

REFLECTIONS

November 2011



PASTOR AUGIE'S MESSAGE

Cultivating Community

As we are moving through the *Purpose Driven Life* message and small group series at Redeemer by the Sea, have you found something that has encouraged you? Have you found something that has challenged you? I have – on both accounts. One chapter of the book, in particular, has caught my attention; that’s the chapter entitled “Cultivating Community.” The content of this chapter pertains to a topic that is near and dear to my heart. Next to reaching the lost with the message of the Gospel, there’s probably no single component of the ministry that’s more critical than that of cultivating community. In fact that is why God has established His Church on earth – so we could exist in community while we wait for the Lord’s return. The purpose of this community is twofold. First, it exists for the encouragement and edification of the believers who belong to the Body of Christ. Second, it exists to serve and reach those who are outside the Body with the Saving Gospel of Jesus’ sacrifice. We are stronger and we accomplish more for the Kingdom when we are together.

I particularly like Rick Warren’s choice of words: “cultivating” community. Churches often talk about how they might “create” community at their congregation. Truly, we do exist in a world that seems to be missing much of the sense of community that was enjoyed in days gone by. Consequently, churches must do what we can in order to provide the means and the channels for people to gather in community. We should always be thinking about how we can foster relationships and a sense of belonging to fill

the gap that so many experience today. More than ever, families are fractured or displaced due to education and work opportunities; and more than ever schedules are so full that people don’t have the time or energy to gather together with others for encouragement. And yet, encouragement is what they need. So churches attempt to create community where there was none. However, just as with living plants – humans can’t create plants. All we can do is plant seeds, water them and cultivate the soil to make it amenable to the growth that God provides. Likewise in Christian community – churches cannot create community. All we can do is ready the soil, plant the seeds and cultivate the ground to make it amenable to the growth and relationships that God provides.

This is both encouraging and challenging to me. I find encouragement in realizing that it is God that creates Community. It is God who calls and gathers us into His Church; and it is God who enlightens us with His gifts and sanctifies us with His Holy Spirit. That is a relief to me. It’s always a relief to know that God is the one doing the work. However, it is a challenge to me to realize that we have a responsibility to cultivate the community that God provides. What can we do at Redeemer by the Sea to cultivate, nourish and enrich the community that God is creating among us even as you read this newsletter? How can we be sure not to cut-off, choke or under-nourish the newly forming and constantly growing relationships that God is enabling?



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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President



OCTOBER REFLECTIONS:

In September we made a lot of progress in making ministry development plans, new fiscal year budgets, presenting them to the Council and the Voters for their approval. This is not to overlook the loan modification proposal request which we also submitted to LCEF to restructure our loans to avoid any future negative amortization. We have received only a few minor questions regarding our proposed modification from the LCEF reviewer and are now patiently and prayerfully awaiting their response. We need to keep both our congregation and the LCEF evaluators in our prayers over this matter.

That was September; now in October the wheels are beginning to turn to put our plans into action. Just to highlight a few things:

- Conversion of Classroom 4 into a Mid-Hi Youth user friendly room for our youth to meet, lounge, entertain, worship and learn has been our No. 1 priority. A concept plan has been approved; a very detailed item by item cost plan has been developed by Chuck Denton and presented on the 27th to a group of leadership and interested youth and parents to establish conversion priorities to enable the room to become functional for youth program use.
- An Ad Hoc Committee has been formed by Laura Cline to come up with a refresh/repaint color scheme for Classroom's 2 & 3 along with the whole hallway to give it a look to of an "entrance" to the Children's ministry area. Their plans are to have this work done before Christmas...look for the opportunity for a volunteer work day soon. In the longer term we will be planning for quick conversion schemes for multi use of those classrooms for Sunday Schooler's on Sunday & Adult use during the week. These rooms also need to be equipped for AV systems for teaching purposes.
- On October 20th Pr Augie, Ken Voertman & Jim Brunner attended an all day seminar entitled "Not Your Parent's Church...Welcoming the Millennials" at New Hope Community Church in Chula Vista, a 3 year old worship facility. The seminar was sponsored by the architect firm that designs and builds "21st Century Churches" across the country. Among the points that stood out during the presentation were:
 - o The Millennials are defined as the 19-37 age groups that will outnumber the 50-70 age Baby Boomer generations by 2015.
 - The Millennials are:
 - Communicators using the latest technologies of the multi media almost exclusively.
 - They are not joiners but are attracted to Small Groups.

