

REFLECTIONS

AUGUST 2011

PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

Prayer Meetings Are Here!

Greetings Redeemer family and friends,

Something new is coming to Redeemer by the Sea - **weekly prayer meetings!**

Prayer is important. You've heard me talk about it in sermons, and no doubt you've read Scripture references like this one in Ephesians chapter 6:18 *"And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the saints."* Prayer is truly

the lifeblood of every Christian, and it's the lifeblood of our ministry at Redeemer by the Sea as well.

However, it's not enough to just *talk* about prayer - we must do it! Something amazing happens when brothers and sisters gather together in Christ's Name. Through the Holy Spirit, the Lord is brought into our midst and His power is brought to bear on problems and concerns as well as people and plans. Not only that, but the old saying is true: *"A family that prays together stays together!"* A church family that is constantly gathering in prayer begins to develop a bond and unity that Satan cannot easily tamper with. It's this kind of unity in calling and purpose that I desire to see for our ministry at Redeemer. It's this kind of unity and Spirit driven ministry that will enable us to effectively serve and disciple the people that God sends to us and to make a difference in our community and the world!

With that in mind, I am calling us

together for regular weekly prayer beginning in August. Recognizing that people's schedules are varied and yet trying to be accessible to as many people as possible, I've established the following schedule:

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



My hope is that the variation in meeting times will allow you to attend at least one or two meetings a month that fits around your work schedule and other commitments. The times have also been set so as to avoid small group meetings, leadership meetings (Church Council and Elders) as well as choir practice. In fact, it may work well to attend a prayer meeting then head to your Bible Study or choir practice right after.

The format for the meetings is very simple: There will be an opening time of devotion, followed by a time of sharing & celebration, and then will conclude with a time for prayer requests and general prayers. We will take time to pray for any specific needs that we are aware of as well as the needs of the various ministries of the congregation. The prayer meeting should take about 30 minutes. But what a valuable 30 minutes! By gathering together and seeing each other face-to-face we will be able to strengthen our relationships with

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



In the ministries and activities of our church, there is no Summer break, especially not this year as we introduce our new fiscal year planning moving from the previous January to December to

the new September through August fiscal year planning and reporting structure. Not only does this require the establishment of the new operating budgets for both the church and the school, but, following the recommendations of the Audit Committee we have now structured our accounting system so that the church and school 'Chart of Accounts' are now compatible within the accounting categories to allow us prepare a consolidated financial statement to present to the Voter's Assembly. The church and the school continue to operate with two separate bank accounts using the same Quick Books Accounting software. These reports will be provided at the September 17th Voter's Assembly meeting along with the new fiscal year budget presented for Voter's approval.

Within our ministries we continue to define and refine the ministry programs for the coming year not only to develop the 2011-2012 budget but also to extend our planning into the 3- 5 year time period with the emphasis on increasing our efforts and establishing Goals and Objectives to not only improve our ministries to our members but equally important to reach out to the unchurched and under-churched with programs to bring them to know Christ and to grow in their faith along with our members. In last month's Reflections I outlined the Eight Systems within a healthy church that Pastor Augie introduced for us to consistently evaluate and develop. Without repeating these eight segments, they all center upon the basic themes of WORSHIP (How we worship, corporately and individually); GROW (How we grow, in our faith through spiritual enrichment); and, SERVE (How we serve, both to our fellow believers and we evangelize to our communities).

This is an exciting time at RBTS, we have much to learn and much to do. Watch for opportunities to serve in these planning activities. We continue to be blessed with opportunities, our new member reception this Sunday is just a stepping stone for more new member Sunday's to come. Our VBS was again a huge success with a sellout attendance a month before the event... do we need to think about having two sessions next

year! Right now it is just a thought, but isn't it also an opportunity, let's figure out how we can do it! The plans for upgrading our 'Youth Lounge/Room or whatever title may be adopted' are well underway, not yet defined but committed, look for remodeling to happen within the next month!

One other very important activity held in July was a joint meeting with the District representatives from LCEF at our request. The purpose of the meeting was to:

1. Review our current financial outlook and our loan performance over this past year.
2. Explore conditions to restructure our current loan profile under which we would be able to significantly reduce or eliminate the negative amortization interest fee on a portion of our total loan

The meeting concluded with LCEF outlining the conditions under which they would consider revising our loan structure under which RBTS would submit a strategic plan to define our short and long range plans for the ministry outreach development where we can define the programs to pursue the growth potential that we have within our community. To accomplish this we need to develop a strategic plan with achievable Goals and Objectives that will provide us with the resources to not only meet the requirements of our debt obligations but to move forward and invest our time, our talent and our resources to pursue and achieve our Mission to be a Lighthouse to our community.

