Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church LCMS

REFLECTIONS

MAY 2011

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PASTOR

Together in Mission

Greetings Redeemer family and friends!

Rachelle, the children and I are thrilled to finally be here with you. After several months of interviews … prayer … deliberation … prayer … waiting … and more prayer … we are together at last. It seems like a long time for us, and yet it was an even longer time for you – beginning the call process about one and a half years ago! And yet, what seems like such a long time to us is but a blink to the Lord. Even more so, He has the ability to use all those delays, obstacles and challenges to grow us in ways that we can only see in hindsight and sometimes never will see. And so we trust in Him to have accomplished exactly what He wants in us in precisely the way which will be for our greatest benefit and for the greatest good in His Kingdom.

We thank you for the warm welcome that you have extended to us. The call committee and church leadership have tended to so many details and the installation service and reception was beautiful and inspiring! I commented to a few folks that pastors and congregations should do that every so often – even when not beginning a new ministry. It's wonderful to consider again the way that God has called us into ministry and to consider the ways in which congregation and pastor intend to work together for God's glory!

Holy Scripture reminds us that "*It was he who gave some to be apostles, some to be prophets, some to be evangelists, and some to be pastors and teachers, to prepare God's people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up.*" (Ephesians 4:11-12) Even though I have received a divine call to be the pastor in this location, it's clear that the Lord's work doesn't end with me – or any pastor, apostle or evangelist for that matter. No, the purpose of these offices is to prepare God's people for works of service and build up the body of Christ! In order for God's will to be carried out through us, we all have a part to play. We all must work together since we are all on God's team and we all serve a function in the body of Christ.

I remember when I decided to answer God's call and enter the seminary. I simply wanted God to be able to use me however He desired in His Church and in His harvest field; I merely wanted to make myself available to Him. At that time, I couldn't dream or fathom that I would serve a congregation in Houston, start a mission congregation in Phoenix and end up in Carlsbad, CA! Likewise, as we stand on the threshold of a new chapter in ministry at Redeemer by the Sea today, we cannot dream or fathom what God will do through us – the lives we will touch and the difference we will make for eternity! However, while we may not know WHAT God is going to do through us, we do know

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President

COUNTING OUR BLESSINGS

What a fulfilling and exciting month this has been at Redeemer by the Sea. First and foremost, we completed our journey through the Lenten Season; the triumph of Palm Sunday; the Passion of Holy Week, where we followed the commitment of Jesus Christ as he submitted himself to ridicule, suffering, conviction, crucifixion and death on the cross at Golgotha; and culminating with the celebration of the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. All of this He endured to pay the price for the sins of those who know and believe in Him for all time so that in the last day we will join Him and all believers in the heavenly home that he has promised us for eternity. That is our faith and our heritage and that is why we are and profess to be members and worshippers at Redeemer by the Sea. And yes, through all of this we were Blessed to receive and install Pastor Augie into our midst as our permanent sole Pastor and our Spiritual leader in our journey through our lives and our service to our Lord.

Stepping aside from our spiritual experience throughout the month, I want to express my personal, and I'm sure our congregational wishes as well, to express my thanks for all of the effort and participation for all those members who so graciously stepped forward with their services ranging from kicking or sweeping the morning snails off the sidewalks, to washing the windows, to super cleaning the sanctuary, to policing the grounds. In addition, I want to especially thank those front line workers who magnificently transformed our Fellowship Hall into a Reception Hall for welcoming Pastor Augie, Rachelle, their family and guests for the Installation, and then did it once again for an Easter Service, celebration and a brunch to remember.

Our standards have now been set on HIGH not only for our members for their participation and service, but for Pastor Augie as well as he has led us Spiritually through this month with fulfilling worship services especially with his innovations and messages from Palm Sunday, Maunday Thursday, Good Friday and an Easter Service that not only filled our hearts and souls but our sanctuary as well. We had an attendance of 375 total from both the Traditional and Contemporary services. What a joy to behold and a blessing to our congregation.