- Their monetary system is based more on text pledging online rather than cash.
- The Boomers are:
 - The joiners, the strength of the congregations as we know them today.
 - The givers of 90% churches income today...by 2016 they will provide 25% of what they are giving to the churches today.
- o The churches need to be "Family Friendly" with emphasis on connected family ministries. Fellowship is not just something that happens, the church needs to provide a worship experience and create inviting social environments for family fellowship to be successful.
- o What does all of this information mean to RBTS?
 - In the near term:
 - We want to look into the feasibility of providing a comfortable gathering place for PSK parents to sit down & enjoy a visit with fellow PSK Mom's & Dad's over a cup of coffee, tea or a hot chocolate
 - We want to introduce programs for 'End of Life' giving donations to the church.
 - We want to increase our emphasis on multiple use of our facilities, something scheduled every day/eve for every room.
 - We want to commission an architect to define concepts for future growth to support our Ministry Development Plan with emphasis on multi use and family friendly facilities as we strive to meet our 500 souls ministered and served weekly by 500th anniversary of the Reformation in 2017...**500 by 500**

Sounds a bit overwhelming but it really isn't, our foundation remains unchanged that we believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of our living God and as promised and prophesized He came down from Heaven and was made man to preach and teach us live our lives in love to God and to love our neighbors and ultimately to suffer and die for the sins of all the world and on the third day rise again so that those who believe in Him and do His will can inherit eternal life. We are indeed saved by Grace alone and along with that saving Grace; he has commissioned us to reach out to all neighbors in all nations to proclaim that message... Our Great Commission. Our neighbors are becoming more and more the Millinneys and just as the Apostle Paul was Greek to a Greek and Roman to a Roman, we can no longer look at just who we are or who we were in the past but we need to reach out and communicate with the Millinneys in their language and their culture with the saving message of Jesus Christ.

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EVANGELISM

Tom Burke, Evangelism Chair

Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Matthew 9:37 (NIV)

There is an incredible event coming to our neighborhood! Faith Lutheran Church in Vista is going to have a workshop from the Lutheran Hour Ministries called Mission U. It will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The workshop, along with lunch, is free but they are requesting a free will donation. I have heard great things about this workshop and have been wanting to go for a long time but this is the first time it has been presented close by. I plan to go and would love to have a large group from Redeemer by the Sea. If you plan to go please contact me at 1-760-529-9970 or Faith Lutheran at 1-760-724-7700.

On another note, The Mitchell Thorp Foundation is having their 3rd Annual 5k Walk/Run on Saturday, January 21, 2012 at Poinsettia Park in Carlsbad. Besides the Walk/Run there will also be kids games, entertainment, raffles and prizes. There is a need for walkers and runners as well as volunteers to help out with the activities. The entire event is run by volunteers and all money raised goes to the families sponsored by the foundation. My granddaughter is one of the children who will benefit from the funds raised. If you would like to learn more about the Mitchell Thorp Foundation you can go to their website at www.mitchellthorp.org. You can also get more information by contacting Bobbie Ankenbrandt, Erika Burke or me.

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I have just one more item that I am pleased to include in this article. In our busy lives and the busyness of our day to day cares and concerns we too often fail to recognize and appreciate those who are excelling in our ministries. I will now quote some excerpts from a letter on behalf of the Council and the congregation that I was privileged to present to Cindy Brown and her PSK Staff.

“As President of the Council, it gives me great pleasure to present this letter of recognition to you as Director of the Kindergarten and Preschool for the outstanding achievements that you have accomplished over the years in the planning, developing and growing your ministry to the level of excellence that you have achieved and now maintain...”

God has truly blessed our church through your ministry to provide a Christ centered early learning experience to the hundreds of preschoolers and their families that you have reached out to and touched in our community...

On behalf of the Congregation, we want to ‘Thank you’ and thank God for all of the Blessings that He has bestowed and we want to hold you up in our prayers that He will continue to Bless your ministry.

“All this is for your benefit, so that the grace that is reaching more and more people may cause thanksgiving to overflow to the glory of God.” (2 Cor.4:15)

In His Service,

Our God is great!

Jim Brunner, Council President

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman

November is a special time for Lutheran Church Extension Fund staff and volunteers. The annual Conference is always the weekend before Thanksgiving, which is not the greatest time to be on the road with the holidays rapidly approaching and the myriads of chores that need doing. However, it is an economical time for a conference as hotel rates are at their lowest then.

This year's conference is in Raleigh, North Carolina, where several hundred of us will gather for inspirational talks, worship and fellowship. A highlight of the conference is the awards, one of which is recognition of congregations who have reached one million dollars in investments. We received our award several years ago and it was an honor to be able to accept it on behalf of our congregation.

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



By Jennifer Frost

RBTS's new Sunday school program is doing well and it is great to see some new faces at the registration table on Sunday mornings. The continued excitement and enthusiasm for our children and the new program is wonderful!

Sunday School Routine

Parents check-in their children for Sunday School before the 10:30am service. The children begin in the sanctuary and then are dismissed to their classrooms following the opening songs. Parents pick up their children from the Sunday School Classrooms downstairs. Parents, please form a line in the hallway when picking up your children as each child must be dismissed by their teacher individually.

In between the first service and the second service, we offer enrichment classes for the children from 9:45 – 10:30 a.m. Tracey Kiernan has a lot of fun activities planned with great volunteers from our church guiding these Enrichment Classes. We hope to see some of your children there!

