



REDEEMER LUTHERAN

CHURCH AND SCHOOL

If you have questions about any of our ministries or would like to be involved, please contact the church office.

Thank you!

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Our God Has Gone Up with a Shout!

This month we'll be celebrating the Ascension of our Lord, among other events in the life of the Church. And it's the Life of the Church I'd like to talk about here with you for a few minutes.

When Jesus had accomplished his great work of salvation on the cross, and won the victory over death by rising again, he spent forty days with his disciples summarizing and emphasizing his plan for the ages before leaving them to work out that plan.

Imagine yourself in heaven when Jesus ascended. He's just left his disciples on the Mount of Olives, he's ascended past the clouds, and there's a big "Welcome Home Jesus!" party in heaven. The angels are congratulating him for his marvelous victory, singing his praises and worshiping him. But Jesus notices something, so he asks, "Why are you guys dressed in your traveling clothes?" "Well, we're ready now to go and tell everyone on earth what you've done so they'll believe in you!" "That won't be necessary," says Jesus, "You see those eleven guys down there with their mouths hanging open?" "Yes, Jesus, we see them." "Well, I've told them to tell everyone what I've done so they'll believe in me." The angels look a little puzzled and concerned, and finally one asks, "Those guys? Jesus, what's your Plan B?" Jesus simply replied, "I have no Plan B."

Silly story, but a powerful truth! The angels could never tell the story of salvation, because Jesus didn't save them. They never rebelled against God. They've never faced temptation. They don't know what it's like to hurt and be hurt. Repentance is just an academic idea to them. They've never had to say they're sorry—they've never been sorry!

Only you and I can tell someone what Jesus has done for us. There's no power in the story the angels could tell. Imagine it—"Let me tell you what Jesus has done for humans!" Coming from an angel there's no authenticity, no emotion, and, I would add, no humor! It would be a flat monotone description of something that has no personal meaning.

But when you and I tell the story of Jesus, it is full of personal meaning. He died and rose—FOR ME! His perfect life was sacrificed out of his love—FOR ME! Instead of eternal separation from God in hell, the bliss of eternal intimacy with God is given—FOR ME! In a way, that's hardly the same story that an angel could tell!

So, those eleven, after two angels told them to close their gaping mouths and go wait for the promised Holy Spirit, received that Spirit and began to tell the marvelous things God had done not only as eyewitnesses, but as heart witnesses. Those who heard from them also had their hearts changed, and they told others, and others, and others, until someone told us. You and I can trace our relationship with Jesus back 2,000 years in an unbroken chain to someone who heard the Good News from those first eyewitnesses. The question is, will we be the last link in that chain? Or will it stretch on from us until the day when Jesus, as the angels told the eleven, returns from the clouds? God grant we are faithful links in that chain of witness!

God bless you, Pastor Moore

Good To Know...



May 19 @ 6:00 p.m.

Redeemer's Men's Group will sponsor the program "Suddenly in Command" highlighting what to do if you are on a water vessel and the boat commander is unable to guide the boat due to a variety of circumstances. What do you do? Discussion will follow and light refreshments will be served.



Women's Bible Study

**Conference Room
Tuesdays @ 1:30 p.m.**

Tuesday Women's Bible Study continues Jennifer Rothschild's *Heaven* They will break for the summer after Memorial Day. All women are invited! Contact leader Pam Storm (217-549-3387) for more information.



LWML

Next Meeting
**Saturday, May 10
10:00 a.m.**

Contact Cindy Heintz
(772-579-2646) if you have
questions.