With God's help, dedication from our congregation and prayer that is something that I know we are capable of. The opportunities are there for us accomplish. We have a flourishing preschool and kindergarten who accomplished such growth to provide a Christ centered education for the preschool and kindergarten youth of our community. Together with the Lord's help and guidance from the Holy Spirit, that is a challenge that I believe we are capable of.

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

EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair



“Why does the church exist?” We certainly exist to worship God and to grow in wholeness and Christlikeness, but Jesus made it clear that we must also give of ourselves if we

hope to keep growing. The Great Commission links God’s special presence to the action of the church going into the world. “Go therefore and make disciples... and lo, I am with you always” (Mt 28:19-20, RSV). God is with us in an immediate sense as we carry His life into the world.

Human nature always points the emotional compass inward. To be the church, we must on occasion point that compass outward. Jesus promised that “rivers of living water” would flow out of the hearts of all who believe in Him. As we bring the kingdom of God into the community, we will change the world in which we live.

Steven Sjogren of Cincinnati wrote the book, *Conspiracy of Kindness*, about Servant Evangelism. The theme is *Small Things Done with Great Love Will Change the World*. In his books and his church he fosters evangelism through small everyday acts in the community that he hopes will change the way people view the church.

Servant Evangelism wins the heart before it confronts the mind. A small act of kindness nudges a person closer to God, often in a profound way as it bypasses ones mental defenses. The average Christ-follower is willing to hand a stranger a can of cold Coke on a hot day (low risk). The high grace is seen in the typical reaction. “Oh, thank you!” “This is so nice!” “I can’t believe this is for free!” And, “Why are you doing this?”

Kindness builds the bridge for the person to receive a touch of love from God. It’s simple, practical, effective, inexpensive and fun!

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

Reflections + Actions = Stewarding Our Resources

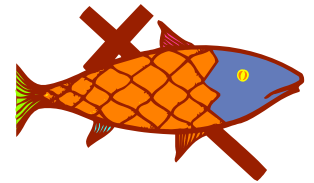
August is the month, when we

- Hope the May gray and June gloom that has carried over to July is gone, (although it is not too promising this year)
- Take that last vacation before fall,
- Realize students soon will be returning to school
- Know summer is more than ½ over....

As stated in Ecclesiastes 3:1---8, *There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity...*

What does August mean to you?

Have you realized that “personal stewardship” is what one does with what one has and hopefully, without ‘worry’.



God’s desire for us is simple, and yet more stretching and fulfilling than we can imagine. He wants us to be wise managers of all He has entrusted to us, and generous givers who give in response to His great love. Because of who God is and all He has done, we always have reason to celebrate Him.

SO during this month of August, do not hesitate but step forward and determine where or how you can share/volunteer your talents and resources-whether time or financial.

What matters is the *willingness*. 2Corinthians 8:12 AND that ...*each part does its work*. Ephesians 4:16

So enjoy the last days of summer and never forget that it is our involvement which help us enjoy RBTS.

Now it is required that those who have been given a trust must prove faithful. 1Corinthians 4:2.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

Have you ever called 1-800-843-5233 (Lutheran Church Extension Fund-home office, Saint Louis)? Practically always a human being will answer your call, but if you are lucky, you can hear the greatest music ever put on hold. I tend to be impatient (just ask my husband) but I could wait on hold for quite a while at that number. And if you do call and get a human, you can get superb advice on investments.



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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Change Change ...

It has been said that the only constant is change, and further that the rate of change is constantly accelerating. Now what does that mean for us living in the everyday world? Well when we look at all of society the changes are everywhere. It appears we are in a 'new' economy, where company profits seem to be OK, but a lot of people don't have jobs. As a nation, we began taking steps to have the government more and more in charge of our daily lives, although that approach now seems in question. Our schools seem to be changing for the worst and on and on...

A research study several years ago (*National Study of Youth and Religion*) under the direction of Dr. Christian Smith, Professor of Sociology at the University of Notre Dame, and Dr. Lisa Pearce, Assistant Professor of Sociology at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, identified some disturbing changes. They found that a growing number of adolescents (ages 13–17) reported they were unsure about their belief in God, fewer reported belief in a personal, involved God, fewer reported belief in a judgment day, and fewer reported belief in angels or some form of afterlife. On the other hand, there were slight overall increases in the proportion of these adolescents who believed in demons and evil spirits, reincarnation, and astrology.