Our Sunday School Teachers for October:

- Preschool & Kindergarten ~ Heather Finke
- Grades 1-3 ~ Bonnie Shanahan & Jen Frost
- Grades 4-6 ~ Rhonda Sutherlin
- Junior & High School ~ Dan Bitner
- Enrichment Coordinator ~ Tracey Kiernan



If you are interested in helping with Sunday School or facilitating a youth activity either at 9:45 a.m. or during the 10:30 a.m. service, please contact Dan Bitner at 619-318-4549.

Sunday School Teacher Highlight ~ Linda Janssen



Linda was born in Nebraska but moved to California when she was 9 years old. After attending college at Concordia, Seward, she lived in Illinois for 5 years and then moved to Colorado where she resided for approximately 35 years. Linda came to Carlsbad in 2007 due to a job transfer. She currently is a Division Controller. She has lived in the area full-time since 2009. Searching for a church home in California brought Linda to Redeemer where she became a member in 2010.

Linda enjoys teaching and spending time with children. Teaching Sunday school provides her the opportunity to speak to our youth about the love Christ has for them. Linda has taught Sunday school for a number of years so it is not new to her. In her prior congregation, she taught classes as well as attended adult classes. She also served as the Sunday School Chair. When Linda's daughter was in elementary school, she attended Sunday school with her in order to interpret. One funny story she shared took place at the beginning of a new year. One of the boys in the class was so excited to see Linda in the new class and commented, "Oh, you graduated, too!" Kids come up with the cutest comments!

Other areas at Redeemer that Linda is involved in include serving as a Member of the Fellowship Board as well as a member of small group. Linda is also the mother of two daughters and has five grandchildren. In her free time she enjoys sewing, gardening (especially flowers), reading and crafts. We are truly blessed to have someone like Linda as part of our church family!



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML

Norma Russell, President



WOMEN'S MINISTRY MEETING, This Sunday, November 6th is Lutheran Women's Missionary League Sunday, the one time in a year where women are recognized in a worship service for their services throughout the year and you will see some of our women participating in our worship services. It has been a busy year for the Women's Ministry of RBTS. Supporting missions world wide with our Mites & stamps, completing lap robes & wheel chair bags for shut ins and convalescent homes, providing food when needed as well as transportation and daily prayers by a large number of women in the prayer circle for comfort, healing, encouragement and thanks. This month we will be completing the Christmas Card Kits which go to the Women's Resource Center, shut ins

and convalescent homes to those who otherwise could not send Christmas greetings to their loved ones. We have just agreed to support a new project--adopting a military base in Atsugi, Japan with grocery & sundries coupons for the use of the military personel and families there There is a box in the Narthex and we encourage you to clip those coupons from newspapers and other sources, place them in the box and we ship them frequently for their use. We have already sent one box and another will be ready soon. Under the direction of Bonnie Brunner we are creating a cookbook from all associated with RBTS as well as friends & neighbors. Proceeds from this book will go to "Wounded Warriors" at Camp Pendleton. Bonnie asks that you send her your favorite recipies soon so that this can be a beautiful book and an outstanding outreach to those in need.

CALLING ALL COOKS!

Submit your favorite recipes for the
**Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church,
Kindergarten & Preschool School**

RECIPE BOOK

**ALL members, friends and guests of
Redeemer by the Sea Church, School and MOPS
are invited to submit their favorite recipes
for the cookbook that is now in the works.**

Suggested categories are:

Appetizers

Beverages

Soups

Salads

Vegetables

Entrees

Desserts

Cookies

International Foods



The proceeds from this LWML sponsored project will go to

**The Wounded Warrior Program
at Camp Pendleton**

Recipes can be sent to rbtncooks@aol.com
or given to Bonnie Brunner - 760-929-8756.

See specifications on the back

The Angel Tree this year will provide gifts for children of our servicemen and women from Camp Pendleton. The angels will be on the tree Sunday Nov 27th, please make sure you sign out for your Angel. The gift is to be \$25, wrapped, with the angel securely attached to the present. Please return it by Wednesday Dec 15Th.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR SUBMITTING RECIPES

1. Send recipes to rbtncooks@aol.com.
Preferred file type is MS Word, Publisher, Adobe InDesign and PDE.
2. If you cannot send the recipe digitally, then mail it or give it to Bonnie Brunner. You may use the mail box drop at the church next to the Office Manager. There is a slot for Newsletter that can be used, or mail it to Bonnie Brunner, 2819 Avenida Valera, Carlsbad, CA 92009.
3. Use 12 point type - non bold, upper & lower case.
Only one font per recipe.
Elaborate formatting is not required.
4. There is NO limitation on the number of recipes that can be submitted. The more the better. If we have duplicates of the same recipe, we will give both persons credit for the submission.
5. With the submission of your recipe, please indicate the following:
 - Full Name
 - Affiliations (Church, School, Mops, Friend, Guest)
 - Recommended category
6. If there is a historical/family significance to your recipe, please indicate so, and we will include that with the recipe. Many recipes have a special background within families that make them interesting to read as well as cook.
7. Please submit all recipes by November 20, 2011

Questions: Call Bonnie Brunner 760-929-8756.

