Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church LCMS

REFLECTIONS

JUNE 2011

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PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

A Life Devoted to God

Greetings Redeemer family and friends!

Summer is almost upon us. Even though there will be a lot of vacations and relaxing times this Summer, we do not intend to let ministry stagnate. To the contrary – Summer can be very much of a 'building' time. In fact, there are a number of new ministry teams that are forming right now to put plans in motion that will prepare our ministries to serve all the new families that are joining our congregation and those that will be coming in the Fall.

Not only is Summer a building time for the church, Summer can be a building time for you too! How does God want to grow you and challenge you this Summer? I encourage you to follow His leading and answer His calling on your life – like Samuel the prophet, saying "Speak, for your servant is listening" (1 Samuel 3:10). During June & July we will embark on a message series that will look at the books of Samuel. That series is entitled "**Samuel: A Life Devoted to God.**" We see much faithful devotion to the Lord in the life of Samuel. But what about in your life and the life of our church? Can we say that ours is **a life devoted to God**?

At my first Church Council meeting in April, I was asked to share some of my thoughts and vision for the ministry of Redeemer by the Sea. What I shared was much longer than space will permit me to communicate here; but I think it could very well be said that the phrase "**A Life Devoted to God**" would serve as a brief summary of those thoughts and vision. Let me explain.

I shared with the leadership that in our life and ministry together, we should very much see ourselves as being a lighthouse to the Community. The people around our church and the people that we encounter in our daily walk will see us and interpret our actions as a representative of Christ. But what is the image that we will project? Will they see in us a life that is **devoted to God**? Will they see programs and ministries that are a reflection of the light of Christ? I also suggested that how we deal with and work with each other in ministry – as leaders, team members, boards and committees – also needs to reflect **a life devoted to God**. I am convinced that when we are all seeking to do God's will and bring Him the glory, then personal agendas and plans take a back seat to the greater ministry that Christ wants to accomplish through us all for the good of His Kingdom!

In my discussion with the Council I also mentioned that as members of God's Church, our personal spiritual life should be marked as one that is **devoted to God**. Are we growing in His Word and are we serving in our areas of Spiritual giftedness? Finally, I concluded that lives and ministries that are **devoted to God** are marked with trust, character and communication. I challenged all of us to have high standards and expectations in terms of how we

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President

May was truly a busy month in the life our Congregation, highlighted by the presentation of an Easter Passion Contata presented by the joint choirs at both RBTS Traditional and Korean Church services; fellowship events and activities ranging from an outstanding Mother's Day Brunch served by our youth and a sold out 'Seoul Night' dinner graciously hosted by the Fellowship Committee and entertained with cultural music and dance from our brothers and sisters in Christ from the Korean Church (an event that was televised by the local Korean TV station); a successful camp-out weekend by those hearty members whose families not only enjoyed the fellowship of camping but also worship around the campfire; and, the activities were culminated with a concert presentation in our sanctuary by a Christian college youth Choir from Sweden. This event was arranged and hosted by the Worship Committee and included not only a dinner for the visitors but also hosting them for an evening in member's homes. Also in May, we saw the implementation and integration of a new audio/visual system in the sanctuary with the installation of screens and speakers to enhance our worship presentations primarily for use at the Contemporary Service but also for special emphasis in our Traditional service.

In addition to all of the activities and new systems that we experienced in the month of May, our Church Council approved an extensive program whereby we as a congregation will review our ministry programs and offerings, evaluate the utilization and capabilities of our facilities and last but not least to explore our community outreach opportunities to strengthen and enhance our ministries as we move forward in our Mission to be a Lighthouse to our Community. The Council approved and appointed an Executive Committee to lead these reviews through the formation of Ad Hoc Committees who will be given specific charters and task descriptions to produce written reviews and recommendations to the full Council for approval and presentation to the voters. The Ad Hoc Committees will be established and led by members of the Council and generally consist of 3-5 congregation members as appropriate. These Committees will have a well defined/short term/task oriented life. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to serve when asked or volunteer if you have special interest or talent to contribute.

In last month's Reflections, two Ad Hoc Committees were identified, the first was chartered to review and select an insurance coverage from the LCMS Concordia Plan Services to cover church staff and eligible PreSchool/Kindergarten teachers. An HMO plan offering Medical and Dental was recommended and approved with allowable upgrade benefits at the employee's personal expense. In addition, all eligible church and school will receive retirement contributions at no cost to the employee. The second Ad Hoc Committee reviewed and recommended to maintain our current loan payment to LCEF schedule. This will be reviewed again in six months.

