



The Messenger

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, reaching out into the community to do what's best for the community

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*A Note
from the
Pastor*



Dear Friends of THE Redeemer,
There are a lot of things happening in the family of Redeemer. Here are a few:

Pastor Kevin is our new pastor of Discipleship and Outreach. He is already thinking about some new projects to share the Gospel in the Stuart community and help people grow in their faith. Contact Pastor Kevin to get involved.

Later this month the school will open its doors to approximately 300 students, the most in history. Check out the new look for the playground, a gift from a generous school benefactor.

We are continuing the course to plant a new church in south St Lucie County. A core group is beginning to meet for prayer and Bible study, and reaching the unchurched in the area as we pursue a church planting pastor.

And finally, as you may or may not be aware October 31 is considered the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. For the months of September and October we will focus our worship and Bible study on Reformation themes such as grace alone, faith alone, Scripture alone, finding God's favor, the Theology of the Cross, the relationship of good works to faith, the gift of Holy Communion, etc. Watch for details and plan on joining us.

The Lord is good to us way beyond what we will ever deserve. May we continue to reach out into this community to do what is best for this community.

Peace in THE Redeemer, Pastor Dave

Pastor Kevin's Vision



The chief books of the church—the gospels—are a story about a journey. First, they are a journey toward the cross, and then they are a journey toward Christ's resurrection and ascension. Jesus invited people on this journey, and as they went he would teach them about what it meant to live life in communion with God and in communion with humanity. Jesus would question, preach, challenge, teach, and live with those who took up the journey.

This is my vision of discipleship and outreach: that we, as Jesus' disciples would continue on that journey together, learning from the God's word and growing through it in every aspect of our lives. And as we go on this journey, I hope we will find ways to invite other people to join us, that we will invite others to walk alongside Jesus.

In Christ, Pastor Kevin



We pray for God's blessings on the teachers, staff, students, parents, and volunteers of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School as the new school year approaches. May our Lord fill your days with eagerness to teach and learn. May He teach you not only what is in your school books but also what is in His book. May He bless you with a desire to reach out to Him, one another, and the community in Christian love. May He show each of you how to live for Him and glorify Him in all that you think, say, and do. In Jesus' name, Amen.

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Principally Speaking

by Jim Essig

“Praise God from whom all blessings flow!” We Redeemerites are truly blessed! Already 500 years ago in his explanation to the Apostles’ Creed, Martin Luther listed the blessings of “body and soul, eyes, ears, and all my members, my reason and all my senses, . . . also clothing and shoes, meat and drink, house and home, spouse and children, fields, cattle, and all my goods; that He richly and daily provides me with all that I need to support this body and life.” Except perhaps for “fields and cattle,” most of us possess those other items, and we should thank God daily for them.

Most important of all though, we should thank God for His plan of salvation, which is available to all of us. It doesn’t matter how much money we have or how intelligent we are or how talented or athletic we are. Every one of us is God’s dearly beloved child. Every one of us is a sinner who needs God’s undeserved forgiveness. Every one of us can be with Jesus forever in heaven. ALL that God asks is that we put Him first and foremost in our life. [That’s a big “ALL.”]

At Redeemer Lutheran School, we are *Preparing Christian Leaders*. And as we teach the children the various subject areas, we also make sure that God’s saving grace permeates our teaching. My weekly letter to the staff is entitled “Learning with Love,” and that is what we share with our school children on a daily basis. Every Redeemer staff member should *exude warmth*, and if you are not feeling that warmth from a staff person, please talk with her/him about it.

Many of our church members have never taken the opportunity to come into the school buildings. I invite you, church members, to call our office and schedule a tour with me. We have so much for which to thank God that I love to show it to people on tours. A tour is one way to learn first-hand just what is happening in our wonderful school.

August 13 is “staff dedication Sunday,” and August 15 is the first day of school. I like to compare the school year of 180 days with a baseball season of 162 games—our season is about to begin. Jerome Ruiz and his assistants, Kyle and Kevin, are sprucing up the classrooms and hallways. Our new playground is completed. We have a new roof on Bussert Hall (the extended care building) and a re-coating of the gym floor. Due to an increase in student population, we ordered some new desks. We have a new social studies series in Kindergarten-grade 3 and another new series for Florida History in grade 4. Picture runners at the starting line of a race—we wait with eager anticipation for the starting gun to be fired on August 15.

Thank you, church members, for all that you have done and continue to do to make Redeemer Lutheran the best school around! May God bless our 2017-2018 school year abundantly! To God be the glory—great things He has done!



