Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church LCMS

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PASTOR PETER ALEXANDER

In the Interim.....

GROUPS ARE THE KEY FOR GROWING CHURCHES

One of the most important aspects of our faith concerns our relatedness, our connectivity. We connect both to God and to one another through the person and work of Jesus. In fact we are the Body of Christ, the Church—all who believe and trust personally that God was in Christ making us His friends again, not counting our sins against us. Who we are is defined completely by our connections.

Therefore how we connect to one another is THE primary key for understanding and proofing our God-Connection as well. In the congregation this is done by the means of various groups. A healthy, growing congregation has healthy groups where accountability, responsibility and authority are in balance and function together.

Groups in the congregation serve multiple purposes and there are no strict boundaries on what is "small" and what is a "small group." Perhaps we could use the following list of group types and definitions to help clarify and classify groups according to their purpose in Group Life together. While we run the risk of over-generalizing, the nomenclature does help keep a group's purpose defined.

GOVERNANCE GROUPS – these are groups that are formed according to the plan of governance of the congregation which have official responsibilities according to the by-law structure. Examples of some of these include the Elders or the Council or the Voters.

LIFE GROUPS -- can include groups for ministry (service to others) and internal fun and fellowship based on interests and lifestyle. With these there is *no intentional emphasis upon spiritual growth or discipleship* although both of those elements may happen as a by-product or corollary. Life Groups include Ministry Groups and Fellowship Groups.

Ministry Groups – groups in this sub-category have as their primary purpose a service for **others**. Examples of this type are choir, fellowship leadership team, evangelism team, worship committee, office volunteers, women's ministry, etc.

Fellowship Groups – typically oriented toward **special interests and singular activities**, these groups would include such things as scrapbooking, golfing, camping, gourmet dining, etc. The focus is pretty much **internal**. Serve a purpose.

GROWTH GROUPS – these groups exist specifically for the purpose of providing **growth and spiritual development** for and with each other as followers of Jesus. The group may be primarily bible study oriented (<u>or not</u>) but there is always a profoundly relational dimension – relationship with Christ and with one another with commitment and accountability factors as ingredients in the growth "recipe." Lives are intimately shared and people care for one another as special friends. These groups are intentionally oriented toward a closer walk (**discipleship**) with Jesus. They are dynamic examples of the principle that you can't grow as a disciple unless you also share your spiritual journey. Most of the new groups we

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 3rd when Pastor Augie will be installed as our permanent Pastor and Spiritual leader at a 3 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 20th 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.

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 Rachelle 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.
- 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

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EVANGELISM-MISSIONS

Bob Doering, Evangelism Chair

Have you ever wondered what to do with all those nice Christmas card you received. It would be a shame to just throw them away. In the Fall the Women's Ministry collects the front of the cards to use for their Prison Ministry but that is a number of moths away. What to do with them until then?

A long time ago some friends of ours said that they keep their cards in a basket and every evening, after dinner, they take one of the cards out and re-read it. Some of them have pictures or letters or both and it is a joy to remember the sender. Then they pray for whoever sent them the card. Sometimes they sent the person a note to let them know that they had prayed for them. Erika and I have tried this and have enjoyed it very much but never knew if anyone paid attention to our notes. Then a couple of years ago one of Erika's former co-workers sent us a Christmas card in February. She said that some events happened in her life about Christmas time and she had forgotten about sending cards. When she found them again the first thought that came to her mind was, " Oh no! I didn't make Erika's prayer basket.". That is why we got a Christmas card in February.

On another note, I would like to thank everyone who participated in the Carlsbad Marathon Cross Give-A-Way. I especially like to thank Pastor McDonald for getting us permission to give out the crosses and Norma Russell for organizing the event. Eight people participated and 220 crosses were given out. We could have given out more but we had run out of crosses.

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Campbell Lahr, Stewardship Chair

Yes, this is the month associated with
HEARTS, FLOWERS and LOVE.
I guess, one could say it is a
MONTH OF GIVING and LOVE.