The cases where the youth's spirituality is noted to be increasing coincide with the youth who are involved with their church. The opposite is reported for those attending religious services and religious education classes less often. That in itself is not hard to comprehend and it's just a case of understanding why the drop off in participation. The single most common "less religious" answer overall was a result of being too busy. School, work, extracurricular activities, and friends were examples of things that fill their time; religion appeared to be getting squeezed out. Two things stand out- First, children who have a foundation of participation in their church are more likely to continue in their faith and Second, those children who are not

afforded the opportunity of early participation are the most at risk of being 'squeezed out' due to other competing activities.



"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn from it." Proverbs 22:6

Other Sunday School Business

One of the things we are doing to attract more youth to Sunday School / Bible Study is make the timing and variety of the program more in-line with today's busy families. Beginning in September, we are going to provide more options for all ages, including Pre K – 6th grade Sunday School to coincide with the Worship Service, to help those with already full family schedules. We are also going to provide a High School / Confirmation class that will not conflict with the Worship Service and will be taking steps to restart our Youth Group. Other changes will be made as we see opportunities, such as young adult class, music, crafts and Children's Church. Pray for these changes to move us in the right direction and please consider joining in to help out in some way.



Rally Day (*September 11*) will be our next big event and will also be the start of the *new* Sunday School program. This Q&A session is always fun to watch as the children get a chance to Witness to the members of the Congregation who are able to attend.

MOPS will not meet through the summer months. Fall registration will begin in August. Contact the church office for more information.



CHOIR MEMBER OF THE MONTH

HEEYA HWANG

Our Music Department and congregation welcomes Mrs. Heeya, Hwang as our new organist/pianist for the First Service. Heeya started Sunday, July 24, and will be playing for our First Service every week. As you know, Katie Klaerich has moved to Colorado to attend school, and our Music Interview Committee selected Heeya as our top candidate.

Heeya is married and lives in Carmel Valley. She was born in Korea, and has 20 years experience in church music as an accompanist/Organist/Pianist. She has played piano since the age of 5. Here are a few items of interest about Heeya:

- * In May, 1998, she played a student recital and studied at the Royal Canadian College of Organists in Winnipeg Centre.
- * Heeya has a Bachelor of Music in Piano Performance from Chongshin University, Seoul, Korea, in 1992.
- * She attended the Master Class Program at Hochschule Fur Music Hanns Eisler, Berlin, Germany in 1996.
- * Heeya is the accompanist for the Carlsbad Korean Church, here at Redeemer By the Sea.
- * She has served as the accompanist for the Hanmee Korean Church, and the Hebron Korean Church in Chicago 1999-2001
- * She also served as the accompanist for the Manitoba Korean Church in 1998, and the Myungsung Presbyterian Church, in Seoul, Korea from 1990- 1997.

Heeya Hwang teaches piano and organ from her studio in Carlsbad, and is available to take on additional students from the Carlsbad area. She has also sung with and accompanied our Chancel and Carlsbad Korean Choirs for our last Easter Cantata in May. We welcome Heeya to Redeemer By the Sea, and look forward to listening and working with her every Sunday, and Wednesday nights for choir practice.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

AUGUST IS THE TIME TO JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

We invite you to join us on Wednesday, August 3, as we begin rehearsals for the fall. 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.

The Chancel and Korean Choirs will begin rehearsing our Christmas Cantata beginning Wednesday, August 10. We will be working on a new Cantata entitled, "The Night Before Christmas", a Musical Celebration of the Christmas Story, created by Joel Lindsey. This is one you will really enjoy, and it will get you into the Christmas Spirit.

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.



MEET THE BAND

Easy-going, Rock Guitarist Joe Flatt

Flatts are found in all styles of music, in particular the Jazz and Blues genre. But our worship band's lead guitarist, Joe Flatt, is more Rock! His taste in music was actually shaped by listening to his dad's music collection, which included Van Halen, Red Hot Chili Peppers, and Green Day.

Joe says he may have inherited some musical ability from his mother, a fine pianist. But he admits his piano lessons, taught by a neighbor, soon fell by the wayside. Sometime later, when he was in the eighth grade, he received a used guitar for his birthday. The interest in playing music was again short lived.

The first ten years of Joe's life was spent in the suburbs of Chicago. Then his family moved to his father's birthplace, Mishawaka, Indiana. It was during high school, at a L.C.M.S. National Youth Gathering in Orlando, Florida, that Joe's interest in playing music reappeared. Only this time it became a passion. He and his now best friend, Dave, formed "The Orlando Project", a band named in honor of their Orlando experience. They played many shows during their high school years, with Dave on drums and Joe on guitar.



