

REFLECTIONS

MARCH 2011

PASTOR PETER ALEXANDER

In the Interim.....

Moving Forward No Final Resting Place

“Have a good stay in _____ or wherever your final destination may be.” Those rather “tired” words still get used by the less-creative flight attendants and never cease to amuse me. Somehow the assumption is that everything is “one trip at a time” and that the Trip of Life isn’t nearly as important as the current day’s journey segment. Or could it really be a theological commentary? Okay, probably not! At least not from the flight attendant.

Or what about “final resting place”? Now that one *really* irritates me! It is very scriptural to talk about bodily death as “rest” from labors and the struggle of bodily existence. It is the **final** word that violates the truth for God’s People. We are Easter People and not only does death **not** have the final word, but it is, we know, the gate to what we call everlasting life. In fact life for the born-again doesn’t stop; it is a continuum (John 11:26 *et passim*). What we have are transitions—with earthly death being a most perceptible one and our coming to a faith relationship with the Lord Jesus the most important of them all.

But the little transitions are important, too. We are an Easter People on a Lenten journey, a pilgrimage, on the way home, but **never at an end!** It’s an on-going process which from an earthly, sleep-wake, work-play and aging perspective of life’s routines seems hard to fathom. *Whatever*

will we do in heaven without getting tired or looking forward to the next milestone, oasis or transition period? No weekends in heaven? I don’t know all the answers there, but I know it’s going to be GREAT as all that prevents my full and complete joy will be removed and my relationships with God and all people will be perfected.

Given that framework and perspective, my transition from RBTS and to a little break and then back most likely and eventually to another interim assignment (not as of this writing known) along with **your** transition to a new settled, resident Pastor, Pastor Augie, are just a proverbial “drop in the bucket.” It doesn’t seem that way, though, does it? Not only do all changes (the good ones, too) bring stress, but in the time of our part of the journey and of our ministry together we built bonds and relationships that we would like to see continue on the same basis. It is both comfortable and good that the re-thinking and renewal of the past 15 months continue. It is painful to change, to transition—even when we know it is best. It is rather like that first day of school or going away to college: hard on both student and Mom!

It is gratifying to me that several of you have mentioned that you feel that my insistence on your experiencing new ways of “doing and being the church” has been helpful. My biggest regret is not spending more time in modeling and fostering mission outreach to non-members, and less time

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



LOOKING AHEAD TO 2011

I sincerely believe that as we now move forward into 2011 that the Lord has indeed Blessed our congregation through and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit working

through the dedicated efforts of the Call Committee and the prayerful acceptance of Pastor Augie Iadicicco to accept this divine call to become our Spiritual Leader.

This event will all come to fruition on Sunday April 3, when Pastor Augie will be installed as our permanent Pastor and Spiritual leader at a 3:00 pm service of dedication at Redeemer by the Sea followed by a reception and celebration in the Fellowship Hall. There is much to do between now and then. I can only give you a brief outline of what the visions of our plans are for that event at this time.

To begin, the Installation of a new Pastor is a very special event in our Synodical District. There will be many Pastors from neighboring and District congregations as well as dignitaries from the District attending to welcome Pastor Augie into their local fellowship. In addition it is customary for members of nearby congregations to join us in our celebration. The service itself will be impressive with the visiting Pastors in their colors and their robes. The Installation Service will be followed by a reception in the Fellowship Hall which we are planning to be heavy hors d'ovrs both of the appetizer variety as well as desserts and a lot of mixing and mingling. Now backing up from that event, we will be sending formal invitations to our neighboring congregations as well as to congregations within the District inviting them to the service and reception. Look for these sometime in late February or early March. Planning for these events has begun and will be developed over the next few weeks, so look for announcements and they develop and watch your email and snail mail for the formal invitations.

