



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 Friend of THE Redeemer,

A 95-year-old woman goes to the store with her 72-year-old daughter. She wants to purchase a new watch that winds. The clerk tries to convince her that a battery-powered watch is much better, because the battery does not need changing for five years. "I don't want it," says the woman, "I do not want to have to change the battery every five years." Even at her age this woman is planning for the future!

Redeemer is not 95, so we have all the more reason to be optimistic about the future God has for us as long as we are breathing and believing the Lord is not through with us yet. He wants to grow His Church through us. Hence, we are still in the process of planting a new church in south St. Lucie County we call Cornerstone Fellowship. It has been a challenge as we have not been able to find a pastor with a specific gift set to lead us. Please continue to pray for our goal to extend the Lord's kingdom.

I bank on the Lord's promise, "For I know the plans I have for you, plans to give you a hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29:11)

Peace in THE Redeemer, Pastor Dave

What can the Reformation say about discipleship and outreach? Well, it has a lot to say about discipleship. Luther was worried people were not being led to be disciples of Christ by the church. So he started writing, teaching, and preaching to encourage people to follow Jesus in their everyday life. He taught vocation so that people would realize when they simply loved their neighbor and served Jesus they were fulfilling their calling in life. He taught that Christians have freedom to love and serve because they are forgiven. He taught that Christians should get away and pray and ponder the Scriptures. Luther had a lot to say about growing in faith.



Outreach is a little different. In Luther's day people were born into the Church and pretty much everybody was a Christian at least in name. However, Luther still reached out to these people by bringing to them the Word of God in a way they could understand. So perhaps that's what we should think about today. When we encounter people who are not part of the church, how can we present the gospel in a way they can understand? How should we go about doing this? I think it is something the Reformation invites us to reflect upon.

Peace of Christ, Pastor Kevin

Hanging of the Greens

Advent family night Wednesday, November 29, at 7:00 p.m.

Please join us for worship, prayer and decorating of the sanctuary to officially begin the Advent season with our focus on Jesus. Redeemer's school choir will lead us in *Five Carols for the Eve of Christ*, where we will be reminded that through Christ, God is with us now and forevermore.

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Principally Speaking

by Jim Essig

We are already one-fourth of the way through the 2017-2018 school year. Time flies when you're having fun, and we are having fun learning these days. The children are learning so much in a variety of formats. The preschool, kindergarten, and lower grade teachers have the students rotate from one "center" to another, keeping the children's attention focused on learning with different media. Even the middle school students sometimes travel around the room during science class, taking notes on different concepts that are posted throughout the classroom.

We invite Redeemer church members and friends to call our office at 286-0932 if you'd like to schedule a time to tour our wonderful school. You will get to see the Christian leaders of tomorrow soaking up knowledge during their formative years.

In addition to the regular classroom learning, our students enjoy learning and serving others as they take field trips to educational sites and to assisted living facilities and the Kane Center.

On Friday, October 13, our intrepid head maintenance man, Jerome Ruiz, turned 60-years-young. Jerome has been a super-dedicated employee at Redeemer for about 30 years. He has the stamina of a racehorse, and some younger assistants have had trouble keeping up with his fast pace. We thank God for Jerome!

We have just enjoyed some important events, and we look forward to more of them. Here is a brief list of upcoming events. Please mark the important dates on your calendar.

- November 21—Grandparents' Day
- November 22-24—no school due to Thanksgiving break
- November 29—Hanging of the Greens service led by Redeemer's school choir at 7:00 p.m.
- December 6—Advent services led by K-grade 4 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- December 13—Advent services led by grades 5-8 at 9:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- December 15—Preschool Christmas program at 9:00 a.m.
- December 20—last full day of school prior to Christmas vacation

Thank you for your continuous support of Redeemer Lutheran School.

