

# REFLECTIONS

## SEPTEMBER 2011

### PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

#### A Matter of Life or Death!

Greetings Redeemer family and friends,

We recently had the opportunity of bringing our oldest son to college. What a bittersweet time. We are excited for him and all the opportunities he has before him and we're proud of his accomplishments, but we are also sad to let him grow up... many of you know this experience well. Our trip to Arizona was full of orientation sessions as well as trips to Wal-Mart for last minute dorm necessities! But what our trip also included was attending a seminar by evangelist Mark Cahill. A local church was hosting the event, so my two boys and I decided to go. Let me tell you, Mark Cahill is someone who is not "lukewarm" about sharing his faith! One of the hosting pastors told us that when he and Mark went to lunch, Mark evangelized all of the serving staff at the restaurant and a number of the patrons near their table! What I'd like to do in this article is not just stand in awe of his actions, but challenge us to consider what makes someone do the things that Mark Cahill did that afternoon and, in fact, does on a regular basis.

In considering that question, I'd like to use a single word for our focus. That word is "URGENCY!" How easy it would have been for Mark to say to himself, "Here I am with a guest, in a strange town. I'll just eat lunch and chat, and get back to evangelizing when I get home." But as he shared in his seminar, he operates with such a sense of urgency, that he just couldn't eat his meal in comfort while wondering if the other people around him knew Jesus

Christ and were saved. That, my friends, is URGENCY! There's no waiting when you have a sense of urgency.

Let's put this in terms we can understand. Consider an airplane<sup>1</sup>. What does the FAA require that the flight attendant instruct you about before every flight – no matter how many times you have flown? What to do in the case of an emergency! If you fly, you can recite the speech from memory: "If the cabin should experience pressure loss, oxygen masks will drop from the compartment above you. First place the mask over your own face, tighten the straps; then assist those around you." When you are at 35,000 feet above the surface of the earth, and the oxygen is dissipating rapidly from the metal tube that supports you, you find that your priorities change! Suddenly, you aren't as concerned with what you were reading, what you are wearing, or if the flight you are on gives free peanuts! At that moment all your energy, motivation and focus is directed toward, well, salvation really – saving lives. First you are concerned for your own life, then after that, for the lives of others. You are in a life and death situation; and it's urgent!

I submit that when it comes to the spiritual salvation of others, it is just as much a matter of life and death – and it's just as



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# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



August has been a time of evaluation and preparation as we move into our new fiscal year from September 1, 2011 – August 31, 2012. In addition to budget evaluation and planning, we have committed to developing a Strategic Plan concentrating on actions in the 1-3 year planning time frame while maintaining a vision for our future. Our Mission will remain the same, we will continue to strive to become a Lighthouse to our community and the world as we seek to fulfill God's commission to bring souls to Christ.

Our theme that we are using to develop this plan is: WORSHIP / GROW / SERVE. You will become very familiar with these terms as we move forward in our planning and actions. To better understand them and what they mean in our Ministry development, think about them in these terms. WORSHIP (How we encounter and receive the light of Christ through Word and Sacrament in our worship services); GROW (How we grow, in our faith through spiritual enrichment through the study of His Word and fellowship with the Body of Christ); and, SERVE (How we serve each other and we reach out to serve our community and the world with the light of Christ through us to them). Those are still broad terms that do not present an end unto themselves but when we start looking at each of those areas of ministry, it doesn't take long or a lot of thought to come up with some very specific areas of our congregational life that we can improve upon.

How do we assess all of these ministries? First of all, we need to believe in ourselves and trust that we as a congregation can consistently look and evaluate what we are doing and commit ourselves to adding or improving to the things that we do. Complacency in our ministries may be comfortable, but it can become the devil's workshop. When we stop looking how we can improve and extend ourselves in reaching out to our community and our world, we lose sight of our purpose and our mission. It seems like a monstrous task to think about impacting our community and the world. Think about it this way, for every one person that we reach with the saving grace of Jesus Christ, it makes an eternity of difference to that person. God will Bless us as we move forward.

Currently there is a small group of four working together with prayerful guidance from the Holy Spirit who are preparing a Strategic Plan, this plan will then be presented to the Council at our September meeting for their review, comment and approval. The plan that is approved by the Council will then be presented at the Voter's Assembly on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> again for comment and approval.

What can any or all congregational members do to help, first, to pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit and secondly to step up and speak out for any part of the plan that they may have a question on and more importantly what you might believe should be added to the plan to make it better.

The biggest benefactors as we move forward in advancing our WORSHIP / GROW / SERVE ministries will be God's Kingdom, as we live in it, serve in it at Redeemer by the Sea and then to see how God Blesses our efforts with the addition of new and rededicated Christians who will be joining us in worship and spiritual enrichment. God is Great...God Bless us all.

