

# REFLECTIONS

 **JANUARY 2012**

## PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

### Giving to His Glory

Often when I conclude a prayer with a group of people I will say something like, "all for your glory, Lord, and in your Name we pray." Sometimes I even sign my newsletter articles with "Soli Deo Gloria," which is Latin for "To God Alone be the Glory." This month at Redeemer we are focusing on our stewardship of God's gifts, and the point we want to make is that any giving we do needs to be done to God's Glory.

It's tempting to take the glory of our giving for ourselves; and yet a proper understanding of stewardship begins by recognizing that everything we have – EVERYTHING – comes from God. So anything that we give is really something that belongs to God already. When we faithfully and generously give, we glorify God by recognizing him as the owner.

Another way that we glorify God in our giving is when we realize that God can take our gift, which may seem small to us, and He can make something big out of it! Think of the little boy with five barley loaves and two small fish in John 6. The Apostle Peter's response was, "but how far will [these few loaves and fish] go among so many?" We can relate to his comment when we are faced with the significant task of conducting ministry and reaching out with the gospel to those in need. It can seem to be an overwhelming and daunting task, one that we aren't equipped to carry out. Even our largest gift possible – one year's salary or a lifetime of savings – still would not accomplish all the work that God has for us to do. Truly, you and I must approach our gift giving in the same way that the young man did. He simply gave and trusted Jesus to make something

more out of his gift. When you and I give what we have, and we trust God to use it for a significant purpose, we glorify God.

And we do have a significant calling and purpose before us. Redeemer by the Sea has a beautiful building, and it took great faith on the part of many to get us to where we are today. But God wasn't done when He called Redeemer to build a building. No, He has *plans* for our facilities. He wanted them built so that they could be *full*. Before us today is just as daunting of a task as construction. God is calling us today to make the resources available so that the ministry can grow into those facilities, and even beyond!

This is really a BIG dream. I am fond of big dreams. Are you? If you and I just dream dreams that *we* can accomplish, then how is God needed in those dreams? No, it's important for us to dream *God-sized* dreams – dreams that are so big that they can only be accomplished by God. That way, when those dreams are realized, it is God who gets the glory! It's all about glorifying God. And God is glorified when you and I step out on faith and trust God to accomplish our dreams – those dreams that we know He desires to bless.

Consider the well known story in Matthew 14, where Jesus, walking on water, appeared to His disciples. Jesus had just finished performing the miracle of the feeding of the 5000 (likely with the loaves and the fish from the young man in John 6), and yet the disciples were afraid. Why were they surprised to see Jesus walking



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# THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



## REFLECTIONS ON 2011: COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

### BLESSING NO. 1

2011 began filled with prayer, hopes and anticipation regarding the call that we had extended to Pastor Augie. These hopes and anticipations were fulfilled on January 14, 2011 when we received his formal letter of acceptance stating:

*“It is with joy and anticipation in my heart that I write of my acceptance. In the weeks since first learning of your vacancy and the call process in which I was to be included, the Lord has worked on my heart to show me that this call was indeed from Him and that He clearly works in ways that are beyond our searching out.”*

Praising the Lord and with thanks to the Call Committee we were now setting our plans in motion to receive Pastor Augie and his family.

### BLESSING NO. 2

Pastor Pete having completed his calling as our Intentional Interim Pastor as he guided and prepared us toward receiving our new Pastor in readiness to accept and respect the changes that the new Pastor will bring and look for the newness of purpose to reinvigorate and rededicate our spiritual lives in new directions. With that being accomplished Pastor Pete had worked his way out of a job with honor and dedication to his calling and we bade him farewell wishing for him God's Grace and Blessings as he moves on in his ministry on March 20.

Our Congregation was Blessed to have had him to guide us and serve our Spiritual needs for 15 months and yes, we were well prepared to welcome and receive Pastor Augie.