If you would like to be included in the production

CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

Shirley Hawley Crowned Chancel Choir Member of the Month

Shirley Hawley, a professional and talented artist, has sung in choirs since she was in high school. She was born in Lake Charles, Louisiana, and raised nearby in Westlake. As a second child of eleven, her upbringing was interesting and challenging. The oldest five kids, her older brother and three sisters, would occasionally sing in church for the joy of the congregation.

Shirley has served in choirs for at least 25 years. She and her husband Bob, have been married for 37 years. They joined Redeemer in 2005, and Shirley has sung in our Chancel Choir since she came to Redeemer. Bob has also served as one of our usher leaders and you can see him every Sunday wondering around the sanctuary helping others, collaborating and assisting Pastor Augie before the service.

Shirley and Bob have three grown sons and a new granddaughter. Isn't grand parenting great?

Shirley says, "Singing in the choir is a real joy for me." "The other choir members are an amazing group of musicians who love to sing as much as I do." "Gary Wilson, our choir director, always challenges us to reach new heights, which keeps us on our toes." "I must say the rewards are worth it." "Why not join us as we sing praises to the Lord?"

It's not too late to join the choir for the Christmas season. We rehearse on Wednesday nights in the sanctuary, beginning at 7:00pm, and finishing up around 8:30pm. The choir sings three Sundays a month, and at many special services during Advent, Lent, Thanksgiving, Christmas and during Holy Week. We would love to have you join us.

If you have any questions, call Gary Wilson personally on his cell at 858 864-3491, or at work, 760 745-4591 ex. 1109.

COME SING TO LORD A NEW SONG!

JOIN THE CHANCEL CHOIR

The Chancel Choir, members of the Praise Team, and the Carlsbad Korean Choir are busy working on our Christmas Cantata, *The Night Before Christmas*. We plan to present this work to the congregation on Sunday, December 18, at 4:00 pm in the Sanctuary. It's still not too late to join us every Wednesday evening from 7:00 pm to 8:30 pm as we rehearse the Cantata, and anthems we plan to sing on Sunday mornings. We also have rehearsal tapes available so one can practice the Cantata on their own. If you have further questions about the Chancel Choir, please call, Director of Choirs, Gary Wilson at 858 864-3491 cell or at home in the evenings at 858 521-9618.

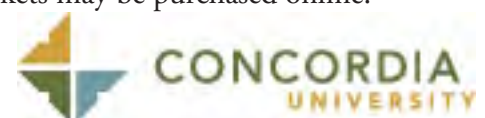


Gary Wilson will be working with the Sunday School children during second service for the next three months. We are trying to put together a children's choir which can sing periodically for the Sunday service. We love to hear our children sing praises to the Lord in church. Stay tuned for more information to follow in our next addition.



CONCORDIA CHOIR

Please join the Concordia Sinfonietta for a concert of famous and lively symphonic repertoire on Sunday, **Nov. 6 at 3:00**. This 46-member student orchestra, conducted by Jeff Held, will perform *Capriccio Italien* (Tchaikovsky), *Crown Imperial* (Walton), and *Rodeo* (Copland). The Sinfonietta will be joined by organist Dennis Siebenaler, who will perform Mendelssohn's *Organ Sonata No. 6*. Concordia University Irvine. 1530 Concordia West, Irvine. The concert will be in the CU Center. \$10/\$5 seniors/students & children free. Tickets may be purchased online.



CONTEMPORARY MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda

FREE GUITAR LESSONS!!!

Beginning and intermediate students ages 9-18 are welcome every Thursday from 6:30-7:30pm...

Contact Kathy at ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com for more information or just come by to view a class.



Music Through The Decades

BINGO NIGHT - Mike Chamberlin will appear- November 12, 2011 6:30PM TIL 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Afterwards, Mike will sell and sign copies of his CD and book. CD or Book \$15 each Special both CD and Book \$25



Mike Chamberlin spent 35 years as a TV News Anchor, including four years at KCOP – Los Angeles and 10 years with ESPN. . After retiring from broadcasting, Mike returned to his first love of singing and entertaining. With over 500 concerts to his musical credit, Mike walks his audiences through the musical decades with songs like “Over the Rainbow” and “Till There Was You.” Mike also performs some original compositions and shares inspiration and humor throughout his concert. Recently, Mike published a book entitled: God Has A Sense Of Humor For Heaven’s Sake. It is a collection of family friendly religious humor that he loves to share during his concerts.

CALLING ALL SERVANTS OF GOD!



If anyone is interested in serving on the Church Council or other committees for 2012, please contact Chuck Denton by email (chuckdenton@yahoo.com) or phone (760) 930-1916. The annual nominating process is starting soon and Redeemer is always looking for those wishing to help serve the Lord in this way. This is a wonderful opportunity to be involved with the direction and focus of ministry and have lots of fulfilling fellowship along the way! Any questions, please contact Chuck.

Brand New!! Please join us for this 8 week study
“JAMES MERCY TRIUMPHS”
Mondays January 23-March 12th
Fellowship Hall 9:15-11:30 am
Free Child Care Member Book \$18
contact: Evelyn @lylemeyer@roadrunner.com



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

James, Jesus’ own brother, started out as a skeptic. See how one glimpse of the resurrected Savior turned an unbeliever into a disciple with Beth Moore’s study James: Mercy Triumphs. Once you get to know both the man and the Book of James, you’ll never be the same again.