On a second subject that I need to make the congregation aware of, and one that is directly tied into our Strategic Plan is the pending restructuring of our loans with LCEF. A year ago, as we were facing a default situation in meeting our loan commitments, while we were still searching for a full time Pastor as our Spiritual Leader, the LCEF offered us a split loan where we could service the major portion of the total loan amount with an interest only payment while the un-serviced portion of the loan would be carried at a negative amortization. While that action gave us relief from any default actions, it has resulted in an approximate \$145,000 of increased Capitol debt over the past year. We have demonstrated that we can successfully meet the conditions. The LCEF has met with us with a revised loan plan to provide us with a reduced interest loan structure that would allow us to reduce our negative amortization total to less than half of the current year. It is our intent however that with an aggressive Strategic Plan we will be able to step forward in the development of our ministries and with that plan we would request the LCEF to restructure all of our loans to be fully conforming, with no negative amortization. In order to accomplish this goal, we need the full approval, support and cooperation of the congregation.

This Voter's Assembly meeting will be a very important for all, not only will we be dealing with Strategic Plan presentations and approvals but as we are transitioning into a new fiscal year base as of September 1, 2011 we will be approving the 2011-2012 fiscal year budget as well. Please pray about it and don't miss it.

**In His Service,**

**Our God is great!**

Jim Brunner, Council President

## EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair



*Let your light so shine before others, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father in heaven.*

Matthew 5:16

Jesus' parting words to his followers were "Go, and make disciples..." (Mat 28:19-20) It is clear that we are to be upfront in our witness. We are not to sit back and wait for others to come to us. In our complicated and fast-paced world people are not quick to discern "the hope that is within us." We must take the initiative by speaking and serving in the name of Jesus. We are to plant the seeds. The Holy Spirit is responsible for the growth and harvest.

What kind of witness is effective and faithful to our heritage as Lutheran Christians? Quite simply - Invitational Evangelism. A witness that respects the space and needs of the other, yet confidently and courageously issues the invitation to "come and see." This kind of witness is not threatening or coercive, not does it require one to sign on the dotted line. It invites. Gentleness, reverence and a faith grounded in action are keys to witnessing on a daily basis.

Finally, remember to ground and center your faith sharing in prayer. Pray for guidance, opportunity and courage to share your faith on a daily basis.

## STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

### SCRIPTURES TELL ALL

God's extravagance and lavishness in showering blessings upon us is the story of the Bible. It is also the story of our individual lives.

What does the Bible tell us about Christian Giving?

#### CHRISTIAN GIVING IS UNTO GOD

Psalm 96:8...Give unto the Lord the glory due His name; Bring an offering, and come into His courts.

#### CHRISTIAN GIVING IS MOTIVATED

1 Corinthians 15:57...Thanks be to God! He giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

#### CHRISTIAN GIVING IS PERFORMED

Deuteronomy 16:17...Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you.

#### CHRISTIAN GIVING IS PERSONAL AND INDIVIDUAL

2 Corinthians 9:7...Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver.

#### CHRISTIAN GIVING HAS FOR ITS PURPOSE

Matthew 28:19...Go ye therefore and make disciples of all nations, Baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and the Holy Spirit, And teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

*God does not need our money, but our gifts are accepted by Him to be used in the work of His church! Our stewardship is a measure and a testimony of our love for God!*

## LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

As I write this, the stock market has again been having another wild ride, causing many investors to be holding their breath, if not having more serious physical reactions. But even if you are not a shareholder, your life is affected by the market. Consumers hold off on purchases, particularly the "luxuries". Vacations turn into "staycations", the family car can make it through another year, theater gives way to television, etc. it is more difficult for high schoolers to find part time jobs and sometimes just as hard for seasoned workers to keep them.....

And congregations are affected as well, deciding not to build, remodel, or expand in uncertain times and while there is not the usual demand for funds, there is still need for new investors to replace the aged ones who drop out of the investment market. You can still open an account for as little as ten (\$10) dollars and be a part of this vital ministry of the church.

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



# EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

By Jennifer Frost

## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Rally Day is September 11<sup>th</sup> this year! This is a chance for us to recognize our teachers and staff and thank them for the effort and dedication they put into our children at Redeemer. We are so thankful for the positive difference they make in the lives of our youngest generation!

This year we are unveiling new Sunday School teachers, new times, new registration process and a new Enrichment program between services. Not to mention our children have the opportunity to share with you all they have learned in Sunday School this past year. It's a very exciting time!