One other important item that the Council approved is change our fiscal planning/budget year to be September 1st through August 31st to be consistent with the PreSchool/Kindergarten. This will give us better financial visibility.

LOOKING FORWARD:

The Executive Sub Committee approved by the Council consists of the Pastor and President who are ex-officio members of all committees in accordance with our By Laws. Committee members are Vice President, Treasurer, Education Chair, Head Trustee, and Chief Elder.

The following is a preliminary listing Ad Hoc Committee study tasks :

1. Furnish the Lounge in Room 4 to serve both Youth and Adult Ed ministries

2. Develop and Prepare a new budget for our new fiscal year cycle 9/1 to 8/31

3. Facility Studies: Evaluate Church and PSK facility usage in two phases:

a. Facility Study 1: Maximum Usage Potential of Current facilities including the church & preschool with little or no modification or change in current programs & space utilization in the near term

b. Facility Study 2 – Identify and evaluate future 3-5+ year potential facility utilization and financial impact for internal and outreach congregational growth

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EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair

… always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you…
1 Peter 3:15 ESV

I don't know about you, but I find it difficult to "always be ready" to make a defense for the hope that is within me. The hope is within me but I do not always feel very capable of making a defense although the Lord tells us very plainly, "I am with you always, to the end of the age." Matt 28:20.

I think one of the most reluctant people to make a defense for the hope that lies within them was Moses. In Exodus chapter 3 and 4 when the Lord told Moses, "Come, I will send you to Pharaoh that you may bring my people, the children of Israel, out of Egypt." Moses states his first, of many reasons why he should not be the one to do this. But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the children of Israel out of Egypt?" God said, "I will be with you …. " And we know the rest of the story of the Exodus.

In the New Testament we have Peter who in the beginning was unable to make a defense for the hope that lies within him later becomes one of the most eloquent leaders of the Apostles. In Luke, Chapter 22, Peter denies three times being a disciple of Jesus. Then in Acts, Chapter 2 and again in Chapter 3, Peter and the other Apostles are filled with the Holy Spirit and Peter speaks out with such boldness that thousands joined the church. There are many more examples in both the Old and New Testament of reluctant people speaking out boldly in defense of their faith.

I try to show people by my actions and words that I am a Christian but I hope and pray that the next time I get the opportunity to make a defense for the hope that lies within me that the Holy Spirit enables me to speak out boldly. Always remembering that God is always with me.

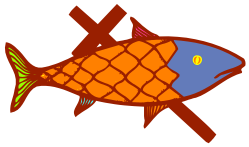
On another subject, I would like to thank Jennifer Frost for arranging the beach cleanup at South Pronto Beach. We had a wonderful turnout of willing helpers including many from our preschool. The event was well organized and everyone seemed to have a great time.

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

KEY WORDS IN THE LIFE OF A CHRISTIAN

God / Our Lord / Jesus Christ / Holy Spirit / Faith / Worship / Giving Thankful



Last fall, the members of RBTS identified how they would financially serve the Lord in 2011. In May, a summary of this "giving" was mailed. Yes, we are thankful for this response and hopeful these pledges will be fulfilled.

We also are thankful for those members who are faithfully giving even though a pledge was not submitted; as well as, for the non-memberswho are giving. You might ask, "What ministries are we supporting?" Besides the on-going RBTS operational expenses, your generosity has provided---

- New doors to enclose classroom #4's restroom
- Folding doors in the Fellowship Hall
- 55 Starbuck's coupons for first time visitors' mailings
- 60 devotional books for the Visitors Center
- Screen and projection equipment for the sanctuary
- Upgrading the audio system
- Mission outreach - $1,000 Japan Disaster Relief and $1,269.74 Wounded Warriors
- Additional hymnals

As you enjoy your summer, may you also remember to include "worship" in your summer plans, and remember that Giving something back to God is an expression of gratitude and worship for it is a joy to serve Him

"…all things working together for good… for those who love Him are called according to His purpose." Romans 8:28

EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

The Gift You're Already Giving

(From an article in Christianity Today by Keri Wyatt Kent)

Parenting, it's been said, is the only profession where the goal is to work yourself out of a job. Obviously we all understand this means when a child matures properly, they move from dependence on you to independence. This can be a scary time, when we see a child become capable of undertakings we may question we wonder if they are *really* ready. Here are three things to consider:

Trust God: As kids' leaders, or as parents, we can grow in our faith by challenging kids to grow—and then actually letting them to do it. Allowing kids to take risks to follow hard after God requires us to trust God to take care of them, it forces us to let go of control. Surrendering the kids in our charge to God, trusting that all will be well and things will work for good in the long run—that's a faith builder right there.

