



## A Prayer for Redeemer

Dear Father in heaven, You made us. You provide our food, shelter, and clothes. Please help the people of Redeemer grow spiritually and have more faith in You. Help us to want to learn more about You, share our faith with others, and give of our time and money. Help us to do this so we can spread Your Gospel message to all people. Thank You for sending Your Son to die for us so that we can rejoice in hope, grow in our relationship with You, and be with You in heaven one day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*(This prayer was written by the children of Redeemer Lutheran School's Second Grade Class of 2013)*

*Then David said to Solomon, his son, "Be strong and courageous and do it. Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you, until all the work for the service of the house of the Lord is finished.*

1 Chronicles 28:20



## Redeemer Lutheran Church and School Capital Campaign 2012—2015

*Crossing the Bridge  
to the Future... Together*



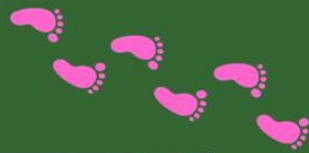


# Bridges...



Please follow along with us as we have crossed many bridges in our lives. So, too, shall we cross many bridges as we address the challenge of Redeemer Lutheran Church and School's 2013-2015 capital campaign -

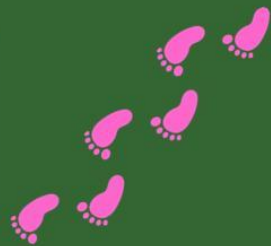
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# Member's Thoughts on Crossing the Bridge Together...

"The thing that I think is most important about this campaign is expanding our mission trips so that we can help where God needs us to help."

**Shauna Bur, Youth Member**



"I have traveled this path alone, and in doing so the Redeemer family has given me the opportunity to plant the seeds of faith in my life...."

**Russ Reaver, New Member**



"I am so thankful that God has always taken care of my every need. Most importantly, He sacrificed His Son for my salvation. He did the hard part. Everything I have is His, giving back isn't always easy, but it's one way I can show how much I love Him and how thankful I am."

**Kristen Cruz, Redeemer Graduate 1993**

"We need this campaign to carry forward. For those who believe that Jesus is their redemption, we know what our future is. We need to assure the future of those after we're gone. We each need to dig a little bit deeper to ensure that we can make the future secure for all the generations to come."

**Steve Young, Member for 15 years**





# Steps of Faith and Bridges...

God has truly blessed Redeemer Lutheran Church and School through the years and provided many means to cross the bridges to where we are now:

**Easter 1955**—Plans for a Lutheran church in Stuart became more formal when 55 people attended a Lutheran Easter service at the Women's Club of Stuart, and our congregation was born.

**1958**—The church was the first edifice to be built on the "new section of East 4<sup>th</sup> Street [now known as East Ocean Boulevard] on route to Martin County's new bridges to the sea." A cornerstone was laid October 12, and the first church (now known as Albracht Hall) was dedicated on March 15, 1959.

**1961**—Articles of Incorporation were filed for Redeemer Lutheran Church. First Vacation Bible School was held, and the Busserts planted a rose garden near the church with 400 bushes of 36 varieties. A kindergarten class was started.

**1974**—A new sanctuary (present one) was dedicated for the growing congregation.

**1978**—The decision was made to open a Lutheran school. The first Call for a Lutheran teacher was issued to Monica Trautsch and another to her husband, Harold Trautsch, as Minister of Education, who served as the school's principal.

**1979—1982**—Grades 1-8 were added to the school. Our first daughter congregation, Bethel/Hobe Sound, was begun.

**1987**—Our growing church and school needed more meeting space! The Christian Fellowship Center was built and was dedicated in September.

**1990**—Our second daughter church, Grace/Port St. Lucie, was established. Church members felt so strongly about their connection with school ministry that the corporate name was changed to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School, Inc.!

**1996**—A new state-of-the-art computer lab was dedicated.

**2002**—Redeemer began an annual Live Nativity presentation to bring the real meaning of Christmas to the community.

**2004**—Palm Sunday services in local parks began. Redeemer wanted to carry the Good News out into the community—Jesus died for all and lives for all!

**2007**—Vacation Bible School, led by Redeemer youth and adults, was conducted in Puerto Rico, the first of several international mission trips.

**2012**—The *Crossing the Bridge to the Future...Together* Campaign began to raise funds to position Redeemer for more mission and ministry work in the present and the future!

***"We know not what the future holds, but we do know WHO holds our future! One fact is certain, God's Word remains our great heritage."***

**Harold H. Trautsch,  
Redeemer's first school principal and former parish archivist**



# A Step of Faith...

A capital campaign is always a step of faith. I remember looking at the Mackinaw Bridge for the first time. It is intimidating, especially hearing of the crossing winds which could make the trip an adventure, to say the least. (Have you ever been on a large bridge that sways?) Though I was nervous, we crossed the bridge and never regretted it.

As we embark on this three-year campaign over and above regular offerings the bridge may look intimidating.

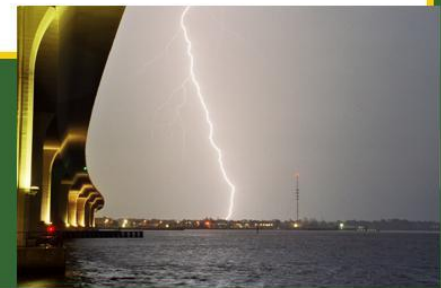
Our goals are:

- ◆ Paying down the mortgage to free up resources for ministry
- ◆ Improving our facilities as good stewards of God's gifts
- ◆ Finding new ways to reach the Treasure Coast with the Gospel

The campaign may look daunting. However, we have nothing to fear. Our great Lord, Conqueror of sin and death, who makes Himself present through His Word, Baptism, and the Holy Supper, will get us over the bridge. In addition, we cross together. We cross in the spirit of Christian love and unity. From experience, there is strength in numbers. Three years from now, I am positive we will look back and rejoice in what Christ has accomplished in and through us. We will not regret it.