### Our 2011-2012 Teachers

- Preschool & Kindergarten ~ Tanya Finnerty, Elizabeth Denton, Heather Finke, Laura Cline
- Grades 1-3 ~ Bonnie Shanahan
- Grades 4-6 ~ Rhonda Sutherlin, Linda Janssen
- Junior & High School ~ Dan Bitner
- Enrichment Coordinator: Tracey Kiernan

### Sunday School

- During Second Service
- Pre-K through 6th Grade
- Parents and children start in church for the first 20 minutes of the service
- After the children's message, Sunday School children will be released to their classes and the teachers will escort them to the rooms
- Registration for children attending Sunday School will be in the Narthex every Sunday
- After the Worship Service parents will go to the Sunday School rooms to pick up their children

### Enrichment Hour

- 9:45 – 10:30
- Activities that engage children in preschool through sixth grade will include crafts, music, games, art, etc.
- Junior High / High School class will be during this time, so they can attend the Worship Service

### Classroom Themes for the year



Pre-K through K  
Classroom 3  
F.R.O.G. (Fully Rely on God)



Grades 1 through 3  
Classroom 2  
D.O.G. (Depend On God)



Grades 4 through 6  
Classroom 4  
O.W. L. (Our Wise Lord)

### Sunday School Teacher Highlights

This month we honor Dan Bitner and the tireless work he executes to benefit Redeemer and our Sunday School. We are blessed to have a fabulous team of volunteers to teach our children about God! In the coming months we will bring to light our other Sunday School teachers and offer you a chance to get to know them better.

- October - Rhonda Sutherlin
- November - Linda Janssen
- December - Bonnie Shanahan
- January - Laura Cline
- February - Heather Finke
- March - Elizabeth Denton
- April - Tanya Finnerty
- May - Tracey Kiernan

## Sunday School Teacher Highlight DAN BITNER



Dan was born and raised in a small town in Pennsylvania, where he received Catechism and was confirmed as a Lutheran in 1960. His family moved to California in 1963 as a result of a job relocation and he finished high school in Paramount. After a tour in

the USN, he went to work for SCE and after 29 years, including the last ten years at San Onofre, took an early retirement in 1996. He then took a position as IT Director for Remedy Temp, a staffing company, where he worked until late in 2007. He married his wife Ellen in 1970 and had two children, initially living in Downey and slowly moving south ending up in Carlsbad in 1985.

They came to Redeemer by the Sea in 2002 and he became involved with Sunday School shortly after that. He has enjoyed watching the children as they work their way through the various classes. Dan says, "With the crazy world we live in today, I know the importance of this time in their lives." He also got involved with the Preschool in 2005 and has watched the blessings being poured out onto the school, almost from day one. His desire is to see the children learn about Jesus while at the same time coming away from their Sunday worship, Sunday School, and Preschool with a warm and positive feeling about the Church and Preschool. Dan feels, "The best chance of keeping our children connected to the church is for them to feel the love and kindness one would receive from a family member here at Redeemer."

### SUNDAY FUNNIES

A little girl, dressed in her Sunday best, was running as fast as she could, trying not to be late for Bible class. As she ran she prayed, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late! Dear Lord, please don't let me be late!"

As she was running and praying, she tripped on a curb and fell, getting her clothes dirty and tearing her dress. She got up, brushed herself off, and started running again. As she ran she once again began to pray, "Dear Lord, please don't let me be late... But please don't shove me either!"

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML Norma Russell, President



Redeemer by the Sea Women's Ministry will resume their monthly meetings this month, September 13th at 9:30 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall.

Kick off will be a brunch and planning session. Join us with enthusiasm and good ideas for the coming year. ALL women are invited. Sign up sheets are posted in the Narthex. Please plan to join us for prayer, devotions, fellowship and some business. Questions? Norma Russell 760-931-1947

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is the official women's auxiliary of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Since 1942, the LWML has focused on affirming each woman's relationship with Christ, encouraging and equipping women to live out their Christian lives in active mission ministries and to support global missions.

### MITE BOXES

During the Month of September we celebrate ...

... Grandparents Day! Give thanks if you are a grandparent and add \$1 to your Mite Box. Not a grandparent - add \$1 in thanksgiving for your grandparents.

... Talk like a Pirate Day. Shout "Arrrr" and put \$1 in your Mite Box!

... Working Parents Day. Reflect on the challenges of working parents and say a prayer for them as you drop \$5 in your Mite Box.

... Turn Off Your TV Week. Turn off your TV and spend more time with your family and in God's Word. Put \$1 in your Mite Box for each day you turn off your TV. Don't participate? – add \$5.

Why not pick up a Mite Box (located in the Narthex) today. Fill it with your spare change and return it. All monies go to the LWML missions.

## SHOULD YOU JOIN THE CHOIR

In order to measure your level of proficiency as a choir member, the following test has been carefully developed by experts. Read and reflect on each situation and then select the option that will enhance the quality of the performance.