The Educational Assistance Fund helps families in need with the cost of tuition so they can send their children (K-8th) to Redeemer Lutheran School. Our congregation has always felt Christian education should not be denied because of affordability. Please prayerfully consider helping Redeemer make it possible for these families to afford a Christian education. To make a donation to the fund, please note on the offering envelope or memo line of your check that the donation is for “educational assistance.” Thank you! If you have any questions or wish further information, please contact Principal Jim Essig or School Board Chairman John Lendman.

Phase 2 Playground Improvements





Children's Drama Program

Church families with kids, this message is for you!

Our congregation is blessed with many children who come to church on a regular basis. I see all of them up at the children's sermon each week and it warms my heart! These are also children with dramatic personalities...in a good way! I would love to channel that drama into some church services. For instance, there is a Wednesday in Advent with no service scheduled, so why not put together a program with the church kids? I'm still trying to figure out details, like when to practice, but I want to make sure there is interest first.

Please let the church office know if your child (5-18) would be interested in participating in some dramas and musicals for the church.

I hope you are all having a wonderful summer! Joy

Save These Dates

Fall Festival

The Fall Festival is scheduled for **Sunday, October 22** this year. We are planning another huge community outreach event! Along with trunk or treat, food and fun, we are planning a Reformation Walk in honor of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. We'll need lots of help, so if you are interested in helping with this fun event please contact Holly Ridgway (h.ridgway@aol.com or 561-714-3763).

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 3
2:00 p.m.



Music Notes

Music rehearsals will resume in **September and October after Labor Day**. Anyone age 10 and up is welcome to join any of our music groups. No experience is necessary! Mark your calendars!

Praise Team Singers meet **Tuesdays, 6:00-6:50 p.m.** beginning **September 5**. The Praise Team sings every Sunday in the **8:30 service**. Band members and singers meet prior to each service on Sunday mornings at 8:00 to rehearse together.

Handbells rehearse **Tuesdays, 7:00-7:45 p.m.** and will begin rehearsing on **September 5**. You do not need experience to perform with the handbell group. Music is marked, and beginners are welcome to join. This group usually performs 4-5 times during the year at various services that work with performers' schedules.

Cathedral Choir meets **Thursdays, 6:00-6:50 p.m.** beginning **October 5**. This is a 4-part choir that usually participates every other week in our **11:00 a.m. Sunday service**.

Voices of Praise Women's Ensemble meet **Thursdays, 7:00 - 7:50 p.m.** beginning **September 14**. This is a 3-part women's ensemble that usually performs at both services 4-5 times each year. The ability to read music is helpful for this group.

If you would like to add a solo or small ensemble to one of our Sunday services or if you have any questions about any of our music groups, please contact Joy in the church office.



Many thanks, once again, to Rob Hanley and Sage for installing the bricks in the courtyard. Rob has been installing the bricks for years; we are so thankful for his willing service to Redeemer and to the Lord. Thank you, Rob!



Pinochle is cancelled in July and August. Please join us again in September!

**Treasurer's Report for Period 5/31/17
Fiscal Year 9/1/16-8/31/17**

<i>Income</i>	<i>June</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 50,083.46	\$ 522,279.55
Plate	4,388.23	61,939.62
Special Envelopes	0.00	17,369.50
Undesignated Bequests	0.00	0.00
Thank Offerings	10.00	21,100.00
Interest	629.97	3,436.28
Tuition/School Fees	63,959.91	1,544,849.96
Extended Care/VPK+	1,945.35	77,134.96
Summer Camp	9,895.17	12,385.93
Other	515.00	5,077.33
Total Income	\$ 131,427.09	\$ 2,265,573.13
<i>Expenses</i>		
Missions	\$ 4,360.14	\$ 55,483.52
Salaries/Allowances	160,835.52	1,502,266.19
Facilities/Utilities	17,025.50	150,370.64
Insurance/Insurance Reserve/Taxes	6,617.51	67,216.02
Cornerstone Reserve	1,000.00	10,000.00
Supplies/Materials	14,474.28	115,901.63
Boards/Committees	57.03	11,881.18
Miscellaneous School	79.99	20,478.39
Legal/Professional	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 204,449.97	\$ 1,933,597.57
Surplus (Deficit)	(73,022.88)	331,975.56

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Designated in fiscal year 9/16-8/17

Church: \$2,749.00 School: \$1,176.00

School funds for this fiscal year will continue to be used for educational assistance. Most of the church funds have yet to be designated, but some have been used to purchase new Christmas trees and to improve campus security. Thank you for your support of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School through this program. Please contact Amy Whitlach (772-408-0771) if you have questions or to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

The Vicar's Corner

by Stan Allen

Blessings in the name of THE Redeemer! Summer vacation just seems to fly right along. This month's short "Corner" is geared toward our Redeemer youth. I encourage our youth to read the Youth Events column below to see what events you would like to attend. Any parishioners who wish to help the Youth Board are encouraged to call or see your Vicar around the campus.

