Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church LCMS

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PASTOR PETER ALEXANDER

In the Interim.....

Looking Forward to It!

Whether it is just a matter of time passage or a new calendar in front of me, I have a strong hunch or Spirit-nudge that RBTS is on the brink of a new chapter of ministry and a new energy and direction-finding is emerging. Things take time to heal and change is always distressing in some ways, but our God is a God of the future. Not only should God's people always **expect** the best. Based on His faithfulness and resurrection performance we live (holding on to our dessert fork!) knowing that the "best is yet to come!"

Future orientation is a hallmark of God's people primarily because they know from experience and believe in His Word that He has gone ahead of us, preparing the way and making a place—whether it is a place where He and his people will meet-up for ministry and fellowship (church, home, school) or a place in the joy of the forever experience. He's gone ahead and is way, and a-ways, ahead of us beckoning us forward in faith's adventure.

Looming signs along the way include that needed fellowship room divider and the audio-visual capabilities in the worship center / sanctuary as well as the promise of a new pastoral leader, new service times and on-going remediation in the church-school common mission. More important than "things" and the "whats" are the growing relationships with new members and new relationships with those that are wishing to grow: small groups, date nights and MOPS. Some talk of new governance structures has been in the buzz and new plans for continuing to explore how better to meet the needs of our community based on what we hear from them. The 5 PM Christmas Eve success was an eye-opener for some.

Being stuck in the patterns and thinking patterns of the past may seem comfortable as an old slipper but it isn't all that much fun. Boring—even for us older frogs in the pond! Worse yet, we have to run harder than ever to catch up with our kids and grandkids who are off and running in ways both a bit familiar and in a context that is totally beyond our world of prior experience.

Thanksgiving abounds for those at RBTS who of their heart for the Lord and their general good nature give their time, talent, money, expertise, influence and hopefulness to others in the work of the Lord. In addition to the Council leadership and "Captain" Brunner, I think of Bob Doering and John Palmer and Lyle Meyer who are in an official sense stepping down, but whose influence and prayerful, spiritual guidance have served the congregation and will continue to do so less officially but just as emphatically. Also good, is it now, to see new leadership and another generation of leaders consider challenges with a different set of eyes and ears.

I am hopeful that my final report can soon begin to be prepared. The only report that "counts" is the reported evidence we have of His kingdom and His will in extension and expansion. For this we look not only in the rear-view mirror but more importantly we look ahead to the future. He's there.

THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President

LOOKING BACK ON 2010:

2010 has been a year filled with such a variety of emotions and activities all of which reassure us that we are here by the Grace of God to continue His work and His commission as we move into the second decade of the 21st century:

- We felt loss as we honored Pastor McDonald as he preached his farewell sermon on January 17th to a combined service and followed by a rousing fun roast/ dinner celebration for Pastor and Joyce on February 28th.
- We felt the excitement of anticipation as we installed Pastor Alexander as our Intentional Interim Pastor on January 3rd and have been Blessed by his leadership throughout the year. Highlights included:
  - His every member participation in his Cottage Meetings
  - Organizing and hosting of a Prayer Vigil
  - Organizing and promoting congregation participation in Small Groups
  - The introduction of new hymnals in the pews and leading the congregation varieties of traditional worship with the new hymnals
- The dedication of the Call Committee as they discovered the realities and hard work associated with evaluation and prayerful consideration of the list of candidates leading to a Call to Pastor Peter Mueller In June which was eventually returned in July followed by reinvigorating their committee to go through a second evaluation process and now once again waiting with prayer and anticipation as our congregation awaits the response from Pastor Augie Iadicicco. Never losing their focus and belief that they are being led and guided by the Holy Spirit.
- We experienced the relief of working with and finding an agreement with the Lutheran Church Extension Fund to be able to service our loans as well as to continue to develop our ministries as we move forward in His Kingdom.
- We experienced with gratitude the joys of giving of ourselves, our talents and our treasures through a very successful Consecrated Stewards program resulting in an increase of over 25% in our pledged giving. Something to praise the Lord for.
- We introduced a new 'Blue Christmas' service as an outreach to those in our church and our community who may be burdened with losses, cares and hurts to lift them with the light of the spirit as we celebrate the coming of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
- In summation of the ups and downs and unknowns that we have experienced in 2010, we as a congregation continue to grow together in our faith and in our dedication to continue to move forward in our ministries.