1. You are entering the choir loft on Sunday morning and suddenly trip and fall down. You should:
  - a. Assume a kneeling position and break into fervent prayer.
  - b. Pretend that you've had a heart attack.
  - c. Crawl into the nearest chair.
  - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
2. You are a soprano and count incorrectly. As a result you boom out a high "C" one measure too soon. You should:
  - a. Slide into an inspired "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing."
  - b. Look triumphant and hold on to the note.
  - c. Stop abruptly in mid squawk but keep your lips moving.
  - d. Sink to the floor in shame.
3. After all those long hard choir rehearsals, you show up twenty minutes late for the Christmas musical. You should:
  - a. Climb into the back row of the choir from the sacristy.
  - b. Enter pretending to be a soundman checking cables and then suddenly slip yourself into the choir.
  - c. Turn the lights out in the church and slip into the choir during the blackout.
  - d. Read M. Stephen's pamphlet "Techniques for Tardy Appearances."
4. While singing, you discover you have only one page of a two page hymn. You should:
  - a. Hum for your life.
  - b. Sing "watermelon, watermelon, watermelon."
  - c. Try to get another hymnal out of the choir rack with your feet.
  - d. Sing the first page over again.
5. Inevitably that dreaded big sneeze occurs toward the end of the choir special. You should:
  - a. As you sneeze, come down hard on your neighbor's foot to create a diversion.
  - b. Try to make it harmonize.
  - c. Sneeze into the hair of the choir member in front of you to muffle the noise.
  - d. Sink to the floor in shame.

## CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

## JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

Choir Rehearsals are now back in full swing. Our Chancel Choir sings three Sundays a month for the first service, and for special events throughout the year. Our congregation enjoys listening to our choir as we sing for special Lenten Services, Advent Services, Christmas, Easter, and Thanksgiving.



Our Chancel Choir also performs throughout the year, presenting special Cantatas for the enjoyment and inspiration of our congregation. We join with the Carlsbad Korean Presbyterian choir here at Redeemer to augment our choir with even more voices for special concerts.

Please join this wonderful group of singers who enjoy choir rehearsals, sing together every Sunday to praise the Lord, and give back their love and talent to enhance our services. We rehearse every Wednesday night here in the Sanctuary from 7:00 to 8:30pm. Why not join us next Wednesday night and add even more joy in singing to the Lord. We would love to have you.

Please call Gary Wilson, our Director of Choirs, if you have questions, or need child care on Wednesday nights during rehearsals. His phone number is 858 521-9618.



Count the number of A's, B's, C's, and D's you checked and find your proficiency rating below:

- 4 or more A's...there is nothing more you need to know to be a first rate choir member.
- 4 or more B's...your church choir reflexes are fully developed and you should do well in choir.
- 4 or more C's...your church choral experience is spotty but your team spirit is on target. You will be an asset to most any choir.
- 4 or more D's...it is recommended you take soccer or group therapy counseling.

## MEET THE BAND

### SARAH BISHOP

#### The Piano Is Her Passion

San Diego born and raised Sarah Bishop has studied classical piano for fifteen years, which means nearly her entire life. Her “hero” is J.S. Bach, and has been since she started playing from the Anna Magdalena notebook as a young child. She recently graduated from Point Loma Nazarene University with a bachelor of music degree in piano performance. She has accompanied choirs, vocalists, and instrumental soloists throughout her four years at Point Loma. In addition, she has given many solo recitals, and played with various chamber groups. Her already impressive resume also includes teaching at La Costa Music in Carlsbad and running a private studio of her own on the PLNU campus.

So, how does someone with an obvious classical background find her self in a contemporary music worship band? Sarah was actually playing piano for RBTS in 2006, even before the band we have today was formed. She has been playing for the church longer than I have been serving RBTS. She is the original band member. And it really isn't strange that Sarah would be playing any style of music, for that matter.

Sarah explains that she enjoys a variety of music styles, from classical to popular to jazz to world music. She makes an effort to expose herself to something new in music on a regular basis. She believes it is important that musicians experience a diversity of musical traditions outside their background. And, she certainly lives up to her standards.

Sarah shares her love of music with others through volunteer work. She has taught abroad, including an elementary school in Akatsi, Chana, and in Kampalla, where she coached classes in music theory with worship leaders. She recently returned from a month long tour of such places.

While Sarah was touring, our band adjusted to her absence by seeking out other pianists. The piano often leads off our worship songs, and is missed when not present. So we had to fill her position with some pretty big shoes, such as Gary Wilson on one occasion. Sarah is extremely important to the quality of our band. I must admit I am a little concerned that we might lose her if she chooses a university out of town to continue her education in music therapy or ethnomusicology. Her goal is to

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda

Calling all youth! Do you love music, and want to be in a band? Here's an offer you can't refuse. Youth Band needs you! Ages 12-18

Free Guitar Lessons! In the sanctuary on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30.