### BLESSING NO. 3

Following two months of coordinating the relocation and housing for Pastor Augie and family together with an even greater amount of congregational planning, inviting and organizing we held the Installation Service and reception on April 3, 2011. By the Grace of our Lord and with praise and thanksgiving Pastor Augie was duly installed in a Service led by District President Stoterau, as Pastor Augie professed his faith and dedication to become our Spiritual Leader. We are now Blessed with our new Spiritual Leader

Along with Pastor Augie came a Blessing upon a Blessing, Rachele, his beloved partner in life and ministry is now serving as our Office Manager. It is difficult to say whether Rachele is the glue that holds things together and on track or the lubrication that keeps the engine running smoothly. I think it is a lot of both. She has not only taken on the role of Office Manager but has taken on the added task of accountancy which is not only a huge asset to Kelly Sundstrom as Treasurer but has added significantly to our financial visibility and timely reporting. We Praise the Lord for that added Blessing as well.

### BLESSING NO. 4

As part of our commitment in calling a new Pastor, we reinstated our commitment with the LCMS Concordia Insurance Plan for Medical and Retirement benefits for our staff. As of July 1, 2011, we now have a sustaining benefit program for our key Ministry Staff as well as for the qualified teachers in the Preschool/Kindergarten (PSK) consistent with LCMS guidelines. This program is a benefit to all and an incentive for to our teachers as well.

We are now Blessed with a benefit program that cares for those who preach and teach the Gospel message to those whom we serve.

### BLESSING NO. 5

In July 2011, we began discussions with the LCMS Southwest District representatives from the LCEF to explore modifications to our interim loan agreement established in August of 2010 whereby we were incurring approximately \$13,000 per month of negative amortization under original loan interest rates. The purpose of the discussions was to restructure the current loans through adjustments in terms and interest rates whereby we could service these loans through adjustments in terms and interest rates that would allow us to basically maintain our current monthly payments while accruing no negative amortization. To accomplish this we requested and were granted a six month extension to March 2012. Through continued dialog and prayerful guidance we were able to develop an adjustment that now will allow us to service two-thirds of the loan at Principle and Interest and onne-third at interest only with a total increase of approximately \$830 per month additional

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## STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

### THE MONTH OF JANUARY

- Marks a New Year – 2012.
- Is Stewardship Month and the January 22 is Stewardship Sunday’.
- Is when we consider God’s plan for giving.
- Is when the Word of Christ dwells within us.
- Is realizing a gift joyfully given always returns joy to the giver.
- Is when we pledge a share of our resources, thus returning to God a portion of all that He has given us.
- Is learning that the way to life and living is not in keeping but in giving.

#### It is a wonderful month!

The scriptures tell us...

*...no man should appear before the Lord empty-handed: Each of you must bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you. Deuteronomy 16:16b-17*

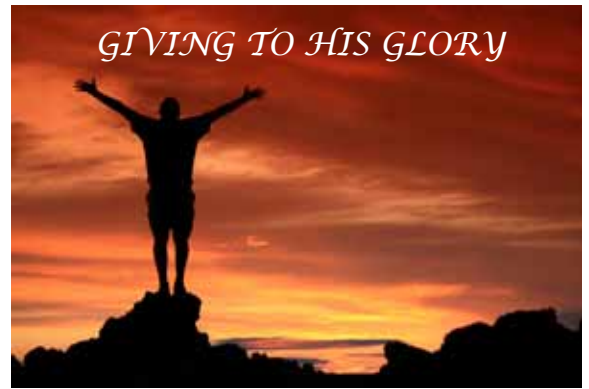
*Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come into his courts. Psalm 96:8*

*Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give...for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7*

You may say to yourself, *My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me. But remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms his covenant, which he swore to your forefathers as it is today. Deuteronomy 8:17-18*

In a few days, you will receive a special stewardship mailing designed by the stewardship committee (Pastor Augie, Faye Bacon, Dave Berrier, Bonnie Brunner, Suzanne Hughes, Audrey Wickstrand, and myself). Hopefully, the information will help you understand how this is the time to measure the greatness of our love to God and our concern for His work at Redeemer by the Sea in terms of the offering commitment we are willing to make.