LOOKING FORWARD

Now that we have seen and experienced what Pastor Augie has introduced into our worship services, it is time for the congregation to join in and come together and not just enjoy the satisfaction of being served by our Spiritual Leader but to think outwardly to reach those in our community who may be un-churched or under-churched. We have a bit of a dichotomy in our physical image as a lighthouse to our community to attract people in. In reality lighthouses are placed in remote locations to warn seafarers to navigate away from the rocks and shoals that the lighthouse warns them of. How can we change this? By reaching out into our communities with an open hand, with the message of Jesus Christ and how he offers us salvation by Grace alone. Lighthouses do not have many windows except for one to transmit the warning beacon, our church on the other hand has many windows and we need to let our community look in and see not just the warmth that we have together but see how we extend to the needs of our community through outreach programs. Those are the things that the community will relate to. Together with our outreach, it is most important that we extend an invitation for them to join us, to learn with us and to grow in the faith with us.

Pastor Augie has already implemented actions to receive these 'outsiders' not as simply 'visitors' but as our 'guests' to bewelcomed and invited to come back again and again and grow to become a part of us and we of them. He will be preaching and teaching in mini-series of Christian Life and Biblical Journey's. Look for opportunities when called upon to serve as greeters, guest hosts, and follow-up visitors. Consider it an honor to be asked and a mission to serve. It's not just the Pastor's, the Elder's or the usher's job or the evangelism committee members. It's our job as members to serve and bear witness to our Lord. Pastor Augie will be calling on individuals to invite them to serve on small groups or committees to sound out and evaluate such things the

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EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair

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.

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

???CHRISTIAN TIME MANAGEMENT???

- How do you make yourself useful?
- Do you step out of your comfort zone to help others?
- How much time are you willing to donate each month?
- Can you think of areas where you can make RBTS a better place?
- Our responses come from a *thankful* heart in appreciation for all His gifts.
- As Christian, our responses are based on our *whole* life for we cannot give *just a little*…, *just a little* … and *just a little* …as we belong to God completely.
- Remember, that *Stewardship* has to do with *all* stages of our life and life's resources, including time and talent; therefore, we are practicing on earth what we will do forever in eternity….

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord…
Colossians 3:17.

Prayer Service Sharing
Stewardship
A Way of Life

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

May and June bring graduations—from grade schools, high schools and colleges. It is a good time to consider financing higher education. The Coverdell, which has severe controls by the federal government, is one way of paying for college, trade schools and job training. Coverdell funds MUST be spent on education, but the interest is tax free and it is a painless way to save. Call the eight hundred number to inquire about or open a Coverdell account. Yearly contributions are limited so the earlier the Coverdell is opened, the greater benefit to the child.

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, 1-800-843-523

EDUCATION ~ SUNDAY SCHOOL

Dan Bitner, Education Chair

While I'm away

This was the topic of a Sunday School lesson intended to give the children something, at their level, to help them understand the purpose of the scripture. An example was given where a parent, who loves their child very much, leaves them in the care of a babysitter. We decided that the parent would want to leave a phone number where they could be reached in an emergency and we agreed the parent would want to leave written instructions. We then talked about the kind of things they would want to write down; the ideas from the kids were what you would expect for the most part; don't let strangers in, don't use the stove, eat healthy snacks, etc. *(it's OK to eat everything in the refrigerator was another example.)* It was easy for the children to see that by following the rules and behaving as they were told, their parents would be pleased upon their return.

The next step in the lesson was to talk about how Jesus knew He would be leaving us for a time and since we know He loves us very much, certainly He would also leave instructions; the children easily made the connection to the bible. The bible gives us instructions for all the things we are to do until He comes again, including how to get in touch in case of emergency *(prayer.)*

Along with you the parent, our Sunday School teacher's role is to help the children learn these instructions. *This learning is of course greatly enhanced by regular attendance.*

Easter Events

Palm Sunday saw a dozen of our Sunday School children at our second service with palm branches reenacting Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. This is certainly a blessing to our worship service and is one of those opportunities to 'connect' our children to the operation of our church.

Our Easter Egg hunt and movie was again a big success and I want to thank our youth helpers this year: Alex, Rachel, Liam, Deo, Chloe and our Nursery staff - Julie, Chelsea & Catlin for helping in various ways, including hiding the eggs and monitored the children during the Easter egg hunt. Also thanks to Heather Finke and Alice Lehmann for managing the classrooms during the movies.

"Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end. Give me understanding, and I will keep your law and obey it with all my heart." (Psalms 119: 33-34)

Other Sunday School Business

Remember, we plan to get a High School class started and are in need of a teacher to help in a team-teaching role. Let me know if you have any interest.