Pray: Even when you are praying for someone else, you build spiritual muscles that will serve you well as you journey with Christ. Pray that you use the time wisely, support and build on the things you are teaching your kids. Pray that God would be in charge of your child's development in every way. Your child's Sunday School teacher prays for them and as a parent, knowing someone else is praying for your child communicates God's love in a way few other things can.

Model: Live what you teach. As a parent, or kid's leader, are you living the values you seek to instill in them? Are you kind, patient, loving? *(That is, do you act as Jesus would?)* How about when no one's looking? That, it's been said, is the definition of character.

When you teach kids, be willing to share *(at an age appropriate level)* your own struggles as well as your own successes. Tell stories about your own life, and how you are living your faith. Just knowing you'll be doing this may change your behavior *(yet another sign of your own spiritual growth)*. Modeling provides a sort of accountability.

As a parent once said, I think knowing I'm not alone in influencing kids for Christ is the best Mother's Day gift I could ever get. Your Sunday School Teacher is your partner on this journey.

"and that from Childhood you have known the Holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15)

Other Sunday School Business

We have been talking for some time about the Sunday morning schedule, as it relates to Sunday School, and we will soon be meeting to review the options. If you have any input you would like to give us on timing for Sunday School, let me or Pastor Augie know.

We plan to start a High School class, as soon as we are sure we have the necessary teaching support. This includes the team-teaching approach, where the commitment will be every 3rd, or 4th month during the year; please let me know if you have any interest in helping out. Teaching is a very rewarding experience and you are welcome to give it a try, on a temporary basis, to see if this is something the Good Lord has gifted you to do. Let me or Pastor Augie know if you have any interest.

CONFIRMATION

By Dan Bitner

What a memorable experience seeing the Confirmation Class take their final *(two hour)* oral exam; the test signifies completion of this year's Catechism study. This year I had the pleasure of reading the questions that had been prepared, and Pastor Augie selected the students to respond and then verified their answers. We also had several members from the Board of Elders in attendance and they had some questions for the group as well. The students did fine and answered all of the required questions; Congratulations Confirmands!

The event was ended with a "Good Job" from everyone, including the parents who were in attendance, along with an ice cream sundae for all to help with the celebration. This milestone means three of the students *(Chloe, Deo and Karissa)* have completed their study and will be confirmed at the second service on June 12. For the others, Confirmation Class will begin in September for the students who are continuing in the two year program.

CONTEMPORARY MUSIC
Kathy Esqueda

Free Guitar Lessons for Youth!

Taught by Joe Flatt, RBTS lead guitarist.

Thursdays 5:30 -6:30

Please contact Kathy Esqueda at ksmesqueda@roadrunner for more information.

Watch for "Meet The Band", coming in July's newletter. You may have noticed a few new faces in the RBTS band. Our musicians posess varied, and extremely interesting-backgrounds. If you want to know who the new guys up front are, keep a keen eye out for bios in future newsletters. We aren't forgetting those familiar faces either.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS
Gary Wilson, Director

CHOIR VACATION TIME

The choir will sing through June and will take a much needed vacation the month of July. The choir will start rehearsing our fall music and our Christmas Cantata beginning Wednesday, August 3. New members are invited to join us for practice every Wednesday night beginning August 3.

CHOIR MEMBER OF THE MONTH

Ken Swick

Ken grew up in Akron, a small town in northern Indiana. The family was active in the local Church of God and he always enjoyed singing the many hymns of each service. He started singing in the choir about the time he started high school and a couple of years later sang often in a mixed quartet of high school students. His interests outside the church; basketball.
After graduating from Anderson College (A branch of the C of God), Ken taught High School math and coached basketball and tennis for four years.
He obtained his MA at USC and PhD at Uuniversity of Iowa. H taught math at Occidental College, Queens C of CUNY, Emory University and Cal State Uuniversity at San Marcus. Ken stopped teaching two years ago and now seem to be busier than ever chauffeuring Rachel and Chloe everywhere, more projects at home and RBTS, not mention tennis three or four times each week.

