

REFLECTIONS

NOVEMBER 2010

PASTOR PETER ALEXANDER

In the Interim.....

My GPS speaks to me. In more ways than one. How about yours? When I get off the intended course I get a chiding remark such as “You are now off track!” That remark has followed four (count them, FOUR) “bongs” as the first part of the warning. Thereafter soon arrives a gratuitous remark: “Recalculating.”

It has come to mind that it is that “recalculating” remark that suggests for me, for you and for our congregation when we lose track of our goal and destination how we need to recalculate how to get there. The New Testament word for it is a “U-turn” word, *metanoia*, which is usually translated, “repentance” – a changing of one’s mind. Jesus ministry was heralded by John the Baptist and the need for repentance in order to “get it” and “get in on it.” “Recalculate for the kingdom of God is at hand” we might paraphrase.

Such re-orientation was part of Martin Luther’s 95 theses; in fact the very first ones:

1. Our Lord and Master Jesus Christ, when He said *Poenitentiam agite*, willed that the whole life of believers should be repentance.
2. This word cannot be understood to mean sacramental penance, i.e., con-

fession and satisfaction, which is administered by the priests.

3. Yet it means not inward repentance only; nay, there is no inward repentance which does not outwardly work diverse mortifications of the flesh.

4. The penalty [of sin], therefore, continues so long as hatred of self continues; for this is the true inward repentance, and continues until our entrance into the kingdom of heaven.

Luther was not only suggesting how “recalculating” works in the individual but also in the Church.

We need to start with a prayerful posture of recalculation asking God to show us His will and that we are not able by our own devices and expertise connect the dots of our purpose, mission and reach our destination. Yes, there is a bit of mortification required. Even in comfortable Carlsbad.

Healthy and growing congregations will always be recalculating, reinventing themselves, getting back to basics and learning what has changed in the context of their mission—listening to the lives of those who do not know the peace of the Gospel in Christ so that the “old, old story of Jesus and

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THE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Jim Brunner, Council President

October and November are peak times in our congregational and spiritual lives. Just to highlight some of these activities:

- Consecrated Stewards will culminate into a single dedication and consecration service on Sunday, October 31...what better day to celebrate that than Reformation Sunday.
- The Preschool has rescheduled it's rained out (Rain in October??? How can that be!) Fall Festival till November 6 (look for other info on that in the newsletter). What a wonderful opportunity for the church to share in the Preschools activities and show our congregational support as well as to witness our ministries.
- The planning and the preparations for our celebration of the birth of the Christ child. This year there are several new additions such as:
 - **Thanksgiving Eve Service**
 - Our annual Cantata service celebration on December 12 in a single service. This year featuring a choir with over 40 voices, along with participation of the Preschool students
 - A very special '**Blue Christmas Service**' to be held on the winter solstice December 21, a service to reach out to those in our community who are hurting or in a 'Blue Spirit' because of loss or hardship or need. I would encourage all in the congregation to pay special attention to this service and step forward to provide support in prayer and support this service to reach out not only to those in our congregation who are hurting but also to our neighbors and our greater community. There will be much publicity about this service in community and the media, but the strongest endorsement we can make will be from the witness of our members.
 - **Christmas Eve celebrations** will be held at 4 PM for young families followed by a traditional candlelight service at 7 PM
- Church Life and Administration is at its peak:
 - **Our Call Committee** will be inviting three worthy candidates to be considered by our congregation to select for a call. You will have received a letter nominating selected candidates together with attached bio for each candidate. The agendas for each candidate will be similar, the chosen Pastors accompanied by their wives will arrive on Tuesday of their scheduled week, have breakfast or brunch with congregational leadership followed by a meeting and in-depth follow-on interview with the Call Committee, an extended visit and dialog with the Preschool in operation and culminating with an Open House meeting with the congregation from 6 PM to 8 PM in the Fellowship Hall where they will present themselves and their wives

to the congregation and will be open to discussion and questions from the members, These visits will occur on November 2-4 for Pastor Augie Iadicicco from Arizona, November 9 for Pastor David Weber from San Diego and Pastor Matthew Schultz from Michigan on November 16-18. We will be scheduling a special Voter's Assembly 'Call Service' after the Contemporary service on Sunday December 5. This service will be immediately followed by our regularly fourth quarter Voter's Assembly meeting.