Dear Redeemer Family:

We are happy to again introduce you to www.SchoolStore.com, a site that helps schools earn funds on Internet orders. By going through the site (which will take you to hundreds of participating merchants) to do online ordering, Redeemer will earn a set amount or portion of the sale as set forth on the site. There is also an opportunity to make a donation to the classrooms, which last year garnered several thousand dollars for our teachers to purchase classroom items for the students. On all orders and donations, visitors should be able to select the school (by name or city/state) either upon entry or when ordering. If visitors enter the site by the electronic invitations sent out by student families, the school and student will already be entered and visible on the screen.

When you visit www.SchoolStore.com it opens to Family Book Store, the sponsor/underwriter of the website. The tabs at the top give visitors a chance to shop on its website by category (books, magazines, DVDs, etc.). Top tabs are also used to make a donation or to go to other merchants. When the merchant tab is selected, on the left the visitor can make a selection by category (food, clothing, shoes, etc.) for just those merchant to be listed or there is an "all merchant" drop down menu from which a vendor can be selected. When a specific merchant is selected, the merchant's website is accessed and linked with SchoolStore.com for the school's credit. If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Karen McCarthy in the office at 286-0932, extension 103). On many of the websites, Redeemer's scrip (see below) can be used for payments! **There are several hundred participating merchants; start looking today!**



Scrip Gift Cards

Did you know Redeemer sells gift cards (over 500 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).

You can still painlessly support Redeemer through www.gaschoolstore.com. Hundreds of magazines and gift options are available. Reference school ID#3089406 to support Redeemer while you shop!

Also remember when you shop on Smile.Amazon.com, Amazon donates to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. Shop for great deals at smile.amazon.com/ch/59-1273436 and support Redeemer!





Ladies, you are invited to join your sisters in Christ for a morning of worship and praise, Bible study, fun, fellowship, and more on **Saturday, November 11**, in Albracht Hall. The day will include breakfast, luncheon, worship and study materials, photo ops, door prizes, and more. RSVP by **November 6** to Doris Hofmann (220-3670). If childcare is required, please RSVP by **November 1** so enough caregivers can be secured.

Our Mite Box program collects love offerings monthly to fund mission grants in our District, throughout the U.S., and around the world to spread God's love and Word. Women (and men) are encouraged to "adopt" a small mite box (located at each church exit), fill it, and deposit it (or the funds) into the larger mite boxes by the church exits. Mite Sunday is always the first Sunday of each month. The next Mite Sunday will be **November 5**. Mites for October totaled \$115.50.

Pecan Sales: The 2017 crop of pecans is being harvested, and our order is due to arrive in mid-November. Pre-order today by contacting Karen in the church office (286-0911 or kmccarthy@redeemerstuart.com). Every year's a sellout, so be sure not to miss out by ordering today. Not just for cooking, they make great gifts, too! Proceeds support our adopt-a-seminarians, Vicar Stan and Pastor Kevin. Prices are \$12 for 1 lb. of fancy mammoth halves, \$11.50 for 1 lb. of fancy large or small pieces, \$10.75 for 12 oz. of milk chocolate clusters or dark chocolate covered pecans. We will not be selling cinnamon glazed pecans this year. Checks should be made payable to "Redeemer Lutheran LWML."



Sunday Women's Bible Study

A new Sunday women's Bible study will begin on **November 12**. Led by Crislyn Grubb, this study will begin *All Things New*, an in-depth study of 2 Corinthians. The city of ancient

Corinth was much like our own modern-day cities: a melting pot of electrifying cultural experiences to be had, along with the myriad pitfalls of spiritual depravity. Still, Paul wrote to the church of God in Corinth. God's church is meant to thrive in any city and every circumstance in which we find ourselves. Paul's letter is as timely as ever. Ladies, you are invited to join us in Pastor Dave's office Sundays between services for this new study.

Advent by Candlelight

Sunday, December 3
2:00 p.m.

Ladies, we need hostesses. Please contact Linda Young (418-0552) to host a table.



Praying Hands and Hearts members delivered prayer shawls to 12 nursing and/or assisted living homes at the end of October. They were received by staff members who know the patients and will thoughtfully distribute them to the most needful. We attach a card to each shawl with a prayer and our first-name signature with a blessing. Adult caps went to Love and Hope in Action for distribution to the homeless during the colder weather. The baby items are distributed by staff and volunteers at the Martin County Hospitals and CareNet to those in need. It is a delight to deliver these items and see the joy they bring! Ladies, keep on knitting and crocheting your lovely work! New members are always welcome. For more information call Hannelore Hettig (692-1090) or Ann Panhorst (223-4012).