Jenny and Ken have been married for 17 years and have two daughters, Rachel and Chloe. The family likes to travel, eat out and go to movies, hike and walk along the beach and they value and enjoy their time and activities at RBTS. Ken and his wife Jenny, daughters Rachel and Chloe, started attending Redeemer in Spring 2007 and certainly have been blessed by their worship here and participation in the church and the friendship of the many wonderful people there.

He enjoys the wide variety of music that the RBTS choir sings. Ken says that Gary's direction is great and helps make practice fun,. He enjoys singing with his daughters (when he can get them there!), and he likes to feel that their music participation can contribute, even if in a very small way, to the worship service.

While teaching in college, Ken spent much of his time and effort on research in the field of nonlinear differential equations. He was particularly interested in developing realistic models in Demography (The study of human population change) and Ecology and understanding how these models behaved.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

In an effort to keep expenses as low as possible while still providing excellent investment opportunities, Lutheran Church Extension Fund is offering the option of receiving the annual offering circular online. This seventy page pamphlet is sent to EVERY investor, as required by federal law. Hopefully, you each signed up when you got your letter offering online service. If not, you can still sign up at www.lcef.org/gogreen. And for those of you who forego the blessings and frustrations of computers, please enjoy your print edition which will continue to come in the mail.

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.

Redeemer by the Sea
MOPS
Mothers of Preschoolers

MOPS will not meet through the summer months. Look for future announcements regarding our fall registration and exciting programs.

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:
TraceykiernanByahoo.com

June 18, 2011 Date Night 5-9pm
Dinner provided for children, outside playtime
Parent Topic: Building the Right Fences

August 20, 2011 Date Night 5-9pm
Dinner provided for children, outside playtime
Parent Topic: Sex: God's Good Gift

*****Volunteers to assist our paid sitters are still needed. There are a lot of jobs available: food prep, sign –in, Craft help, and any other talents that you might like to share.

BE AN AMBASSADOR FOR JESUS

The Gospel Outreach Booth at the San Diego County Fair (Del Mar), June 10-July 4 is being sponsored by the Southern California District and Sunshine Zone of the International Lutheran Laymen's League. Ambassadors for Jesus are needed to staff this booth during the 22 days of the fair.

There will be three shifts per day: 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.; 2:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.; 6:30 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. Tuesday through Thursday (6:30 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Friday) and 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.; 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.; 6:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on Saturday (6:00 p.m. to 10:00 on Sunday and Monday, 7/4.) The fair will be closed on three Mondays, June 13, 20, & 27.

Volunteers will receive complimentary entrance credentials for their service, two per shift. Please contact Shirley Anderson, 619-421-5269, Cell #-254-2666, e-mail: d.ander3@cox.net, for dates and times to serve or RBTS Evangelism Chair, Tom Burke (thomastheburke@cox.net - 760-529-9970.

Funds are needed to meet the cost (approximately $4,200 for rental contract, insurance and materials) of this gospel sharing opportunity at the fair. Check to help defray this expense may be sent to Southern California District Lutheran Layman's League. Earmark for SD County Fair and mail to Shirley Anderson, 555 Manzanita St., Chula Vista, CA 91911.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
Lois Ziegler O'Donnell

"RAVE REVIEWS OF THE BELIEVERS PERFORMANCE"

The long-awaited Believers Swedish College Choir exceeded our expectations when they performed in our sanctuary on the afternoon of Sunday, May 22. The choir truly sings with perfect intonation, and beautiful harmony that comes straight from the heart!

We have been receiving abundant positive feedback from those who hosted the members of this special group in their homes. Likewise the choir members were absolutely delighted to be cared for so lovingly by their hosts.

A large number of those in attendance appeared to be visitors, rather than members, which was our intent. One couple came from Chula Vista, and had read about the event in the San Diego Union Tribune.

SPECIAL thanks to Dorothy Dahlen, Ron & Suzanne Hughes, Paul & Hilda Kalaidjian, Dan & Ellen Bitner, Tom & Erika Burke, Lyle &Evelyn Meyer, Jim & Karen Heiser, Buck & Alice Lehmann, Bill & GeorgeAnn Barnes, Rhonda Sutherlin, Greg & Jan Bishop, Ken & Jo Voertman, Ken & Jenny Swick, Pastor Augie & Rachelle Iadicicco, and especially, Tom O'Donnell for extending yourselves to serve as SUPER HOSTS for our new Swedish friends.