### GIVING TO HIS GLORY



## EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair

*Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37 (NIV)*

Last month I shared with you some of the things I learned at the Mission U School of Witnessing Workshop presented by the Lutheran Hour Ministries. I continue this month with a question I frequently ask myself, “Why would anyone listen to me?” Satan says: You are not capable or qualified to witness but God assures us that we are. 1 Peter 2:9 says “You are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to God, that you may declare the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His wonderful Light.” In John 16:23b, Jesus says, “... My Father will

give you whatever you ask in My Name.” With such assurance, how can we not make the most of His offer by asking for: the opportunity to introduce Him to someone; a loving and winsome approach; an open mind and heart in the hearer; the ability to listen and perceive; the right words and way to present Jesus; and a positive and lasting response. Trust that He will keep His promise.

As the workshop so boldly pointed out; So... Get Over Yourself! Witnessing is not about me! It’s about Jesus, It’s about His mission, His message and His power; and the person who needs to know Him. It’s our privilege to participate! Remember, you are His instrument. If they do not listen to you, you walk away disappointed, they walk away into eternal damnation.

### The Christmas Play

By Jennifer Frost

Our Christmas Play was a highlight for the Sunday School Crew this past month of December! Our children worked hard memorizing lines, getting costumes just right and learning the songs. It was the culmination of several Sundays of preparation that turned out to be smashing success for the kids. They were rewarded with a fun celebration after the play. The best prize was learning the miracle of Christmas is actually Jesus' birthday party. Thank you to all who contributed to the play in all capacities including washing and mending costumes, supplying snacks for our wrap party, taking pictures, helping the children learn their lines/songs, directing, and the music that tied it all together. Whatever your role was, leading, helping, or encouraging the children, we greatly appreciate the contribution.

### Our Teachers for January:

- Preschool & Kindergarten ~ Laura Cline
- Grades 1-3 ~ Bonnie Shanahan & Jen Frost
- Grades 4-6 ~ Linda Janssen
- Junior & High School ~ Dan Bitner
- Enrichment Coordinator ~ Tracey Kiernan

### Children's Choir Practice

- January 8 Children's Choir rehearses
- January 15 Children's Choir rehearses
- January 29 Children's Choir rehearses
- February 5 Children's Choir sings for the second service



### Sunday School Teacher Highlight Jen Frost



Jen Frost was born and raised in Carlsbad and has lived here her whole life except for the two years she spent in graduate school in Flagstaff, Arizona. She grew up going to Beautiful Saviour, the Wisconsin Synod Lutheran Church in olde Carlsbad. Jen was baptized, confirmed, married and both her children were baptized there as well. In 2009, Pastor Krueger retired and Jen and her family were ready to try the other Lutheran church in town. Jen's mother, Marilyn Winslow, was familiar with the Missouri Synod growing up in Escondido at Grace Lutheran Church. Today, Jen and her husband, Brian, and their two children, Annika and Kian, attend Redeemer along with her mom and dad, Marilyn and Don Winslow. Annika is a graduate of Redeemer's preschool and Kian is a current student in the preschool with our own Ms. Bonnie as his teacher. Jen's sister and brother-in-law, Catherine and Jeremy Nathanson and their daughter, Annalise, became members of Redeemer in 2010.

Jen felt participating in Sunday School was a natural fit since she works in one of our local elementary schools, Pacific Rim, as a Speech-Language Pathologist. This is her first year as Sunday School Co-Coordinator and most recently as a Sunday School Teacher sharing Ms. Bonnie's class with her. Jen loves being with children and teaching them about a love of Jesus and Christianity. She really enjoyed the Christmas Play this year as both her own children were angels.

Jen enjoys camping, hiking and the beach. She is long time tennis player and has recently undertaken golf. She loves spending time with her family and having days when she has absolutely nothing on the calendar because they are so few and far between.



## WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML

Norma Russell, President



### WOMEN'S MINISTRY

#### WHAT IS A PARISH NURSE?

Tuesday, January 10th at our regular Women's Ministry meeting (9:30 A.M.)

will feature Margaret Simonsen, a multi degree'd Registered Nurse for over 30 years is a parish nurse at Community Lutheran Church in Escondido, California.