LOOKING FORWARD IN 2011:

I firmly believe that as we continue into 2011 that we do cast our cares on the Lord and that he is indeed guiding us and leading us forward.

As we experienced at the beginning of 2010, we enter the year 2011 with hope and anticipation, among them:

- Continue to pray steadfastly that the Holy Spirit will guide Pastor Augie Iadicicco to accept our Call and bring him and his family to serve and join us at Redeemer by the Sea.
- We will continue to develop our ministries through the development of Small Groups, pastor led Bible/ Christian Life studies between services.
- Externally, we are looking for sponsors and volunteers to form a Community Service Committee to develop and lead outreach programs such as:
  - Food programs
  - Volunteering at homeless shelters
  - 'Hands on' community service projects
  - Someone with the interest to establish and administer community garden plots at the lower (unused) end of our property.
  - A coordinator for volunteers from the church to serve preschool needs
  - Volunteers from the congregation to provide 'child care' for MOPS moms during meetings
- Internally, we are in the process of completing an audit of our Accounting Practices and Procedures in the Church and School and will be recommending changes to keep us in compliance with standard

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EVANGELISM-MISSIONS

Bob Doering, Evangelism Chair

RBTS "reached out" to our community, during December, with the invitational doorknob hangers, newspaper advertisements, the Cantata, the initial, and very successful, Blue Christmas Service, and with two Christmas Eve services - the traditional 7:30 pm candlelight , and an additional 5:00 pm Family Worship Service – as well as Christmas Day's celebration. The first-time held Family Service was well-attended (approx. 45 children plus an assortment of parents, grandparents, and others).

Pastor Alexander's "triple header" (3 successive worship days of sermons) fed our souls with tremendous messages in celebration of the hope in the cry of the newborn baby, JESUS. "Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us. What Joy!" (Psalm 126:3).

As the year 2010 has ended, we begin, in 2011, with prayers for a new year of ministry at RBTS. Each of us should take inventory of our own spiritual ministry at RBTS. For many, discover your own unique way and become involved as there is a tremendous need for many cheerful, willing volunteers to do His work in our church. Prepare to be of assistance to our new pastor. Also, take inventory now and include in your new year's resolutions to make plans to broaden your personal outreach to others. It's an old slogan, "Each One –Reach One", but it still continues to be applicable today for all Lutherans.

Please share any of your thoughts for new ways of reaching out in 2011 with Tom Burke, our newly elected Evangelism-Missions Chair.

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Campbell Lahr, Stewardship Chair

In December, as you prepared for your festive Christmas activities, did you… "make a list…and check it twice"?

OOOOOOH! MY!!!!

Were you … one of the 49 RBTS members… who left one item unchecked? WELL, YOU CAN FIX THAT…. by just completing your 2011 pledge form ! (extra forms and Stewardship envelopes are in the Narthex))

A wonderful "dream/New Year's Resolution" could be that nearly 100% of the members submitted a pledge! This definitely would give the Church Council a positive sign…showing our support for the 2011 proposed budget …I know this may not be realistic but your support is always appreciated.

The Consecrated Steward Program in October did bring "positive" results toward this goal! We increased our 2010 pledge amount by $86,880.00

A very special thank you to those in the congregation who were able to submit a pledge.

For we are showing God in many way as shown in the talent /Ministry Opportunities surveys, Spiritual Gifts Inventories and our pledges that we are using our resources to reflect the values of His kingdom.

"For where your treasure is, there your heart will be…"(Luke 24:34)

Happy New Year and remember that "God provides…" Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly,

LCEF

Jo Voertman

Happy New Year! Time to make those New Year's Resolutions and may we suggest investing in LCEF. You can invest for as little as ten dollars, draw interest and withdraw your funds at any time. Only thirteen percent of our members invest in Lutheran Church Extension Fund……

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

EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

Reality Check

Think about this for a second… Regardless of how 'sincerity' we believe something, we know that sincerity cannot overcome reality. For example if I believe the speed limit on a certain road is 60, but it is actually 30, the policeman will still give me a ticket *(typically)* -- regardless of my sincerity. The old saying "Ignorance of the law is no excuse" could also apply here. Sincere belief in a falsehood about the law is no excuse.