After high school Joe didn't know what his major would be in college. All he knew was that he enjoyed playing music more than doing anything else, and he wanted to know everything about it.

Joe's previous formal training in music was very limited, so he had to play a lot of catch-up. He studied Classical guitar, which helped him learn proper techniques. He explains that it was like learning an entirely new instrument. He and Dave played in acoustic bands, which helped hone his skills further. But the Rock genre didn't disappear, and he also played in a Metal band for a time. Joe was also gaining knowledge of the business side of music, and became president of M.E.S.A. (music enterprise student association). In 2010 he graduated from Valparaiso University with a Bachelor of Arts in Music Industry (basically a music major with a business minor).

In July of 2010 he entered into an internship at N.A.M.M. (National Association of Music Merchants). This is what brought him to Carlsbad. Through his association with N.A.M.M. he was able to make music industry connections, grow professionally, and land a job at Audience (home sound systems). Joe was working in the Museum of Making Music on Sundays, which is housed in the N.A.M.M. the building. At the same time he was searching for a church through the L.C.M.S. search engine. You see, Joe was raised in a Lutheran family. His grandfather is a retired Lutheran Pastor. It was only

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

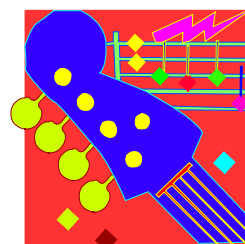
Kathy Esqueda

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. Get started in August, and you'll be caught up with everyone else by September.

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 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.



natural that he wanted to spend his Sundays in worship. When Joe no longer was working on Sundays, he visited Redeemer By The Sea.

Joe says he began attending R.B.T.S. around February or March. He met a man named "Bud", (could that be our Bud Johnson?) who introduced him to Jack, our then bassist, who introduced Joe to the band. The following week Joe was playing for worship.

A few weeks later he took the position as teacher for Youth Guitar Class. He's a perfect choice for the job. Joe's also a good fit for our worship band—hard working, talented, dedicated, and easy-going. In order for musicians to work well together, a steady disposition is mandatory.

Of course, talent obviously is a must. And, I think we will see some surprises in the future from Joe. I don't think he's shown everything he knows on that guitar, the same guitar he was given for his birthday some years ago. It's his favorite. And, he'd probably tell you that he still enjoys Rock music, whether playing or listening. But mainly I believe he truly likes playing for worship. It's even better playing Rock for THE TRUE ROCK!

To hear some of Joe's original music, and read more about him go to joeflatt.com or look him up on myspace.com/joeflatt. Better yet, talk with him after late service—one on one.

SALUTE TO RUSS ERICKSON AND BUCK LEHMANN

By Dorothy Dahlen and Bobbie Ankenbrandt

We know everyone who enters our Sanctuary is awed by its beauty. But, we're not sure how many people know who is responsible for creating these exceptional furnishings.

Russ Erickson and Buck Lehmann may be two unlikely best friends. One doesn't talk very much and one doesn't hear very well.. but that has never interfered with their communication! We'd like to share just a little bit of how the Lord brought this amazing team together!

As with most mission churches, Redeemer by the Sea began holding services wherever they could find a building to rent! Sundays for us started in the Women's Club in Carlsbad, and as the congregation grew, moved to a vacant building in a local business park. It needed a lot of work to make it resemble a church, and that's when Russ Erickson entered the scene! His experience on a Navy vessel during WW2, (transporting men and supplies to islands being invaded in the South Pacific) meant he had to rely on whatever supplies were available ... "there weren't many Home Depots in that area!!" But, at 75 years of age, Russ wasn't sure his help on this _current project would be requested. Of course, it was, and almost immediately he went to work to help transform an empty office complex into a beautiful place of worship.



When the Lehmanns moved to Carlsbad and became members of our Church, Buck's skills were quickly recognized. Later, when expansion became a serious discussion, both Buck and Russ began to enthusiastically collaborate on making the vision for a new Church become a reality.

They made plans, designed furnishings, collected materials, consolidated tools, and moved into Russ's "workshop"! Both Alice and Eileen said of those days 'they always knew where they could find their husbandseither in the garage workshop or traveling between LA and San Diego on "Scavenger Hunts"!