Whether you are a beginner, or advanced, there's a spot for you. For more info, email guitar teacher Joe Flatt @ joeflatt23@gmail.com

Help! Singers and bass players needed for Youth Band, ages 12-18. Free vocal lessons for all who participate on Thursdays from 6:00-6:30. Then stay to sing with the Youth Band from 6:30 to 7:30, and learn contemporary Christian music. For more info, email ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com



teach at a university level here and abroad. She says she plans to always improve her piano skills. Traveling and reading are also among her enjoyments. But playing the piano is her passion!

Certainly, Sarah Bishop is a dedicated, talented and much valued musician here at RBTS, so we are all hoping she'll stay near for a while. She is a quiet, eloquent person behind the piano, whose fingers dance on the keys and produce a glorious sound. If you haven't already taken note of her talent, please do.

# FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehring, Chair

## RBTS ANNUAL PICNIC CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM!

SEPTEMBER 11

AVIARA COMMUNITY PARK  
Corner of Ambrosia and Poinsettia

1:30 PM TO 5:00PM

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Christian Fellowship  
Please invite your friends and neighbors.  
Church will provide the hamburgers and hotdogs.  
Sign up to bring salads and desserts!  
Beverages available for only \$1.00!

*We are looking for a volleyball net and ball. Please see Hilda or Barbara if you have one to lend us.*



## Redeemer by the Sea Third Annual Golf Tournament

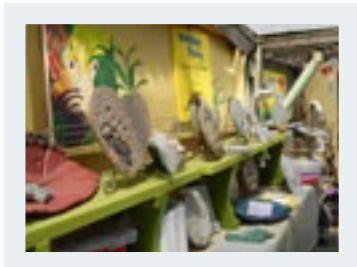
- Saturday, October 15th, 2011
- Oaks North Golf Course, Rancho Bernardo
- 9:00 a.m. – Tee Time
- Scramble Format
- Cost: \$65 – includes:
  - 18 holes of golf
  - Golf Cart
  - Lunch
  - Golfers & Non-Golfers welcome
- Carpooling from Church
- Lots of great prizes



Stay tuned for more details.  
Contact Rhonda Sutherlin @760-518-7449 with questions.

## Setting it in Stone

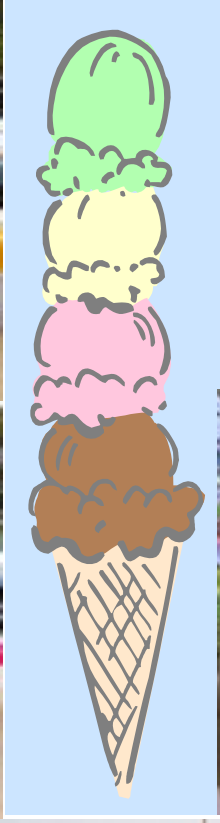
We had fun making stepping stones for our gardens this past Saturday. It was a great way to get to know each other better. Anne Linehan, the owner, gave the church a stone that she made. We will place near the entrance to the church. God gives us so many talents and we don't always use them. This was a wonderful way to tap into the artist in us. After all our hard work, we went to lunch at a Vigilucci's in Leucadia!



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# KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director



WOW! How exciting it is to begin our third year in the new school building. Our present enrollment is approximately 278. We

welcome back our existing teachers, and would also like to announce the addition of a new teacher, Nicole Surya. We are all looking forward to another fantastic year at our school! When time permits please stop by and say hello, our doors are always open.

Here's to a fabulous new school year!

## Prayer for Today:

Dear God, it's hard to wait when I want to go first. Help me learn to take turns. Amen.

Jesus tells a story about people who always want to be first. Find it in Luke 14:7-11

Taken from the Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Kindergarten and Preschool daily devotional book *God and Me*.

## FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

*Bobbie Ankenbrandt*

After a relatively quiet summer, the RBTS school campus is buzzing again! This "Back to School" week had the teachers busy preparing their classrooms for an Open House on August 25th. Take some time and come visit the creative way our staff has decorated their rooms to welcome new students and their families.

The school Board is pleased to bring Kelly Sundstrom "on board"! Please remember that your ideas and suggestions for ways to promote our Mission..... ('to provide a quality education in a safe, loving, Christ-centered environment') are always appreciated.