LCMS YOUTH MINISTRY E-BULLETIN - QUOTE OF THE MONTH: *"Easter says you can put truth in a grave, but it won't stay there." (Clarence W. Hall)Surely a great quote for a world that doesn't want to recognize absolute truth.*

Redeemer by the Sea MOPS Mothers of Preschoolers

The next MOPS of Redeemer by the Sea meeting will be held May 11th. This will be our final meeting of the season. We will be celebrating the end of our Spring Season with a Mother's Tea. Our Speaker Becky Herrick will be presenting a talk titled "Choosing Hope in Difficult Times". We will also have a final play date at RBTS on May 25th and a Strawberry Fields play date -Date TBA.

MOPs meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesdays of the month 9:30-11:30 am through May 2011. Fees of membership apply. For further information Mothers of Preschoolers can contact Laura Cline at lclinedvm@yahoo.com or 760-930-1359. Additional information about MOPS is available at www.mops.org.

RBTS MOPS is currently full in our child care program for children under 2 1/2 years of age.

CHOIR MEMBER OF THE MONTH

NORMA RUSSELL

Norma's father, one of 6 in his family, were all musically talented. All either sang in church and school, or played a musical instrument. So, Norma grew up around music and good musicians. As she grew up, she would play her dad's favorite hymns on the piano and the family would sing along. One of her fondest memories is of singing in a performance of Handel's Messiah with her father. Growing up in Northern Minnesota, her community strongly supported the music programs in school and she was a member of the chorus and band. (Snare drum in Pep Band, and Tympani in Concert Band). Several times a year she would participate in festivals and competitions.

In Norma's early twenties, she began singing in church choirs and with one exception has sung in a choir in the various congregations she belonged to. Norma joined RBTS choir 7-8 years ago. Singing under the direction of Gary Wilson is such a wonderful experience. There is such a wealth of beautiful choir music, and Gary challenges us with great patience. Sometimes we don't like a number and say we can't sing it, but Gary persists and when we perform it we say, "That was great, Let's do it again soon."

Norma was born in South Dakota but moved to Northern Minnesota when she was a year and a half old. She and Sam have lived in Carlsbad since 2002. Sam and Norma have been married for 57 years, and have 4 grown children, 5 grandchildren, and will become Great Grandparents for the first time this month.

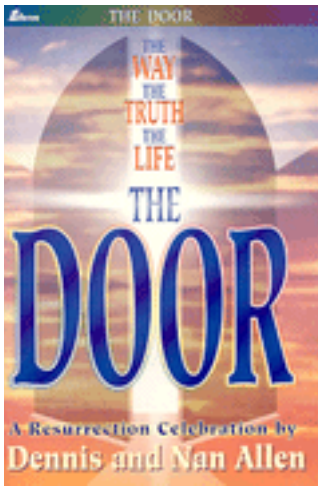
Norma was a nurse for over 50 years. One of their daughters is a nurse and our 2 grand daughters are studying to become a nurse. Sam was a fireman for 30 years, and their son John, is a fireman and their grandson Sam is preparing for the same career. Norma is also very active in our Lutheran Women's Group (she is president this year), and takes charge of many activities around our church. What a family and church heritage Norma Russell has!

We are proud to recognize and share Norma Russell as our Choir member of the Month of May.

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

Greetings from your Director of Choirs at Redeemer By the Sea.



What a blessed Easter Season we have had as we shared beautiful music selections with the congregation during Holy Week. The Chancel Choir, soloists, and our instrumental musicians worked very hard to inspire during this Resurrection Celebration in April. Between Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter morning, we hope the members and friends of Redeemer were moved and enjoyed our efforts celebrating the Glory of Jesus Christ and his Resurrection.

Our Chancel and Korean Choirs have been working very hard on our Cantata presented on Sunday, May 1. " The Door," a Resurrection Celebration by Dennis and Nan Allen, was presented May 1 at 8:30 am and 1:00 pm. The Cantata featured our Chancel Choir, the Korean Choir, soloists, featured guests, drama, and special effects. Our narrators were Carl Gehring, and John Palmer. This dramatic work was a thrill to learn and our musicians were challenged and inspired by the music, words, and creativity of the composers. It was a true pleasure to present this work to our Redeemer By the Sea members and friends. A special thank you to Katie Klaerich, Carl Gehring, John Palmer, Charles Um and Frank Esqueda, members of our special effects crew, and the many soloists who made this presentation meaningful to all of us.