Over 20 pieces of furniture in the Sanctuary (using maple and cherry woods and inlays) come with intricately designed Crosses and each one has a story. Personal reflections could fill a book chronicling the spirit-filled journey from the drafting table to reality! However, this article can only accommodate a few. One of the highlights is the installation of the mighty Cross that hangs from the Sanctuary ceiling. Weighing 76 pounds, you can imagine the ingenuity it took to construct it, and suspend it from the ceiling, using only TWO theatrical wires! The hollow

framework of the cross is surrounded by 66 pieces of intricately placed dark and light wood.



In the early design plans, this team decided to bring some of the furnishings from Redeemer's original location (including part of the Altar rail) and include them in a prayer chapel. Come look at this lovely place of personal worship located behind the choir area.

Another interesting story involves the candelabras. We see the candles being lit every Sunday, but how many of us know they were HAND MADE! Many, many hours went into experimenting with the wicks to insure both reliability and burning longevity!

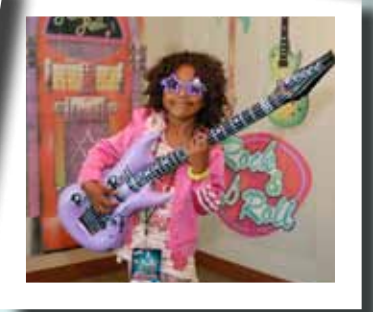
The Baptismal font was carefully designed to hold the assymetrical clear crystal bowl, and configured so that the congregation would be able to view the water being administered during the rite of Baptism.

There wasn't much verbalizing between these two good friends. Words weren't really necessary because they shared such passion for what they were doing, and had mutual rapport, trust, and respect for each other. (Buck says he "learned from the master"!). Only three words were guaranteed to be heard each day at exactly 11:15... "TIME FOR LUNCH"!

Those who visit the classrooms of Redeemer's school are truly impressed by the unique beauty of the over 200 pieces of furniture which bear Mr. Buck's signature! All the learning centers include his handiwork... from play store fronts , illuminated easels and art tables, "quiet cubes" (for reflection!) and baby cradles (lovingly embellished with 'Linens by Alice!') The crosses in each classroom were designed and made by Mr. Buck, as well as the magnificent cross that greets guests as they enter the school office. I could go on and on, but maybe it's best to just leave you with a visual picture of these two gifted, wonderful, Spirit-filled men.... Buck and Russ working side by side, knee-deep in discarded wood chips and sawdust to make over 1000 blocks for our preschool children.

THANK YOU, RUSS AND BUCK!
AND GOD BLESS YOU BOTH!

Vacation Bible School



VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Directors: Dan Bitner and Justin Finke

What a delightful VBS program we enjoyed this year and what great support we had. Our VBS Team included over 60 staff helping with the program. This included several visiting family members and friends as well as some non-member alumni who helped out as Roadies to earn community service hours for High School. My heartfelt thanks goes out to all who participated and please cherish the wonderful thing you did for these children through your volunteer efforts.

As I watched through the week I was continually amazed at the energy of the children and the caring attention they received from the VBS Team. I also appreciated the new audio-video facilities in the Sanctuary that we were able to take advantage of; it was fun to watch the kids singing and dancing with the music. We ended the week with our traditional picnic style hot dog lunch and most of the families stayed around to enjoy the fellowship time that provided. Many of the parents came up to me to say thanks for the great time their child had. Pastor Augie invited all to Church Sunday and a number of them came to listened again to their children sing to the Lord.

We used the VBS program from Go Fish and while they are a musical oriented, they are also very Bible centered. They did a good job of linking the stations activities together, so the message to the kids, from the opening Concert to the Craft, to the Snack to the closing Encore was consistent.

Our VBS objective is to share the gospel of Jesus Christ and to teach the importance of the Bible to the children. The Go Fish theme reads: In a world that is always searching for “the next big thing”, some things never change and can never be improved upon. God, His Word, His Promises, and the Gospel will always remain unchanged and that is why we choose to kick it old school! We will reinforce this concept through an 80’s “old school” rock and roll concert environment. We will start and end each day with a “concert” and “encore” time of worship. Children will then take their backstage VIP passes and their Bibles to explore all of the areas of Vacation Bible School.

Our Mission Project this year was to support OneVerse, a program of The Seed Company that supports local Bible translators as they make God’s message available in the language of their people. We collected enough to support translation of four verses, which may

include first creating the written language to be used.

Our VBS Team performed wonderfully and included the following (some had more than one role):

Concert leader: Pastor Augie.

Registration: Russ Hanthorn, Rachele Iadicicco, Dave Berrier, Jennifer Frost, Bill Barnes and Barb Bukowski.