Another example is that while we often admire people who live sincerely according to their beliefs, we only do this when we consider their belief to be true. When we come across people who sincerely believe that the moon landing was a media hoax, or that the U.S. government is really controlled by space aliens, we find ourselves amused but less likely to accord high respect to these folks.

So, practically speaking, we all know that sincerity believing something is not enough--the belief must also be true. We *(including our children*) need to be informed and correct as well as sincere.

Now, the obvious conclusion…

We need to find out what the real truth is, so we can 'sincerely' believe that. Fortunately, God has provided this truth to us; He has told us about reality through the scripture and it is up to us as parents to guide our children to this truth. Let our Sunday School be your partner in this important endeavor.

"And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. (Deuteronomy 6:6-7)

Other Sunday School Business

The Cantata was beautiful and we were able to have some participation by the youth, including narration by several from our Confirmation Class and the Sunday School and Preschool singing some of the Christmas songs. I do think we all missed the traditional Christmas play and we will keep it on the list for next year.

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 9 after the second service. Pizza and soda will be provided.**

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL
by Cindy Brown, Director

The Christmas Performances were a Success!

We had a total of five performances in the Chapel which was so beautifully decorated. We also had one additional Kindergarten performance at the school where the children acted out the story of the birth of Jesus.

All the children did a fabulous job of singing and celebrating the true meaning of Christmas!

Our performances were well attended by parents, extended family, friends, and members of the church.

Thank you to all for celebrating the Christmas season with us !

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

Quite a Puzzle

A father wanted to read the paper, but was being bothered by his little daughter, Susie. Finally, he took a sheet out of his magazine, on which was printed the map of the world. Tearing it into small pieces, he gave it to Susie, and said, "Go into the other room and see if you can put this together." After a few minutes, Susie returned and handed him the map correctly fitted together. The father was very surprised and asked how she had finished so quickly. "Oh", she said, "on the other side of the paper is a picture of Jesus. When I got Jesus in His place, then the world came out all right."

Mark Your Calendars

Thursday and Friday, January 13th and 14th ~ PAJAMA DAY!

Monday, January 17th Martin Luther King Legal Holiday ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

Tuesday and Wednesday, February 1st and 2nd ~ Chapel

Monday through Wednesday, February 21-23 President's Break ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

Thursday and Friday, February 24th and 25th Conferences for 4's, Bonus, and Kindergarten ~ NO CHILDREN

Wednesday, March 30th ~ 2nd Annual Redeemer Reads

Monday through Friday, April 4-8 Spring Break ~ SCHOOL CLOSED

Redeemer by the Sea MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday STARTING Jan. 12, 2011 through May 2011. We will be meeting at RBTS fellowship hall.

Applications for Registration can be obtained from the church office.

Laura Cline is asking for volunteers to assist in child care during the MOPS meetings. This is caring for children up to 5 years of age. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Laura Cline (klclilnedvm@yahoo.com)

More info on MOPS can also be found at www.mops.org.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS
Gary Wilson, Director

Thank you for your part in supporting our music program by attending the Combined Service ? Christmas Cantata on December 12. I was very proud of our singers from the Chancel Choir, The Korean Choir, soloists, narrators, and our pianist Katie Klaerich. We began rehearsing last August and were well prepared to present "Noel, Night of Everlasting Love" to our congregation, friends, and families. A special treat was featuring our children from the Sunday School, and the Redeemer Pre-School. Thank you for making the effort to get your kids to choir practice each week, and for supporting our Music Ministry. We also loved having Pastor Pete and his lovely wife, Diana join us for our Christmas Cantata.

In our new year, we are beginning to rehearse our Cantata for Easter. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday nights, from 7:00-8:30 pm. Why not plan to make a new years resolution 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. Happy New Year to everyone!!!