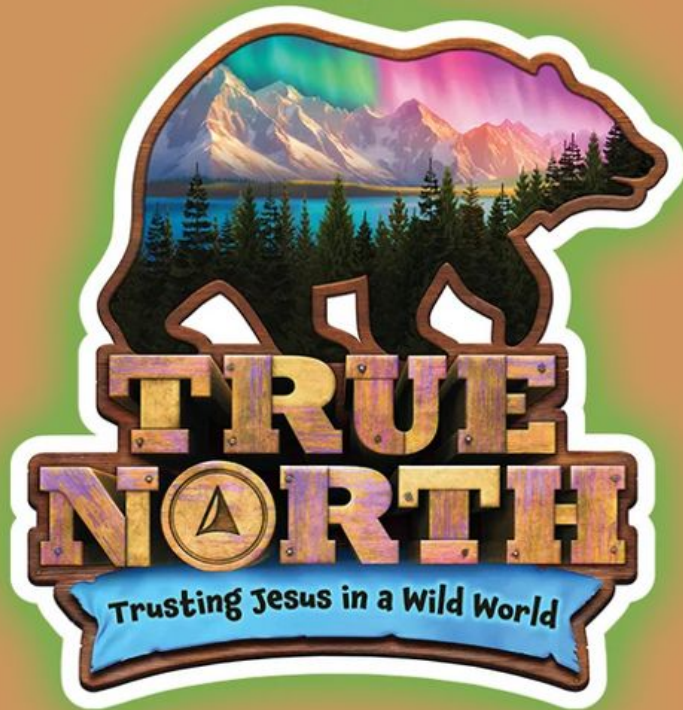


[Worship Team Schedule](#)

Thank you for serving! Many additional servers are needed. Contact the church office to say you'll help!

Redeemer Lutheran Church & School

The Easy VBS®



VBS 2025

July 28 - August 1

9:00 - 11:00am



Register Today!

All rising VPK-5th grade students welcome!

Visit redeemerstuart.com for information on Redeemer Lutheran Church & School

Questions? Contact kwenger@rlcsrams.com

Also Good To Know...



Annual Meeting

July 13 @ 9:45 a.m.

Join us between services on July 13 for our next End-of-Year Congregational Meeting. Among other updates, we will present the budget for the next fiscal year.



High School Graduates

Congratulations graduates Reese Bailey, Carter Gramenz, Cody Hughes and Ross White! You are in our prayers as you begin college, and work. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.



Baptism Chapel

May 7 @ 9:00 a.m.

Join us as we celebrate the baptisms of some of our school students and their parents at Chapel on Wednesday, May 7. *He who believes and is baptized shall be saved!*



Volunteers Needed

Volunteers are needed for the tech team on Sunday mornings. Positions available are sound, projection screen, camera, and live streaming. Help is especially needed at the 11:00 service. Contact Jeff Banks (863-370-5362) to help. Training will be provided.

Meet Our Soon-to-be Ram Graduates



My name is Faith Bass. I have three brothers, a mom, a dad, a step-dad, and two dogs. I started attending Redeemer in sixth grade. I am hoping to go to Martin County High School. I want to be a police officer for the LAPD when I'm older. I'm interested in being a UC (undercover officer) and attending a UC school.

My name is Zach Buys. I have one brother who is 2 years older than me, 3 cats, 1 dog, and 1 rabbit. I began attending redeemer in first grade. I will be attending Jensen Beach High School next year. When I'm older and out of highschool I want to be automotive, boat, or diesel mechanic.



My name is Katie Cruz. My dad has worked in construction his whole life, and my mom has worked here at Redeemer since before I was born. We love to go on the boat to the Keys and Bahamas in the summer. I started going to Redeemer in the one-year-old program. I will be attending Martin County High School next year. I do not know exactly what I want to be when I grow up but being a Realtor has always been in the picture. If that does not work out, then selling yachts would be fun because I love being out on the water.



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My name is Bailey Gardner. My mom's name is Lori, she's really nice and feeds me. My dad's name is Bryan, he runs an IT company named Level 4 Telecom and does the phones for this school and also feeds me and makes really good food. My little brother is five and his name is Eli. He's really sweet (most days anyway) and likes to steal my stuff and hang out with me. And, for the best for last, my sweet dog Maggie who has like fifteen other nicknames and is very photogenic. She's my favorite. I started attending Redeemer in the middle of sixth grade. I will be attending Clark Advanced Learning Academy. When I grow up, I want to come work for the family business as an IT specialist and hopefully one day inherit the company and run it just like my dad does. In my spare time away from school, I like to draw- a lot. I also like to work on apps and websites and write stories. I also sing. I don't take lessons and don't plan to but it's something I find pride and comfort in.