Jan Bishop took on the task of providing a light supper for the choir participants as well as host families after the performance. Her team, including Ellen Bitner, Hilda Kalaidjain, Ann Doering, Suzanne Hughes, Patricia Sax, and Jan's husband, Greg Bishop planned and executed a much appreciated and very tasty spaghetti and meatballs meal. The perfect ending to that meal was a nice selection of good LUTHERAN cookies, bars, cupcakes and even a bountiful bowl of fresh sweet cherries. Wilma Boggs, Erika Burke, Bobbie Ankenbrandt, Marie Voien, Audrey Wickstrand, Kathy Seemans, and Ann Doering graciously stepped up to the plate and responded to Jan's request for those yummy treats.

Don Brandt took charge of the ushering/greeting duties with Tom O'Donnell as his "assistant". Charles Um volunteered to be our sound system specialist for the event. Special thanks to Carl Gehring for helping to get the word out on his radio program, and Chuck Denton as well as Rachelle Iadicicco for continually working with the electronic media coverage.

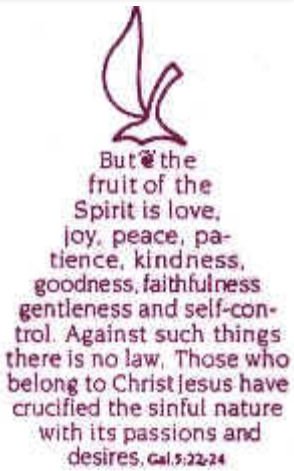
Marianne Rethwisch, who lives in LaCosta and is an alumnus of Pitea College, served as the volunteer area coordinator for this tour by the choir, and we are very grateful to her for inviting us to participate as well as for being such a constant "shepherd" in making everything come together.

As we have already come to expect, Pastor Augie provided just the right touch when it came to welcoming the choir to our beautiful sanctuary for their inspirational musical tribute to HIM. Last, but surely not least, is a sincere THANK YOU to all of you who helped to make the day by attending as well as inviting your friends, family and neighbors.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML
Norma Russell, President

Our May meeting had a large turnout to hear our special speaker, Rachelle Iadicicco, who spoke about her experiences as a Mother and Pastor's wife. Members brought items from Trader Joe's to be assembled for a "Trader Joe's Gift Basket" for the district meeting.

Women's Ministry/LWML will recess June, July and August. There is still time however to reserve a spot for "Night Out" dinner on June 7 at the Oceanside Country Club at 5:30 pm. The cost is $20 per person. Rhonda Sutherlin has graciously offered to display her jewelry and will donate a large amount of her profits to ur Women's Ministry for our use towards our various mission projects. For reservations call to the dinner, contact B.J. Lahr (760-945-3570). Have a great summer. Look for future announcements about our fall programs.



THE CAMPING EXPERIENCE 2011

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

Our Art Extravaganza was a huge success. Parents, grandparents, friends and family came to see the wonderful masterpieces created by our Kindergarten and Preschool students.

All –School Picnic!
Wednesday, June 1, 2011
from 9:00-12:00 at
Aviara Community Park
SCHOOL CLOSED ALL DAY

Wednesday
June 1 .....5th Annual All School Picnic at Aviara community Park. School Closed

Monday
June 6 .....God Bless American Drama Performances at 1:30 pm and 4:00 pm

Tuesday
June 6.....Last Day of School for the 3's

Wednesday
June 15.....Graduation for the 4's, Bonus, Kindergarten and last day of school.

Redeemer Summer Camp!

Redeemer offers four 2-week sessions during the summer, starting the week of June 20th, and closed for VBS during the week of July 18th.

Each camp session is themed and incorporates water play, popsicle days, and no camp would be complete without the Redeemer camp chant!

SEE YOU THERE!

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

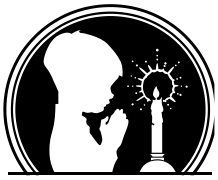
Proverbs 22:6

Session #1: God Bless America!
6/20/11-7/1/11

Session # 2: Under the Sea
7/5/11-7/15/11

Session #3: Sports
7/25/11-8/5/11

Session #4: Safari/Camping
8/8/11-8/19/11



SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

By Bobbie Ankenbrandt

Even if you have not been able to attend any other school presentation this year, this is one YOU SIMPLE CANNOT MISS!

Performances of GOD BLESS AMERICA! will be held on June 6th at 1:30 and 4:00 p.m. Come and watch the Drama group proudly display their enthusiastic patriotism .. saluting our flag and praising our God! I promise you will leave feeling moved, inspired, and blessed.