Roadies: BJ Lahr, Audrey, Matt, Sandra Burger, Elizabeth Denton, Joanie Doyle, Luann Goedert, Krista Hadam, Suzanne Hanthorn, Karen Heiser, Tori, Deo, Emerald, Tessia, Hilda Kalaidjian, Tracey Kiernan, Paul Lahr, Karissa, Kyle, Norma Russell, Alexis, Dallas, Chloe, Rachel, Christina and Lois O’Donnell.

Bible Study: Bobbie Ankenbrandt and Joan Wilson.

Mission Project: Laura Cline, Jo Voertman and Carol Tufte.

Crafts: Ellen Bitner, Jan Bishop and Jo Brandt.

Snacks: Shelly Lynaugh, Jenny Swick, George Ann Barnes, Ann Doering and Dorothy Dahlen.

Games: Liam, Shelby, Bailey and Jake.

Art: Shirley Hawley and Andrea O’Brien

Music: Gary Wilson.

Photography: Chuck Denton.

Decorations/setup: Heather Finke, Lauren Luecke, Frank Esqueda, Ken Voertman and Jerry Ankenbrandt.

Co-Directors: Dan Bitner and Justin Finke.

Friday Lunch: Barbara Gehring, Diana Lee (and daughter), Carl Gehring and Sam Russell.



KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

Our Summer Camps have been wonderful! During our fourth session of camp, Buck Lehmann



will be teaching a woodworking class where campers can sign-up to make bird houses.

Every Thursday and Friday of each camp session, our campers have been having lots of fun playing with the water blasters in the grassy area and enjoying a popsicle treat.

WOW! How exciting it is to begin our third year in the new school building. Our present enrollment is approximately 275. We welcome back our existing teachers: Lindsey Anguiano, Kim Boon, Tanya DeLaby, Kim Filips, Lindsay Finney, Stephanie Imlay, Lori Lauffenburger, Joyce Lee, Michelle Loftin, Marian McDaniel, Marion McKone, Debbie Milne, Taylor Sainz, Bonnie Shanahan, Vicki Sitarz, Nicole Welty and Robin Zale. We would like to announce the addition of two new teachers to our staff: Missy McBride and Nicole Surya.

We are all looking forward to another fantastic year at our school.

Summer

Mark Your Calendars

Monday- Friday
July 25-August 5Session #3 Sports Camp

Monday-Friday
August 8-August 19 ...Session #4 Safari/Camping

Monday-Friday
August 22-August 26.. SCHOOL CLOSED: Teachers
back to work

Monday
August 25..... BACK-TO-SCHOOL WEEK

Jesus said, "Whoever welcome this little child in my name welcomes me; and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. For he who is least among you all - he is the greatest." Luke 9:48 (NIV)



Your family is invited to join us to celebrate the presence of the Rady Children's Hospital NICU in our community. Bring your push toys, tricycles, bicycles, children - of course, & helmets*, and participate in Carson's Trike & Bike -- a new event to benefit Rady Children's Hospital NICU. Carson's Trike & Bike will take place on Saturday, August 13, 2011 from 8am-12 Noon at Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church and School parking lot. Trike & Bike events are for ages 0-5.

**Saturday,
August 13th
8AM-Noon
Redeemer
By The Sea
-parking lot**

The special event will also feature family fun activities (for older siblings too) to include live music, face painting, Playball Station, crafts, refreshments and a surprise visit from the Carlsbad fire station! All bike, trike and push-toy commandos will receive a t-shirt and medal for their participation. Kids are encouraged to decorate their two, three, or four-wheeled toys!

Visit www.carsonstrikeandbike.kintera.org to register or donate to the event. 100% of the registration fees and donation will benefit the NICU at Rady.

FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehring, Chair

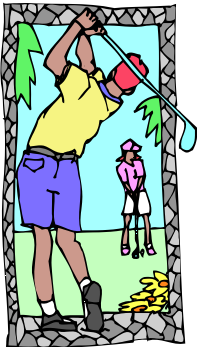
RBTS ANNUAL PICNIC CELEBRATE OUR FREEDOM!

SEPTEMBER 11

AVIARA COMMUNITY PARK

1PM TO 4:30PM

Hot Dogs, Hamburgers, Korean Teriyaki
Volleyball and Lots of Kids Games
Please wear your red, white, and blue!



Save the Date

Golf!!!

Saturday Oct. 15

Setting it in Stone



9 inch stones
\$15.00

Saturday

August 27, 2011

10:30 - 12:30 PM

Let's Play



12 inch
stones
\$20.00

Please use sign-up
sheet located in
Narthex.