WHAT DO WE HAVE TO GIVE TO GOD?

Giving something back to Him is an expression of gratitude and worship; for it is a ***JOY TO SERVE HIM***… to give with love and to enjoy this moment of giving. … *in all things God works for the good of those who love him. Who have been called according to his purposes.* (Romans 8:28)

God has been loving. He gave and still gives. As Christian stewards, we receive God's gifts and we share them in ***LOVE WITH OTHERS***.

We ask ourselves, "What will I give to demonstrate the kind of love that I have in my ***HEART*** for Him?"

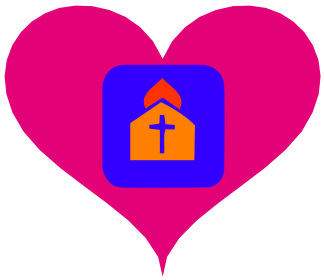
We can ***SERVE*** and show ***OUR LOVE*** by committing to the on-going ministries of Redeemer by the Sea.

…GIVE THANKS…

…SING PRAISE…

…DECLARE GOD'S STEADFAST LOVE!…

(Psalm 92:1-2,4



LCEF

Jo Voertman

LCEF offers the best money market rates in town. These come complete with a check book and debit card (optional) and are paying 2% for balances of ten thousand dollars are more, for the StewardAccount. The Family Emergency Account (which requires monthly deposits of twenty-five dollars until the balance reaches ten thousand) is paying 2.125%.

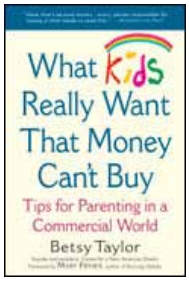
If interested in investing in LCEF, contact your congregation representative, who is Jo Voertman, 760-721-6674, email, jvbythesea@cox.net, or contact Lutheran Church Extension Fund, 1-800-843-5233

EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

Understanding Peer Pressure

Lots of information is available about teaching kids to handle peer pressure. There's the visual demonstration where one bad apple is placed in a bag with some good apples and after a period of time the bad apple corrupts the good ones. There are many parenting handbooks with various strategies listed. But it's not really complicated. We know that children need to be needed at home and they long for approval, a sense of belonging, significance, order, and security. If they don't get these things at home, they will seek them elsewhere and from other people. The bottom line is you cannot expect your child to choose good friends and withstand peer pressure without your help. By providing those things a child needs in their home, you are training them.



In her book What Kids Really Want That Money Can't Buy, author Betsy Taylor identifies an interesting trend: Parents worry that their children define their self-worth through possessions and have little or no ability to delay gratification *(this is supported in a national poll that found that 85% of parents are worried that their kids are becoming too materialistic.)* Then the surprise - throughout the rest of her book, Taylor counters such thinking and shares data collected from thousands of children that shows what they really place value on—many categories focus on relationships and love. She makes a case that any child would likely thank God for family above fortune.

Sunday School can also play a role. Kids who learn a lot about God gain a healthy perspective on life. Specifically, they understand that life is not "all about me." In fact, life is all about God—which takes away a lot of pressure for individuals to impress others. Eliminate that pressure and materialism begins to disintegrate. This God-centered perspective also opens up their hearts to appreciate the sheer wonder of all that the Lord has created and of all His blessings.

Just as Taylor's work could help predict, children who regularly hear that God desires a relationship with them and freely offers His love will realize that they can have what they really want—which money just can't buy. Kids who attend church and especially Sunday School have an advantage over many of their peers because they hear this message.

Want to test the water, try this - Pick a quiet time with your child and ask them to complete the sentence "I thank God for_____" The answer you receive will be good food for thought…

"Do not be deceived: Bad company corrupts good morals'" (1 Corinthians 15:33)

Other Sunday School Business

We are continuing to look at the current Sunday School overlap with the second service and if you have any thoughts on this arrangement, now is the time to voice your opinion; let me know what you think. One possibility is to have a Children's Church for the younger children that would be at the same time as the worship service

Redeemer by the Sea MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the monnth, from 9:30 am to 11:30 am. We meet in RBTS fellowship hall.