Now, back to reality, Pastor Pete has been serving us very ably and selflessly preparing and guiding us toward receiving our new Pastor. Not just in anticipation of his coming, but more importantly in readiness to receive and

support the new Pastor, to expect and respect change and look for a newness of purpose as well as reinvigorating and rededicating our spiritual lives in new directions. That being said, I believe we are ready. Pastor Pete as a professional Intentional Interim Pastor has worked himself out of a job! Traditionally the Interim Pastor leaves his duties and the pulpit two weeks before the installation of the new Pastor. Doing the math, that makes Sunday March 20, to be his last sermon and service with us. Our plans are to recognize his services

with a special reception and recognition after each service at those services. He has completed his calling and done it well and we wish him God's Grace and Blessings as he moves on to his next calling as an Intentional Interim Pastor. We also wish for him to take an extended break and revitalization before he commits to his next calling.

All of these events will require a lot of effort, participation, planning and cooperation from the members of our members to willingly and graciously support these events and activities. I urge you to volunteer as you see a need and please accept any request to serve! We are 'ONE' as a congregation and as such can do more together than the sum of our individual parts. I'll thank you in advance for your cooperation. Remember, when asked, there is no such person as 'Somebody Else' it is 'You'. Serve joyfully.

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What else is new and needs to be done?

- Pray steadfastly that the Holy Spirit be with, guide and protect Pastor Augie and his family as they make this major transition and relocation. Pray especially not only for Pastor Augie and Rachele but also for the lives of their children who are in the 6th, 8th, 10th and 12th grades that they too will find peace and comfort in their new home and enrichment in their lives.
- Small Groups are indeed starting again in the New Year and need to grow and flourish now and continue under Pastor Augie.
- Pastor's Lutheranism 101 has begun with good attendance. The subject is an eye opening experience to new & seasoned Lutherans. Try it, you will like it.

EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair



For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me.

Matthew 25:35

In February, I attended a working luncheon sponsored by Interfaith Community Services. Their programs are designed to help people help themselves - to offer a hand up, not a handout. They are a network of over 420 churches, synagogues and other faith centers that pool their resources to help the less fortunate in North County neighborhoods.

For over 30 years the faith communities of North County have sustained and expanded Interfaith's work by contributing ideas, inspiration, prayers, financial support, in kind gifts and countless volunteer hours. These people are really passionate about mission and community service.

I learned a lot about the needs in North County and intend to spend more time with them to see if this is something our church would like to do as a mission outreach program. If you would like to know more about Interfaith Community Services you can check their web site at www.interfaithservices.org

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

?? Q & A Time—A WONDERFUL LIFE ??

Q What is Christian Stewardship?

A A **spiritual** issue involving the management of our entire life.

Q Is it **God's** plan?

A Yes

Q Are you a **Christian** steward?

A Yes

Q What is your **role**?

A Responsible for carrying out God's plan.

Q What kind of a **relationship** do you have with God and with others?

A He trusts you to do a good job. You can trust Him to show you His will. You know He will give you the strength needed to fulfill His will.

Q How does this relate to **Lent**?

A Lent is a time of change—how to further develop your faith and how to remove roadblocks that hurt your life of faith.

Q What does **all** this mean to you?

A God cares how you live as an individual and within your community. His **WORD** is there to guide you; creating a "wonderful attitude of gratitude" -- stewards by God's grace-joyfully and generously sharing what God has entrusted to you.

YES, what a wonderful life! Christ gave His life so that we "might have life and have it abundantly".

John 10:10



LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman



Every year there is a dinner for LCEF reps in our circuit and it was Tuesday, February 8. Our spouses are always invited and we are encouraged to invite other key people in the congregation. I did not invite the President (and First Lady) because he was at Church Council. I did not invite Pastor Pete (and Diana) because he was at Church Council. I did not invite the Treasurer, but you get the idea. As a matter of fact, I attended the dinner by myself for the first time since 1998 when I became your representative. Did I bring home one of the coveted bottles of wine? Beringer Chardonnay. We received the award for "Most Total Investors", "Most Total Dollars Invested" and "Most Dollars Invested per Communicant". Thank you for investing in Lutheran Church Investment Fund.

