

CROSSING THE BRIDGE

REDEEMER LUTHERAN CHURCH AND SCHOOL

Coming Bridge Events

- Aug. 24—Macy's Shop for a Cause. Remember to buy your discount card and Macy's scrip from Karen or Kristen in the church office.
- Aug. 26-Sept. 6—magazine subscriptions and gift orders are being taken. Renew a subscription or try something new—electronic subscriptions also available.
- Nov. 1-2—rummage sale and bake sale in the gym.
- Spring 2014—golf tournament
- It's never too late to participate by pledging or giving. Pledge forms are available in the church office. Together we can reach our goal!

Log On!

Check out our link on the Redeemer Church & School website home page for updated information about the campaign!

www.redeemerstuart.com



Greetings in the name of our Lord! Thank you for your prayers, assistance at events, and financial support for God's mission plans at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School.

As promised from the start of the Bridge capital campaign, we want to let you know how things are progressing. Although the pledge fulfillment period kicked off a mere two months ago, we already have lots of activities to report.

Pledges received as of June 30, totaled \$588,271. Another \$123,377 in restricted gifts toward campaign items was received. Here's the breakdown of the funds received to date:

\$109,995.97	Offerings
1,739.12	Scrip proceed donations
1,899.50	Pledge Event (silent auction, bake sale, & donations)
195.00	Sunday School (cookie sale)
1,085.12	School fundraisers (Coins for a Cause, Crazy Socks Days, & donations)
492.41	Non-cash donations
123,377.00	Restricted gifts

Over the past several months the Finance Committee has authorized distribution of \$84,000 from the unrestricted funds raised to be disbursed as determined by the voters: 40% for debt reduction, 20% for mission outreach, and 40% for capital expenditures. Thanks to these funds, as well as some restricted funds received, Redeemer has been able to pay down the mortgage from \$443,009.36 on December 31, 2012, to \$288,205.46 as of June 30, 2013; Pastor Dave and Pastor Brian have started researching the mission outreach opportunities in our area (see Pastor Dave's July *Messenger* article); and the Properties Board has begun planning repairs to the Christian Fellowship Center roof and exterior painting around the campus.

In addition to giving opportunities over the next three years, there are fundraisers available to help Redeemer reach its goal of \$900,000. Some of them are listed on the left under "Coming Bridge Events." Donations and workers are needed for most of the events. For more information, contact Karen in the church office.

Thank you again for your prayers, assistance (past and future), and financial support for God's mission plans at Redeemer Lutheran Church and School. Together we can make a difference for Him in our local community and beyond by bringing the Good News of His love and salvation through Jesus Christ.

With gratitude and thanks,
 Russ Reaver, Jack Gebhardt,
 Steve & Karen McCarthy
 Campaign Co-Directors