For further infomation moms" can contact Laura Cline at lclinedvm@yahoo.com or 760-930-1359. Additional information about MOPS International is available at www.mops.org. Members need to re-register before atttending.

Our speaker for February 9 is George Gaunty, speaking on Self Defense.

On March 9th, Angela, mother of 13 children will speak on practical tips for "Training Children."

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL
by Cindy Brown, Director

A note about Registration:

Registration for the 2011-2012 school year will get underway the middle of February. We will be mailing out registration information the first week of February for those of you who have an application on file.

Please remember preference is always given to Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church families.

Prayer for Today:

Dear God, it's great that I can tell you anything. Thank you for always listening to me. Help me listen to you, too. Amen

Taken from our Daily Devotional book: God and Me

"LET'S ASK THE PASTOR" DATES:

Tuesday	February 8	9:30 am
Wednesday	February 9	9:30 am
Thursday	February 10	1:00 pm
Friday	February 11	1:00 pm

Mark Your Calendars

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1st and 2nd ~ Chapel, Parents are always welcome

Friday, February 11th ~ The 100th day of school!

Monday through Wednesday, February 21-23 President's Break ~ School Closed

Thursday and Friday, February 24th and 25th ~ Conferences for the 4's, Bonus and Kindergarten only (No School) Childcare will be provided during your conference time.

Tuesday and Wednesday, March 1st and 2nd ~ Chapel, Parents always welcome

Wednesday, March 30th ~ 2nd Annual Redeemer Reads

Monday through Friday , April 4-8 Spring Break ~ School Closed

Wednesday and Thursday, May 18th and 19th ~ 4th Annual Art Extravaganza

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

By Bobbie Ankenbrandt, Chair

We all understand that our Preschool was established as a ministry arm of the Church, and we want the Congregation to know how we are doing. I will be writing monthly updates which I hope you will find informative.

A visit to the campus gives clear testimony to our success. It is a vibrant, busy, happy place to be! We have full enrollment, very satisfied parents, and a Spirit-filled Christ-centered learning environment. We have been financial successful as well allowing us to do the following:

- Last year, the school gave in excess of $40,000 to the Church.
- Over this past Christmas holiday, the floors and carpets in the Church were professionally cleaned (compliments of the school ~ $1,400.00).
- Responsibility for the recycling program has been taken on by the school.
- The major part of janitorial service is paid for by the school.
- The Church is NOT burdened with any part of the mortgage commitment of the school.

Our board readily solicits suggestions or comments, and responds to them in a timely manner. Please feel free to contact any of our members (Shelley Lynaugh, Jennie Swick, Bob Doering, Russ Hanthorn, Dan Bitner, or me) with your ideas.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS
Gary Wilson, Director

In our new year, we are beginning to rehearse our Cantata for Easter, entitled ***The Door.*** Choir members from our Chancel Choir, the Korean Choir, and the Praise Team are now rehearsing on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 pm on this powerful work to be performed during the Easter Season.

Why not plan to come and join our Chancel Choir? We would love to have some additional members join this great group of souls who love to sing, and share their talents by singing in the choir. We sing anthems three times a month for the first service (8:30 am), join the Praise Team for regularly scheduled combined services, and sing for special occasions such as Christmas Eve, Palm Sunday, Easter, Advent, and Lent. If you have any questions about our choirs, please see me on Sunday morning after the first service, or call me at 858 521-9618.

Now is the time for all good men and women (Jr / Senior High? College age and beyond) to join our Redeemer Chancel Choir.

TRUSTEES
Ken Voertman

The Trustees are working on three major projects:

1) A contract has been let to install a folding partition in the fellowship hall so that two events can occur at the same time--Fellowship between services and a bible class.