Come and hear how she pursues her goal to teach and encourage emotional and physical well-being in harmony with spiritual goals. Mark your calendar and join us for this most interesting program.

Please remember that the cancelled stamps on your mail are valuable for missions. Leave a 1/4" border and place them in the "stamp box" in the Narthex. You can bring Mite Boxes at any time.

In the future: "Undie Sunday" in February and we will be hosting the Zone Spring Rally in April with featured speaker, Chaplain Robert Crosson.

### SEWING CIRCLE NEWS

Quite a few residents of 4 convalescent homes in Vista send holiday greetings to members of the LWML!



On Monday, December 12, Mavis Ward & Kathy Seemann delivered a total of 55 lap robes, 16 walker bags & 196 Christmas card packets to Vista Knolls Specialized Care, Life Center Care, La Paloma Healthcare, & Vista Healthcare. The Activities Director of each facility was very appreciative of the donations.

A heartfelt thanks goes to the volunteers who packaged the Christmas cards.

Much gratitude is sent to the ladies of the Sewing Circle of LWML who, throughout the year, spent countless hours cutting squares, threading needles & stitching seams!

## ELDERS

Paul Lahr

In this, our final message for 2011, your Elders wish you a Blessed Christmas. We sincerely hope we've served you well, and have maintained good communications.

We will increase the number of Elders from six to eight for 2012 to be more in contact with you, as well improve service to our Lord and His flock, you and I. We want you to always feel free to contact any Elder in times of need, sorrow, illness, support, or joy. We also want your suggestions and ideas so that we, as a church family, can build and uplift His church and our congregation, as well as one another.

For 2012, we expect to be involved in coordinating the following areas: Two-way communications with ALL members, worship, (which includes greeters, readers for worship lessons, acolytes, communion assistance, baptism), and support for Pastor Augie. If you are interested in serving in any area of worship, contact any Elder, or Pastor Augie. We are very gratified that more and more members are stepping forward and are willing to serve in many of our church ministries. What about YOU?

In His service, John Palmer, Marcus Shaw, Ed Meinardus, Sam Russell, Don Winslow, and Paul Lahr

## LCEF

Jo Voertman

Traditionally the second Sunday in January has been Lutheran Church Extension Fund Sunday. How fitting that this year it comes in the midst of our Stewardship Program.

If you are not yet an investor, now might be a good time to consider supporting this ministry that provides funds to build churches, parochial schools and preschools and helps rostered church workers to obtain their own homes.

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

# CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

Our Chancel Choir, along with members of the Korean Choir, soloists, instrumentalists, and Narrator, Carl Gehring, performed the Cantata, "The Night Before Christmas," on December 18, to a full congregation. After a standing ovation, Pastor Augie led us in a Free Will Offering and Carol singing. Our Choirs did an outstanding job on the gospel melodies, which were lively and featured familiar Christmas Carols. Thank you to Bonnie Brunner for producing an outstanding program cover and content.



The Chancel Choir will take a week off and will resume rehearsals on Wednesday nights from 7:00-8:30pm. Our first rehearsal of the new year will be Wednesday, January 4. Why not start the new year by joining our wonderful choir? Our choir has grown tremendously in 2011, and we have a spot for you. Please join us on Wednesday, January 4, at Sing Praise to the Lord. We will begin rehearsing our Easter music shortly.

If you have any questions, call our Choir Director, Gary Wilson at 858 521-9618 (home) or 858 864-3491,

The Children's Choir will begin rehearsing again on Sunday, January 8. We sing downstairs during the enrichment hour from 10:30-11:15. The choir will sing for Youth Sunday on January 29, for the second service.

Please have your child join us for Children's Choir.

## CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda

Guitar lessons, and band begins on Thursday, Jan 5th.

Beginning guitar, ages 8 thru' 16, 6:30-7:00.

High school, and college age intermediate/advanced band, 7:00-8:00. "Jam" time afterward until 8:30.

No cost! Non-members welcome!