Christmas Caroling

We will be caroling to assisted living facilities to brighten their Christmas on **Friday, December 15**. All are welcome! We'll meet in the church parking lot at **5:15 p.m.** and leave at **5:30 p.m.** No experience is necessary and it is fun for the whole family. After caroling, we'll regroup in Albracht Hall for an ice cream social. Contact Marge or Joe Lamoureux (545-2503) if you are planning to attend or would like more information about this festive event.



Unfortunately, Cathedral Choir does not have enough interest to continue at this time. We will see if there is enough interest after the snowbirds arrive after Christmas. We may replace it with a men's ensemble. Please let Joy know if you are interested so she can contact you with further updates.



Pinocle players: Join us in the Conference Room at **1:15 p.m.** on the **3rd Wednesday** of each month. Only \$2 provides lots of fun and fellowship! Please call Thelma Henderson (266-8269) so you can be set up with a partner!

***Treasurer's Report for Period /30/17
Fiscal Year 9/1/17-8/31/18***

<i>Income</i>	<i>September</i>	<i>Year-to-Date</i>
Weekly Envelopes	\$ 50,365.97	\$ 50,365.97
Plate	3,520.75	3,520.75
Special Envelopes	0.00	0.00
Undesignated Bequests	0.00	0.00
Thank Offerings	10.00	10.00
Interest	367.56	367.56
Tuition/School Fees	313,111.60	313,111.60
Extended Care/VPK+	13,847.83	13,847.83
Summer Camp	11.67	11.67
Other	695.00	695.00
Total Income	\$ 381,930.38	\$ 381,930.38
<i>Expenses</i>		
Missions	\$ 5,319.67	\$ 5,319.67
Salaries/Allowances	153,497.77	153,497.77
Facilities/Utilities	24,499.85	24,499.85
Insurance/Insurance Reserve/Taxes	7,117.51	7,117.51
Cornerstone Reserve	1,500.00	1,500.00
Supplies/Materials	71,013.20	71,013.20
Boards/Committees	3,168.48	3,168.48
Miscellaneous School	3,590.57	3,590.57
Legal/Professional	0.00	0.00
Total Expenses	\$ 269,707.05	\$ 269,707.05
Surplus (Deficit)	112,223.33	112,223.33

Thrivent Choice Dollars

Designated in fiscal year 9/17-8/18

Church: \$748.00 School: \$151.00

School funds for this fiscal year will continue to be used for educational assistance. Church funds will be designated as needs arise. Thank you for your support of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School through this program. Please contact Amy Whitlach (408-0771) if you have questions or to designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars.

Christmas Cantata

Redeemer's Christmas Cantata, *Forever God is With Us*, will be sung during worship on **Sunday, December 17** at both services. If you are interested in joining us in singing please let Joy know in the church office. We have books and CDs available to practice and all the choirs and ensembles will be working in the music during their rehearsal times.



Altar Guild 2018

Attention all Altar Guild volunteers: it is now time to sign up to serve our Lord preparing His altar for worship in 2018. The sign-up sheets are in the Sacristy. Please stop by and sign up for your favorite month or two of service.

For those who have never shared in this opportunity, there is no experience necessary; you will be scheduled with an experienced team who will lovingly guide you through the weekly routine of preparing our church for Sunday services. Now is the time to experience how rewarding this act of service to our church family and our Lord will be for you.

We meet each **Saturday morning at 9:00 a.m.** for approximately one hour to prepare communion and tidy up the sanctuary. Please prayerfully consider serving our Redeemer family in this capacity. Please contact Debbie Fowler (486-1669) or Sylvia Gray (485-2605) with any questions.