Bible scholars compare James to the prophet Amos. In other ways, James more closely resembles the Book of Proverbs than any New Testament book. James is a book with many topics -- social justice, joy, hardship, faith, reversal of fortunes for rich and poor, wisdom, gifts from above, single-mindedness, the dangers of the tongue, humility, and prayer -- all of which are covered in this study.

(8 video sessions with 7 weeks of print study)

ABOUT THE AUTHOR

Beth Moore has written best-selling Bible studies on the Patriarchs, Esther Moses, Paul, Isaiah, Daniel, John, David, and Jesus. Beth’s ministry is grounded in and fueled by her service at her home fellowship, First Baptist Church, Houston, Texas. Beth believes that her calling is Bible literacy: guiding believers to love and live God’s Word. Beth has a passion for Christ, a passion for Bible study and a passion to see Christians living the lives Christ intended.

Beth loves the Lord, loves to laugh, and loves to be with His people. Her life is full of activity, but one commitment remains constant: Counting all things but loss for the excellence of knowing Christ Jesus, the Lord *(see Phil 3:8)*.

FIFTH GRADE ASSIGNMENT

Wouldn’t this be great if it was taught in every school.

A fifth grade teacher in a Christian school asked her class to look at TV commercials and see if they could use them in 20 ways to communicate ideas about God.

Here are some of the results:

God is like... **BAYER ASPIRIN**

He works miracles.

God is like... **A FORD**

He’s got a better idea..

God is like.... **COKE**

He’s the real thing.
(This is great)

God is like... **HALLMARK CARDS**

He cares enough to send His very best.

God is like... **TIDE**

He gets the stains out others leave behind.

God is like... **GENERAL ELECTRIC**

He brings good things to life.

God is like... **WAL-MART**

He has everything.

God is like... **ALKA-SELTZER**

Try Him, you’ll like Him

God is like... **SCOTCH TAPE**

You can’t see Him, but you know He’s there.

God is like... **DELTA**

He’s ready when you are.

God is like... **ALLSTATE**

You’re in good hands with Him.

God is like... **VO-5 Hair Spray;**

He holds through all kinds of weather

God is like... **DIAL SOAP**

Aren’t you glad you have Him?
Don’t you wish everybody did?
(that one is my favorite)

God is like... **The U.S. POST OFFICE**

Neither rain, nor snow, nor sleet nor ice will keep Him from his appointed destination.

God is like... **CHEVROLET. . . .**

the heart beat of America

God is like... **MAXWELL HOUSE**

Good to the very last drop

God is like... **BOUNTY...**

He is the quicker picker upper...
Can handle the tough jobs...
And He won’t fall apart on you

KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL NEWS

Cindy Brown, Director

Everyone has been working so hard for our annual Fall Festival Fundraiser, and the array of wonderful baskets we have are proof of that. Some of the baskets include: a "Giving Tree" with tons of gift cards, a Crayola basket filled with fun activities for children, a Charger basket, and more!

Hope to see you there!

Tickets are on sale now!

Cindy



FROM THE SCHOOL BOARD

Bobbie Ankenbrandt

Recently, I had the opportunity to spend some time at school when "Miss Cindy" took a VERY rare break. The afternoon went smoothly (no surprise there!), so I had time walk around the campus and visit the classrooms. In Room 100 budding artists wearing binoculars were intently examining the birds of naturalist, John Audubon! Out the door, I bumped into "Miss Molecule" (AKA Miss Missy) hurrying by in her long, white lab coat and giant pink-rimmed glasses en route to teaching a science lesson. In Spanish class the students were busy decorating las calabazas colorlas!

The school is simply a joyful place where imagination, creativity, learning, and laughter abound! As a Christian school, we don't "do" Halloween, but our campus is very definitely "Spirited"!

Taken from our daily devotional God and Me:

Dear God,

Thank you for making us the way we are.
Thank you for loving us so much. Amen.



Mark Your Calendars

- Saturday November 5th from 10:00-2:00 Fall Festival!
- Friday November 11th SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Veteran's Day
- Monday through Friday November 21-25 SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday



CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER

SATURDAY DEC 10TH 5:30PM

Save the Date



Sandwiches, heavy appetizers & wine

At Barbara & Carl Gehrings home

Dessert, coffee & Christmas caroling

At Pastor Augie & Rachele Iadiciclos home

There will be a sign up sheet in the narthex for RSVP's for bringing an appetizer or dessert

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Lahr, Stewardship Chair

November is a wonderful month. The leaves have turned to a golden color. The first snow has been felt by some, although not in southern California. It is a month for remembering and celebrating culminating with at least 2 special events-**Thanksgiving** and the beginning of **Advent**.

The **First Thanksgiving** began with “**HOPE**”.