- From an Administration standpoint we are conducting three Special Committee activities. These committees consist of both Council and Lay members to carry out their duties.
- **The Nominating Committee** is headed by Vice President Chuck Denton with a charter to develop a slate of candidates for the Officer's and Chairs of the Ministries to serve on the Council and the Board of Elders. For all of those called, I would urge you to prayerfully consider this as a call for an opportunity to serve. The Committee's slate will be reviewed by the Council and presented to the Voter's Assembly for election.
- **The Budget Committee** is headed by the Treasurer Lyle Meyer and is charged with the preparation of an operating budget for the fiscal year 2011 for recommendation by the Council and presentation to the Voter's Assembly for approval at the December meeting.
- **The Internal Audit Committee** is appointed by the Council President and is required to consist of three communicant members. This Committee is headed by Kelly Sundstrom with Don Brandt and Jim Houston as members. The Committee will audit the financial records and accounting methodology of both the church and the preschool. They will report their findings and recommendations to the Council at the first scheduled meeting in 2011 and to the Voter's Assembly at the first quarterly meeting in March 2011.

I urge you all to support the worship, the ministries and the activities that we are in the process of undertaking as we move forward. I will be appointing a '**Long Range Planning and Vision Committee**' within the next month. We cannot wait for or expect a new Pastor to come in with a plan to lead us into the future, we can look forward to the new Pastor to lead us spiritually and guide us administratively as we as a congregation move into this next chapter of fulfillment of the one Great Commission that our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ has given us to reach out to the strayed, the lost and the unfound to bring them to know that Christ has died for them and risen to save them.

EVANGELISM-MISSIONS

Bob Doering, Evangelism Chair

Last Sunday, Gary Norton, LCMS Pacific Southwest District Representative, at a special congregational Consecrated Stewardship meeting, shared with RBTS members the Passion/Purpose of our Christian lives.



He explained that God has “chosen” us, but that He also reaches out to the whole world and wants/expects His people (us!) to do this, too. We can do it locally by inviting and bringing unchurched acquaintances and family members to our worship services here in Carlsbad. We can help internationally through prayer and financial contributions for missionary support throughout the world.

At our Ministry Festival, we demonstrated reaching out, in a low-key way, to meet the physical needs in our community through the ingathering of a barrel of food products for Interface – one of our local food banks. There also will be another opportunity at Thanksgiving for us to participate in an additional food collection.

We can also reach out in our Christian responsibility to PRAY and VOTE next Tuesday, November 2. Our prayers open a window for God to work and to bless our country in ways we cannot foresee.

1 Timothy 2: 1-4 “I urge then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession, and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good and pleases God, our Savior, who wants all people to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth”. Your prayers can change the world.

STEWARDSHIP

B. J. Campbell Lahr, Stewardship Chair

STEWARDSHIP IS DISCIPLESHIP---

“Follow Me”, Jesus simply but powerfully commanded of the Apostles and they did. How do WE follow Jesus?

By the time the November Reflections went to press ?

I could not tell you “how spiritual moving”, “how wonderful” or “how successful” the Consecrated Stewards program was this past month. What I can tell you is that:



- Over 30 people attended Pastor Pete’s Bible study on the 10
- Small groups enjoyed meeting and studying the other 2 Consecrated Stewards Bible studies
- Everyone had a spectacular experience at the Ministry Fair on the 17th . Almost everyone attended after each service.

Did YOU every realize we had that many wonderful ministry activities? Hope you found some for yourself. Stop by the table in the narthex to check out the “handouts” and “sign ups”. More details will be forth with in the December Reflections as to our responses to the Grace of God, thus to enable the congregation to continue our ministries at Redeemer by the Sea.

“From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” Ephesians 4:16.