2017 Live Nativity: Volunteers Needed!

Redeemer's 16th annual "Journey to Bethlehem" is slated for **December 9-10, 6:00-8:00 p.m.** The event guides guests through the birth of Jesus, replete with baby Jesus, Mary, Joseph, angels, wisemen, shepherds, townspeople, and even animals. The Live Nativity provides our church with an opportunity to reach out into the community and to accentuate the true reason for the season.

"If you'd like to portray a character, please sign up. Everyone is welcome. It's first come-first served, but, we need lots of adults and children," said coordinator Angel Callewaert. "Look for the sign-up sheet on page 10 of this newsletter. No acting experience is necessary and most of the parts simply pantomime during a recorded narration."

This year's focus is to encourage new participants to help share the story. Volunteers are needed to assist in many capacities such as directing traffic, greeting guests, supervising at the children's craft table, providing and serving refreshments, and being available at the prayer table to pray with attendees.

Callewaert encourages school families to participate, "They can get volunteer hours for school by participating in the Live Nativity. Mom and Dad's hours contribute, too. And, folks don't have to volunteer for the entire event, just choose a night."

Don't forget to invite your neighbors and friends! In addition to the nativity scenes, guests can view Redeemer's Christmas parade float, pet the donkey, ducks and other animals, and enjoy opportunities for quiet reflection or prayer as they walk through the beautifully decorated sanctuary. Albracht Hall will provide additional fellowship by offering cookies and punch, crafts for kids, and taking Christmas photos of families. The event is free (donations welcome) and wheelchair accessible.

The Treasure Coast needs this event. Christmas is not just Santa; volunteer today so Redeemer can continue this important ministry of celebrating the true meaning of Christmas.

New this year:* Dress rehearsal will be changed to **Saturday at 4:00 p.m.



Fall Festival 2017



LWML November Rally at Redeemer

Redeemer will be hosting the Fall LWML Treasure Coast Zone Rally on **Saturday, November 11, 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.**, and you, Redeemer family and friends, are needed in many capacities to make our sisters in Christ from West Palm Beach up to Vero Beach feel welcome in worship, Bible study, fellowship, and mission service. Focus will be on Luke 10:2, *"The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest,"* a call to encourage support of missionaries, seminarians, and church workers and us to be home missionaries!

As details on the day's plans are assembled, please consider helping in one or more of the following areas:

- Plan to attend to get a faith lift and be inspired by your fellow sisters in Christ
- Be a greeter, "traffic director," worship assistant, usher, food server, hostess, childcare worker, or one of many other workers needed for the day.
- Donating new or gently used white elephant items for door prizes or for a small sale to support the District mission trip to Kenya.
- Providing fruit or juice for breakfast or a salad, sandwich or dessert bar item for the buffet lunch.
- Donate items for cancer care kits and homeless kits to be made up at the rally: washcloths, slipper socks, devotional books, hats, word puzzle or Sudoku books, hard candies, bottled water, protein bars, socks, breath mints, Christian tracts, lip balm, and pocket tissues.

For more information or to volunteer to be part of the fun, contact Karen in the church office. Donations of items can be brought to Karen in the church office at any time.



Redeemer's first grade blessed the residents of Brookdale Senior Living last month when they sang at our monthly worship service. Thank you, first grade!

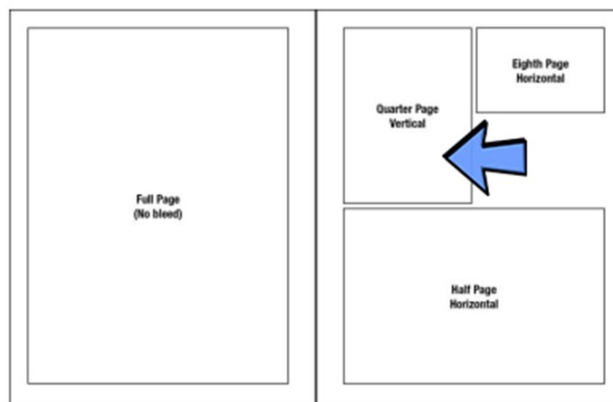
Redeemer's preschool is collecting used mascara wands to help support injured and orphaned wildlife as well as encourage conservation education. These wands are used by the Appalachian Wildlife Refuge to remove fly eggs and larva from animal fur. Please bring any wands to the church or school office.