Prayer and a thankful spirit to God Almighty was a part of daily living for the surviving 52 Plymouth Colony Pilgrims. Their “First Thanksgiving” was a tribute to God’s faithfulness in meeting all their needs. Our celebration of Thanksgiving on the last Thursday in November is a prayerful response to God for His continued faithfulness and blessings in providing our needs, just as it has been throughout our history since 1621. We should observe this day with more than feasting. It should be one of gratitude and prayer.

Advent is a time to prepare for the birth of Christ and His birth gives us “**HOPE**”. At RBTS we are witnessing this “**HOPE**” every day and we have many things for which to be thankful. Have you noticed how many wonderful activities and events we have each month? A true feeling of “fellowship and discipleship”. We continue to grow both in numbers and spiritually as we worship and serve the Lord.

“**HOPE**” in the future will be determined in how we use the ‘gift’ that God has given us. In the past we have celebrated Stewardship in the fall. This year January will be Stewardship Month. Now is the time to reflect upon the 2011 pledge that you made last fall. Pledge summary letters are being mailed the first week in November in order for those members to see the balance of their pledge due before the new year. It is hoped that members who did not make a pledge last fall and those who have already fulfilled their pledged amount will continue through the balance of 2011 to graciously give.

As members and families gather to celebrate and to give thanks...*Happy Thanksgiving.*

“...in many expressions of thanks to God.”
2 Corinthians 9:12

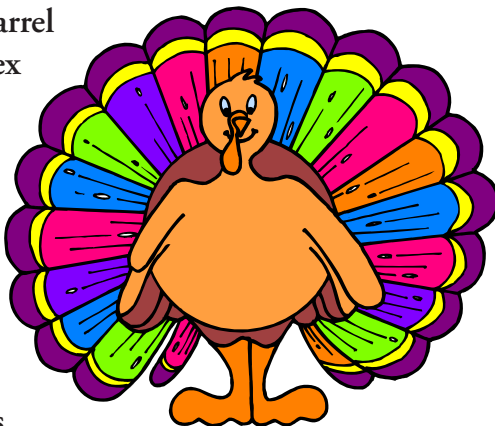


Thanksgiving Food Drive

begins Sunday November 6.

Collection barrel
in the narthex
through
Sunday
November
20th.

Only non-
perishable
food items.



Items will be distributed to needy north coastal families during the holidays.

CHURCH DECORATING

Saturday Dec 10th

9:30-noon.

Need a lot of helping hands and especially “tall” men who can climb ladder(s)!!!!

e-mail bjclahr@cox.net if you plan to help beginning at 9:30 a.m. in order to determine if we need to get more helpers. The more help the faster we will finish.



FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehring, Chair

Redeemer By The Sea

3rd Annual Golf Tournament

The 3rd Annual RBTS Golf Tournament was held on October 15th at Oaks North Golf Course in Rancho Bernardo. There were 16 players – golfers & non-golfers alike!

We started with a putting contest in which everyone competed for an awesome Taylor Made putter. The competition came down to a 3 way playoff and Mickey Scoffin prevailed. Congrats!

The tournament started at 9:00 a.m. and was followed by a BBQ lunch and distribution of prizes as follows:

WINNING TEAM:

- Charles Um
- Jeff Kimura
- Cindy Um
- Rhonda Sutherlin

MEN LONGEST DRIVE:

Jeff Kimura

LADIES LONGEST DRIVE:

Rhonda Sutherlin

MEN CLOSEST TO PIN:

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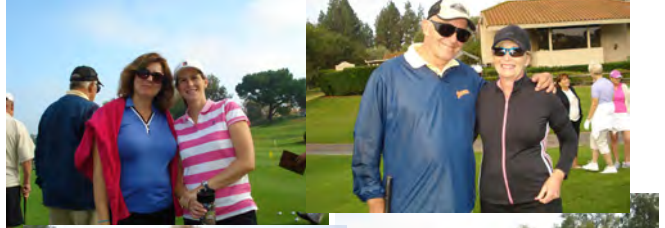
LADIES CLOSEST TO PIN:

No Winner!!!

Great fun & fellowship was had by all!!!

The Raffle Basket Winners:

- Chargers Basket – Jim Klaerich
- Queen for a Day Basket – Laurie Batherson
- Family Night Basket – Jim Klaerich
- Caddie Connection – Charles Um



A special thank you to the following individuals who helped make the tournament a success:

Matt Johnson for his generous donation of all of the Taylor Made merchandise.

Hilda Kilaidjian, Ellen Bittner & Linda Janssen for taking care of registration & raffle drawings at the tournament.

The Fellowship Committee for collection of the raffle basket items and tournament prizes.

Thanks so much for all your help.

Rhonda Sutherlin
Fellowship Committee

MIDWEEK BIBLE STUDIES NOVEMBER

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

For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....
9:15 am to 11:30 am
Church Fellowship Hall

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesday October 4 and 18 at 1:00 pm
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Neighborhood Bible Study

For Fall we will be studying Beth Moore's
Breaking Free Updated Edition....
9:00 am to 11:30 am
Evelyn Meyer's home.