## Mark Your Calendars

Monday- Friday

Sept. 5: .....Labor Day - School Closed

Monday-Wednesday

Sept. 26 - Sept 28:.....School Photos

Saturday

Nov. 5: .....Fall Festival Fundraiser  
10:00 am - 2:00 pm

## ATTENTION

### MOTHERS OF CHILDREN AGES 0-6...



MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) is gearing up for our first meeting of the semester starting on September 14th @ 9:30am! 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.

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! 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](mailto:elizsanchez03@gmail.com).

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

## PRAYER MEETINGS AT REDEEMER

Our Wednesday prayer meetings have been going strong and continue this month! We'd love to have you come and join us:

- 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 8:00am
- 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 6:00pm
- 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month – 6:00pm Prayer Service

Everyone is invited to any prayer meeting, but our “focus” for this coming month according to “**Worship à Grow à Serve**” will be:

### **9/7 8:00 am GROW**

*(Greeters, Phone Callers, Shepherds, Fellowship, Adult Studies, Growth Groups, LWML, Youth & Children's Ministries)*

### **9/14 6:00 pm SERVE**

*(Volunteer Servants, Care Ministry, Visitation, Meals, Cards, Evangelism & Outreach, Church Council, Staff, Pre-School, Trustees, Newsletter & Promotions)*

### **9/21 8:00 am WORSHIP**

*(Elders, Nursery, Choir, Praise Team, A/V, Ushers, Refreshments, Readers, Altar Guild, Stewardship & other Sunday Servants)*

### **9/28 6:00 pm GROW**



We meet in the Sanctuary for 30 to 45 minutes. We spend some time in the Word, prayer and sharing about what God has done and is doing in our life. We hope to see you there – no advance registration is necessary.

## Thank You

What an amazing surprise to receive your recent financial gift delivered in person by Pastor Augie! Your generosity, love, and faithful prayers have touched our hearts. Your gift helped chip away at our large medical bills but most of all it helped remind us of our Heavenly Father's loving care and provision in all areas of our lives. We praise God for each and every one of you, and for Pastor Augie. We hope and pray Chuck will soon feel up to attending church.

Love in Christ  
Chuck, Laurel, and Emily Michel

## COMING IN OCTOBER

## 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 will begin in September. 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!



## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES SEPTEMBER

### 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

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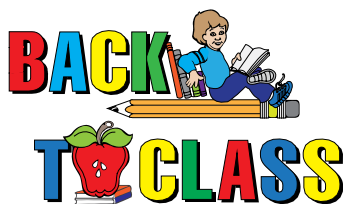
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See article on this page.

### Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday September 6 and 20 at 1:00 pm  
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.  
*Teacher: Alice Lehmann.*

### Neighborhood Bible Study

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## SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

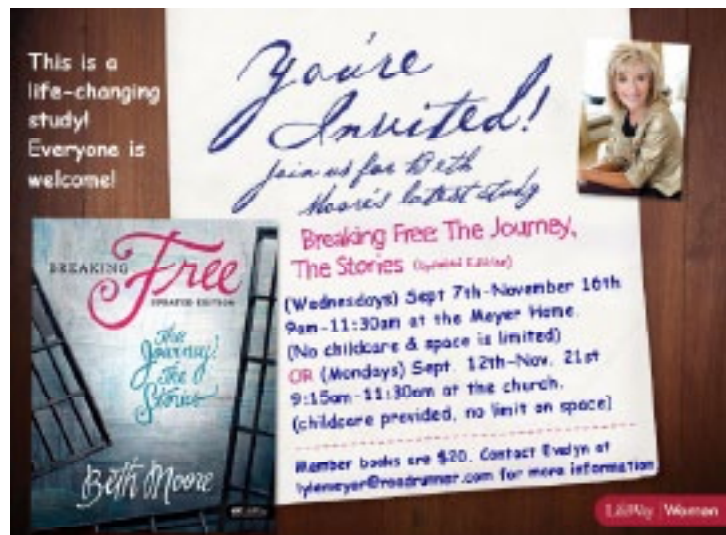
### Bible Study

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.

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Beth Moore leads study participants through the Scriptures to discover the transforming power of freedom in Jesus Christ. Themes for this study come from Isaiah, a book about the captivity of God's children, the faithfulness of God, and the road to freedom.

This in-depth women's Bible study draws parallels between the captive Israelites of the Old Testament and New Testament believers in Jesus as the Promised Messiah. Beth looks at the Book of Isaiah through the lives of the kings who ruled during the prophet's ministry. These kings exemplify many of the obstacles to freedom with which we must deal. Using Scripture to help identify spiritual strongholds in your life, no matter how big or small, Beth explains that anything that hinders us from the benefits of knowing God is bondage.