It's that time again! We are starting the plans for this year's Christmas parade float. The parade will be held on **December 1, at 7:00 p.m.** and this year's theme is "I'll be home for Christmas." Please check your bulletin and the Messenger for more information about our work schedule and supply list. We will have a beachy theme and are looking for white or tan colored sheets, white and blue Christmas lights, and cardboard for making starfish! Monetary donations are always welcome to bring the Christmas spirit to our community. We look forward to another great opportunity to celebrate and share the birth of Jesus!

Redeemer Business Directory

Redeemer Lutheran School is creating a business directory for our families. Prices are \$10 for 1/8th page, \$15 for 1/4 page, \$25 for 1/2 page, and \$50 for full page. See below for layout options. Please contact Vivian Throgmorton (vthrogmorton@redeemerstaurt.com or 286-0932 x108) by **November 10** if you'd like to be included.



Classroom Connection - Kindergarten

We have been very busy in kindergarten during the first quarter of the school year! We are growing and learning in so many ways.

We enjoyed learning about community helpers and jobs. We followed the recipe in our reading book, "Pizza at Sally's", and the pizza was delicious!



The kindergarten and first grade classes love birthdays and we were so happy to help Mr. Jerome celebrate a very special birthday! Thank you for all you do for the church and school, Mr. Jerome!

We love learning with our manipulatives in math! We can't wait for STEM time! It is a class favorite because we get to collaborate, plan, and build!

In religion, we have been learning about Moses and how he lead God's chosen people out of Egypt. We know that we are God's helpers, too!

We celebrated reading during our first quarter Ram's Read Day! The kindergarten - 5th graders dressed up as their favorite book characters. We spent time in the gym reading together with our fifth grade reading buddies. We even had a surprise guest reader. Mrs. Duseberg and son, Ben, came for a visit and read "The Pumpkin Patch Parable" to us!





The Worship Team



November 5

Lectors: (8:30) Brad Jeske (11:00) Debbie Fowler

Lay Assistants: (8:30) Bob Fiebelkorn, Leslie Kingsley, Jack Gebhardt, Jerry Schaumburg (11:00) Bill Hamann, Becky Clark, Jeff Banks, Irene Soltis, Debbie Robinson

Crucifer: (8:30) Adam Goodson

Acolytes: (8:30) Rohan Winningham, Meghan Cochran (11:00) Ethen Grubb, Eryn Grubb

Head Ushers: (8:30) Scott Kuhns (11:00) Betty Wyman

Ushers: (8:30) Linda Kuhns, John Ford, Michael Hellyer (11:00) Cathy Mitsch

Greeters: (8:30) Joan Gebhardt (front), Lois Bol (west) (11:00) Linda Young (front), Nancy Schultz (west)

November 12

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, Debbie Fowler

Crucifers: (8:30) Gabby Sue Engle (11:00) Max Callewaert

Acolytes: (8:30) Sophia Engle, Peter James Engle (11:00) Cathryn Gramenz, Colton Gramenz

Head Ushers: (8:30) Steve McCarthy (11:00) Kathy LaBar

Ushers: (8:30) Dan & Nancy Woron, Russ Reaver (11:00) Betty Wyman, Cathy Mitsch

Greeters: (8:30) Jennine, Annika, & Alicia VanDerlip (front), Jana Ream (west) (11:00) Flo Owens (front), Jim Wiencke (west)

November 19

Lectors: (8:30) Jack Gebhardt (11:00) Stan Allen

Lay Assistants: (8:30) Joe Lamoureux, Brad Jeske, Jennine VanDerlip (11:00) Katherine Ward, Sarah Ahles, Betty Wyman

Crucifer: (8:30) Madison Riegelman

Acolytes: (8:30) Jeremiah Shepard, Taylor Riegelman (11:00) Jordan Niemeyer, Cameron Beach

Head Ushers: (8:30) Lani Evans (11:00) Dick Lineberger

Ushers: (8:30) Bill & Debbie Fowler, John Ford (11:00) Willis Milner, Cathy Mitsch

Greeters: (8:30) Linda Young (front), Pat Gebhardt (west) (11:00) Jane Bush (front), Sarah Ahles (west)

November 22 - Thanksgiving Eve, 7:00 p.m.