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study

Lutheranism 101
Fellowship Hall
9:45 am

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

DATE NIGHT

December 3rd Shop & Drop
1-5 pm

Thank you to all the wonderful helpers we had from the congregation for the October Date Night. Without your help we would not be able to offer this mission to our community. The next date night is a drop and shop. Parents can get their Christmas shopping done without the distraction of their little ones. There will be crafts, activities, and a movie for the children. There will be no parent topic for the drop and shop. If you are interest in signing your child up please contact traceykiernan@yahoo.com. We could use volunteers for registration, snack, or crafts for that day.

Future Date Nights (5-9pm):
2/11/12, 4/14/12, 6/9/12, 8/11/12.

Children's Enrichment Hour

Sunday Mornings 9:45-10:25

If you haven't sent your child to Redeemers Enrichment Classes, what are you waiting for? In October we formed a wonderful Children's choir led by Gary Wilson, with the help of Jo Voertman. They performed at the 10:30 service on Oct. 30th. In November (11/6 and 11/13) we will be introducing the enrichment children to mission work. They will collect items for Operation Christmas Child, make placemats for Meals On Wheels San Marcos, and make no sew fleece blankets. The children will help choose the mission that the blankets will go to. Then the last two weeks in November we will start gearing the children up for the Childrens Sunday School Christmas program. Enrichment Instructors, helpers, ideas, and donations are always welcome! For information contact Traceykiernan@yahoo.com.



November

Birthdays

Anniversaries

11/03	Victoria Hemphill	11/06/77	Hilda Kalaidjian
11/05	Sabrina Shaw	11/07/87	Paul & BJ Lahr
11/06	Ashleigh Moore	11/08/52	Barry & Joan Machado
11/08	Heather Finke	11/19/89	Michael & Lori Batherson
11/08	Justin Finke	11/20	Lyle & Evelyn Meyer
11/11	Bonnie Brunner		
11/20	Mavis Ward		
11/23	Dale Ward		
11/24	Edith Witt		
11/25	Bill Barnes		
11/27	Chloe Swick		
11/30	Robert Hawley		

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

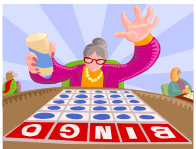
We celebrated the birthdays of Wilma Boggs, Jo Brandt, Erika Burke, Ann Doering, Jim Houston, Paul Lahr and Ruth Strigle at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, on Thursday, October 6. It was the day after our first Autumn rain and there was a fire in the fireplace and the room was warm and cozy.



Our November celebrants are Faye Bacon, Bill Barnes, Tom O'Donnell and Mavis and Dale Ward and we will celebrate them on THURSDAY, November 17 at eleven a.m. at the Argyle Restaurant, 7100 Four Seasons Point in the Four Seasons Resort. Lunches run between fifteen and twenty dollars.

In addition to your meal, a one dollar donation per each birthday celebrant is requested. This money will be sent to the Wounded Warriors, which helps injured servicemen recover and go on with their lives.

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.



BINGO NIGHT

Saturday Nov. 12th, 6:30pm to 9:30pm

Mike will perform at 7:45

Come for Bingo or the entertainment as you please!

Bingo Night with Mike Chamberlin. He will perform a program called "Music Through the Decades"

This is great time to invite your friends, family & neighbors to play with us. We will play bingo & then Mike will sing and entertain us with stories from his book "God has a sense of Humor for Heaven's Sake" This is going to be a full hour concert of songs such as "Over the Rainbow", "Till There Was You", some original compositions and much more.

Bingo prizes are from:
Starbucks, Coldstone and Chick- Fil-A.
One card is .50 Three cards \$1.00
Bring a can of food for our food drive
And get one card free.

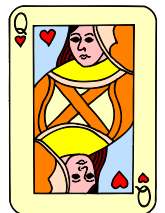
*All ages can play Bingo (babysitting is available)
We will have animal balloons made for the children*

Popcorn, candy, drinks for all



BRIDGE CLUB

We will be playing at 12:30 p.m. Friday, November 18 at the home that Bobbie Ankenbrandt shares with husband Jerry and Max the Sheltie.



We play from twelve-thirty until four on the fourth Friday of every month except December (third Friday in November). 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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POINSETTIAS TO BEAUTIFY THE CHURCH AT CHRISTMAS

There is a sign up sheet in the narthex for Poinsettias. Every year we decorate the Church at Christmas and they are part of the decorations. We ask the members to sponsor the poinsettias by signing up and paying for them. After Christmas services on Christmas day you may then take them home with you to beautify your home. They are 6inch plants and they are \$6.00 each. Either make your check out to the church, indicating it is for the poinsettias or give the money to Jan Bishop or Ellen Bitner. Please write paid by your name to indicate you have paid. Thank you in advance for your help.



CHRISTMAS OFFERING...

”Giving Sacrificially to God’s Work”

There is a special Christmas offering envelope in your 2011 box of envelopes. Christmas is the time when we think of the “gifts” we give to our friends and loved ones. Shouldn’t this also be true that this is a time when we give a “gift” to our Lord? So this “special “ envelope can be used for a “special “ gift!