Our choir will be singing in May and June during the first service. It would be a good time to join this dynamic group of Christians who love to sing to the Lord. Our rehearsals are on Wednesday evenings from 7:00-8:30 pm. Why not join us for the next two months as we know you will enjoy the experience, and will help serve our Lord through Music.

TRUSTEE'S REPORT
Ken Voertman, Chair

The room divider for the meeting hall has been installed and looks and works well. We can now have two events at the same time in the room. We now have two rest rooms in the basement, the one we always had and a door has been installed in classroom 4 rest room so it is now also available for all to use.

As you know we have a problem with the present sound system in that it is often difficult to hear our Pastor and others very well. After consulting with several firms and getting recommendations and bids, a consensus was obtained on what was needed. A contract has been let for Electric Innovations, Inc. to furnish and install new overhead speakers and a matching amplifier to improve the sound of both the music and spoken word. Two projectors will be installed, one for a retractable screen to be placed to the right of the wood paneling in back of the altar and one to project on the rear wall to provide Pastor with the ability to see what is on the screen and to allow the choir to have a good view. It will be almost a month before this is all accomplished.

ELDERS REPORT
Paul Lahr, Chair

At the April Elder's Meeting, the following actions were taken:

Hereafter, Communion will be served on the first and third Sundays at BOTH SERVICES. When there are FIVE Sundays, services will remain the same with both an 8:30 and a 10:30 a.m. service.

Pastor Augie will teach the between-service Bible Study, "Lutheranism 101", completing the class in time for the 10:30 service. NOTE: This enables persons attending EITHER service to attend. Second service attendees are especially invited to join the class. There will still be time for fellowship prior to the start of the class.

A "task force" will be appointed to consider changing service starting times, thus allowing more time between services. The change in times may be implemented over the summer months on a "trial basis". Any questions or suggestions may be submitted to Paul Lahr, Head Elder. Phone:760 945-3750. email paul.lahr@cox.net

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.

LWML DINNER NITE OUT

Tuesday June 7th

EL Camino Country Club

5:30 PM $20.00

RSVP/Payment Deadline Sunday May 29

Check the poster Sunday May 1st

for details regarding a "special program, etc.

Everyone invited…bring a friend, too.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML
Norma Russell, President

Our May Women's Mininstry meeting on May 10, begining at 9:30 A.M. promises to be a very exciting one as our program will be a chat with our own Rachelle Iadicicco. Her topic is "Generations of Motherhood & Kids' Survival. This will be immediately after a brief coffee time, & devotions so be on time for your "morning out"! Remember to bring your "Trader Joes" item for our basket for the basket raffle at the LWML Rally May 14th.

This will be our final meeting before our summer break as June will be our "Ladies Nite-Our for Dinner:! Watch for details.

Also, May 14th is Zone 21 LWML Spring rally at st. Mark, Encinitas. Theme is "God's Love in Action in Southeast Asia. Speaker is Irietysw Burrows on her mission trip to Myanmar (Burma) Registration begins at 9:30 A.M.. Cost is $6 which includes lunch. Offering will go to Bibles for Burma. Please let me know by Wednesday, May 12th if you plan to attend.

Serve the Lord with Gladness... Psalm 100:2

A HUGE THANK YOU . . .

To ALL who were such a BIG part of our Easter Brunch. B.J. Lahr, my right arm and right leg, and to those who so successfully put out the food and kept it restocked & to all who contributed such good food. We don't have a count of how many we served but it was many nore than last year. We had many compliments, so please all (including Sam Russel , Paul Lahr, and Russ Hanthorn) take a bow! *Norma Russell, Women's Ministry President.*

SAVE THOSE STAMPS!!!!

Once again ALL stamps are valuable for the "Stamps For Missions" project so cut them off of your envelopes, leaving at least a 1/4" margin and deposit them in the special box at the foot of the stairs in the fellowship hall. The only exception are the non profit stamps. For questions, contact stamp chairperson, Marilyn Swearingen (760-603-0925)

WORSHIP COMMITTEE
Lois Ziegler O'Donnell

WE WELCOME YOUR PARTICIPATION!!