Lector: Stan Allen

Lay Assistants: Joe Lamoureux

Crucifer: Annika VanDerlip

Acolyte: Alicia VanDerlip

November 26

Lectors: (8:30) Dee Hudson (11:00) Stan Allen

Lay Assistants: (8:30) Lori Barger, Stephen Vendette, Joe Lamoureux (11:00) Cathy Huff, Bill Hamann, Jeff Banks

Crucifer: (8:30) Annika VanDerlip (11:00) Alex Callewaert

Acolytes: (8:30) Hadden Kenney, Alicia VanDerlip (11:00) Cathryn Gramenz, Carter Gramenz

Head Ushers: (8:30) Matt Grubb (11:00) John Ford

Ushers: (8:30) Dan Fiebelkorn, Michael Hellyer, Joe Hudson (11:00) Ellen Hamann

Greeters: (8:30) Susie Murray (front), Marguerite Kloety (west) (11:00) Emily Allen (front)



Altar Guild: Debbie Robinson, Gwen Mirman, Marlene Tiegs, Carolyn Horchler

Counters: Nancy Antonchak, Becky Clark, Richard Davis, 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, Gary Oldehoff, Steve Summers

November Scripture Readings

November 5	Revelation 7:2-17 1 John 3:1-3 Matthew 5:1-12
November 12	Amos 5:18-24 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 Matthew 25:1-13
November 19	Zephaniah 1:7-16 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30
November 22	Deuteronomy 8:1-10 Philippians 4:6-20 Luke 17:11-19
November 26	Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24 1 Corinthians 15:20-28 Matthew 31:-46



11/1	Bette Jenkins	11/11	Ginny Voelker
	Joe Lamoureux		Zack Holihan
	Willena Hughes	11/12	Ron Gilbert
11/2	Maddy Pleva	11/13	S.J. Vallery
	Karen Vendette		Linda Larsen
	Matt Grubb		John Niemeyer
	Clayton Ruth	11/15	Bonnie Jares
11/3	Jennine VanDerlip		Lauren Lukas
	Casey Rall		Nikolay Lendman
11/4	Otto Sohn		Alex Callewaert
	Cameron Beach	11/17	Pat Sawusch
	Kaylie Jones		Blake Whitlach
11/5	Holly Ridgway	11/19	Kathy Turgeon
	Chris Andersen		James Clark
11/6	Rodney Stevens	11/21	Jim Noe
	Scott Kuhns		Jolene Williams
	Bev Powell	11/22	Sophie Wade
	Eden Harris	11/23	Doris Schneider
11/7	Lee Dirr (102!)	11/24	Joy Banks
	Susan Curtland		Brittany Favors
11/8	Doris Hofmann	11/25	Brad Jeske
	Kendralyn Ruth		Mia Wade
	Nicholai Griffith	11/26	Kay Volz
11/9	Claire Bomer	11/27	Gary Glardan
11/10	Connor Buchanan		Mary Schuett
			Patti Hendricks
		11/28	Karen Schlamp
			Alexandria Hall
			Sawyer Shepard
		11/30	Pete Peterson
			George Sweeney
			Danielle Turgeon
			Linda Moesch
			Katie Vogel



Memorials

Arne & Margaret Kongelbeck

Church Music

Gerald & Rita Gordon

Judy Bloede

Church Memorials

John & Sandra Frazier

Bricks of Faith

Don & Ann Panhorst

Earl Mohr

Bricks of Faith

Andrea Runkel Mudd

Jerri Fowler

Bricks of Faith

Don & Ann Panhhorst



ANNIVERSARIES

11/13	Rhett & Renae Bailey
11/23	Al & Jane Bush
	Bill & Ellen Hamann
	Bruce & Linda Larsen
11/24	Michael & Sally Hellyer
11/25	Rodney & Cheryl Stevens
11/26	Louis & Phyllis Gosewisch
11/27	Brent & Dawn Bomer
11/29	Kevin & Becky Brockschmitt
11/30	Mario & Karen Vendette