In the December Reflections and later this month, you will read/hear more details as to how this Christmas Offering will be used at RBTS. On a weekly basis, additional envelopes will be available for those who wish to give and do not have a box of offering envelopes. This is a “heads up” so you can plan ahead. The Christmas Offering envelopes can be placed in the offering plate on any Sunday in December.

BAPTISM CLASS

Wednesday, November 30th at 5pm. If you are interested in finding out more about what Redeemer teaches about baptism -- then this is for you!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

Jen Swick 760-431-2908

There are still a few wrapped shoeboxes left to fill for a child in need that will be sent worldwide. There is an envelope inside each box with more information, and you can pick up a flyer at the table. You can also use your own shoebox and wrap it if you would like – just pick up an envelope & boy/girl tag at the table. There are also some boxes available that have been already filled and are ready to go -- \$20 includes the shipping and all the materials -- see Jen for more information! Please drop off your box by 11/13.



3rd Annual CARLSBAD VETERANS DAY CEREMONY

Rotary Club of Carlsbad
and Army and Navy Academy

Third Annual Veterans Day Ceremony
Friday, November 11th from 11:00AM-NOON.

Ceremony will include a military review by Cadets, TAPS,
Wreath Presentation and a Vintage Airplane Flyover
by RedStars Formation Team



Guest Speaker:
Colonel Mike Naylor, USMC
Deputy Commander
Marine Corps Installations, West

Wreath Presentation By:
Korean War Era Veterans

This event will be held on Maffucci Field on the Campus of
Army and Navy Academy (2605 Carlsbad Blvd.).

Additional parking is available at St. Michael's Church.

Hamburgers & Hot Dogs Available
Proceeds donated to the Interact Club
Army and Navy Academy

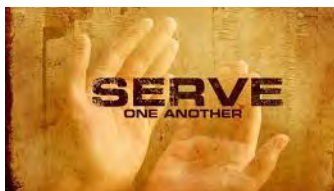


Pastor Augie.....Continued

In response to those questions I would propose a few thoughts. First, as Purpose Driven Life so clearly points out, "Community requires commitment." (p. 145) This may be challenging for some, but truly the best congregations and healthiest small groups ask for a commitment from their members. It is difficult to invest your time and energy into a group of people or a congregation where you are the only one committed to it. At Redeemer, our membership covenant outlines certain expectations of our members including regular attendance, giving and service. In return, our congregation commits to join together with you along your faith journey and to preach the gospel and administer the Sacraments in a manner faithful to the Holy Scriptures. Authentic community also takes humility. Selfishness and pride create mini-empires and barriers between people. Neither serves to cultivate community. In the Body of Christ, humility and charity become the common language and mode of operation that underlie all our dealings with each other. This, combined with forgiveness readily given and received, makes a community strong against the attempts of Satan to disrupt what God is building! Finally, in order to enjoy the benefits of community we must gather – frequently. This means that you and I must "do life together" outside of Sunday morning. Once a week is not enough to enjoy the kind of community that God desires for us.

So I end with both encouragement and challenge for you. I encourage you to relax about being in community. Recognize that just like each day's "daily bread," community is something created and provided by God. The challenge, however, is for you to make yourself available to receive it. How are you connecting with other believers in meaningful relationships? Perhaps something in this newsletter will give you an idea or an opportunity. Or perhaps you have an idea for cultivating community you'd like to explore. Either way, feel free to share those ideas with me and the other leaders at Redeemer! We want to do all that we can as a ministry to help you experience the Community that Jesus Christ has died so you can enjoy!

In Christian Community with you,
Pastor Augie



CURRENT SERMON SERIES THE PURPOSE DRIVEN LIFE!



During the months of October and November our Sunday message series will look at the popular book by Pastor Rick Warren entitled *The Purpose Driven Life*. This book includes over 1,000 Biblical references and has sold over 30 million copies. As we move through this material, we will discover the 5 main purposes that drive the life of a Christian: Worship, Fellowship, Discipleship, Ministry and Mission. During the series, our small groups will be studying the same material. New groups will be forming and signups are starting now. If you would like to host or co-host a small group for this 8 week series, please contact Rachelle in the church office. The dates and titles for the series are:

11/6 You Were Shaped for Serving God

11/13 You Were Made for a Mission

11/20 Living a Purpose Driven Life

Purpose Driven Life books will be available for purchase at a discounted rate and other materials and resources will be provided. Begin praying now about who you can study with as we learn about God's purposes for your life!

Groups that will meet every week:

Sunday 9:45 am -10:30 am - RBTS Fellowship Hall

Monday 7:00 am - Men's Bible Study at Coco's (Vista Way and Melrose

Monday 7:00 pm - Pastor Augie's home (El Camino Real & Poinsettia Lane)

Thursday 7:00 pm - Bob and Shirley Hawley's home (La Costa Ave. & S. Rancho Santa Fe)

Weekend (Day/Time TBD) - Patrick & Tracey Kiernan's home (Alga & Melrose)



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