2) We have just about completed several studies and have proposals on what is needed to improve the sound system so that we all can hear better. Our present system is in conflict with itself in some ways and needs also to be updated. Sound is a complicated problem as our church has many reflective surfaces and sound sources. The proposal we will be offering should provide a noticeably better experience.

3) We have received proposals for the installation of a motorized screen system that will allow the screen to be retracted when not in use so as not to detract from the worship at other times.

CHOIR MEMBERS OF THE MONTH
B.J. & Paul Lahr

Paul and B.J. have attended RBTS for 6+ years and joined the choir when they joined, having sung in the choir at Faith Lutheran Church in Vista for 14 years. They enjoy contributing to the church worship through music.

Paul, following his dad's example, joined the choir at Epiphany Lutheran Church in Detroit, in about 1951, when he enrolled at Wayne University as a music major. As a part of his church senior youth group, he was their "fun" song leader, and a part of their barbershop quartet. He played the French horn in high school, in college, and in the 56th Army band in Korea and Japan. He's been in church choirs through the years, sang in the RB Chorale while a principal in the Valley Center School District, as well as being the song leader and in a quartet with the Valley Center Rotary Club.

B.J. started singing in choirs in the 8th grade at the Congregational Church in Odessa Washington, and it was her dad who influenced her to participate (and enjoy) music. She played the flute in her high school band.

Currently, B.J. serves as head of Stewardship, and Paul as the Head Elder at RBTS. Both are retired Elementary school principals.

NOTE: BJ and Paul were instrumental in getting our choir director, Gary Wilson, interested in directing the choirs. It was their dedication to Redeemer by the Sea that brought Gary Wilson to our church.

IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER

Pray, and let God worry.

Prayer is a strong wall and fortress of the church; it is a goodly Christian weapon.

The fewer the words, the better the prayer.

To gather with God's people in united adoration of the Father is as necessary to the Christian life as prayer.

Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God.

When schools flourish, all flourishes.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML
Norma Russell, President

There will be a District Retreat ***Being with Jesus-Living on the Edge*** February 11-13th at the Radisson Hotel, Ontario Airport. Speaker will be Lois Voeltz, who has been involved in religious education all of her life and has led many retreats for all age groups and congregations. (WWW.PSDLWML.ORG) More information will be available in the near future

UNDIE SUNDAY February 13, 2011. This ingathering will be new or gently used summer clothing for men, women, girls and boys to be distributed to Haiti, Ghana, Zimbabwe, Tijuana ministries and the Isleta Lutheran Mission in El Paso, Texas. There will soon be more information on this ingathering but start going through your closets and saving items for these important human worldwide needs.

THE VALUE OF TIME

To realize the value of one year: Ask a student who has failed his final exam.

To realize the value of one month: Ask a mother who has given birth to a premature child.

To realize the value of one week: Ask an editor of a weekly newspaper.

To realize the value of one day: Ask a daily wage laborer has has ten kids to feed.

To realize the value of one hour: Ask the lovers who are waiting to meet.

To realize the value of one minute: Ask a person who has missed the train, the bus or the plane.

To realize the value of one second: Ask a person who has survived an accident.

To realize the value of one millisecond: Ask the person who has won a silver medal in the Olympics.

Time waits for no one. Treasure every moment. You will treaure it even more when you share it with someone special. Happy Valentines Day.

CALL COMMITTEE
Dan Bitner & Ken Voertman. Co-Chairs

Ephesians 4: 11-12) "And he gave some to be apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, unto the work of ministering, unto the building up of the body of Christ"

As most of you know, there is wonderful news; we have concluded the search for our next Spiritual Shepherd with Pastor Augie Iadicicco's acceptance of the call from Redeemer by the Sea. Thanks be to God for us reaching this milestone in our church history.