WHAT: The Believers Choir of Sweden

WHEN: Sunday, May 22 at 3:30 pm

WHERE: Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church

COST: NO CHARGE FOR THE PERFORMANCE
(A free-will offering will be taken to support their tour)

This 35 member choir, directed by Stig Sandlund, is noted for having Pure Intonation, Heart Felt Inspiration and Absolutely Beautiful Harmony. There is something for every single one of us to enjoy...Traditional Hymns, Swedish Folk Music, Classical Music and even Jazz.

After the performance, our church will provide a light dinner/supper for the students as well as the families that will be hosting them for the evening. (We can use your help in providing food, set up/clean up, as well as serving this meal)

There are 35 students to be housed overnight after the dinner is served, and if you have an extra bedroom you would like to offer, we would like to hear from you. It should be a wonderful experience to get to know these Christian students, who are away from their homes.

ALSO: This is an outreach opportunity, and you are encouraged to help get the word out so we have a nice sized audience for this special event. Let's continue with the wonderful enthusiasm that has been so abundant since Pastor Augie arrived, and support this out reach effort. It is a perfect time to bring family, friends or neighbors to visit our beautiful church .

We look forward to seeing everyone at the concert... mark your calendars now, please.

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

Redeemer Summer Camp!

Summer is almost here, which means...

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!

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

Mark Your Calendars

Saturday, May 7th	Beach Clean-up at South Ponto Beach from 9:00-11:00am
Wednesday/Thursday May 18th and 19th	4th Annual Art Extravaganza
Tuesday/Wednesday May 24th and 25th	Chapel, PARENTS ALWAYS WELCOME
Monday, May 30th	Memorial Day, SCHOOL CLOSED
Wednesday, June 1st	6th Annual All-School Picnic at Aviara Community Park, SCHOOL CLOSED
Monday, June 6th	God Bless America Drama Performances at 1:30pm and 4:00pm
Tuesday, June 14th Wednesday, June 15th	Last day of school for the 3's Graduation for the 4's, Bonus, Kindergarten and last day of school

Creator God,

Thank you for making so many different flowers and plants. I want to help you by looking after them. Amen

Taken from our Daily Devotional Book: God and Me

SCHOOL BOARD NOTES

By Bobbie Ankenbrandt

Cindy was very disappointed that she was unable to attend the installation of Pastor Augie. She and her husband were back east for the funeral service of Jeff's step mother.

The Board hosted a "Get-acquainted" coffee for Pastor Augie and the school staff on Tuesday, April 19th. We are all looking forward to this opportunity to not only get to know each other better, but help Pastor with the challenge of learning even MORE names!

I want to share an amazing compliment that Cindy received from one of our USMC fathers. Captain Craig Liguori, (recently back from a tour in Afghanistan), presented our school with an American flag and a plaque certifying that the flag was flown over the First Marine Expeditionary Force, "Camp Leatherneck" during Operation Enduring Freedom. Captain Liguori gave these beautiful gifts to our school in "appreciation for the wonderful care his family received from the school during his absence". As a fitting tribute, and as an expression of our gratitude, Russ Hanthorn had the flag and certificate professionally mounted for display in the school office. Our Church and schools thank you, Captain Liguori, for your generosity, and your service to our country.

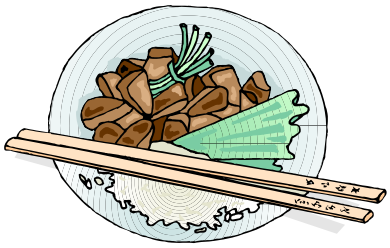
This is the time of year where activities are winding UP, not DOWN! There are so many opportunities to visit and enjoy what is happening at your school ~ Please come by .... you will be proud and amazed at what you see!

EASTER AT RBTS

FIND THE EASTER EGGS!

FELLOWSHIP
Barbara Gehring, Chair

SEOUL NIGHT
May 14th 6:30pm



Please join us in a special evening of Korean culture. Our friends at the Korean church are putting on a traditional dinner & entertainment. This will be a candlelight dinner with wine. Dress up, date night!

Babysitting will be available on site.
Cost to be $30 per person. Make checks out to RBTS. Give to Barbara Gehring, Rhonda, Ann Doering, or Dorothy Doughty

PADRES BASEBALL GAME
FRIDAY, JUNE 3, 2011 at 7:00 pm

Listen to Gary Wilson Sing the National Anthem. Let's all ride down to Petco Park on the Coaster - drinks & snacks allowed! Coaster tickets can be bought at your stop the day of the game. Tickets round trip at Oceanside are $13 / Poinsettia is $12 /Seniors $6. (60 yrs & up) / Children under 5 free. Check the internet for departure times. We will meet on Car 4. You will need cash or a credit card. Arrive early, there could be a line.