Meet in the sanctuary. For more information contact Kathy-- [kmesqueda@gmail.com](mailto:kmesqueda@gmail.com) or Joe -- [joeflatt23@gmail.com](mailto:joeflatt23@gmail.com)



The Cantata Choirs

## FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehring

Fellowship has been a joy to chair and I look forward to another year creating relationships at RBTS. We are a team and I want to thank each and every one of the team members for their ideas, planning and work that went into each event. Thank you Rhonda Sutherlin, Dorothy Doughty, Hilda Kalaidjian, Linda Janssen, Carl Gehring, Ann Doering, Karen Heiser, Mary Ann Meinardus and Anjie Massey for your wonderful partnership.

The fellowship committee is responsible for several events each year, which are Lenten Soup Suppers, Voters Assembly food, and the Church Picnic. In 2011 we also put on Seoul night, Ice Cream Social, we attended

Pageant of our Lord, we created stepping stones and went to lunch, we Golfed, played Bingo and had a Christmas progressive dinner. A special Thank You to Pastor Augie and Rachele for volunteering their home for the Progressive dinner.

We have many more Christian fellowship ideas that we are ready to produce. If you have any talents in this area, or just want to come and play with us, please let any team member aware of it and we will share how we do it.

## SERMON SERIES FOR JANUARY

### JANUARY 1 - GOD IS WITH US

Guest Preacher - Chaplain Crossan The value of life from the perspective of those prepared to sacrifice that most precious of gifts in combat

*Isaiah 40:26-31, Jeremiah 1:4-5, Matthew 10:28-31*

### JANUARY 8 - STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN GIVING TO HIS GLORY - TRUST MY PROMISES

How God has blessed us in the past? at Redeemer and in our own lives? baptisms, membership growth, building, preschool? Lives Changed and own personal Life Change? Forging ahead when it seemed impossible. David and Goliath. Who'd have thought David could do it!?

Theological Themes: GOD'S FAITHFULNESS. And that propels us to trust Him now. Our GIVING – RESPONSE to what God has done. And THANKS for His provision. (More: Celebrate how God has used our ministry to touch lives and grow the kingdom in the past. This is to help people see the value in our ministry and our patience through our challenges. We're already seeing fruit, but who knows what seeds have been planted for eternity? Only God.) Joshua 23:1-11, 14

*2 Corinthians 1:12-13b, 18-22, Matthew 6:25-33*

### JANUARY 15 - STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN GIVING TO HIS GLORY: - SHARE MY BLESSINGS

God has and IS blessing us. We have many blessings and much to share. This is a defining moment, we're being called to commit to giving to God's Glory, and that means Sharing His Blessings. Theological Themes: We want to SHARE what God has given us. Not a mentality of SCARCITY, but ABUNDANCE. We recognize that God Blesses and Provides. (More: Celebrate all the wonderful things God IS doing in our midst. What an exciting time this is for us now. The actions we do TODAY will set the direction and course for the future.)

*Malachi 3:6-12, 2 Corinthians 9:1-3, 6-11. John 12:20-26*

### JANUARY 22 - STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN GIVING TO HIS GLORY - EXPAND MY KINGDOM

How is God Blessing us for the future? To be a lighthouse/beacon to the Community. The people we WILL reach. What God wants to do through us. Dream big dreams! What can you imagine that God is going to do? Abraham was childless... but God knew how he was

going to work through him – stars in the sky, sands on the seashore. Theological Themes: We want to EXPAND / BUILD God's Kingdom. We want to “live for the Line, not the Dot” (as the Treasure Principle says)... To be used for Eternal purposes. (More: Dream. Think Big. What could God do with us? We'll look at some of the marvelous stories of how God used humble beginnings for great purposes many times in the Bible.)

*2 Kings 4:38a, 42-44, 2 Timothy 1:3-10, Luke 6:27-38*

**COMMITMENT SUNDAY** - Expanded Fellowship - brunch after both services

### JANUARY 29 - YOUTH SUNDAY

Pastor Augie will lead a Sunday Morning Adult Bible Study on Giving/Stewardship on January 8 and 15

## Women's Bible Study

Evelyn Meyers

**Brand New!! Please join us for this 8 week study**

**“JAMES MERCY TRIUMPHS”**

**Mondays January 23-March 12**

**Fellowship Hall 9:15-11:30 am**

**Free Child Care on Mondays-Member Book \$18**

**Wednesdays January 25-March 14**

**Evelyn Myer's Home**

**contact: Evelyn @lylemeyer@roadrunner.com**

James, Jesus' own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore's study James: Mercy Triumphs. Once you get to know both the man and the Book of James, you'll never be the same again.



Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. James is a book with many topics -- social justice, joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer -- all of which are covered in this study.

*(8 video sessions with 7 weeks of print study)*

# KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

We had five Christmas performances this Christmas Season. The children are so eager and excited about the Christmas performances. They came dressed in their "Sunday Best" and as always gave outstanding performances. There were many smiling proud parents and grandparents in the audience.

We have many exciting events planned for the new year. The one event that is looked forward to is Pajama Day.

## Mark Your Calendars

Monday, January 16 Martin Luther King Legal Holiday - SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday and Wednesday, January 24 & 25 - Speech/ Language & Hearing Screenings

Thursday and Friday, January 26 and 27 - PAJAMA DAY!

Tuesday, January 31 & Wednesday, February 1 - Chapel

Monday and Tuesday, February 20-21 President's Break - SCHOOL CLOSED

Friday, March 23 Conferences for 4's, Bonus, Kindergarten - SCHOOL CLOSED - Childcare available

"Dear Jesus, I'm really glad you're my best friend. Thank you, God for giving me such a great present!

Amen.

-Taken from our daily devotions book: God and Me



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

John 3:16



## FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

*Bobbie Ankenbrandt*



What fun it was to watch our school children, filled with excitement and anticipation, get ready for Christmas! There was no shortage of reindeer and snowmen, and colorful, "unusual" ornaments created for their family trees. But amid all the glitter and glitz, the Christmas story (the true Reason for the Season), was being told, Christmas productions were being practiced, and the message from the Manger was being taught in every classroom.

The kindergarten classes took the spirit of the season into a neighborhood convalescent home, and the children performed their Christmas pageant, sang songs, and shared stories and hugs! (See picture) They left amid applause, waves, and smiles.

## MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES JANUARY

### 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

In January we will be studying Beth Moore's  
*James Mercy Triumphs*. Sign-up now. Books  
\$18.00  
9:15 am to 11:30 am  
Church Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday January 3 and 17 at 1:00 pm  
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.  
*Teacher: Alice Lehmann.* 760-941-1197

### Neighborhood Bible Study

In January we will be studying Beth Moore's  
*James Mercy Triumphs*. Sign-up now. Books  
\$18.00  
9:00 am to 11:30 am  
Evelyn Meyer's home.

### Sunday Morning Adult Bible Classes

Fellowship Hall  
9:45 am

For more details on the above Bible Studies,  
call the Church Office 431-8990.

## THE UNDOING

It is time to pack away all the Christmas decorations that have so beautifully adorned our church this Christmas season. Join us on Saturday, January 7th at 9:30 a.m. to take down and store the decorations.

Let BJC-Lahr know if you can help! ([bjclahr@cox.net](mailto:bjclahr@cox.net))

The church looked beautiful this holiday season. Thanks to all who helped on December 10th. A special thanks to each of you.

## MEET AND GREET

January 18 at 6:30 pm. If you are new to the ministry of Redeemer by the Sea, come meet Pastor Augie and some other leaders from our church, have some coffee and dessert in a relaxing and informal setting. There will also be a brief time for Q&A. You can bring the whole family! Childcare is available with pre-registration

## BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will celebrate the December birthdays of John Bacon, Suzanne Hughes, Norma Russell, Marv Suhr and Jo Voertman and the January birthdays of Jan Bishop and Erika Reiswig on FRIDAY, January 20 (2012) at 11:30 a.m. at the Broken Yolk Café, 2434 Vista Way in Oceanside (in the Trader Joe's shopping center, across the street from the Macaroni Grill shopping center).



Lunches range from nine to eleven dollars. The building formerly housed the Country Harvest and later, Crabby Bob's and has been open for a few weeks under its new name—it has been fully remodeled.