Many thanks to "MIss Cindy" and the staff of Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Kindergarten and Preschool for another very successful year. The Board, on behalf of our congregation, will recognize these dedicated teachers at an end-of-the-year luncheon to express our appreciation.

FELLOWSHIP
Barbara Gehrig, Chair

SEOUL NIGHT

What a terrific time was had by all!!! Our RBTS Seoul Night was a just another example of the Korean Church and RBTS working together. We are blessed to have each other.

It started with Karen Heiser welcoming everyone with a beautiful fan, as a gift. Then on to the check in table where, Patricia Sax & Dorothy Doughty handled out drink coupons and name tags. Next stop was the bartenders, Rhonda & Carl. Several of the women from Korean church had lent beautiful traditional dresses for others to wear. Gorgeous colors and fabric. We had Appetizers passed around by our helpers.

Next was our Korean Entertainment. We had 2 harpist, 5 drummers, and 4 fan dancers. Wow, everyone was amazed. Dinner was then served, which was a 7 course meal.

After dinner, Cindy sang a beautiful traditional Korean song. Then on to tasty Green Tea Ice Cream Dessert.

Special thanks to Charles & Cindy Um for being our partners in this event. They provided the food and entertainment, decorations and many wonderful ideas Without them, it just wouldn't have happened. Thank you for being such wonderful partners. Many members of the Korean Church also attended our meeting and worked that evening. Thank you to all.

Our fellowship committee, deserves a big Thank You also. Rhonda Sutherlin, Dorothy Doughty, Hilda Kalaidjian, Linda Jenssen, Ann Doering, Karen Heiser, Mary Ann Meinardus and Carl Gehring.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY LUNCHEONS.

For all of you who would like lunch at the voters assembly, please sign up in the narthex. We are going to charging $5 per person for a assorted sandwichs, fruit, chips & drink, provided by JC Deli. We want to make sure that we have enough for everyone, so please sign up.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES
JUNE

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

Monday Bible Study
No Bible Study scheduled for June.
For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....more later.

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday June 7 and 21 at 1:00 pm
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Neighborhood Bible Study

June study will be Ecclestiastes on June 29.
July study will be the Song of Solomon on July 27.
Both sessions will be at the Meyer's home.
See more information in the next column.
For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....more later.

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 PETE TO GET SIGNED UP!

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

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL
Justin Finke, Chair

The dates have been schedule for Vacation Bible School and past attendees are already calling to learn about registration dates. Vacation Bible School will be July 18-22, this summer. Space is always limited to 100 students. Registration will be open to Redeemer by the Sea members first for a period of time and then opened for non-members. This VBS is always well attended and is recognized in our community as one of the best run in the area.

The theme again this year is from the GoFish Guys again and titled *Kick it in Old School.* Justin Finke will chair the VBS again this year and his committee is already involved in planning and hoping to make this year's VBS even bigger and better than ever before.

GoFish

June

Birthdays

06/02 Ralph Hemphill
06/03 Marilyn Winslow
06/04 Jenny Swick
06/07 Emerald Kiernan
06/17 Mario Gomez
06/17 Kathy Hemphill
06/19 Russ Hanthorn
06/20 Tracy Prior
06/21 Charles Finney
06/23 Victor Kiernan
06/27 Ellen Bitner
06/30 Theo Krumrey

Anniversaries

06/04/94 Ken & Jennie Swick
06/06/97 Bryan & Laura Cline
06/07/97 Chuck & Elizabeth Denton
06/15/68 Mario & Carole Gomez
06/18/50 Marvin & Dawn Suhr
06/20 Charles Finney
06/25 Michael & Tanya Finnerty
06/25/00 Don & Flori Seehusen
06/30/84 Tom & Bonnie Shanahan

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Birthday Celebrants was held at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad (the Carlsbad Municipal Golf Course) 5800 The Crossings on Thursday, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the May birthdays of Dorothy Dahlen and Hal Dotterer and the June birthday of Russ Hanthorn.

In addition to the cost of the meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money was donated to the committee in charge of providing a meal for the Swedish College Choir Concert.

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.

BIBLE STUDY

Summer Session

By Evelyn Meyer

We will study Ecclesiastes in June and our discussion of the book will be on the Meyer's Patio June 29th at 9:00 am

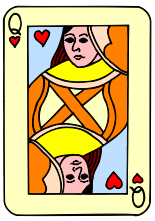
Song of Solomon (Song of Songs) in July and we will discuss on the Meyer's Patio July 27th at 9am

Coffee will be ready and please wear sunhat and be ready to share what you have learned.