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

EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



“And He took them up in His arms, laid His hands on them and blessed them.” (Mark 10:16)



Sunday School History

Did you know Sunday School has its roots in eighteenth-century England? Two hundred twenty four years ago a newspaper publisher named Robert Raikes formed a school that taught the basics of Christian faith – as well as reading, writing, and arithmetic; *why* he did this was to improve the behavior and knowledge of poor unschooled children so that they would be useful to society. By the time Robert Raikes died in 1811, it is estimated that 400,000 people attended Sunday School in Great Britain.



Sunday School quickly caught on and soon became a worldwide, laity led movement. This included members of different denominations joining together to accomplish a common goal. In the

mid-1800s as basic education became a focus of common schools in the community, churches took over the Sunday School responsibility and were able to focus on religious instruction.

Today, though Sunday School struggles with attendance, the *why* has not changed: Children benefit from the formal classroom environment to learn the basic concepts of Christian faith. Everything from how to pray to knowing the difference between the commands of the *Law* and the promise and forgiveness of the *Gospel*.

As parents and teachers, we need to be prepared to join in when those ‘teachable moments’ present themselves. Model the Bible truth and don’t be afraid to share how you have applied the biblical truth in your own life. Be real and let children see how you, an authentic Christian, live. Appropriately share the challenges and struggles you face. Keep in mind that even the curious child may not accurately understand the meaning of words or Christian living concepts that are being taught. Remember also that different children have different learning styles such as visual, auditory, and kinesthetic/tactile. Teach the Bible creatively.

Other Sunday School Business

There are a couple of areas where we need Sunday School teaching help. First we have been providing a Sunday School class for the Korean Church and with Sandy moving to be with her daughter in Nevada, that position is open. Her departure also opens up another position in the Pre-K class, teaching every fourth month. We want to start a High School class and need someone to team-teach, which would involve teaching every other month. These are very important roles and if you have any interest, please contact me. The teaching material is easy to use and if you are not sure, it would be fine to teach a class or two to see if this is something you feel the Good Lord has gifted you to do.



MOPS

By Laura Cline

Our next meeting is March 9th. Our speaker this month is Angela, a mother of 13 children who is speaking on practical tips for “Training Children”. We have a play date at RBTS on March 23rd.

MOPS meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month, 9:30 am to 11:30 am. For further information “moms” can contact Laura Cline at lcinedvm@yahoo.com or 760-930-1359. More information about MOPS is available at www.mops.org.

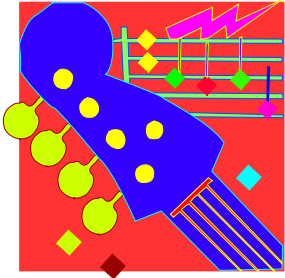
RBTS MOPS is currently full in our child care program for children under 2 1/2 yrs. of age.

Only a few more months and you are free!!

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda

Youth Band News



Guitar lessons for youth began this month. Jack Kovic, our contemporary band bassist, seemed to be having a lot of fun teaching a range of beginning students to those who were in our original Band 101. On the second meeting we gained two more beginning students, bringing our

count to five. We have plenty of room for new students to take advantage of these FREE guitar lessons. Those interested in learning the bass and/or drums are also welcome.

The following are those who are in the program (in alphabetical order). Nicholas Clauder; pianist and vocalist, Hayes Hemphill; rhythm guitarist,

Aaron Segal; rhythm guitarist, Dallas Shaw; rhythm and lead guitarist, Jewleen Toledo; rhythm guitarist.

A special thank you to our sponsors, Sandra Burger, The Hayes Family, The Shaw Family. Without these wonderful people our program would not exist. It is an outreach program as generally 60% of our students are non-church members. We welcome others who wish to sponsor guitar classes at \$60 per month. We always welcome young musicians from our surrounding area. Please contact me at kmesqueda@roadrunner.com or see me after second service to sponsor a class or if you know of a young musician.

Also, thank you to John Clauder, our contemporary band drummer, who volunteers to play drums for the class. John's son, Nicholas, is the youth band pianist.