In addition to your lunch, we request a donation of one dollar per celebrant which will go to Concordia Seminary (Saint Louis).

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).

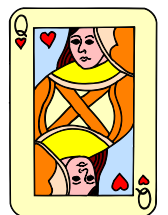
## BRIDGE CLUB

Happy New Year and welcome to 2012! Bridge begins on Friday, January 27, 2012 at the home of Marie Voien at 12:30 p.m.

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 Co-ordinator, Alice Lehmann, [buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com](mailto:buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com), 1-760-941-1197.



## Pastor Augie.....Continued

on water? Is anything too hard for God? Of course not. Why then are we afraid to put our faith in a miracle-working God?

It's very instructive for us to consider what happened next in the story. Jesus called Peter to step out of the boat and walk on water! Could anything be more absurd? And yet Peter stepped out on faith, and he walked on water! It's important to note, however: *he* didn't do it. *Christ* did it. Jesus simply used Peter to demonstrate God's power to do the impossible. When Peter tried to accomplish the water-walking on his own, he looked around, saw the waves, was frightened and sank. On his own, Peter failed. It wasn't until he looked to Christ for strength and power that he was able to make the journey.

In fact, this Bible passage is very clear about who gets the glory. As you recall, when Peter and Jesus got into the boat, did the disciples cheer for Peter saying, "Yay! Peter, you walked on water?" No, the Bible says simply, "*Then those who were in the boat worshiped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'*" (Matt. 14:33) God got the glory.

When you and I give this year – however much God leads us to give – may it be simply that we trust God to make something out of our gift, that we dream God-sized "impossible" dreams, and that we give to glorify God.

Soli Deo Gloria,

Pastor Augie

### LEADERSHIP MEETINGS

Please also note that in 2012, Pastor Augie is asking ministry leaders to attend a quarterly leadership and planning meeting. He is scheduling these for the second Saturday of the quarter (when possible). The first of these is on Saturday January 14 from 9 am to 11:30 am. The meeting will consist of time for sharing, updates and learning. Also, we will compare the progress of the ministry against our annual plan. The conclusion of the meeting will involve a more detailed time of scheduling and planning and those not currently planning events/activities will be able to leave the meeting early if they choose.

So please mark your calendars for Sat. Jan 14th, 9 am - 11:30 am and plan to attend. God has great things in store for Redeemer in 2012! ... and He wants to use ALL OF US to accomplish it.

Please also extend this invitation to anyone else that you have identified as a leader in your ministry area.

## President's Report.....Continued

budgetary loan payments. That proposal was approved by the Voter's Assembly in December and the loan papers were signed on December 28, 2011.

We are now Blessed with a loan package that not only has no negative amortization but we are able to begin to pay down our loan with payments applied to the Principle. Praise the Lord!

### BLESSING NO. 6

In July and August through both membership and leadership group workshops, a Ministry Development Program was developed along with a Goal...expressed simply as **500 by 500** meaning that we, with the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit would achieve worshipping 500 souls per week by October 31, 2017...the 500th Anniversary of Luther's Reformation Proclamation! The fundamental basis for the Plan is **Worship – Grow – Serve.**

Defined as:

**Worship:** Continually strive for quality in our Worship Services.

**Grow:** Enrichment of the Ministries to our members & attracting visitors & new members

**Serve:** Reaching out to the needs of our community and beyond with Christ centered outreach service projects

The Ministry Development Plan was presented and approved by our Voter's in September AND the plan and the process will be reviewed through quarterly member/ leadership workshops... Next scheduled for Jan 14, 2012 We are now Blessed with not only our Vision to be a Spiritual Lighthouse to our Community but a Goal **500 by 500** to strive for.

### ENDLESS BLESSINGS

We are Blessed with countless gifts from the Holy Spirit as we watch our Congregation Grow in Spirit and Service. This is not just Pastor Augie's work and ministry; IT IS GOD WORKING AMONG US WITH NEW ENERGY, SPIRIT AND DEDICATION. May He continue to lead us and guide us as we move forward to fulfill our Great Commission to seek souls to bring to Christ.

In His Service,  
Jim Brunner, Council President



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