These are very informal studies and everyone is invited. Contact: Evelyn lylemeyer@roadrunner.com

For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's *Breaking Free* Updated Edition....more later.

BRIDGE CLUB



The single story, unpretentious home of Jo Voertman was the scene for the April bridge game, where good hands were held by some and not so good ones held by others—'twas ever thus. High score was Evelyn Meyer and second was our leader, Alice Lehmann. In bridge, the best hands do not necessarily win; it depends on how declarer (the person who wins the bid) plays them. It sort of depends on how well the defense defends, too.

May found us playing in the newly renovated home of Alice Lehmann and our June game will be played at the home of Lois O'Donnell.

We play from one until four on the fourth Friday of every month except December. Usually there are two tables. Light refreshments are served. Currently the group is all female but bridge playing men would be welcome.

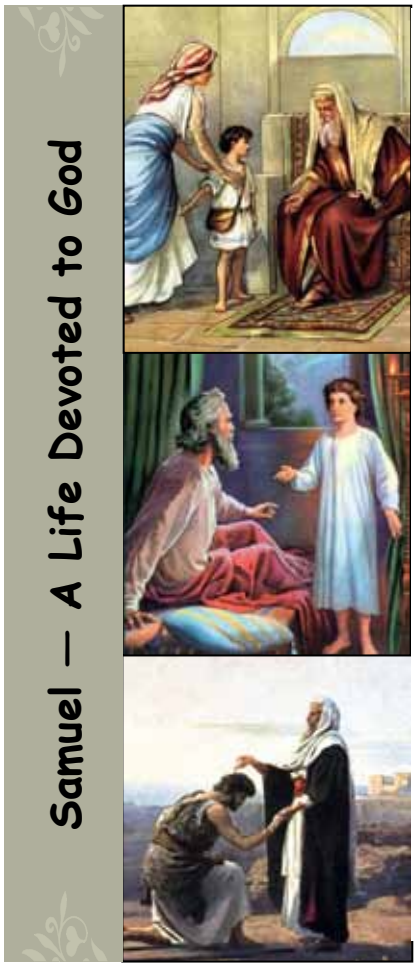
Anyone interested in joining our group may contact the Bridge Co-ordinator, Alice Lehmann, buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com, 1-760-941-1197.

Mother's Day

Since the early Christian Church this day has been celebrated, originally to honor the Virgin Mary and then later on, in England, it was expanded to include all mothers. Then they called the day Mothering Sunday.

Probably one of the best quotes for Mother's Day was from George Washington, who said *"My mother was the most beautiful woman I ever saw. All I am I owe to my mother. I attribute all my success in life to the moral, intellectual and physical education I received from her."* How cool is that…

For our part, we had a great Mother's Day breakfast here at Redeemer and while the pancakes were good, it was even better because they were prepared and served by the youth. Thanks to Karissa, Kyle, Chloe, Liam, Deo, Tessia, Emerald, Tori, Matt, Mitchell, Josh and Jordan. Also thanks to Ken Voertman and Patrick Kiernan for keeping the pancake batter flowing; to Lauren Luecke for maintaining the pancake supply; to Kevin Lynaugh and Ralph Hemphill for their surveillance duties; and the team of Paul Lahr, Dean Miller and Jerry Ankenbrandt who helped with cleanup and getting the facilities back in order. We hope this was a welcome treat for all the Moms who attended.



June 5
Living a Life of Great Consistency

June 12
The Prayer that Changed History

June 19
God is Speaking but are You Listening

June 26
Bringing Back God's Glory

July 3
Doing Things God's Way

July 10
Give Us a King

July 17
When We Settle for Less than the Best

July 24
A Model of Integrity

July 31
One Final Painful Task

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The greatest gift I ever had came from God, and I call him Dad! Anonymous

Small boys become big men through the influence of big men who care about small boys. Anonymous

By the time a man realizes that maybe his father was right, he usually has a son who thinks he's wrong. Charles Wadworth

And, ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Ephesians 6:4

Did You Know: Facts, Figures & Folklore About Father's Day & Fatherhood

The third Sunday in June is America's special day to celebrate our fathers. Here are some of the facts about our country's dads that you may not have known:

Did you know that the concept of Father's Day was first proposed in 1909 by Washingtonian native Mrs. John B. Dodd? Her inspiration for the holiday was to honor her own father, William Smart, a Civil War veteran and single dad, widowed when his wife died in childbirth with their sixth child. Mrs. Dodd's vision did not become reality until 63 years later? In 1966, President Lyndon Johnson signed a presidential proclamation declaring the 3rd Sunday of June as Father's Day.