My name is Javier Juarez. I have one younger sister who is at Redeemer, an older sister who is in high school, and have a pet turtle named Spinner wiggles ninja turtle. Also my parents support me during the school years. I joined Redeemer when I was in Pre-K. I will be going to Jensen Beach High School next year. I think I would like to be a physical therapist or a chiropractor when I grow up.



My name is Maverick Matthew Lafferty. My parents passed away and now my grandparents take care of me; I have a younger brother and sister, I have 2 dogs and a cat. I started attending Redeemer in 2nd grade. I will be attending Jensen Beach High school in the fall. I want to be an NFL player when I grow up and play football.



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My name is Mason Mittal. I have 3 other siblings, I am the oldest at 13 and the youngest is 2. I had a fish named Bubbles but it died a couple days ago. I started attending Redeemer in 6th grade. I will be attending Jensen Beach High School next year. Although I am not sure on what I want to do I think that I want to start a tech company.

My name is William Henry Sills V. I have my two parents—Jennifer Sills and William Henry Sills IV—and my sister, Lizzy. My mom stays home and takes care of my dog and the house. My dad is the owner of the Target store in Tradition. He is the Store Director and is in charge of the whole store. Every first born male in my family is named William Henry Sills. My sister is a senior at Jensen Beach High School. I have a white boxer named Sassy and multiple plants. I have two ficus bonsai trees, a jade bonsai tree, three basil plants, and a lakatan banana tree. I started attending Redeemer two weeks before my fourth birthday in Pre-K. I will be attending Clark Advanced Learning Academy in the fall; I hope to be an orthopedic surgeon when I grow up.



Please keep our eighth graders and their families in your prayers as they move on toward the next phase of their lives. Pray that God would guide all their ways and that they would find their greatest joy in following Christ and join us as we celebrate their graduation May 30 at 7:00 p.m.

SMP Corner

Many of you have heard me say “I have work for you!” Why, might you ask, do I say that? Two reasons-I often times need your help to carry forth the mission and ministry of Jesus, to share His Gospel of Truth, and secondly, I just might need your help in doing something physical around the church! The heart is willing but this body is, well, OLD!

However, the main thought here is that we demonstrate, by our good works, that the Holy Spirit lives within us, leading, teaching, and helping us share our love of Jesus with all people. It is a reminder to us that we do not do good works as a “get into heaven” pass, or to incur God’s favor, no! That work has already been done by Jesus on the cross! Our good works are evidence of a living faith within us. We live, each day, in the new life of Christ. The Holy Spirit encourages each of us to *Live and Love like Jesus!* That is the work which He has given to all who believe in Jesus by faith!

Friends in Christ, in a few short weeks we will celebrate Pentecost, the descent of the Holy Spirit to the Apostles to strengthen and encourage them for the Gospel work ahead. We receive the Holy Spirit in our baptism, to also encourage and guide us in our faith walk. I pray that all our lives will be uplifted by His Spirit, because Jesus has work for us to do!

Jesus loves you and so do I!
Pastor Stan

VOLUNTEER SPOTLIGHT

Ross White

Volunteer Role

- Acolyte, Crucifer, & Lector

Why Volunteer?

- I choose to volunteer as an acolyte, crucifer, and lector at Redeemer because it's a way for me to give back to my church and be part of a community that is bigger than myself. I've loved volunteering here since middle school, and it's helped me grow in my faith and confidence over the years.



Acting Executive Director's Report

I am praying for a continued Easter Blessing for each one of you. Yes, as Pastor affirmed the week after Easter...Easter is much longer than a single day. I have contemplated what to write about for a while as I wasn't sure what was newsworthy to you. I've decided to write about a topic that first 'popped' into my mind several months ago...and it has percolated there since... sometimes taking more prominence over the other thoughts rattling around in my head. I've discussed this topic with a few people and they have validated my thoughts and concerns.

It began as a concern for our elderly members. They may have become uncomfortable driving, maybe they have mobility or related issues and need some form of assistance from time-to-time. It might be a ride to church, it might be going grocery shopping or running errands either for them or with them. It might mean simply spending some time with them in their home or bringing them out for a coffee. It could also mean something more.