? Questions
contact

Barbara Gehring

760 929 1926

or

Rhonda Sutherlin

760-599-9007



Express your creativity one step at a time!

Our workshop teachers will help you make beautiful garden art that you design. We'll provide the concrete, different shape molds, an assortment of colorful glass, pebbles, shells, jewelry, alphabet stamps and marking tools.

Making garden art is a unique fun way to do something easy and creative that will adorn an outdoor area for years to come.

Visit our tropical classroom located inside
Leucadia Floral and Plant Lady

1114 N. Coast Hwy 101, Leucadia, CA 92024



MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES AUGUST

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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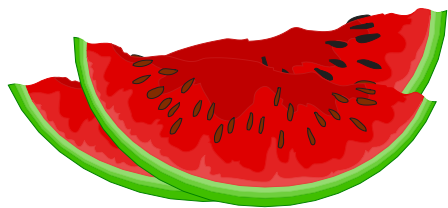
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Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday August 2 and 16 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

*DO YOU BELONG TO A GROWTH GROUP
YET? DON'T BE LEFT OUT. CHECK WITH
THE CHURCH OFFICE OR PASTOR AUGIE
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.



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.

Reflections Newsletter

This is YOUR newsletter and your input is valued. Send me your ideas by e-mail (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 September *Reflections* will be due Thursday, August 25, 2011.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor

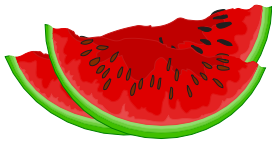
August

Birthdays

08/04 Barry Machado
 08/09 Alice Lehmann
 08/10 Carolyn Schmaltz
 08/11 Jonathan Woods
 08/11 Shirley Hawley
 08/15 John Russell
 08/16 Ken Voertman
 08/22 Myles Jordan
 08/22 Lois Taron
 08/24 Carol Jacoby
 08/25 Carl Gehring

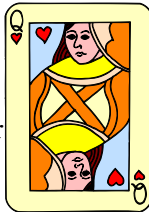
Anniversaries

08/01/56 Bill & George
 Ann Barnes
 08/01/62 Paul &
 Margaret Smith
 08/10/96 Patrick &
 Tracey Kiernan
 08/17/02 Brian &
 Jennifer Frost
 08/19/72 David &
 Marilyn
 Swearingen
 08/23/40 Bob & Edith
 Witt



BRIDGE CLUB

Eight ladies (four of them fresh from a week of Vacation Bible School) gathered at the home of Evelyn Meyer for the July bridge session. It was a lovely, relatively cool summer day with a soft breeze and the fountain murmuring along with softly played classical music. Lois O'Donnell was high score with George Ann Barnes scoring in second place.



With the number of people traveling in August, there is a question of whether or not there will be adequate players but surely everyone will settle down in September when we plan to play September 23, 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, 1-760-941-1197.

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the July birthdays of Bobbie and Jerry Ankenbrandt, Don Brandt, BJ Lahr, Lois O'Donnell, Lois and John Palmer and Marie and Earl Voien on Thursday, July 14 at the Canyons Restaurant at the crossings at Carlsbad. Nine birthdays is our biggest month of celebrations.



Scaling down to August, we will celebrate the birthdays of Shirley Hawley, Pastor Augie, Alice Lehmann, Carolyn Schmaltz, Lois Taron and Ken Voertman on FRIDAY, August 5, at 11:30 a.m. at Felix's Smokey J BBQ Pit, 2251 South El Camino Real in Oceanside (the northeast corner of the Target shopping center-across the parking lot from JoAnn's Fabrics). Felix's specializes in southern cooking/barbecue and the lunch menu runs from seven to nine dollars.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be donated to the Borchardt Ministry of Lutheran Bible Translators.

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.

Date Night

Date Night is here! Grab your spouse and get some much needed adult time! Our nursery staff will watch your child while you attend a 20-30 adult reception with a marriage topic and then you can head off for a date with your spouse.

Cost: \$10 for one child,
 \$20 for more than one child
 Reservations required.

Questions & RSVP:
Traceykiernan@yahoo.com

August 20, 2011 Date Night 5-9pm

Dinner provided for children, outside playtime
 Parent Topic: Sex: God's Good Gift

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOUNDATIONS OF THE FAITH: Beginning August 24th from 6:30-8:30pm. Six week class covering the foundations of our Christian teachings.

MEET & GREET: August 29th, 7pm. If you are new to the ministry of Redeemer by the Sea, come meet Pastor Augie and some other leaders from our church in a relaxing and informal setting. There will also be a brief time for Q&A.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CHANGES IN THE FALL!