Hear these words of St Paul in Philippians 1:13: *"I (we) can do all things through Christ who gives me (us) strength."*

Pastor Dave





## The Plan...

### Financial Accountability in the Campaign

The voting members of Redeemer, upon recommendation of the Finance Committee and Church Council, approved the capital campaign in 2012 to increase support for Redeemer's mission of reaching out into the community and beyond to share the love of Christ with everyone.

Funds raised will be utilized as follows:

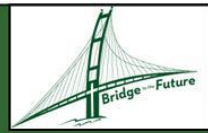
1. 40% to reduce the mortgage so that funds will be freed up to support the missions and ministries of Redeemer.
2. 40% for campus capital improvements to better serve the community who come on campus and to expand mission opportunities.
3. 20% for Redeemer's mission outreach programs (to be researched by the Boards of Christian Outreach and Elders, who will make the recommendations to the voters).

Using the above guidelines, campaign proceeds will be distributed on a regular basis after May 1, 2013, as determined by the Finance Committee and Church Council, so that:

1. The mortgage principal can be paid down as quickly as possible.
2. Improvements around the campus can be made as funding becomes available. The Properties Board will prioritize the needed improvements based on safety, liability, necessity, and outreach potential as well as funding availability.
3. Current and/or new mission project(s) can begin or be expanded as proposed by the Boards of Christian Outreach and Elders and approved by the voters.

Regular reports of distributions and results will be made to the congregation and school families and friends.

## From Our Co-Directors...



"In this capital campaign it is my *hope and dream* that we can come together and Cross the Bridge to the Future...Together. Along with God's blessings we will enhance and enrich the AMAZING ministry we have happening here at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School."

**Russ Reaver**



"Throughout my life I faced many challenges. The thing I discovered or learned was that, as a result, God provides new bridges to cross and opportunities that allow my faith to grow spiritually as well as physically to help and assist others. Despite the economic conditions that surround us today, I am truly committed to this campaign and believe through our faith in God, by His grace and will, we will cross this bridge into the future."

**Steve McCarthy**

"In the short time that I have been a member of Redeemer, like nowhere else, I have witnessed a resolve to take on challenges, however great or small, and to succeed. I truly believe it is that same spirit that will steer us towards crossing that bridge to the future... together. With God's grace and Jesus at the wheel, there is nothing we can't do. It is that resolve that drives me to be committed to this campaign."

**Jack Gebhardt**

"Redeemer has been our church home and family since 1988. The Redeemer family has shown me and my family how to grow as Christians and assisted us in raising our sons in the faith—through the school, youth programs, and worship services. It has also provided many mission outreach opportunities and shown us the joy of serving others for the Lord. This capital campaign will help us cross the bridge to the future together toward stronger ministry and missions."

**Karen McCarthy**



# Sharing God's Gifts...

## Christians Share Their Gifts

The members of Redeemer share God's gift of life with each other and outside our congregation. Christ is the center of our shared life, the Keystone in the bridge of our faith. We share the Word and Sacraments. And, we share our God-given resources: *time, talent, and treasure!*

The first Christians are described this way: "... All who believed were together and had all things in common." (Acts 2:44)

Our Lord is a good and gracious God and gives us what we need (Luther's *Small Catechism*, Article One of The Apostles' Creed). He never stops giving, and He also wants us to have the joy of giving back to Him. 2 Corinthians 9:6-15.



# Campaign Goals...



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- 1. Pay down or pay off Redeemer's mortgage (\$440,000).**
- 2. Invest in Redeemer's facilities for the church and school**
- 3. Expand Redeemer's community outreach and global missions.**





# The Gifts We Will Need...

Level	Units	Total
\$100,000	1	\$100,000
\$50,000	3	\$150,000
\$35,000	2	\$70,000
\$20,000	3	\$60,000
\$10,000	13	\$130,000
\$6,000	12	\$72,000
\$5,000	16	\$80,000
\$4,000	10	\$40,000
\$3,000	13	\$39,000
\$2,500	15	\$37,500
\$2,000	30	\$60,000
\$1,000	60	\$60,000
\$50	30	\$1,500
		<b>\$900,000</b>

## The Giving Ladder

These are examples of the size and number of gifts we need to make our goal of \$900,000. Each of the planks on this bridge reflects a three-year pledge.

Check and see at which level you are comfortable and then see if you can't climb a few rungs so that we can -

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With 208 giving units (a unit is a couple or an individual) contributing at the levels outlined on these bridge planks, Redeemer Lutheran Church and School can raise exactly \$900,000 over the next three years!



# Breaking it Down...

Level	Weeks	\$/Week
\$100,000	156	\$641
\$50,000	156	\$321
\$35,000	156	\$224
\$20,000	156	\$128
\$10,000	156	\$64
\$6,000	156	\$38
\$5,000	156	\$32
\$4,000	156	\$26
\$3,000	156	\$19
\$2,500	156	\$16
\$2,000	156	\$13
\$1,000	156	\$6
\$50	156	.32¢

## How Much Per Week?

The gift amounts on this and the previous page are for a three-year pledge period.

Once you break the gifts down into a weekly amount your contribution is much easier to digest.

Be sure to look this chart over carefully and see how a little bit each week, over the course of three years can help us -

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