We will have a sign up sheet in the Narthex soon. For all tickets to the game, see Gary Wilson. Tickets are $13.50. Make checks out to San Pasqual Union School District.

Buy your tickets Now!

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 June *Reflections* will be due Wednesday, May 25, 2011.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor

COMMUNITY SERVICE
Jennifer Frost, Chair

Redeemer Has Adopted A Beach!!

WHAT: Beach Cleanup
WHEN: Saturday, May 7th, 9:00 - 11:00 a.m.
WHERE: South Ponto State Beach in Carlsbad
WHO: Redeemer By The Sea Church & School

Redeemer By The Sea Lutheran Church and School will be participating in their first ever Beach Cleanup! We have adopted South Ponto State Beach (at the end of La Costa Avenue) through I Love A Clean San Diego. We're committed to 3 organized beach cleanups each year and our first is fast approaching.

The Adopt-A-Beach program is not just about trash. It's about the need for clean oceans, shorelines, and waterways. It is about Californians acting together to create lasting solutions to marine pollution. Oceans and waterways have been a dumping ground for man-made debris for decades. The harmful effects of marine debris are severe: negative economic and aesthetic impacts, harm and risk to human health and safety, injury and death to animals through entanglement and ingestion, and habitat destruction.

This is an Outreach Committee event, so we invite you to spread the word as we are looking to have not only church members, but preschool families and our community join us. More volunteers mean cleaner beaches, as everyone is able to comb a larger area and collect much more trash, keeping our beaches and shorelines clean and healthy.

A parking lot and bathrooms are available on site. We will have 3-hour free parking passes for all participants in the cleanup. We are providing trash bags, recycle bags, plastic gloves and we will have a limited number of trash grabbers. Dress for success by wearing closed-toed shoes, sunscreen, a hat, and gloves. Please arrive right away at 9:00, if not earlier, because I Love A Clean San Diego is offering a free educational presentation to us at 9:00 a.m.

Directions: From the I-5, exit Poinsettia Lane, head west. Turn left onto Coast Hwy 101/Carlsbad Blvd. After passing the campgrounds, veer right to a parking lot exit just as the road begins to climb (to La Costa Ave.). Look for the State Beach signs.

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES
MAY

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

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

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday May and 17 at 1:00 pm
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Neighborhood Bible Study - Wednesday

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.
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SUNDAY MORNING
ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study

Lutheranism 101
Fellowship Hall
9:45 am

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

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

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A Fitting Conclusion to the Study of *Beloved Disciple*
The Life and Ministry of John

May

Birthdays

05/01 Jennifer Jacoby
05/04 Andrea Fulton
05/05 Garrett Boone
05/05 Geoff Boone
05/05 Dorothy Dahlen
05/05 William Fulton
05/09 Harold Dotterer
05/10 Tanya Finnerty
05/13 Russell Erickson
05/14 Dan Borchardt
05/14 Frank Esqueda
05/14 Andrea O'Brien
05/15 Gregg Boone
05/16 Joshua Steffan
05/18 Kevin Lynaugh
05/19 Eric Prior
05/21 Laurel Michel

Anniversaries

05/05/58 Bill & Andrea Fulton
05/06/06 Greg & Kellie Granito
05/06/51 Wilma McDonald
05/31/57 Jim & Bonnie Brunner

05/25 Margaret Smith
05/26 Hilda Kalaidjian
05/28 Jennifer Frost
05/28 Tracey Kiernan

SCRAPBOOK & CRAFTERS CLUB

In May we will celebrate National Scrapbook Month with an all day crop from 9am to 9 pm on May 7. Please be prepared to stay after the crop to set up tables for the Mother's Day brunch the next day. Happy Cropping!