Vocal lessons are available also. I will be teaching beginning singers on the same evening, same time, as guitar class. We are always short on vocalists for our youth band. I generally must bring my private students in for concerts. I am sure RBTS must have or know of singers, ages 10 and up, who love to sing. Contact me at email address above, if you are a singer or know of a young singer who may be interested.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

We are now in the Lenten Season and that means preparing for Easter. This is an open invitation to join the Chancel Choir this month as we begin rehearsing new anthems and music for the Easter Season.

Come to the Soup Suppers and Lenten Service on Wednesday evenings in the Sanctuary from 6:00 to 8:00 pm and stay for choir rehearsal immediately following the Lenten Service. This is a friendly group who loves to sing praises to our Lord. Please join us! Ages Jr. High through adult



JO VOERTMAN - CHOIR MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Jo Voertman was welcomed by the choir in September, 1995. She and husband, Ken, joined the RBTS congregation in December of that year. Singing in choir is what Jo loves to do. As a youth, she sang in the junior high school choir.

Jo says, "I love to sing. By myself, with others. I do enjoy the camaraderie in choirs."

Jo was born in Washington, D.C. and grew up in suburban Maryland. She was baptized Lutheran at about one month of age. She met Ken at a Walther League (Lutheran Youth Group) meeting in Washington, D.C. They have two children (1 girl, 1 boy), seven grandchildren. Grandson Mike lived with the Voertman's from age twelve to eighteen. Redeemer is the village that raised that child! They also have a great granddaughter who will be two in April.

Jo is a credentialed home economics teacher and also taught music in a Lutheran preschool for twenty two years. These experiences, while not related, show her broad range of expertise. She has also taught swimming (and served as a life guard). Jo even drove a school bus (54 passenger) for four years. She plays tennis and loves to garden.

Jo says that the primary function of every choir member is to give the director a hard time. The secondary function is to do whatever the director asks to the best of one's ability.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML

Norma Russell, President

WORSHIP COMMITTEE

Lois Ziegler O'Donnell



LWML UPDATE

March 8, 2011 at 9:30 A.M. is the regular meeting of Redeemer by the Sea Women's Ministry. Following coffee fellowship, devotions and business meeting the program will be a craft session where we will be preparing Easter materials for the Pre School teachers to use in their classrooms. Please bring scissors. All women of RBTS are cordially invited to join us as we enjoy one another's company and use our hands to God's glory.

Remember your Mite Box!!.

All women of Redeemer by the Sea have been invited by the Women's Ministry Leader of Daybreak Church to join with them for 2 Live Simulcast experiences. The first will be April 1st and 2nd (Friday evening and Saturday morning) featuring Priscilla Shirer who is a speaker delivering the Word of the Lord in a dynamic and refreshing way. Cost for this session is \$15.00

The second Simulcast will be Beth Moore on September 10th (Saturday). Many of you are familiar with Beth Moore from Evelyn Meyer's Bible studies. Cost for Beth's session is \$25 which includes a Panera box lunch. Both of these women have an incredible gift for their deliveries of the Word of the Lord

Cost for both sessions is \$35 and if we have 20 or more women registering I understand there will be a group discount. Registration will be on a first come, first serve basis.

Look for more information on these simulcasts soon.

*Serve the
Lord with
Gladness...
Psalm 100:2*



Our committee has two exciting things to share with you this month.

First, on Sunday, May 22, at 3:30 p.m., Redeemer by the Sea will be hosting THE BELIEVERS, A Christian Student Choir from the Pitea College of Music (Sweden). They have a repertoire spanning from Traditional Hymns to Classical Music, Swedish Folk Music to Jazz.

There should be something for everyone to enjoy, so please mark your calendars now in order to not miss it.

Also, we have promised to provide housing for that evening for the 35 students. Several of our members have already offered to host some of the students, but we need more volunteers. If you are interested in finding out more about that opportunity, please contact me at (760)431-2876, or see me at church.