Blessings to each of you and have a very “thankful” Thanksgiving with family and friends,

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Jo Voertman



The Lutheran Church Extension Fund Annual Conference will be held in Nashville this year. Some congregations will be awarded the “Million Dollar Plaque” for reaching that amount in member investments. We received ours several years ago, despite this writer’s doubts that such a feat could ever be achieved. One representative of a Wisconsin congregation received recognition for having ninety-five (95%) percent of the congregation as investors. WOW! Redeemer by the Sea has twenty percent, but it only takes a ten dollar investment to be part of the group. Won’t you

consider investing?

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS



Stewardship The Three T's

To go along with our Consecrated Steward Program, it seems fitting to point out that our children ought to be part of the discussion. As a part of this program, we were provided

some material to be used in Sunday School and we will be looking for ways to do that. We should also consider the responsibility we have to our children's education as parents and recognize they learn by example, with parents being their principal teachers. The more exposure children have to Christian generosity in their youth, the more likely they will be to practice it in their adulthood.

Here are some thoughts about how the three elements of Stewardship (*time, talent and treasure*) relates to our children and some ideas on how to apply them.

Time – The opportunities for a child to give of their time include everything from the Christmas play, the Palm Sunday reenactment and other events, to helping clean up their Sunday School room after class. Your help in making the time available for the child and encouraging participation is required.

Talent – Depending on their age, children are developing talents that can be applied. Help them to realize the importance of the giving of their talent to the church and also look for opportunities through the church year where they might be used. Help them to volunteer and again ensure they have the time they need.

Treasure – Certainly when children are old enough to have money of their own, they should be encouraged to give. You may also want to consider allowing children to have input into family giving decisions according to their age and maturity. Projects that excite

your children are opportunities to let them play a role in the giving decisions. (*If your children learn to love giving your money away, they will be more likely to love giving their money away when they are adults.*)



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

Other Sunday School Business

With the single service on December 12, the Sunday School kids will be participating by singing a Christmas song as a part of the Cantata. We will begin practicing the song at the start of our Sunday School classes the beginning of November. We will also have the Confirmation age reading some narration both before and after the song..



RBTS Mops is currently registering for the Spring/Winter semester. Registration goes from Oct. 1-Nov 30. To be added to an interest list, moms can register on the Redeemer

by the Sea website under Family ministries and questions regarding the program can be addressed at MOPS@redeemerbythesea.org. We will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at RBTS fellowship hall.

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

MOPS will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Wednesday STARTING Jan. 12, 2011 through May 2011.



KINDERGARTEN & PRESCHOOL

by Cindy Brown, Director

Typically this newsletter would be all about the success of the Fall Festival, however due to poor weather conditions, the Fall Festival has been postponed to Saturday, November 6th.

Everyone has been working so hard, 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! There is even a special raffle for Redeemer children only where they can win Pillow Pets, games, dress-up clothes, etc.

Hope to see you there!

Tickets are on sale now!

Please stop by and check out the amazing baskets!

Cindy



Mark Your Calendars

- Saturday November 6th from 11:30-2:30 Fall Festival!
- Thursday November 11th SCHOOL CLOSED in observance of Veteran's Day
- Friday November 12th is Author Day with Deborah Sherrell
- Monday through Friday November 22-26 SCHOOL CLOSED for Thanksgiving Holiday

PAPER CUP TURKEYS

What you'll need: Paper or foam cup (8.5 oz)
Acrylic paint in fall colors
Large pom-pom for head
Small foam heart for gobbler (to contrast with color of head)
Small foam triangle (orange or yellow)



2 small wiggle eyes
3" x 2" piece of orange construction paper
1 sheet of white construction paper
White craft glue / Scissors

How to make it: Place cup upside down on work surface and paint brown (see image). To make the feathers, paint the white construction paper with several fall colors, crisscrossing the colors as you go. Let dry (see image).

Cut feathers out in one large piece, should be shaped similar to a hand or crown. Cut the tips of each feather into a point. Apply glue to the bottom portion of the feathers and press onto the bottom of the cup. Hold in place for a minute or so to let the glue grab.

Place foam heart upside down so that the bumps are facing downward. Glue the foam triangle, point down, onto the upside down heart--the upper points of the triangle will be hanging over the edge. This is the beak and gobbler (see image).

Glue the pom-pom to the top of the paper cup. Glue the wiggle eyes and the beak and gobbler to the head.