CHOIR MEMBER OF THE MONTH
DON HOWARD

Don was born in South Dakota and lived in Omaha, Nebraska until the age of 5. He moved to California in 1933. Has been a Lutheran all his life and been active except for a period in his teen years. (Rebellion). Music has always been one of Don's great passions. The swing era of the 40's and 50's especially. He has been singing in choirs and doing solo work for probably 60 years. He believes that music and especially singing is one of the purest forms of worship. Bettye and Don joined Redeemer about 6 years ago and immediately joined the choir. We believe we have a great bunch of people in our choir and it is a joy to be a part of it. When we first joined Redeemer, we were struck by the warmth and ready acceptance of us by the congregation. We are grateful for the opportunities the church gives us to serve the Lord and look forward to be doing so as long as He allows.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
Lois Ziegler O'Donnell

The members of the Worship Committee would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who joined in the effort to offer the special BLUE CHRISTMAS Service at Redeemer by the Sea on December 21.

Over 60 folks turned out for the service, in spite of the dreadful stormy afternoon it fell upon. There were about a dozen in attendance who are not affiliated with our church, including one couple who came all the way from Alpine (about an hour away). They had heard about it on the radio! Nearly everyone stayed for the fellowship after the service, so we were able to meet and visit with our guests. It was heartwarming to feel we had successfully reached out to our greater community in a meaningful way during this special time of year.

Every effort put forth was a valuable part of the whole...from Pastor's thoughtful message, the readers, greeters, ushers, those who took care of refreshments, the music components, those who helped to get our invitations and message out and of course our precious Bonnie who created the beautiful brochure. Additionally, it was wonderful that so many of our members came to help our guests feel welcomed and cared about.

Our committee is holding a meeting on January 25 to critique this first time Blue Christmas Service, and we welcome any input you have. We have submitted some of our own observations, and think it is beneficial to note those things we think were done right as well as those that could use a little refinement for next year's planning.

We wish you God's Blessings in this year ahead, and again, thank you for being so helpful as we continue to strive toward doing HIS work.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML
Norma Russell, President

Our January meeting will be on the 11th beginning at 9:30 A.M.. Join us and bring a friend to hear our special speaker: April Pedergraft, Community Services Coordinator for Casa de Amparo. She will tell us about their new campus and program "helping kids suffering from abuse" and how we might help. We will also choose a new missionary to support from Lutheran Bible Translators as Rev. Boylan has completed his term with LBT and has accepted a call for parish ministry in Hawaii. REMEMBER YOUR MITE BOXES!!!! We look forward to seeing you at this meeting.

Mission grants funded through mite giving: $51,900 to the "Circuit Rider for Rural Northwest South Dakota. $50,000 toward a grant of $100,000 to Native Leadership Scholarships for students in the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology. $58,108 to Lutheran World Relief to help defray costs of delivering more than 100,000 Lutheran-made quilts to those in need around the world. $20,000 to the Hope Center for refugees and Immigrants in Ohio for their resettlements programs and ministry. There are still mites needed to complete 2009-2011 grants. Please prayerfully consider these grants and your contributions through your mite box giving.

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.

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"

Redeemer by the Sea has extended a Call to Pastor Augie Iadicicco and we have notified the other Candidates of that fact. Pastor Augie and family have also been visiting us, meeting with various members of the Church, as well as taking in the sights. Notwithstanding the cold / wet weather, I think they got a good picture of what their life would be here in Carlsbad. Now, with this second visit coming to close, we enter a period of reflection for Pastor Augie, as he and his family take in all that a move to Southern California would mean to both his ministry and to their family. We expect to hear back as soon as the Good Lord has given him the answer that he is now searching to discover.

As we continue our wait, pray that the guiding hand of the Holy Spirit will provide us the right person to lead our Church. Pray for Rev Augie Iadicicco and also pray for the Congregation at Redeemer by the Sea.

Your Call Committee: Dan Bitner, Ken Voertman, Elizabeth Denton, Jenny Swick, Paul Lahr, Russ Hanthorn, Tracey Kiernan

IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired.

Anyone who is to find Christ must first find the church. How could anyone know where Christ is and what faith is in him unless he knew where his believers are?

Be a sinner and sin strongly, but more strongly have faith and rejoice in Christ.

Faith is a living, daring confidence in God's grace, so sure and certain that a man could stake his life on it a thousand times.

PRAISE MUSIC
Kathy Esqueda, Director

Band 101 News
Some good, some not so good

The good news is that five young people signed up for guitar lessons. However, some may not be able to take the class because they are unable to obtain a guitar. If we do not have at least five students, we cannot offer the class. And there is more--not so good news. We no longer have funds to pay for the expenses of Band 101. This amounts to $200-$250 per month.