From the Church Records



Birth:

Sarah Caroline to Jim & Dorothy Wiencke (10/20)

Releases:

Rob & Amy Whitlach, William, Andrew and Blake



The Vicar's Corner

by Stan Allen

Thanksgiving is a time to rejoice! Long ago this was the harvest feast enjoyed by the pilgrims celebrating the end of the growing season and preparing for the winter. In those days Thanksgiving was three days long. Can you imagine eating and drinking for three days? There was no Publix or Walmart to go to for groceries. The harvest was hopefully good otherwise they went hungry all winter.

In 1864 President Lincoln proclaimed Thanksgiving as a national holiday—a national day of “Thanksgiving and praise to our beneficent Father who dwelleth in heaven.” Imagine saying that in public today!

As we celebrate this Thanksgiving I suggest that we share our joy with those who are less fortunate than us. Maybe visit with a neighbor who is alone, call a friend who is estranged from their family, or come to church on Thanksgiving to, as Paul writes to the Thessalonians, “give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” I pray that you and yours have a blessed Thanksgiving. Peace in the Redeemer!

**2017 LIVE NATIVITY
“JOURNEY TO BETHLEHEM”
DECEMBER 9 & 10 6:00 – 8:00 P.M.**

We would be honored to have your assistance with this year's Live Nativity presented by Redeemer Lutheran Church & School. This is a great way to bless our congregation, school, and community with what has become a Treasure Coast tradition. Thank you for your willingness to help celebrate the true reason for the season!

Name: _____ Phone: _____
(Please Print)

E-mail address: _____

**Live Nativity rehearsal on Saturday, December 9 @ 4:00 p.m.
Attendance is required for costume fitting and announcements.
Any children volunteering that are younger than high school age must be
accompanied by a parent volunteering in the same area**

Opportunities where you can serve:

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| <input type="checkbox"/> SET UP NATIVITY SCENES – Dec. 1 and/or Dec. 2 9:00 a.m. | _____ | Leader: Al Ejups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Help take down and store scenery – Monday, Dec. 11 at 9:00 a.m. | _____ | Leader: Al Ejups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Put away props after performance each night | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: Al Ejups |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Direct traffic (age 16 years or older) | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter to greet guests & distribute literature | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Guides for Nativity walk through | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments (cookies, desserts, punch, serve & clean up) | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with costume needs | Sat _____ Sun _____ | Leader: Jan Hanssen |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Be available at the Prayer Table to pray with attendees | Sat _____ Sun _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mingle in Albracht Hall during refreshments | Sat _____ Sun _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assist with craft for the children who attend | Sat _____ Sun _____ | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Host/Hostess to represent Redeemer and smile and be nice | Sat _____ Sun _____ | |

Characters: Many people will be needed to portray different characters, both nights helpful but not required.

Costume Coordinator: Jan Hanssen

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|---|---------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> I am willing to play ANY character * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary, Joseph & Jesus (1 or 2 families each night) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mary (2 additional needed each night) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Joseph (2 additional needed each night) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elizabeth (2 additional needed each night*) | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Inn Keeper (extras needed) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Registrar (extras needed) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Shepherds (many are needed – families with children welcome) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel for Joseph scene (extras needed) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Angel in choir (many are needed) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wiseman (3 each night) (extras needed) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Townspeople (many are needed – families with children welcome) * | Sat _____ Sun _____ |

Do you have experience in this role? _____

Refreshments (we ran out last year):

Cookies _____ Coffee _____ Cream _____ Pineapple Juice _____ Cranberry Juice _____ Ginger Ale _____

Financial Assistance – I'm not able to participate but would like to contribute for expenses. Contributions should be indicated for "Live Nativity." _____

Thank you for your service!!

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