The second subject I referred to is that Jennifer Frost has come forward to lead our long awaited Community Outreach effort. She has researched a number of possibilities for our consideration, and at this point has set the focus on a Carlsbad Beach Clean Up program. The preschool families will be joining with us in this venture, and it should be a great way to work together on something that will make our greater community a better place. Jennifer is looking for some folks who would like to work on her committee. You can reach her at (760)720-1911. You might also try her e-mail, as Jennifer works during the day, and is the Mom of two little ones. (jenandbri@sbcglobal.net) She most often attends the early service if you wish to speak with her at church. We look forward to hearing from you.

MITE BOXES



Over the years, many Lutheran Ladies Aid societies used a box to gather funds in support of local and synod ministries. Under the original 1928 Lutheran Women's Missionary Endeavor organizational plan, each woman in every congregation would receive a Mite Box if she participated in the Ladies Aid. Receipts from the 92 Ladies Aid societies totalled \$6651.31 in 1930. Mite boxes have changed in color and design over the years, but what has never changed is the dedication of freely given offerings for the purpose of reaching out to others with the Good News of Jesus Christ. Districts still retain 75% of mite offerings for the work of the LWML at that level. National mites fund over \$1 million in mission grants. Anyone can fill up a Mite Box. Take one home today and pour all your loose change in. You will be amazed at how quickly the small box fills up and how powerful it is in our world.

Speech/Language and Hearing Screenings

On Thursday and Friday March 3rd and 4th, 2011 Project TALK will be offering speech/language and hearing screenings during school. If you would like your child to participate please sign the permission slip and enclose a \$25.00 check payable to Project Talk.



A NOTE ABOUT REGISTRATION

We are in the midst of registration for the 2011-2012 school year. Once we complete our in-house registration we will open to the public. If you have any questions regarding registration please call the school office at 760-431-8293.

Mark Your Calendars

Tues. & Wed. March 1 & 2	Chapel, Parents are always welcome
Thurs. & Fri. March 3 & 4	Speech/Language and Hearing screenings 
Wed., March 30	2nd Annual Kindergarten Redeemer Reads
Mon.-Fri. April 4-8	Spring Break - School Closed
Wed. & Thurs. May 18 & 19	4th Annual Art Extravaganza

He called a little child and had him stand among them. And he said: "I tell you the truth, unless you change and become like little children, you will never enter the



kingdom of heaven. Therefore, whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. And whoever welcomes a little child like this in my name welcomes me."

Matthew 18:2-5 (NIV)

School Board Notes

Bobbie Ankenbrandt

On February 6, an agent from Community Care Licensing (California Department of Social Services) visited our campus. These drop-in calls are never announced since the assessment must be made while observing the school as it operates on a typical day. I am pleased to tell you that our facility was found to be compliant in all areas, and the agent was truly impressed! CONGRATULATIONS to our dedicated staff and our outstanding Director!

We continuously receive nice news and reviews from the community. Recently, Chuck and Elizabeth Denton's daughter, Julia, who attends Aviara Oaks Elementary was among a group of students who received Good Citizen Awards; five of those were alumni from Redeemer.

Spring is Springing, and all classrooms are getting ready for Easter! To help with preparations, the LWML Women's Ministries is using their March meeting time to cut, paste, copy, color and anything else to help support our teachers. Thank you Ladies!

Come and visit - you will leave smiling! For example, a classroom window features the theme "Random Acts of Kindness". One response from the heart of a five year old is 'let the beach keep its rocks'. Come and read them all.

Please bring your questions, comments and ideas to the members of the Preschool Board. We are committed to making our school the best Christian Preschool and Kindergarten in North County

Date Night News

In His Service,

Tracey Kiernan

Thank you to all the volunteers that made date night such a success. We had many wonderful compliments. And we already have twelve families signed up for the next date night. What an incredible Blessing!