Therefore, we need a sponsor. Sponsor? Yes, a person or persons who are willing to buy a few guitars (used are fine) and pay for the class. Unless we find a sponsor, we won't have a class. This is a church ministry, and unless the church is willing and able to support Band 101, it won't continue. The intent is that the free guitar class will become Band 101. At this point, we do NOT have a youth band. All of our Lutheran Band 101 members have left for other churches. The remaining band members are from other church denominations. They always provide their own instruments and support concerts etc. However, since we do not have an active youth band any longer, they have gone elsewhere. Let's face it. We need to start within our church, with the few youth we have, making it possible for all our youth to participate in a guitar class. A successful program will bring others in, just through word of mouth. And, I do not want to go to the public for donations. If you are interested, or know of someone who is interested in sponsoring the Band 101, please contact me at ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com

It is my belief that a church should support their own ministries. Jack, our band bassist and guitar teacher, and I, attempted to get donations of guitars from a well-known guitar maker. They regretfully declined, but recommended we go to music stores. So, if any of you know of music stores who are Lutherans, or better yet, members or attend RBTS. These are the people we need to ask for sponsorship--First. I have been affiliated with the surrounding churches, familiar with their music programs, and know personally some of the music directors. They DO NOT go into the community and ask for donations. If RBTS cannot support Band 101, it will not exist. Band 101 is offering guitar lessons, with the hope of developing a worship band for services on occasion, for concerts, and to play for other venues in the community--i.e. retirement homes etc.

I am also offering singing lessons to be given before or during Band 101 meets, depending whether students want to take both or not. There will be no charge, of course.

- Band 101 (RBTS youth band) Thursday evenings at 5:30. Prefer ages 10 and up, but a talented younger student will be considered.

- Vocal lessons are also on Thursday evenings, time to be set later. Classes to (hopefully) begin the second week in January 2011.

Thank you to those who have supported all of our worship programs in the past. We understand these are difficult economic times, thus our sponsorship has ended. I welcome your ideas as to how we can achieve funds for this project within our church body. (No, bake-sales just don't cut it)

One more thought--some of you may not know much about Band 101. It is (was) a youth band, ages 12 thru' 19. Initially, the band consisted of 50% RBTS youth, and 50% community youth thru' an outreach of 1000 flyers placed at the homes in surrounding area. There were 16 members. We presented two concerts, played for a special youth service with all youth participants. (Well, Pastor Pete may not be a youth, but he is at heart.) Band 101 was a successful ministry until the beginning of Summer 2010, when many of our members left RBTS. Also, we lost funding. And, we lost Daryl Lohmeyer, Lisa Froedge, and Chris Lockhart, all assisting Band 101. I believe we can build the band again. But it cannot be done without the full participation of RBTS members. Without youth, there is no future…ANYWHERE!

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 February *Reflections* will be due Wednesday, JANUARY 22, 2011.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor

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

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

Tuesday Bible Study

1st and 3rd Tuedays in January 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

Bible Study

Church Fellowship Hall
Taught by Don Howard

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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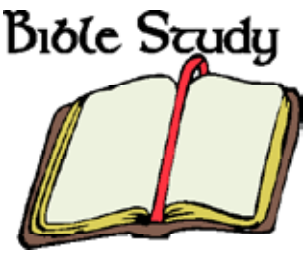
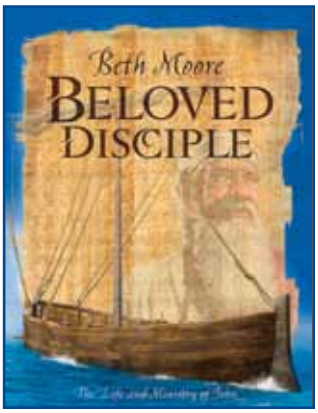


WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY
Evelyn Meyer

Beth Moore "Beloved Disciple
The Life and Ministry of John
YOU ARE CHRIST'S BELOVED



During Jesus' ministry, John the apostle witnessed countless miracles, saw incomprehensible displays of power, and experienced Christ's unfathomable love. John was there when Jesus turned the water to wine, offered living Water to the woman at the well, yielded to His Father's will in the garden of Gethsemane, and gave His life on a Roman cross. And one unforgettable morning young John out ran Peter to his Savior's empty tomb.The study was filmed in Greece.