Cut two feet from the orange construction paper and glue to the bottom of the cup.

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

CALL COMMITTEE

Dan Bitner & Ken Voertman. Co-Chairs



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

Once again our Call Committee has reached the milestone in our Pastoral search where we prepare for candidate onsite visits. As we did with our initial search effort, the visits will take place during the weekdays and will include a Congregation reception at 6:00 pm, where you will have the opportunity to meet them in person. We will have child care available to allow our younger families to attend this reception. The day will also include meetings with the Call Committee, senior leaders of the Church and a visit to the Preschool while in session.

After the visits, we will prepare our report to be presented at a special Call Service planned for December 5th. The candidate receiving a two-thirds vote of the congregation in attendance at that service will be considered elected; we will also call to verify the pastor is still open to a call during the service. At that point the call is issued and the Pastor-Elect will deliberate. Upon acceptance we will plan a Service of Installation

The three candidates who will be visiting our church are the ones we feel are best equipped to lead Redeemer by the Sea to the next level of carrying out our role in the great commission. The candidate's bio information is being provided to you separately.

Names and dates for their visits are:

Rev Augie Iadicco - November 3

Currently the sole Pastor at Saving Grace Lutheran in Queen Creek, Arizona

Rev Dave Weber - November 10

Currently the senior Pastor at Our Redeemer Lutheran in San Diego, California

Rev Matthew Schultz - November 17

Currently the sole Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran in Gladwin, Michigan

As this call process unfolds, we continue to see the steady and dedicated support from our group - your Call Committee (Dan Bitner; Ken Voertman; Elizabeth Denton; Jenny Swick; Paul Lahr; Russ Hanthorn; Tracey Kiernan) We all feel blessed to be a part of this important event and are looking forward to the next phase in the life of our church. Please keep our efforts in your prayers as we take these steps in seeking the guidance of the Holy Spirit to find the next Spiritual Shepherd of our church.

IN THE WORDS OF MARTIN LUTHER

I have held many things in my hands, and I have lost them all; but whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess.

All who call on God in true faith, earnestly from the heart, will certainly be heard, and will receive what they have asked and desired, although not in the hour or in the measure, or the very thing which they ask. Yet they will obtain something greater and more glorious than they had dared to ask.

Faith is a living and unshakable confidence, a belief in the grace of God so assured that a man would die a thousand deaths for its sake.



FELLOWSHIP

Barbara Gehrig, Chair



Under Milkwood

By Dylan Thomas

**MONDAY
DECEMBER 6TH**

*Join us for dinner at Tuscany's Restaurant
Across from the Dove Library & then to
A play reading at Carlsbad Dove Library
\$5.00 at door
Dinner 5:45pm Happy Hour prices
Play at 7:30pm*

CHRISTMAS PROGRESSIVE DINNER SATURDAY, DEC 4 ~ 5:30PM

Sandwiches, heavy appetizers
plus wine

At **Hilda & Paul Kalaidjian's**

Dessert and coffee

Christmas caroling

At **Ken & Jenny Swick's**



WOMEN'S MINISTRY ~ LWML

Norma Russell, President



In order to serve our fellow members of RBTS who are in need of assistance in the form of meals, transportation and similar demands we would like to have a list of those who are willing to help in these ways. In this way we can enlist help without calling on the same persons so often. If you are able to provide a meal and/or provide transportation for various needs please contact Norma Russell, Women's Ministry President at 760-931-1947 or at E mail broomhilda7@sbcglobal.net. Thank You. Norma

THANKSGIVING DAY

Thanksgiving Day is a harvest festival celebrated primarily in the United States and Canada. Thanksgiving is a holiday to express thankfulness, gratitude, and appreciation to God, family and friends for which all have been blessed of material possessions and relationships. Traditionally, it has been a time to give thanks to Almighty God for a bountiful harvest. This religious origin is now primarily identified as thanksgiving in general.

In the United States, Thanksgiving Day falls on the fourth Thursday of November. In Canada it is celebrated on the second Monday in October.