As I've socialized this concern with some others, they helped me realize it's not just our elderly members that might need assistance. The Board of Elders have also discussed this need. There's also been a little talk about a widow's ministry... One thing has remained constant through every discussion, all I've spoken with seem to agree – the need is very real, urgent and Redeemer does not have currently have a program in place to help. Other churches I've been a member of call the program...**Care Ministry!**

No, nothing like this is mentioned in our By-Laws; but that does not prevent us from establishing a new ministry...taking care of our Redeemer family.

The Board of Stewardship has been publishing monthly articles in the Messenger about the three-legged stool; two of those legs have everything to do w/ serving/volunteering and using your talents. Pastor Stan also lead a Sermon Series on Stewardship (it's about so much more than treasure).

So, I ask...as you reflect upon how God is calling you to serve, ponder if care ministry may be your calling. Please keep in mind, it could be as small a task as making a phone call to a lonely member and chatting with them or praying with them and for them.

It is my hope and prayer that as we socialize taking care of our Redeemer Family over the coming weeks a member or two will be willing to step forward and serve as start-up leaders for a vital ministry at Redeemer.

Continued Blessings on your Easter Season, Andy Gauthier

Walking together in Faith

As we enter our final month of the school year, we take a moment to celebrate how RLCS continues to quietly and faithfully support the mission of forming Christian church workers. This year, 56% of our staff have direct ties to Redeemer Lutheran Church and School - through a Concordia University, Concordia Colloquy programs, or former students of Redeemer Lutheran School. We celebrate all who have chosen to walk alongside our school families to grow the family of Christ!



- 5 staff members are Concordia graduates or colloquy grads who are already serving in called ministry here.
- Others have come to Redeemer from other faith backgrounds and now worship here, with their children enrolled in the school.
- Long-standing connections through church life and family ties have brought us 4 more staff members.
- We have 3 former students who are now teaching at Redeemer.
- In total, 28% of our team are currently raising children in the faith through Redeemer, representing the next generation of Christian leaders. These aren't just numbers - they are stories of faith, growth, and partnership. As church and school, we celebrate being alongsiders - walking with one another as we form hearts and lives of service in Christ's kingdom.



Palm Sunday Easter Egg Hunt



Ms. Parinelli's
Kindergarteners cared for
and released butterflies
just in time for Easter!



The **2nd** Annual Mary's Home



Help Mary's Home Save Lives, One Step at a Time!



CLICK ON QR CODE TO SIGN UP

When: Saturday, May 17th, 2025

Time: 7:00am (sign in & warm up)

7:30am (Walk, Rock & Roll begins)

Where: Redeemer Lutheran Church

**(2450 SE Ocean Blvd. Stuart) over the Evans Crary Bridge and back
(2.19 miles)**

Fee to Participate:

**Ages 13 & up - \$30.00, Children 12 & under - \$12.00, Babies in strollers are free
(price includes one t-shirt if tickets are purchased by 5/1)**

Sponsorship Opportunities Available!

50/50 Raffle Tickets, Raffle Baskets, Other community Non-Profits on Site to visit
Free Refreshments & Free Pancake & Egg Breakfast will be served after the walk
(Breakfast is hosted by The City of Stuart Police - Community Relations Unit)



Mary's Home
Saving Lives ... Two at a Time.

A Call to Heart

Dear Ram Fam

At the heart of our school is an extraordinary group of individuals—our teachers. They are the guiding lights who inspire, nurture, and shape the lives of our children every single day. As we reflect on a year filled with growth, learning, and community, we are reminded of just how much their dedication means to all of us.

During our recent School Auction, we introduced a special opportunity called **“Call to Heart”**—a heartfelt way for families to directly honor our incredible teachers and staff with a tax-free gift. As we approach Teacher Appreciation Week (May 5–9), we invite you to join us in showing just how deeply we value all they do.

This year’s theme, **“Sun-Sensational,”** inspired by Psalm 84:11, celebrates the light and warmth our educators bring into the lives of our students.