Also, we joyfully welcome Pastor Kevin and his family to our Redeemer family! I think they might be glad that they are here in Florida where it is "only" in the low 90's instead of St. Louis, where it is in the low 100's! We look forward to serving with him!

A reminder to all you who ask about Cafe Conversations- we start again **September 8** at Bagel Break. Peace in the Redeemer!

Redeemer Youth Events

The Youth and Family Board is preparing for an active and fun-filled year. Here are some upcoming events:

On **Saturday, August 26, 4:00 - 7:00 p.m.**, we will have a youth barbecue at Indian Riverside Park with food, drinks, games, and devotions to prepare for this year's church events. Please call the church office before **August 15** to RSVP.

On **September 30 at 6:30 p.m.**, we'll host a movie night for grades 6-12. We will offer pizza, drinks, popcorn and a devotion before the movie. The cost per child is \$5.00.

On **October 20** we'll attend the Florida Panther's Faith and Family Night. There is a Christian concert prior to the game. Don't miss it; this will be fun for the whole family!

The Middle School Youth Gathering at the Lake Yale Conference Center is **November 3-5**. The approximate cost is \$175. Watch the bulletin for more information.

We are preparing to glean again in November.

We are also preparing a servant event in cooperation with the Oceanographic Society; we're just waiting for better weather!

Reminder: Sunday School resumes **August 13**. Sandi Frazier will have her class in the Conference Room for children 2-4th grade, Jennine VanDerlip will teach 5th-8th graders, and Vicar Stan will hold a class for high school youth.

If you have any questions, would like to participate, or would like to volunteer, please call Vicar Stan (772-283-1717) or Robby Henrichs (772-341-2566).



LWML Retreat to Villas by the Sea, Jekyll Island

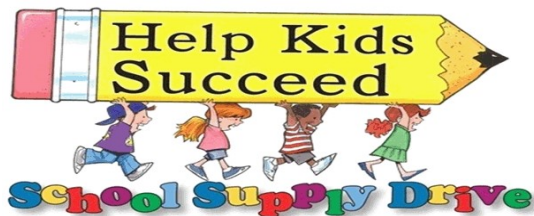
Ladies, please join your sisters in Christ at the biennial FL-GA District LWML Retreat for a weekend of uplifting and spirit-renewing celebration “For the Lord Is a Great God” at Villas by the Sea, Jekyll Island, GA, **September 29-October 1**. Registration includes worship services, guest mission speakers, Bible study, Saturday lunch and dinner, mission service opportunities, and more. Registration is \$140. No registrations will be accepted after **August 31**.

Lodging is in 1-, 2-, or 3-bedroom villa units, with prices ranging from \$109 to \$239 (not including taxes); reservations will open **June 1**. All villas have a fully equipped kitchen, and there are restaurants on the island as well if you want a break from cooking. Call 1-800-841-6262 to make reservations and reference “FL-GA District Lutheran Women’s Missionary League.”

Here are some retreat highlights planned:

- Retreat keynote speaker is Eden Keefe, LWML Vice President of Christian Life. Eden grew up on a Kansas dairy farm, being “voluntold” for LWML activities by her mom. Each of the LWML units she belonged to over the years brought wonderful opportunities to be mentored, to grow, and to serve. She loves to laugh and found her joy in Jesus Christ! Come, hear her inspirational messages of her walk with the Lord.
- Special guest: Lizzie, the Comfort Dog, based at Trinity Lutheran Church in Savannah, Georgia. There will be three fundraisers (in place of the Gifts from the Heart) to support Lutheran Charities K-9 Comfort Dogs: (1) Lizzie stuffed dogs (buy one, give one for \$20), (2) Lizzie kisses (fragrance-free lip balm—also buy one, give one), and (3) military coins to be given to military personnel (the \$10 coin will be given to someone in the military as a way of saying *thank you for your service*.)
- A FL-GA District LWML Retreat Talent Show will be part of the Saturday evening entertainment. Have a talent you want to share? Send your resume and a brief description of your act to trish.aamoth@gmail.com by July 15.
- Learn more about the FL-GA District LWML mission trip to Kenya, January 18-29, 2018. If you feel called to serve, you’ll be building a mud hut for one of the women in the village of Kisumu, sprucing up the Ladies’ Community Center, and playing with the kids while sharing with them the joy of the living Christ. Space is limited to 16, so get your name in early! The cost of \$950 covers hotel, food, transportation, and projects in Kenya. Airfare costs depend on the airport used. For more info contact Scarlet Holcombe at 404-323-1323 or scarlet2@mindspring.com.
- The servant event will be wrapping rocks in tulle and tied with ribbons and prayers. You keep one and give another away. Cost is \$5 to participate.