Dan Bitner 619-318-4549

Beginning 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 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR SUNDAY

Rachelle 760-431-8990

If you have any announcements for the bulletin – please email them to Rachelle by 9am on Wednesday in order to be included for Sunday.

INK RECYCLING Rachelle 760-431-8990

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

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.

GOSPEL ON THE GREEN

www.northcoastcalvary.org

An open air concert featuring “NC5” (gospel choir) and 8-piece band. Thursday & Friday 8/4 & 8/5 5:30-8:30pm & Saturday 8/6 10:30am-1:30pm. You can purchase tickets online.

Pastor Augie.....Continued

one another, and by spending time in prayer, we will be able to strengthen our relationship with the Lord. Jesus says in John 15:4 ***“Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me.”*** For us to bear fruit, we must *remain* in the Lord – we do this through prayer.

Everyone is invited to every prayer meeting, but a rotation of meetings has been set up to help concentrate our prayers on specific ministry areas. The ministry areas are defined by our congregational focus of **“Worship à Grow à Serve.”** If you are not able to attend every meeting, consider attending meetings where certain ministries will be in focus. (If you serve in a specific ministry area, please try to attend when that area is in focus to help bring relevant prayers to our attention.) The rotation of meetings has been setup to make both AM & PM meetings available to each ministry area. The schedule will rotate as follows:

8/3 8am **WORSHIP**

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

8/10 6pm **GROW**

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

8/17 8am *Cancelled*

8/24 6pm **SERVE & ADMIN**

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

8/31 6pm **WORSHIP**

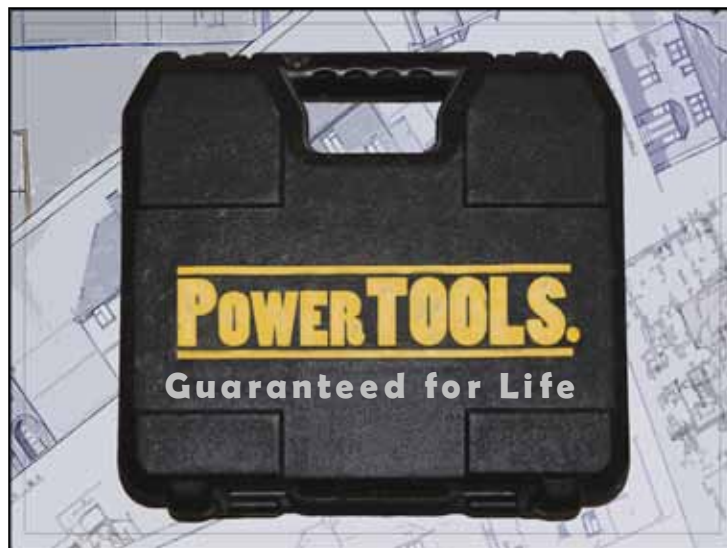
9/7 8am **GROW**

9/14 6pm **SERVE & ADMIN**

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I am so looking forward to these times together when we can gather and lift our ministries and lives to the Lord in prayer and humble submission! May God use this time that we spend with Him for His good and gracious Kingdom purposes!

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



New Sermon Series starting in August!

Aug. 7th — 2 Corinthians 12:9

But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.”

Aug. 28th — Galatians 5:6

The only thing that counts is faith expressing itself through love.

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

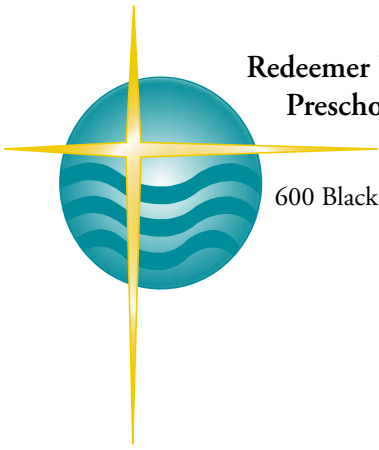
Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God.

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

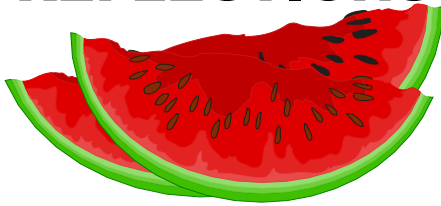
Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.



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AUGUST 2011 REFLECTIONS



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Sunday Worship Services

8:30 am Traditional
10:30 am Contemporary

Sunday Classes

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

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