

## FROM THE PASTOR:

Well, it's here! August: the hottest month of the year here in Fredericksburg! But what about July?!? Goodness, wasn't that hot enough to claim that distinction?!? Irregardless, we're in August and for us at Redeemer Lutheran Church that's a usual month of transition for us. We're taking a break for Sunday School this month - we'll start up again with Rally Day, on September 11th. We've seen some clean-up and repair work going on in our church building this summer; it'll continue during the month of August.

We've got 3 new boards that will be implementing some new things coming up this year, as well as new ways of doing old stuff. We now have a Board of Christian Education, a Board of Fellowship, and a Board of Property Management that should be helping us a lot with our planning and our getting needed things done. We've got a new Vicar on board with us, Andrew Walker, with his wife Audrey and new little daughter Lydia. We welcome them and use the

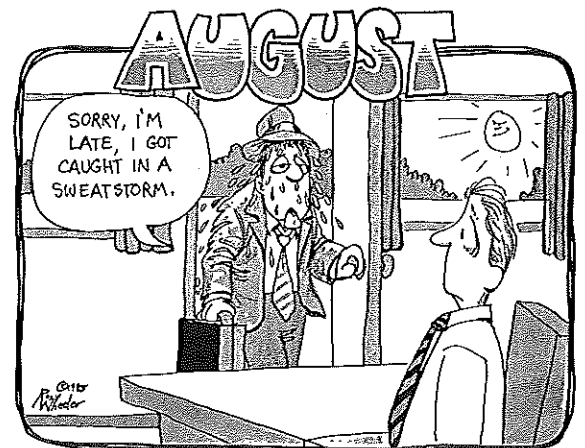
month of August to get mutually acquainted.

Vacations are happening early this month, as Spotsylvania County schools continue to open a couple of weeks before Labor Day. So we'll be seeing our members being in and out of town during August. It is a month of transition and change, adjustments and flexibilities; it is August. Thank goodness - literally, God's goodness, that He doesn't change. *"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever"* (Heb. 13:8). And He promises to *"be with each and every one of us, each and every day..."* (Matt. 28:20).

*"And being with God, all things are possible"* (Matt. 19:26). In, and by, His Grace, we're moving into an exciting and challenging year ahead. August will be "august" (inspiring, awesome, imposing and magnificent!).

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## **FROM VICAR LOOS:**

### A Letter of Farewell and Thanks

"Hello, Goodbye." Paul McCartney wrote that song for the Beatles and it became one of their most listened to songs. It is not a very complicated or diverse song lyrically, but the tune is catchy and it has been covered by the cast of the TV show *Glee*. The thing that I like about the song, aside from the tune, is it's contrast; and it doesn't just contrast, but it is a song based on opposites. "You say yes, I say no" and "you say stop, and I say go, go, go" are the first two lines of the song. This introduces the main contrast which is one person saying 'goodbye' and another saying 'hello'. If we stop to think about it, life works this way. For something to be a goodbye, there has to have been a hello. For there to be a hello, there has to at some point have been a goodbye. For there to be a yes, there has to be a no, and vice-versa. Anyways, consider what Paul McCartney says as he explains the song's meaning: "The answer to everything is simple. It's a song about everything and nothing. If you have black you have to have white. That's the amazing thing about life."

So it is that my year at Redeemer as "the Vicar" has come to a close. In fact, I am not even in town as you are reading this and we have all had the chance to say goodbye. It seems like just yesterday that we were saying 'hello' and now, twelve months later, we have said 'goodbye'. There isn't one without the other in life, and this is only accelerated and accentuated by the one-year vicarage program. What a wonderful welcome and 'hello' we had with you last August even though it came with a 'goodbye' to the previous vicar for you and to a group of students in Cambridge, England for us. So now we say goodbye to each other and you will say hello to Andrew and his family.

Christine and I were blessed this past year and in many ways. I must first thank all of you as the congregation for allowing me to be a part of your life together here in Fredericksburg. I am grateful for all of the opportunities that Redeemer gave me to learn and grow in preparation for ministry and for your open, supportive, and enthusiastic attitude towards the vicarage program. Redeemer is a wonderful church for the vicarage program and the credit goes to all of you, the people of Redeemer, because you are the church. Second, Christine and I have thoroughly enjoyed and appreciated becoming a part of your community, your family. You have made us feel welcome and at home throughout this year and we will always cherish our time and our interactions here. Finally, we thank you for your support this past year whether it was meals, visits, loaned vehicles, water skiing, or splendid conversation. In all of these things, you have given us encouragement and assistance as we faced a year of learning, family tragedy, family blessings, and new experiences.

So we must say goodbye, but it is not without a hello. And our year spent with you has immeasurably prepared us for our next hello and for the one after that which will be my first call into the ministry. And in the same, I am sure that with our goodbye you are now beginning a new journey with Andrew and blessing him in so many ways, just the way you have Christine, Josiah, and me.

# Are your ROOTS receiving nutrients to survive?



## What do your ROOTS need?

Food – Mathew 4:4

“Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.”

Water – Isaiah 55:1

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.”

Fellowship – Hebrews 10:24-25

“Let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.”

Meet with us on Thursday evenings to receive more nutrients for your  
ROOTS!

Cheryl Durham – Director of Family Life Ministry

# R.O.O.T.S

(Readying Ourselves and Other's To Share)

## Thursday Evenings – 6:00 – 8:00

### Fellowship...

Dinner begins at 6:00 p.m. (organized potluck)  
(Able to grab a plate of food till 7 p.m.)