Let’s come together to pour into the hearts of those who pour so much into ours. Your generosity is a beautiful way to say: *We see you. We thank you. We appreciate you.*



From the Church Records

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Transfers Out

Karen McCarthy to All Saints
Lutheran, Blairsville, GA
Dennis Madler to Peace
Lutheran, Grand Island, NE

Released by Request

Chuck & Karen Slaggy
Ross & Renee Wade, Mia (b)
and Sophie (b)

Baptism

Olive Vendette (4/27)

Memorials/Honor Gifts

None this month

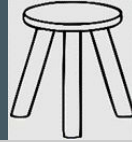
Treasurer's Report

	January	Year-to-Date	Expected YTD
Income	294,044	1,655,041	1,819,936
Expenses	227,665	1,569,751	1,836,950
Surplus / Deficit	66,379	85,290	(17,014)

Thank you for your generosity!



Stewardship



Stewardship: Time, Talent & Treasure (the 3 T's)! All Gifts from God!

"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." Malachi 3:10 Our plan was to explore and discuss what this verse meant...but over the last few weeks a more pressing topic arose. So, our exploration of Malachi 3:10 will wait.

Our next Congregational Meeting is scheduled for Sunday July 13. While we only hold two regular congregational meetings per year and both are important the summer meeting is especially important because we discuss and vote on two topics of major importance; the church and school operating budget and elections for officers and boards.

As you may remember from last year, the elections are preceded by a Nominating Committee trying to fill 7 officer positions and 72 board positions on 9 different boards. That represents many opportunities to become involved in the ministry of Redeemer. And, if that were not enough opportunities there are more that don't include formal boards; such as helping in the Soup Kitchen on Thursdays, Altar Guild, Sunday Ushers and other opportunities to assist during the worship services. Please know, if Redeemer is to thrive we need people willing to step forward and say "here I am, how can I help"?

If a member of the nominating committee contacts you and asks you to serve, please pray upon it. But, please know you don't need to wait to be called...you could just step forward and volunteer. Redeemer needs your support.

We've said the 3-legged stool is an analogy for Redeemer, all 3 legs (time, talent and treasure) are equally important. The stool can't remain strong and stable if any one of those legs are too short. Please, consider the gifts of time and talent that God has given you and say "here I am, how can I help"?

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as good stewards of God's grace in its various forms." 1 Peter 4:10

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers." Galatians 6:9-10

May Birthdays

5/1	Lisa Moore Wyatt Baker	5/23	Samantha Budhu Skyler Scherer
5/2	Barbara DellaPorta Bertram Berner Johnny Serafine	5/24	Natalie Engle Harper Carlson Greg Carlson
5/4	Dora Vreeland	5/24	Catarina Kaltenhauser
5/6	Marge Lamoureux Megan Pierce Olivia Kirchman	5/25	Lynn Claflin Liz Hanley Rachael Kirchman
5/7	Ava Fourquet	5/29	Jerry Felton
5/8	Dave Grimmer Russ Reaver		John Barnett Janet FitzGerald
5/9	Michael Gray Emily Ridgway		Tim Mirly Michael Ridgway
5/11	Barbara Wennet		Katie Wenger
5/12	Gwen Mirman Frank McChrystal	5/31	Charlotte Nelson Carol Codet
5/14	Lyndle Volz Becky Brockschmitt		
5/15	Caroline Cruz		
5/20	Sage Hanley		



5/3	Ron & Linda Kirchman
5/5	Charlie & Cortney Gramenz
5/7	Chuck & Marie Shelton
5/8	Walt & Sarah Ahles
5/9	John & Carolyn Goodson
5/11	Don & Lisa Moore
5/13	Peter & Laura Engle
5/15	Rob & Sarah West
5/19	Gary & Julie Oldehoff
5/21	Tim & Susan Buys Travis & Mackenzie Ehlund Joe & Dee Hudson Scott & Karen Scherer John & Jen Snyder
5/24	Tim & Lisa Mirly
5/25	Kevin & Debbie Braley Gregg & Angel Callewaert George & Joan Sweeney
5/28	Dean & Susan Curtland

May Anniversaries

May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you always.

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