See Karen in the church office for further information and registration form. She and her family are going and hope to see you there too!



WOW and Cornerstone Fellowship are collecting school supplies for Windmill Point Elementary for the 2017-2018 school year. The following items are needed: 24-count crayons, dry erase markers, #2 pencils, colored pencils, copy paper, wide-ruled notebook paper, composition notebooks, pocket folders with prongs, glue sticks, wet wipes, tissues, and any size Ziploc bag. Please bring supplies to the church office or leave them in the rear of the sanctuary by **Sunday, August 6**.

Scrip Gift Cards

Did you know Redeemer sells gift cards (over 150 different vendors) for many of the grocery and retail stores, restaurants, gas stations, catalog purchases, hotels, and Internet vendors you use every day? If you buy these gift cards from Redeemer, Redeemer gets to keep up to 16% of the amount for school or church programs and to help families with their tuition. Purchases can be made between services on most Sundays or during business hours with Karen or Kristen in the church office. For more information, call Karen McCarthy (286-0911).





The Worship Team



August 6

Lectors: (8:30) Joe Lamoureux (11:00) Stan Allen
Lay Assistants: (8:30) Bob Fiebelkorn, Jack Gebhardt, Steve Young (11:00) Bert Dombrowsky, Kathy LaBar, Irene Soltis
Crucifer: (8:30) Skyler Scherer
Acolytes: (8:30) Rohan Winningham, Meghan Cochran (11:00) Cathryn Gramenz, Colton Gramenz
Head Ushers: (8:30) Scott Kuhns (11:00) Dick Lineberger
Ushers: (8:30) Linda Kuhns, John Ford, Michael Hellyer (11:00) Cathy Mitsch
Greeters: (8:30) Joan Gebhardt (front), Liz Hovey (west) (11:00) Linda Young (front), Nancy Schultz (west)

August 13

Lectors: (8:30) Debra Stroik (11:00) Dick Lineberger
Lay Assistants: (8:30) Shanda Azzi, Bev Powell, Joe Lamoureux (11:00) Jenny Norman, Leslie Kingsley, Stan Allen
Crucifers: (8:30) Jake Pearman (11:00) Max Callewaert
Acolytes: (8:30) Annika VanDerlip, Jessica Cochran (11:00) Jordan Niemeyer, Sophia Randick
Head Ushers: (8:30) Steve McCarthy (11:00) John Ford
Ushers: (8:30) Dan & Nancy Woron, Russ Reaver (11:00) Kathy LaBar, Todd Rieke
Greeters: (8:30) Linda Young (front), Jana Ream (west) (11:00) Connie Madler (front), Jim Wiencke (west)

August 20

Lectors: (8:30) Jack Florin (11:00) Stan Allen
Lay Assistants: (8:30) Joe Lamoureux, Brad Jeske, Larry Black, Jennine VanDerlip (11:00) Katherine Ward, Becky Clark, Debbie Robinson
Crucifer: (8:30) Harrison MacDonald
Acolytes: (8:30) Carson Moore, Rohan Winningham (11:00) Cameron Randick, Sophia Randick
Head Ushers: (8:30) Lani Evans (11:00) Willis Milner
Ushers: (8:30) Bill & Debbie Fowler, John Ford (11:00) Ellen Hamann, Cathy Mitsch
Greeters: (8:30) Jennine, Annika, & Alicia VanDerlip (front), Pat Gebhardt (west) (11:00) Jane Bush (front), Sarah Ahles (west)

August 27

Lectors: (8:30) Dee Hudson (11:00) Stan Allen
Lay Assistants: (8:30) Lori Barger, Steven Vendette, Joe Lamoureux (11:00) Sarah Ahles, Irene Soltis, Betty Wyman
Crucifers: (8:30) Samantha Satterfield (11:00) Alex Callewaert
Acolytes: (8:30) Ethen Grubb, Eryn Grubb (11:00) Jordan Niemeyer, Cameron Beach
Head Ushers: (8:30) Matt Grubb (11:00) John Ford

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Fiebelkorn, Michael Hellyer, Joe Hudson (11:00) Kathy LaBar
Greeters: (8:30) Susie Murray (front), Marguerite Kloety (west) (11:00) Emily Allen (front)