The precise historical origin of the holiday is disputed. Although Americans commonly believe that the first Thanksgiving happened in 1621, at Plymouth Plantation, in Massachusetts, there is strong evidence for earlier celebrations in Canada (1578) and by Spanish explorers in Florida (1565).

Currently, in the United States Thanksgiving is celebrated on the fourth Thursday of November, and in Canada it is celebrated on the second Monday of October .

Thanksgiving in the United States was observed on various different dates throughout history. By the mid 20th century, the final Thursday in November had become the customary day of Thanksgiving in most U.S. states. It was not until December 26, 1941 however that President Franklin D. Roosevelt, after pushing two years earlier to move the date earlier to give the country an economic boost, signed a bill into law, with congress, making Thanksgiving a national holiday and settling it to the fourth (but not final) Thursday in November



CHANCEL CHOIR NEWS

Gary Wilson, Director

Greetings from the Choir Loft of Redeemer by the Sea. Our Chancel Choir is busy finishing the final touches on our Christmas Cantata, “Noel, Night of Everlasting Love,” which will be presented for the congregation on Sunday, December 12, at our 10:00 am combined service. This Cantata is performed at Disney World each year, and our congregation will love the beautiful arrangements of familiar carols. We will feature soloists, our narrators, (Mr. Carl Ghering, and Mr. John Palmer), pianist, Katie Klaerich, along with members of our Praise Singers, Chancel Choir, and members of the Korean Choir.

Our Sunday School Children, along with our Redeemer Pre-School will also be featured for this musical event. Mark your calendar for “Noel, Night of Everlasting Love,” Sunday, December 12, in the sanctuary.

Our Chancel Choir will be singing during the Thanksgiving season featuring guest soloists, small groups, instrumentalists, sharing music of Thanksgiving. Members of our choir will also be featured during our December Advent Services on Wednesday nights, December 1, 8, and 15. We love to share our voices with the congregation during this blessed Thanksgiving and Christmas season.

As Music Director, I want to begin a new offering to our readers every month. We will feature choir members as a spot light on our musicians who give of their time, and talents singing and playing here at Redeemer. This month we are featuring Buck and Alice Lehmann as our choir members of the month for November:



CHOIR MEMBERS OF THE MONTH

Buck and Alice Lehmann

Buck and Alice Lehmann both sing Tenor in our choir each week for the first service. They give of their time doing projects around the church, and teaching Sunday School for the second service. They both have sung in choirs for the past 65 years and have been involved in singing together since they were 10 years old. They both were born in Libertyville, Illinois, living two blocks from each other. The Lehmann's lived in Libertyville for 45 years, before moving to Waco, Texas due to a job change.

Buck and Alice moved from St. Louis Missouri to Oceanside upon retirement, and joined Redeemer eight years ago. Both the Lehmanns love to sing in choir, enjoying fellowship with other Christians, and singing God's Praises.

When I asked them individually, “What was their favorite anthem or hymn,” Alice said, *Now Rest Beneath Nights Shadow*, LTH#554. Buck's favorite anthems are *Oh Holy Night*, and *Jesus Loves Me*.

Buck and Alice Lehmann have 4 grown children, 9 grandsons, and 2 granddaughters. Their 4 grandsons have graduated from college, 6 grand children are currently are in college, and 1 grandchild is still in high school.

We are so grateful to have Buck and Alice Lehmann in our choir, and enjoy their fellowship and Christian spirit in our choir loft. Did you know that Buck is a “master wood worker?” The wooden cross and alter furniture are examples of his wonderful handiwork.

Thank you Buck and Alice for all you do for our church, and especially for your contribution to the music programs in our church. We love and bless you both!

PRAISE MUSIC

Kathy Esqueda, Director

Big News About Band 101!

If you are 13 thru' 19 years old, or know of someone who is...Band 101 has something for you. Beginning guitar lessons will be offered, starting in October. Our first meeting for all those interested will be on Oct.14, Thursday evening at 5:30, in the main sanctuary. We also invite those who are already taking guitar lessons, or are already playing well enough to be in band. If you, or anyone you know, is interested, please contact KathyEsqueda@ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com or [Jack jkovic@yahoo.com](mailto:Jackjkovic@yahoo.com).

