. Take for example a beautiful bird. You and I could say that a bird has the purpose of flying and singing. But where the bird flies and how much it sings is up to the bird. During this message series, you will discover that God has created you for several purposes. But you will then have the challenging and exciting work of discovering how you will fulfill God's purposes in your life. May God guide you in this process!

Pastor Augie



"My faith has never grown like it does here."

NEW SERMON SERIES THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE!



During the months of October and November our Sunday message series will look at the popular book by Pastor Rick Warren entitled *The Purpose Driven Life*. This book includes over 1,000 Biblical references and has sold over 30 million copies. As we move through this material, we will discover the 5 main purposes that drive the life of a Christian: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission. During the series, our small groups will be studying the same material. New groups will be forming and signups are starting now. If you would like to host or co-host a small group for this 8 week series, please contact Rachelle in the church office. The dates and titles for the series are:

- 10/2 What Will You Do With the Rest of Your Life?
- 10/9 What on Earth Am I Here For?
- 10/16 You Were Planned for God's Pleasure
- 10/23 You Were Formed for God's Family
- 10/30 You Were Created to Become Like Christ
- 11/6 You Were Shaped for Serving God
- 11/13 You Were Made for a Mission
- 11/20 Living a Purpose Driven Life

Purpose Driven Life books will be available for purchase at a discounted rate and other materials and resources will be provided. Begin praying now about who you can study with as we learn about God's purposes for your life!

Groups that will meet every week:

Sunday 9:45 am -10:30 am - RBTS Fellowship Hall

Monday 7:00 am - Men's Bible Study at Coco's (Vista Way and Melrose)

Monday 7:00 pm - Pastor Augie's home (El Camino Real & Poinsettia Lane)

Thursday 7:00 pm - Bob and Shirley Hawley's home (La Costa Ave. & S. Rancho Santa Fe)

Weekend (Day/Time TBD) - Patrick & Tracey Kiernan's home (Alga & Melrose)



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10:30 am Contemporary

Sunday Classes

10:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Studies, Sunday School

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