We will now go about planning for the installation and will be talking to various groups within the church to join in the preparations. Pastor Pete has provided some good information to help get our planning started and we will be building on that. Pastor Kolkman, our Circuit Counselor, will be joining in the planning and will conduct the actual Rite of Installation at an afternoon service on April 3rd. Watch this newsletter and the weekly worship bulletin for more details as the time gets closer.

This will likely be the last newsletter article from the Call Committee and Ken and I wanted to say thank you to the committee members, from both phases of the search, for their hard work and for carrying out the duties assigned to us. Above all, we thank the Good Lord for choosing Pastor Augie to be a part of our family, to help us begin the next chapter in our church's history.

As we see the process coming to close hold up in prayer the move of Pastor Augie and family, Pastor Alexander's next assignment, Saving Grace in their search to replace Pastor Augie and the Congregation at Redeemer by the Sea as we look to the future with hopeful hearts and minds.

Your Call Committee: Dan Bitner, Ken Voertman, Elizabeth Denton, Jenny Swick, Laura Cline, Lois O'Donnell, Paul Lahr, Russ Hanthorn, Tracey Kiernan

FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehrig, Chair

We pray & play together!

We are in planning stages of a SEOUL NIGHT! This will be a night out! We will have candlelight dinner, entertainment and wine. There will be tickets to purchase and babysitting available. The Korean Church will be sharing their food and culture with us. Please let us know if you are interested in attending, so we can plan on food and price. I will have an interest sheet in the narthex of the church.

Lenten soup suppers will be starting on March 9 thru April 13th. We will need lots of Soup chefs, so start thinking of your favorite soup to share with your fellow Christians. Please remember that guests are always welcome to all of our events.

Our golf tournament this year will be in the autumn. June 3 will be our Padres Baseball Game outing. Please save the dates! Invite family & friends.

We all had a terrific time at the Progressive Dinner!! A BIG THANK YOU, to Hilda & Paul Kalaidjian, and Jenny & Ken Swick for hosting and sharing their beautiful homes with us. We had wonderful food, plus harpist music at Hilda's and coffee, desserts and Christmas carols at the Swicks.

We also want Thank everyone who participated in the Angel Tree this year. Please look at all the thank you notes we received from the Marines for our gifts. They also presented us a plague of appreciation which you can view in the fellowship hall on top of the piano. Cards are on the bulletin board.

CHRISTMAS FELLOWSHIP PROGRESSIVE DINNER

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES FEBRUARY

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

A new Bible study series **"Beloved Disciple", The Life and Ministry of John.** Began Monday, Jan. 31, 2011 at 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall with child care available.

Tuesday Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuedays in February at 1:00 pm.
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
2725 Thunder Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Wednesday Neighborhood Bible Study

A new Bible study series **"Beloved Disciple", The Life and Ministry of John.**. Wednesdays - 9:00 am At Evelyn Meyer's home.
7328 Melodia Terrace, Carlsbad, CA
Child care is NOT available.

SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

New Study at 9:45 am

Lutheranism 101
Taught by Pastor Alexander

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

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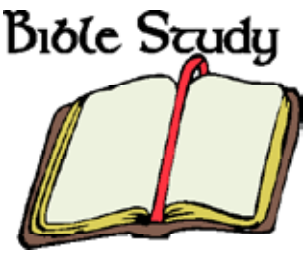


About the Revolve Tour

Since 1996, more than 4 million women have packed themselves and their friends into sold-out arenas across North America for 2-day events that are inspiring, encouraging, and fun. Every year, they come back for another weekend with Women of Faith—and for many of those years, they said (in pretty much these exact words), "This is awesome! But what about something for my daughter?"

In 2005, Women of Faith created The Revolve Tour as a response to those requests. The result is a one-of-a-kind inspirational weekend for 6th– to 12th–grade girls that combines award-winning bands and speakers with real, relevant messages in a high-energy event.