Parents welcome at meeting. The student does not have to be a member of Redeemer. Lessons are open to all. There is no cost. Just dedication to learn guitar or bass.

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

Jesus the One and Only
A new Bible study series based of the Book of Luke
At 9:15 am in the Fellowship Hall with child care
available.

Tuesday Bible Study

Tuesdays, November 2 at 1:00 pm
No meeting on the 16th. We will resume again
on the 1st and 3rd Tuesdays in December.
A new Bible study on the book of Revelation
Buck & Alice's Lehman's home.
2725 Thunder Drive, Oceanside, CA 92057
Teacher: Alice Lehmann.

Wednesday Neighborhood Bible Study

Jesus the One and Only
A new Bible study series based of the
Book of Luke. Wednesdays - 9:00 am
At Evelyn Meyer's home.
7328 Melodia Terrace, Carlsbad, CA
Child care is NOT available.

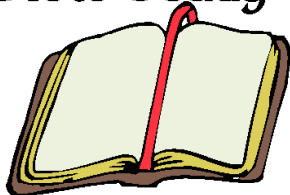
SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASSES

Bible Study

Church Fellowship Hall
Taught by Don Howard

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

Bible Study



MASTER CALENDAR

We are glad God's campus at RBTS is well-utilized. Should there happen to be a conflict in the use of facility space, events on the Master Calendar take precedence

MINISTRY FAIR THANK YOU!

A Big Thank You to all those that volunteered their time and creative efforts for the Ministry Fair. The Lord has blessed our congregation with many talents.

It was a joy seeing the many projects that the different ministries are doing. I pray that Jesus will continue to bless our efforts and if you are not participating now, you will volunteer this next year.

Blessings, Evelyn Meyer

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 November *Reflections* will be due Monday, November 22, 2010.

Bonnie Brunner, Editor



BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

The B – C Group celebrated the October birthdays of Wilma Boggs, Jo Brandt, Erika Burke, Ann Doering, Jim Houston and Paul Lahr, on Friday, October 29 at the Canyons Restaurant at the Crossings at Carlsbad, too late for the Redeemer Reflections deadline but I will report next month on the charitable contribution which went to Bethesda Lutheran Home.



We will celebrate the birthdays of Bill Barnes, Tom O'Donnell and Mavis and Dale Ward on FRIDAY, November 12 at The Landings at Carlsbad, 2198 Palomar Airport Road in Carlsbad (the airport). Lunches run from twelve to fifteen dollars and they advertise the “best hamburger in North County”. Parking is some distance from the facility, but there is shuttle service available. Those who have difficulty walking might like to carpool and be dropped off at the door.

In addition to paying for your lunch, we request a one dollar donation per celebrant which will go to Redeemer by the Sea Women's Ministries Christmas Card project.

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.

THANK YOU

September B -C (Birthday) Group

A huge “thank you” to each and every one of you, along with a hug, for your generous contribution to our ongoing medical bills. We greatly appreciate your faithful prayers, expressions of concern, and love. We are so touched and feel blessed to be a part of such a loving church family at Redeemer. Once again you have reminded us how much God loves and cares for us.

Thank you also to Jo and Ken Voertman for the gorgeous bouquet of gladiolas and carnations. A belated “Happy Anniversary” to one of our favorite couples !

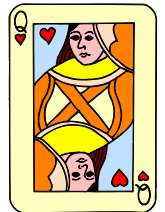
Love,
Chuck, Laurel, and Emily Michel

November Birthdays Anniversaries

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

BRIDGE CLUB

It was a beautiful fall day—warm and breezy when the group gathered at the cozy, welcoming home of Ellen Stegall for bridge, fellowship and lemonade fresh from her tree.



Amidst myriad complaints of “terrible” hands”, Carolyn Schmaltz had high score followed by our gracious hostess in second place.

We played at the bright and airy home of Marie Voien on Friday, October 22. On November 19, Bobbie Ankenbrandt will hostess the game at the home she and Jerry share with Max, the Sheltie.

We play from one p.m. to four p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month, excluding December. Usually there are two tables. Our leader, Alice Lehmann, buckalicelehmann@sbcglobal.com, 1-760-941-1197 will be glad to talk to anyone who would be interested in joining our group.