Altar Guild: Linda Kuhns, Kim Vincenzo, Silvia Gray
Counters: Nancy Antonchak, Becky Clark, Richard Davis, Mary Lou Dyer, Kathleen Fleming, Lois Kain, Pam MacCormack, Yvonne Mandehr, Ginny Moore, Jenny Norman, Carol Novak, Karen Scherer, Joan Sweeney, Bob Voelker

Sound/Lighting/Projection: Emily Allen, Robert Beach, Bert Dombrowsky, Bill Erdman, Darrell Evans, John Lendman, Scott Niebling, Jenny Norman, Gary Oldehoff, Steve Sumners



From the Church Records

Baptisms:

Hannah Lauren Sparrowhawk (7/9)
 Melanie Rae Roberts (7/16)



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| 8/1 | Fay Tiegs | 8/14 | Vicki Holihan |
| | Marie Shelton | 8/16 | Noah West |
| | Becky Clark | 8/17 | Bernice Mohr |
| 8/2 | Kathy Barger | | Mary Lendman |
| | Kathleen Milam | | Kathleen Fleming |
| 8/3 | Beverly Rahlfs | | Sarah Merkal |
| | Marlene Tiegs | | Alexandra Azzi |
| | Samantha Bur | 8/18 | Jane Bush |
| 8/5 | Alexis Turgeon | | Barbara Dunn |
| 8/6 | Annelise Sorsch | 8/19 | Laurie Lineberger |
| | Willis Milner IV | 8/20 | Preston Hendricks |
| | Inga Smith | 8/21 | Marilyn Jensen |
| 8/7 | Paul Regal | 8/22 | Mary Bechtel |
| | Tammy Kolb | | Bob Meissbach |
| 8/9 | Sean Hascup | | Layla Geist |
| | Jennita Joseph | 8/23 | Susie Murray |
| 8/10 | Rebecca Rhoden | | Carolyn Goodson |
| | Graham Thompson, Jr. | | Crislyn Grubb |
| 8/11 | Jan Hanssen | 8/24 | Gary Gendron |
| | Ann Panhorst | 8/25 | Wanda Stephan |
| | Jordan Niemeyer | | Olga Griffith |
| | Eryn Grubb | 8/26 | Rochelle Fiebelkorn |
| 8/13 | Irene Soltis | | Kevin Brockschmitt |
| | Shelley Watkins | 8/27 | Hannah Jones |
| | Megan Niemeyer | | Joyce Bishop |
| | | 8/28 | Ashton Evans |
| | | | Jane Wolfe |
| | | | Jim Stroik |
| | | 8/29 | Cathy Huff |
| | | 8/31 | Frank McChrystal |

ANNIVERSARIES

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|------|---------------------------|
| 8/1 | Ross & Renee Wade |
| 8/6 | Werner & Annelise Sorsch |
| | John & Kathy Turgeon |
| 8/8 | Scott & Tracie MacDonald |
| 8/13 | Bill & Ronnie Steele |
| 8/14 | Bill & Carol Larson |
| 8/16 | Larry & Margie Bjelland |
| 8/18 | Dan & Nancy Woron |
| 8/21 | Willis & AnnMarie Milner |
| | Steve & Linda Young |
| 8/24 | Bernie & Donna Carpinelli |
| 8/29 | Scott & Vicki Holihan |
| 8/30 | Brad & Denise Ouellette |



August

Memorials

Arne & Margaret Kongelbeck

Church Music
Gerald & Rita Gordon

Eric Michael Furey

Soup Kitchen
Bruce & Linda Larsen

Jim Boy

Fellowship
Gary & Barbara Gendron
Joyce Bishop



August Scripture Readings

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| August 6 | Isaiah 55:1-5
Romans 9:113
Matthew 14:13-21 |
| August 13 | Job 38: 4-18
Romans 10:5-17
Matthew 14:22-33 |
| August 20 | Isaiah 56:1, 6-8
Rom. 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
Matthew 15:21-28 |
| August 27 | Isaiah 51:1-6
Romans 11:33-12:8
Matthew 16:13-20 |

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District website: www.flga-lcms.org

Welcome Pastor Kevin!



Pastor:

Rev. David P. Albers

Associate Pastor:

Rev. Kevin D. Ray

Deacon:

Joe Lamoureux

Vicar:

Stan Allen

Principal:

Mr. James Essig

Director of Music Ministries:

Mrs. Joy Beach

OUR MISSION:

Redeemer Lutheran Church and School prepares, equips and motivates adults and children to serve God while leading others to know and love Jesus Christ.