I had a vision to start a Mission that catered towards young families, in specific Marriage. I have always been told and found to be true that you need to have date nights with your spouse to keep that spark alive. I had no idea that the need was so great right here in our preschool and church community. This mission is to keep date night inexpensive enough to draw everyone here to our church, and inspire them with Christ Centered marriage topics.

Speaking of the next date night it is April 16th from 5-9pm. The date night topic is What every man wants every Wife to know, by Max Lucado. Please sign up to reserve your spot at Traceykiernan@yahoo.com.

We would love to secure at least 8 – 10 adult volunteers for the April date night. We can use 6 for the classrooms and 4 for registration, dinner prep, and Misc help. I believe that the Lord is calling this Mission to be a success but we need your help.

Also, we could use a few toy donations, specifically dolls or Barbies, and games/activities for the 6 and up room –like Rubiks Cubes & Connect Four are just a few suggestions.

Thank you for your continued Prayers and Support of the Family Ministry.

THANK YOU SANDY!

THANK YOU to Sandy Eiler for her dedication in helping in the Church Office every week for the past year, posting attendance and communion data. Sandy sings in the Chancel Choir and has also maintained the Music Library for the Chancel Choir. Sandy has also volunteered in Sunday School and VBS.

Sandy is moving to Henderson, Nevada to be near her daughter and granddaughter and will be missed by all who know her well. WE WISH YOU WELL IN YOUR NEW ADVENTURES!

ELDERS REPORT

Paul Lahr, Chair

ATTENTION ALL MEMBERS OF REDEEMER BY THE SEA LUTHERAN CHURCH!

We currently have SEVEN Elders serving our congregation. Their role is to ensure that our worship services are conducted properly, and most importantly, serve as a liaison with ALL members. They are men to whom you can go for prayer, in times of need, in times of joy, and to share needs, concerns, or problems. Elders also have a responsibility of contacting you as the need arises.

You may contact ANY of the seven, especially if you have already established communication with any of them.

We have divided our congregation alphabetically in order to serve you in an efficient manner, and the following are their names, email addresses, and phone numbers in case you have a need as noted above.

A-C

Marcus Shaw 760 431-5344 marcshaw@adelphia.net

D-F

Ed Meinardus 760 436-4830 emeinardus@gmail.com

G-Ki

Sam Russell 760 931-1947 broomhilda7@sbcglobal.net

Kr-M

John Palmer 760 643-9371 lojohn76@att.net

N-Se

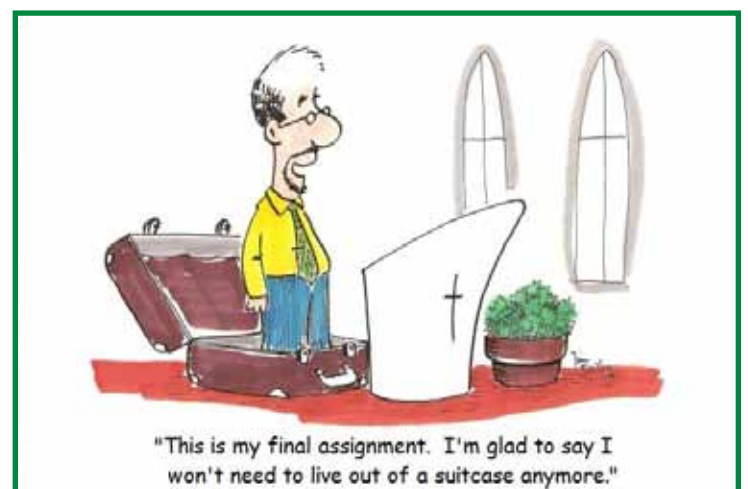
Pastor Suhr 760 433-8712 md_suhr@yahoo.com

Sh-Z

Paul Lahr 760 945-3750 paul.lahr@cox.net

All new members who joined RBTS since December of 2010

Don Winslow 760 720-4678 don.winslow@cubic.com



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES MARCH

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

Every Monday morning
9:15 am- Church Fellowship Hall
Study **Beth Moore's *Beloved Disciple, The life and Ministry of John.***
Everyone welcome & childcare available