In the Interim.....Continued

his love” can be told anew, afresh and in the language of the culture.

During the next three weeks there is the additional excitement of three pastoral candidate onsite visits. When I mentioned the names to our good bishop (DP) President Stoterau he remarked how each candidate was in their gifts. One Call Committee member pointed out likewise how different the reporting styles in the bios they wrote of themselves. The result is a diverse set of three to put before the committee and the congregation.

But won't we be able to go back to how it used to be soon with our new pastor? If you thought it was difficult putting up with the changes of my transitional period, my expectation is that my challenges will have been to long division like the next pastor's will be to differential equations! A super recalculation, I hope and expect. Not for discomfort but for moving the mission forward. You are ready for that, aren't you?

The mission field has moved and changed and the era of a church culture is gone in North America. Some are still pretending it hasn't however. Who is still with us on the plain of battle is our Champion, the Lord Jesus Christ, with His good gifts and Spirit.

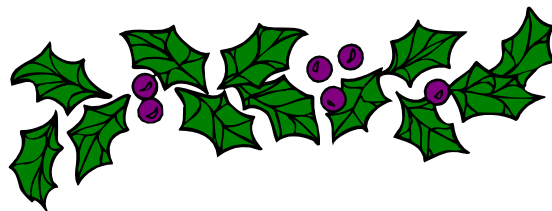
Reformation – Recalculation—Rejuvenation. It's not about our might but His. In this spiritual battle of His, let us now re-engage. The outcome is already known. The kingdom ours remaineth!

A Time of Renewal and Preparation for the Future

During the months of November and December (and possibly January) Pastor Pete will be connecting with the entire membership for a time of Re-Commitment and Re-Dedication and to bring church records up to date so they can be computerized and better preserved. In order to make this humanly possible, each member family unit will be given a pre-selected date for their visit from Pastor Pete which can be rescheduled if necessary. The plan is to have the appointment letters go out in the near future well in advance for this very special time.

Poinsettias

There will be a sign up sheet in the Narthex starting the first weekend in November for our Poinsettias. They are 6 inch poinsettias, with covers and are \$6.00 each. We use them to decorate the church at Christmas. We need 50 of them so we ask that you sign up to buy one. You can then pick up your plants after the Christmas Day service. You may either give the money or check to Jan Bishop or Dorothy Dahlen, or you can write a check to Redeemer and mark it poinsettias.



DECK THE HALLS!

We will be decorating the Church for Christmas on Dec. 10th at 10am. We need people to help decorate, especially we are in need of some strong men who can help with the tree and stringing the lights on it. If you can help us out please let Jan Bishop or Dorothy Dahlen know.

November 7 (Sunday)

Daylight Savings Time End

Set Clocks BACK before bedtime!

All Saints Sunday

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

November 7 we observe All Saints Sunday and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (transferred from Nov 1) as part of our worship at the 8:30 a.m. -- traditional service only. Members of Redeemer by the Sea who have died in the Lord in the past 12 months will be read and a bell tolled in remembrance as part of that service. Non-members in Christ who died as part of the extended RBTS Family will also be listed in the service folder. Please send names of those faithful of the extended family to the church office by phone or email so they can be included.



REFLECTIONS NOVEMBER 2010



Redeemer by the Sea Lutheran Church Kindergarten & Preschool LCMS 6600 Black Rail Road, Carlsbad, CA 92011

<i>Interim Pastor:</i>	Rev. Peter Alexander		
<i>Preschool Director:</i>	Cindy Brown	(760) 431-8293	director.redeemerpreschool@yahoo.com
<i>Choir Director (Traditional)</i>	Gary Wilson	(858) 484-8323	
<i>Worship Singers & Band Coordinator:</i>	Kathy Exqueda	760 434-7820	ksmesqueda@roadrunner.com
<i>Sunday Worship Services</i>	8:30 am Traditional (communion on 2nd & 4th Sundays)		
	10:30 am Contemporary (Communion on 1st & 3rd Sundays)		
<i>Sunday Classes</i>	10:00 am Adult & Youth Bible Studies, Sunday School & ACT Bible Devotion		