John referred to himself as the "disciple Jesus loved." Just as Christ took John on a lifetime journey into the depths of His love, He will do the same for you. His love is unmatched and inexhaustible, and He is waiting to lavish it on you, His beloved.

To register contact Evelyn at lylemeyer@roadrunner.com Please invite your friends, men and women. Member Books $18 I will place the last order by January 10th.

WISING UP

The Meyer's Small Group will be meeting Tuesday evening, January 18th at 6:30pm. They will have wine, coffee, and appetizers.

New members are always welcome altho we have a flexible schedule, always on a Tuesday but sometimes once a monthor once every two months. Our groupees are very busy people:) We are starting a study called "Wising Up", a study of Proberbs.

Please come join us...7328 Melodia Terrace, gate code 2323 "We will leave the light on for you". Contact Lyle and Evelyn Meyer (lylemeyer@roadrunner.com)

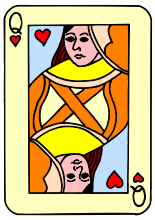
BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

We will celebrate the December birthdays of Cordelia Degner, Marv Suhr, Norma Russell and Jo Voertman and the January birthdays of Diana Alexander and Jan Bishop on THURSDAY, January 20, at the Carlsbad Beach Grill, 2780 Carlsbad Boulevard. Lunches range in price from six to ten dollars. There will be a community birthday card for each birthday celebrant for all in attendance to sign.

We request a one dollar contribution for each celebrant to be contributed to Concordia University – Irvine.

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

BRIDGE CLUB



The Bridge Group will meet Friday, January 28 at one p.m. at the home of Marie Voien We play from one until four. Usually there are two tables.

Anyone interested in joining our group may contact the Bridge Co-ordinator, Alice Lehmann, buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com, 1-760-941-1197.

CARLSBAD MARATHON

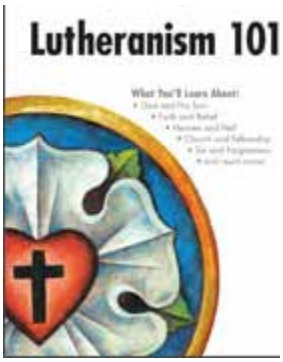
THE CROSS IN MY POCKET

RBTS will have the opportunity to be visible in the community as we have again received permision to be along the route of the Carlsbad Marathon Race on January 23rd here in Carlsbad and give out our Marathon crosses. These crosses are imprinted with the words *Jesus Christ is Lord* and are attached to cards with the verses *THE CROSS IN MY POCKET*. On the back of each card is a runners prayer and our church address. We will need volunteers for about an hour and a half to help with this outreach program. There will be a sign up sheet in th entry and more publicity in the Sunday bulletins.

January

Birthdays		Anniversaries	
01/03	Dan Bitner	01/16/82	Gregg & Cynthis Boone
01/04	Emily Michel	01/30/71	Dan & Ellen Bitner
01/05	Patrick Kiernan		
01/06	Emma Finke		
01/07	Vic Goodpasture		
01/08	Ellen Stegall		
01/13	Annika Frost		
01/16	Karissa Lynaugh		
01/16	Dianne Chrisman		
01/17	Ethan Cline		
01/17	Jan Bishop		
01/18	Joan Machado		
01/20	Ken Swick		
01/22	Bonnie Shanahan		
01/22	Michael Batherson		
01/23	Connie Westlake		
01/25	Michael Barner		
01/29	Mitchell Batherson		
01/29	Kyle Lynaugh		
01/30	John Prior		

LUTHERANISM 101



Pending outcome of our current Divine Call and the timing of the start-up of the next Pastor, Pastor Pete will lead a class in the fellowship area from 9:50 until 10:45 on Sundays beginning January 16.

The first offering will be a tour of Lutheran teachings and emphases based on the new best-seller, ***Lutheranism 101***. In addition to a fresh approach for long-time Lutherans, the first 5 weeks will serve as an adult confirmation experience for new members not previously confirmed.

If you have not purchased your Lutheranism 101 book, contact the church office. One is available now and more books have been order and should be received during the first week of January.