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday March 1 and 15 at 1:00 pm
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Neighborhood Bible Study

Every Wednesday morning
9:15 am. March 2, 16, and 30 will be in the Fellowship Hall at RBTS. Check with Bobbie Ankenbrandt on exact locations for March 9 and 23.
Study **Beth Moore's *Beloved Disciple, The life and Ministry of John.***
No child care. Limited seating.
Contact teacher, Evelyn Meyer.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study

Lutheranism 101
Taught by Pastor Pete

DO YOU BELONG TO A GROWTH GROUP YET? DON'T BE LEFT OUT. CHECK WITH THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PASTOR PETE TO GET SIGNED UP!

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

THANK YOU

FROM THE MICHEL FAMILY

TO WML: Thank you to the wonderful LWML bakers who provided delicious Valentine's Day cookies for our family and to Ann Doering for delivering them to our home. What a nice surprise! Chuck was in the hospital at the time, so Emily and I really appreciated your thoughtfulness all the more. We love you all and thank you for your continuous love and support over the past eight years. Each of you are special to us and we thank God for you.

TO THE CONGREGATION: Thank you, dear church family members, for your thoughtful cards, words of encouragement, and phone calls during the past winter months while Chuck's health has declined. We miss worshipping with you. Thank you also to Pastor Pete for visiting Chuck both in the hospital and at home. We are grateful for your caring ministry to our family and to our congregation. You have helped remind us that we are never alone and that the Lord always provides for His children.

TO THE MARCH B/C GROUP: A huge "thank you" to Jo and Ken Voertman and to the March B/C Group members who generously provided financial assistance to help defray our family's numerous medical bills. Your encouragement and message of hope is much appreciated. We are very touched by your kindness and love. We are thankful that our Heavenly Father continues to shower us with His loving care, even during what can seem to be our darkest hours. You are true reflections of His love.

Love In Christ, Chuck, Laurel and Emily Michel

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dank u Thank You

FROM EVELYN MEYER

TO OUR RBTS FAMILY. Thank You! Our Church Family is a circle of love and strength founded on faith, joined in love, kept by God forever together. Your love and prayers have been so vital to my healing. Thank you for the many cards, flowers, notes, and visits. Pastor Pete, Psalm 127 was perfect. Thank you.
Blessings Dear Ones, Evelyn



March



Birthdays

Anniversaries

03/01 Sandra Burger
 03/03 Audrey Allain
 03/03 Barbara Meyer
 03/06 Marcus Shaw
 03/13 Rachel Fulton
 03/14 Dallas Shaw
 03/16 George Ann Barnes
 03/201 Matthew Batherson
 03/24 Cynthia Boone
 03/26 Laura McFeaters
 03/30 Doug Sandow

03/01 Sam & Norma
 Russell
 03/13 Doug & Pam
 Sandow
 03/14 Chuck & Laurel
 Michel
 03/30 Kevin & Shelley
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BIRTHDAY AND CELEBRATIONS

On FRIDAY, February 11, we celebrated the February birthdays of Evonne Salyer and Buck Lehmann and the March birthday of George Ann Barnes at the Overseas Chinese Restaurant. It was a lovely day and we were seated at two round tables and enjoyed a Chinese meal.

Our next luncheon will be THURSDAY April 7 at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad (the golf course) 5800 The Crossings and we will celebrate with Tom Burke, Bob Doering, Evelyn and Lyle Meyer and Dawn Suhr.

The restaurant policy is one check per table of six or eight so cash is needed in order to meet the bill at each table.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be donated to Thrivent Builds – Habitat for Humanity.

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

It was a historic time at Marie Voien's home in January. The Bridge Group had three tables for the first time; dealing, bidding, chatting and fellowshipping. It was delightful to have so many new players! High score was George Ann Barnes, Audrey Wickstrand came in second.

The home of George Ann Barnes was the occasion of our get-together in February and we will play at the home of Carolyn Schmaltz on March 25, 2011, starting at one p.m.