Join Beth Moore on a Bible journey unlike any other. God intends for you to know and believe Him, glorify Him, experience His peace, and enjoy His presence. *Breaking Free* is Beth's life message that she wants to share with you. Taped live at Franklin Avenue Baptist Church in New Orleans, this study includes testimonies of how women like you have found freedom and have been delivered from personal captivity. Contact Evelyn Meyer for more information at [lylemeyer@roadrunner.com](mailto:lylemeyer@roadrunner.com).

## Reflections Newsletter

This is YOUR newsletter and your input is valued. Send me your ideas by e-mail ([mygigi@att.net](mailto:mygigi@att.net)) or give me a call (760-929-8756) as to what you like or don't like and I will make every effort to provide a newsletter that best fits the needs of the congregation.

The reports for October *Reflections* will be due Thursday, September 22, 2011.  
Bonnie Brunner, Editor

## September

### Birthdays

9/3 Elizabeth Denton  
 9/3 Bettye Howard  
 9/4 Kane Shanahan  
 9/8 Melia Granito  
 9/8 Suzanne Hanthorn  
 9/9 Sam Russell  
 9/10 Lori Batherson  
 9/12 Stacey Tieger  
 9/17 Everest Cline  
 9/17 Tessia Iadicicco  
 9/21 Brendan Finke  
 9/21 Gary Newton  
 9/22 Orene Epperson  
 9/25 Flori Seehusen  
 9/27 Donald Howard  
 9/29 Barbara Gehring

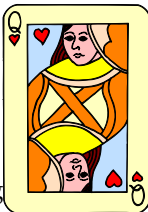
### Anniversaries

9/24/94 Marcus & Sabrina Shaw  
 9/26/56 John and Faye Bacon  
 9/29 Laura Hanson-McFeaters



## BRIDGE CLUB

It was a warm summer day when we gathered at the bridge tables at the home of George Ann Barnes, yet with ceiling fans there was a comfortable breeze—just enough for cooling, not enough to blow the cards away. And there were interesting, challenging hands as well as interesting conversation.



Audrey Wickstrand led the pack with high score; Lee Dailing came in second and a pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Our September session is September 23, at 12:30 p.m. at the home of Bobbie Ankenbrandt.

We play from twelve-thirty until four on the fourth Friday of every month except December. 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 Co-ordinator, Alice Lehmann, [buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com](mailto:buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com), 1-760-941-1197.

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the August birthdays of Shirley Hawley, Pastor Augie, Alice Lehmann, Gary Reisweig, Carolyn Schmaltz, Lois Taron and Ken Voertman at Felix's Smokey J BBQ Pit, 2251 South El Camino Real in Oceanside and contributed one hundred forty-eight (\$148) dollars to Lutheran Bible Translators for the Borchardt ministry.



In September we will celebrate the birthdays of Suzanne Hanthorn, Bettye and Don Howard and Sam Russell at Romano's Macaroni Grill, 2655 Vista Way in Oceanside (next to Barnes and Noble) on FRIDAY September 9 at 11:30 a.m. Lunches are Italian cuisine and run from ten to fifteen dollars.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be used to help with the remodel of the Youth Lounge.

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](mailto:jvbythesea@cox.net).

## DATE NIGHT PLANNING

*By Tracey Kiernan*

I am proud to announce that as of October, Date Night will be a year old. It has proven to be a very successful, much needed and appreciated mission of the church. It has grown from 12 children at the first date night to sometimes 40 children!

Hats off to those involved, especially Dan Bitner who has played host to Date Night. A very special thank you goes out to the Youth Group whose dedication to this mission is to be commended. Without the youth we would not be able to meet the needs of so many families. The youth have proven to be very dependable.

We are now at a crossroad of this very successful mission. I need the adult congregation to take on this outreach mission so that we can have continued success. I am inviting all of you to attend a fun taco dinner night with me here at the church on September 17<sup>th</sup> at 6pm. You will learn about the date night mission and how it has touched many lives. You will discover opportunities where you can help with this mission. And most importantly you will have fun!!

The next date night is October 22<sup>nd</sup>. Please RSVP to Tracey at [Traceykiernan@yahoo.com](mailto:Traceykiernan@yahoo.com), or call me 760-761-1176.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## ORIENTATION

September 24, 9am –Noon. Find out more about membership and what that means at Redeemer.

## BAPTISM CLASS

September 19, 6:30pm. If you are interested in finding out more about what Redeemer teaches about baptism -- then this is for you!



## SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES IN THE FALL!

Dan Bitner 619-318-4549

In September we will be modifying the Sunday morning schedule – 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](http://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](mailto: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

If you are saving stamps for missions – you can drop them in the box at the LWML table upstairs in the entrance way. Any cancelled stamps are being accepted – so be sure to drop them off!