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The Birthday Celebrants had a wonderful celebration April 7 at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad and celebrated the birthdays of Tom Burke, Bob Doering, Evelyn and Lyle Meyer and Dawn Suhr. We contributed one hundred twenty three ($123.) dollars to Thrivent Builds – Habitat for Humanity

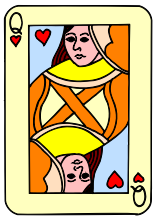
We will again convene at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad (the Carlsbad Municipal Golf Course) 5800 The Crossings on THURSDAY, June 2 at 11:30 a.m. to celebrate the May birthdays of Dorothy Dahlen and Hal Dotterer and the June birthday of Russ Hanthorn.

The restaurant policy is one check per table of six or eight so cash is needed in order to meet the bill at each table.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be donated to the committee in charge of providing a meal for the Swedish 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.

BRIDGE CLUB



The bridge group meets on Friday, May 27, at one p.m. at the home of Alice Lehmann.

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.

Let's go camping!

May 20th-22nd, 2011

at Dos Picos State Park in Ramona

RBTS is inviting you to spend a weekend retreat nearby in Ramona, There's hiking, biking, fishing, campfire "marshmallow" roasts, potluck dinner, a camp-style breakfast, fun, fellowship, & a Saturday night family-style devotions in the meeting center (directly in the middle of our site).

The Ranger will even come by and visit with a few "animal friends". We reserve almost the entire camping spot cul-de-sac so everyone is close by. Water, electrical hookups, and restrooms/showers are available. You can bring your RV or tent sleeper. There is a small deposit of $65 to hold the spot, which includes a pancake, eggs, and bacon breakfast. You can even join us for one night or just for a day. More pictures from last year's trip are available at **www.redeemerbythesea.org**

Contact Tracey Kiernan for more information (traceykiernan@yahoo.com) or to reserve a spot since space is limited! (Sponsored by Redeemer By The Sea Lutheran Church in Carlsbad)

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APRIL 3, 2011

A MEMORABLE DAY!

THE

INSTALLATION OF

PASTOR AUGIE

Pastor Augie.....Continued

THAT God is going to work through us – because that is His promise to us in Scripture (Gen. 12:3 & Matt. 10:20).

How exciting it is to be united together as brothers and sisters in Christ – sharing the same mission and purpose to make disciples of Christ and to glorify God! My family and I are so eager to get to know you and to join with you in serving the Lord – you are a wonderful group of gifted people who have an obvious dedication to the Lord and a passion for His people! It's my desire that through the life and ministry of this congregation and its members, we will together see many folks come to know Christ and to grow in their walk with Him! Soli Deo Gloria (to God Alone be the Glory)!

Pastor Augie Iadicicco

ALL ABOUT MOTHERS

Mothers hold their children's hands for a short while, but their hearts forever. ~Author Unknown

"God could not be everywhere and therefore he made mothers." - Jewish Proverb

"Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children". - Billy Graham.

Hear, my son, your father's instruction, and forsake not your mother's teaching, for they are a graceful garland for your head and pendants for your neck. -Proverbs 1:8-9 ESV

"I'm a wife, a mother, a daughter, an executive, a cook, a housekeeper, a teacher, a chauffeur, and a soccer coach. *That's only 19 pounds per woman!"*

President's Report.....Continued

timing of our worship services, offerings of spiritual life an bible studies that appeal to the community around us so that these programs can be formulated with the congregation in partnership with Pastor Augie.

In short, what I'm trying to say, is don't sit back and observe what is transpiring but rather look forward to being a partner in developing out ministries and our outreach into the community.

COUNCIL ACTIVITIES:

Currently there are two separate ad hoc committees established to bring forward recommendations for Council approval at our May meeting:

- The first is an ad hoc committee headed by our Treasurer Linda Janssen to evaluate the current 2010 commitment we have with LCEF to service our loans and present a recommendation to the Council for a plan for our 2011 service payments. Their charter is to determine the amount of payment increases we can commit to in 2011.
- The second is an ad hoc committee headed by Kelly Sundstrom to evaluate the Concordia Plan Services that our church and school will be selecting for Medical and Retirement plans for our church an Preschool/Kindergarten staff personnel. They too will be presenting their recommendations to the Council at their May meeting. The switch to Concordia Plan Services will be effective on July 1, 2011.

I will leave you with a request for your prayers for support and guidance for our church, our Pastor, our leadership, our committees and our members as we call upon us all to work together in harmony to bring glory to our God and to fulfill His commission for us to reach out and save souls by bringing them to know and believe in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior.

In His Service,
Our God is great!

Jim Brunner, Council President

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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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