We play from one 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, 1-760-941-1197.



EASTER LILIES

Redeemer by the Sea will be decorating our church with Easter lilies again this year. The flowers are 6 inch lilies and the cost is \$6.00 each. If you could help us by sponsoring a lily, give your money to either Jan Bishop or Ellen Bitner. If you would like to write a check please make it out to the church and put it in the offering plate and mark "Lily" on the check or envelope. Please mark paid by your name when you do this. We will purchase 50 lilies. You are welcome to take your lilies home after Easter services. There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex by Ash Wednesday which is March 9. Thank you in advance for your support.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Office Volunteers are needed to track attendances on a periodic basis. Please send a email note to Pastor Pete if you can help. Or you may call Bonnie mornings in the office.

In the Interim.....

dealing with issues of internal care and maintenance. Yet even that is tempered by the need that many still had to be cared for in that way and by the need for lowering general congregational anxiety concerning the future. Another regret is that I wasn't more demanding of you during my tenure. My excuse: You are too lovely and loving to bring forth my hard-line approach! Plus you already were expecting your next settled pastor to be the chosen replacement. Perhaps Pastor Augie will be more prophetically assertive!

This has been a most rich learning experience for me. Despite the lack of opportunity to help you conduct a self-study **before** beginning the Call process, I believe I was able to be an effective coach and "buffer" and bridge from the previous pastorate to the next settled one to a limited degree. The effectiveness of this interim period should be evaluated primarily by the emotional stability and forward momentum of the congregation as registered about 12 months from now. That will be a sign that what was done to get over the past and move the mission forward during the interim was effective and the stability is the result.

Please understand that it is necessary for me in the leaving process to cut off regular communication with you for at least 6 months and probably a year. After March 20 you should not expect to hear from me. This has no relationship to my affection or high regard for you but to make it perfectly clear for you that you have a new pastor whose ministry along with yours together I support by closing off my contacts with you both socially and professionally for a season. My joy and excitement comes in knowing how I have been a part of your releasing dependence on the past attitudes and patterns and boldly embracing the future. Like all the wonderful people of God in my several previous interims, you are treasured examples of God's grace and will, after this intentional hiatus, be a part of Diana's and my friends for the rest of this journey and the blessed communion of saints forever.

I thank you for the opportunity to serve for this special purpose of transition and I look forward to hearing reports of the progress of the pilgrims (movers and shakers) of Redeemer by the Sea in the years ahead as she discerns and realizes the destiny God has for her. God is good "and his steadfast love abides forever." I truly believe the best is yet to come.

Moving forward.....destinations ahead,

With you in the journey and bidding farewell....

Pastor Pete Alexander

From the President

- I am pleased to announce that a volunteer has stepped forward to lead our Community Service Ministry. Jennifer Frost has stepped forward and is very enthusiastic about leading service projects such as :
 - Responsibility for a designated area of beach cleanup on a trimester basis – this is a perfect project for both preschool kids and parents as well as congregation members
 - Packaging 'back to school' back packs for foster kids – again a school and church project
 - Establish contact with the City of Carlsbad to help us to plan and administer a community garden on plots at the lower (unused) end of our property – great outreach and visibility potential.
 - Plus a host of other ideas, if you have a passion for Community Service or a specific project that you would like to promote, contact Jennifer at 'jenandbri@sbcglobal.net'
- Audit Committee Recommendations to standardize Accounting Practices and Procedures in the Church and School, to incorporate a consolidated financial report to the Voters and upgrade the computer capabilities of the church office were approved by the Council.

Praise the Lord, this month's report is filled with action and anticipation of events and things to come. The Lord is opening doors and providing guidance and leadership for RBTS to extend our Ministries and our Mission.

**“Let us always praise the Lord for
His Mercy endures forever!”**



LENTEN SERVICES

EVERY

WEDNESDAY

EVENING

STARTIN MARCH 9

7:00 P.M.

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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am Traditional (communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)

10:30 am Contemporary (Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)

Sunday Classes

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