Did you know that many child development experts believe the influence of a father on his children is most critical from the ages of six to 14? .

Did you know that there are 64.3 million fathers in America?

Did you know that in families where the mother works outside of the home, 14% of fathers are full-time stay-at-home dads?

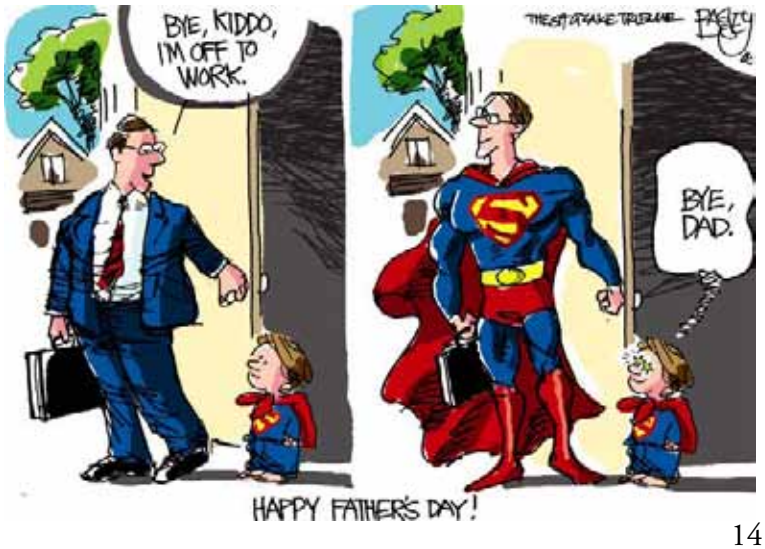
Did you know that nearly a quarter of all married dads have three or more children living at home?

Did you know that one in five single parents with primary custody is a dad?

Did you know that 85% of Dads live only with their biological children

Did you know two-thirds of children under the age of six eat dinner with their dads every day?

Did you know that one in twelve men serving in the US Army are dads?



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communicate with, trust and treat each other. Quite simply, in our **devotion to God**, if we keep Christ central to the ministry (i.e. *He* is the "main thing"), then our words and actions will glorify God and demonstrate a **life of devotion to Him**.

My desire was to convey to them and to you what Paul was meaning in Galatians 4:19 when he said, "*My dear children, for whom I am again in the pains of childbirth until Christ is formed in you*." It is my hope that at Redeemer by the Sea, we will always strive to increase our Christ-likeness, such that Christ is more and more formed in each of us! That is what it means to live **a life devoted to God**.

Soli Deo Gloria (to God Alone be the Glory)!

Pastor Augie Iadicicco

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 July *Reflections* will be due Thursday, June 23, 2011.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor

President's Report.....Continued

programs including expansion through utilization of 'double wide' structures

4. Evaluate the cost / financial impact of alternate use of basement areas including:

5. Formation of a Day Care program with little or no structural change needs (Note: Current structure exists for this including, zoning, security & outdoor playground)

6. PSK to evaluate the cost & financial impact of utilization of the current basement for adding a 1st Grade Class facility, followed by the impact of addition of a 2nd and 3rd Grade program over the next 3 to 5 years.

7. Community Outreach Program - The feasibility for development of a Community Garden area at the lower end of our property. This is a lower priority but has a large community service potential. We need to find a single or several 'champions' for this project and then charter and enable them develop a plan.

These and other ministry development studies including worship service time, child and youth programs, adult education programs are but a sampling of spiritual, ministry and service growth programs that we will be seeking involvement from the congregation to evaluate and formulate.

I ask for your support as we move forward in the growth of our ministries and services at Redeemer by the Sea as we seek to fulfill our Mission to be a Lighthouse to Our Community.

Pray for our Pastor, our Teachers, our Staff, our Leadership and our Congregation that the Holy Spirit will bless and guide us as we move forward in His Kingdom

When asked to serve, do so with a willing heart.

THANK YOU

Dear Friends at RBTS,

Thank you so very much for the surprise recognition of my year as "interim office manager." This past year I was truly blessed to be able to serve RBTS in an administrative capacity. And what a joy it has been to develop closer friendship with its members. Thank you all for the help and support you gave me during that time. May God continue to bless Redeemer by the Sea.

Bonnie Brunner

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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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