President's Message (continiued)

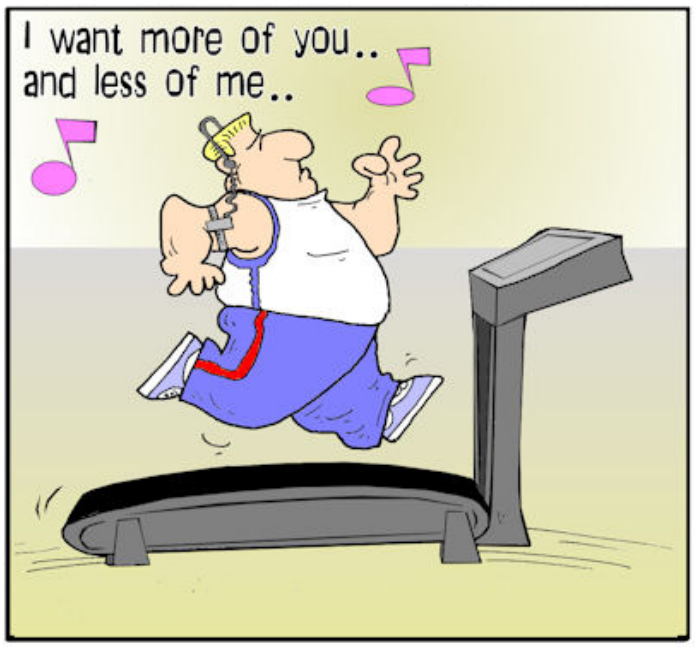
church and nonprofit accounting procedures.

- We will be presenting the Council and Voter's Assembly with consolidated financial statements of the Church and Preschool.

In Summary, we find ourselves moving into 2011 with many of the same unknowns that we entered into 2010, with the primary concern being the Holy Spirit leading us to our Spiritual Leader Pastor. May the Lord Bless our call and Bless and Guide Pastor Iadicicco in considering our call.

I want to end with a sincere expression of thanks for all the support that I have been given throughout the year both for your prayers and for your willingness to serve when asked. You are a Blessing to me and to our church.

In His Service,
Jim Brunner, Council President



He must become greater, and I must become less. John 3:30

The customer in the Italian restaurant was so pleased that he asked to speak to the chef. The owner proudly led him into the kitchen and introduced him to the chef.

"Your veal parmigiana was superb," the customer said. "I just spent a month in Italy, and yours is better than any I ever had over there." "Naturally," the chef said. "Over there, they use domestic cheese. Ours is imported."

THE ELDERS

Paul Lahr

ELDER'S MESSAGE

(January newsletter): Your Elders for 2011 are: Sam Russell, Marcus Shaw, Don Winslow, Paul Lahr, John Palmer, and Ed Meinardus. We welcome Ed who has been newly-elected. You'll be contacted by your Elder in the next month.

ACOLOYTES

Shelley Lynaugh has agreed to coordinate the Acolyte schedule for 2011. The schedule will be posted in the church bulletin as well as the next newsletter. Young people willing to serve can call Shelley at 760 930-9733.

FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehrig, Chair

We Pray and Play Together

I would like to thank the fellowship committee for all that they do. Without a terrific committee we couldn't possible produce so many events. The Lord has blessed us with wonderful loving members. We also want to thank all the members, friends and families that participate.

Last year was full of activities at RBTS. We started off with Pastor Mc Donald's Retirement dinner with 130 guests. What a celebration! I will only remind you of a few events that we had. The Youth Band Sunday, Padres Baseball game, a visit to Roger's Gardens, Castles of Carlsbad Home Tour, Carlsbad Playreaders, Church Picnic, Progressive Christmas Dinner, Golf Tournament, and the Treasure Sale. Wow did we have fun!!

In 2011 we will continue with some of our most popular events and add some new ones. Ideas are always welcomed. Rhonda has some new exciting ideas for the Golf Tournament this year. We will also be putting on a Candle light dinner with the Korean Church. Our most popular Hoe Down/Western theme party will be back this year. A bowling party was suggested also.

The Fellowship committee meets the 4th Tuesday at 6:30 pm of the month at the Gehring's home, which is very close to the church. We would love to have more members. Many hands make light work. We look forward to another year of Christian friendship and fellowship.

Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church
LCMS

REFLECTIONS JANUARY 2011

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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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