## 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!

## 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](mailto: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

urgent! Actually it's *more* urgent. According to what we believe, spiritual death for eternity is far worse than earthly death which Jesus describes as just "sleep." (Matthew 9:24). So if decreasing cabin pressure triggers this series of events:

1. Oxygen masks drop
2. Secure your own mask
3. Help others secure their masks

How is it possible that pending death and eternal judgment trigger these events?:

1. God's grace drops in response to life threatening sin
2. Secure your own salvation
3. Go about what you were doing and consider helping others if you don't have anything better to do.

It shouldn't, right? But it often does, doesn't it? What would be the more appropriate response to this matter of life and death? Step number 3 *should* be: "**help others secure their salvation!**" On the airplane, after you had your mask secure, you would help as many as you could, right? And so on earth when it comes to sharing the life-saving Gospel of Jesus Christ, you and I should help as many as we can while there's still time! That's how the apostle Andrew responded when his "oxygen mask dropped" (when he met Jesus, his Savior). The **FIRST** thing he did was share the life-saving message of Jesus with someone else:

*"The first thing Andrew did was to find his brother Simon and tell him, "We have found the Messiah" (that is, the Christ). And he brought him to Jesus."* (John 1:41-42a)

How about you? Who has God placed in your life – someone sitting in your row on the airplane – who needs your help to secure their salvation? Who do you need to share the life-saving message of Jesus with? Don't wait until later... until you're more comfortable ... until you finish what you're doing first ... it might be too late. Do it now – it's urgent! For them, it is a matter of life and death!

Soli Deo Gloria (to God Alone be the Glory),  
**Pastor Augie Iadicco**

### (Endnotes)

1 Concept from article, "Preaching Without Cabin Pressure" by Ron Forseth, 8/1/2011, ChurchLeaders.com.



## Continuing Sermon Series

Sept. 4th — Acts 4:12

*Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to men by which we must be saved.*

Sept. 11th — Philippians 4:6

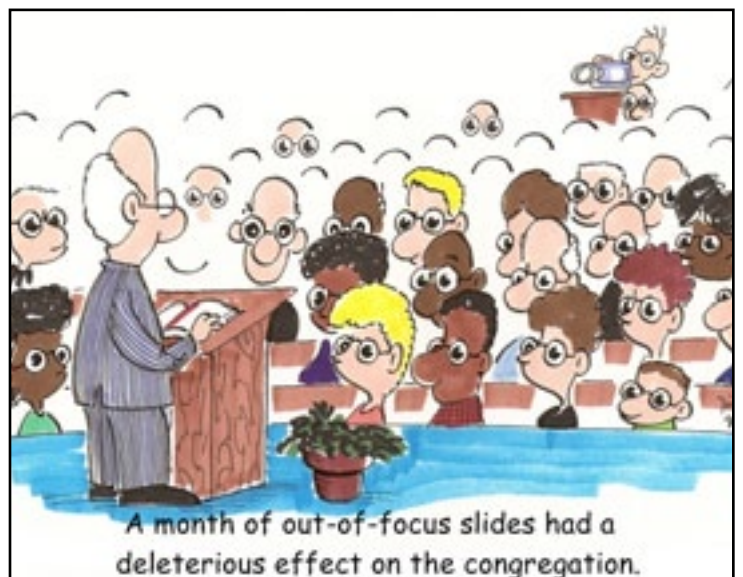
*Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.*

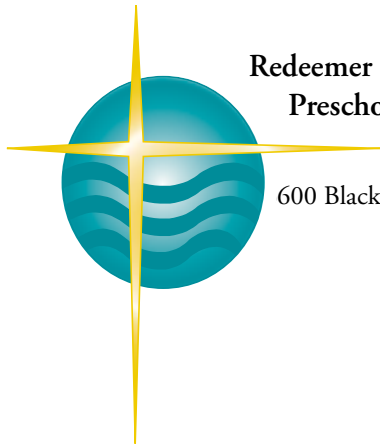
Sept. 18th — Matthew 16:26

*What good will it be for a man if he gains the whole world, yet forfeits his soul?*

Sept. 25th — 1 John 3:16

*Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.*

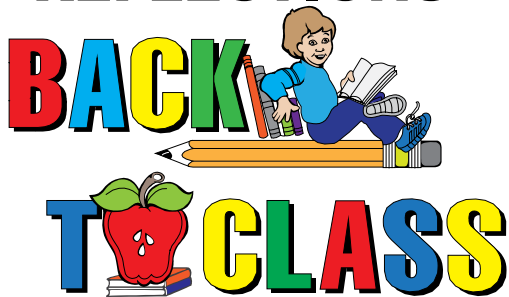




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	10:30 am Contemporary		
<b>Sunday Classes</b>	10:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Studies, Sunday School		

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