There's way more to The Revolve Tour than just a fun time with the girls. Since it began, more than 35,000 girls have indicated they made first-time decisions for Christ at a Revolve Tour event. In addition, more than 16,000 children have been sponsored through World Vision as a result of The Revolve Tour. That's our story so far . . . but there's a lot more in store! **For anyone who is interested in going to this April 15-16 musical eventin Ontario CA, please join Tracey Kiernan for a planning meeting on Sunday January 30 after the second service. Pizza and soda will be provided.**

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.

This is a short month - the reports for February *Reflections* will be due SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2011.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We celebrated the December birthdays of Cordelia Degner, Marv Suhr, Norma Russell and Jo Voertman and the January birthdays of Diana Alexander and Jan Bishop Thursday, January 20, at the Carlsbad Beach Grill, had a delightful meal, wonderful fellowship and contributed two hundred twenty-one ($221) dollars to Concordia University-Irvine.

On FRIDAY, February 11, we will celebrate the February birthdays of Evonne Salyer and Buck Lehmann and the March birthday of George Ann Barnes at the Overseas Chinese Restaurant, 2820 Roosevelt Street in Carlsbad (next to the Carlsbad main post office). Meals run from eight to twelve dollars and include hot tea, entrée, egg roll, soup OR salad and Jell-O and fortune cookie for dessert.

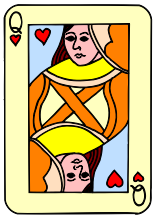
We request a one dollar contribution for each celebrant to be contributed according to the wishes of the Birthday Celebrants.

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

February

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
02/01	Estherlee Gustafson	02/22/91	Kelly & Ray Sundstrom
02/03	Keira Finnerty	02/14/76	John & Lois Palmer
02/04	Wilma McDonald	02/23/63	Frank & Kathy Esqueda
02/04	Bryan Cline		
02/12	Kian Frost		
02/12	Christopher Riendeau		
02/17	Evonne Salyer		
02/17	Buck Lehmann		
02/24	Richard Evans		
02/28	Barbara Johnson		

BRIDGE CLUB



The bridge ladies are back in full swing and will be playing Friday, February 25 at one p.m. at the home of George Ann Barnes.

We play from one until four on the fourth Friday of every month except December. Usually there are two tables but we are willing to expand if we can get more players. 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.

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have intentionally begun have been with these purposes in mind.

DUAL PURPOSE POSSIBILITIES – again, there is some overlap; groups like MOPS will be both growth and fellowship of special interests; a group like the Men's Breakfast is both fellowship and growth-oriented.

When we have, in the past, used the term "small group" we have wanted to identify the personal discipleship and spiritual growth factors as the primary purpose for which a group exists. The better term is "GROWTH GROUP." The ideal is a regularly meeting, "smaller" (less than 10) group of people who covenant (agree and promise) to "be there" for one another as fellow Christians in the journey of faith-life as they learn to live and act like Jesus. There is sharing, caring and accountability; there is Bible application and support for the details of the lives of others; there is confidentiality and prayer—a small family.

This kind of "faith-full" living is contagious. It makes for great witnessing through the sharing of life-changing and empowering events. ("My small group was there for us during our crisis.") Growing churches are not typically centered in the pastor (although they always have a great one!); they are centered in the purpose of living the Christian Life. The members of such groups "see Jesus" in each other and rely on God's Word to inform and shape their growth patterns.

There are a number of groups at RBTS with various purposes and patterns. All are important to making a congregation functional. The ones that grow the church and grow the individuals best can be known as "Growth Groups." Got yours? More are just waiting to be formed.

With you in the journey…..Pastor Pete

WEBSITE

Check out the Website at www.redeemerbythesea.org.

It is being updated and maintained on a regular basis.

Many, many Thanks to Chuck Denton for many, many hours of dedication and hardwork in getting the website up and running.

President's Message (continiued)

- 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!"

CANDY for Valentines Day.. SWEET!
CANDY from the BULK FOODS store.. NOT!
God gives perfect gifts, people give good gifts.. HUSBANDS?? well we try. Mt 7:11

Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church LCMS

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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 & ACT Bible Devotion

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