### Study...

Adults will look at individual topics  
(Relationship with Christ, Forgiveness, Witnessing, Spiritual Gifts, Marriage)

Kids will also look at individual topics  
(Using Adventures in Odyssey to look at life situations)

Adults/Kids together on some weeks  
(Using science experiments to reveal God's word)

Service Projects for all  
(As opportunities come up to help others we will participate)

Fun Nights for Fellowship  
(Game nights, Christmas Parties, etc)

### Other Activities...

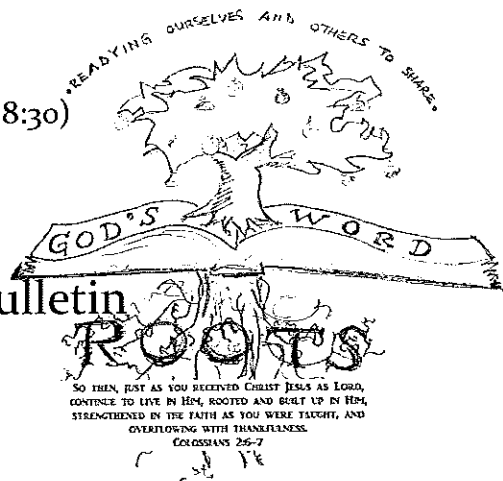
Kids Musical Practice/Performance  
(Kids meet in Sanctuary at 5:30 – 6:30)

Choir  
(Have dinner and then go to Choir from 7:00 – 8:30)

Confirmation Class  
(Eat and then attend class from 7:00 – 8:30)

Look for nightly topics in the bulletin  
as well as the upcoming CPR'S

Cheryl Durheim  
Director of Family Life Ministry



# R.O.O.T.S

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## Kick off – September 15

6:00 p.m.

With...

## Reunion Party for Redeemer

What to bring...

A dish to pass that has been a family favorite  
Stories from the summer activities

Opportunities...

Check out the Redeemer History Books  
By Ginny Grandowski

Check out old Photo Directories

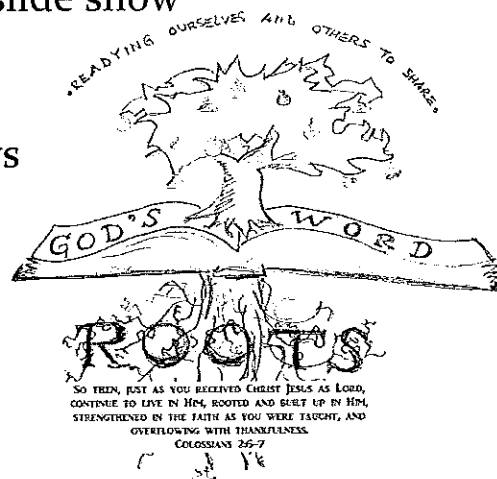
Meet with old friends – Meet new friends

Slide Show...

Send me pictures of summer activities  
to be in the slide show

Join us for the Reunion  
and the following Thursdays  
to continue to feed our  
ROOTS!

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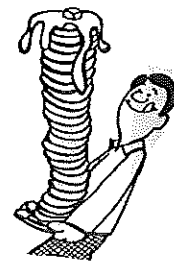
**F.A.B. MEMBERS (Fifty And Beyond):** Plan to attend the Summer Showcase Theater musical "Always...Patsy Cline" on Sunday, 21 August at 7:15 p.m. at the Riverside Dinner Theater, 95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg, VA. The cost of the show is \$25.00 per person. This is for the show only. Because of the regular Sunday matinee, there is no dinner available before the show. There will be an open bar with drinks, appetizers, and desserts available at an additional cost. Make checks out to Linda Petermann (payment is due by August 7th). There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway off the narthex. Plans are being made to meet for dinner before the show. Questions? Call Linda @ 540-854-4737.

**REDEEMER QUILTERS:** Eight ladies of the Redeemer Quilters met Saturday, July 16th, and were able to complete 12 quilts!!! (Could it have been that the Vicar helped?!?) Well done girls!!! We will meet again on Saturday, August 20th, at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall.



All ladies of Redeemer are invited to participate in this important ministry of making quilts for Lutheran World Relief and Veterans at the McGuire VA Hospital in Richmond.

**PANCAKE BREAKFAST** - The FABs (Fifty & Beyond) are serving a pancake breakfast for the congregation on Sunday morning, August 28th. We invite everyone to come and enjoy breakfast and fellowship with your Redeemer family. For information please contact Sharon Evenson, 540-891-4370.



**OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES FUND** continues to be of help during these summer months, we've had to slow down a bit because the needs of people remain high, but our resources for helping have been a bit pinched this summer. Still, by God's Grace, we were able to help the following families since our last month's newsletter:

11 families with utilities	\$699.41
1 family with rent	100.00
1 family with water/sewer	50.00
<u>1 Cong. family with car needs</u>	<u>50.00</u>
14 families with 19 children	\$919.41

# Our thanks to our members for their help during the month of August:

## USHER SCHEDULE - Early

- Aug. 7 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)  
Tom Church, Mike Evenson, Don Schumann
- Aug. 14 - Ken Petermann (Lead)  
Jim Pittman, Kirk Hymes, Dave Hunter
- Aug. 21 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)  
John Uschold, Jason Biscamp, Mike Weiland
- Aug. 28 - Mike Bush (Lead)  
Tom Barlow, Dave Bye, David Rhodes

If you are unable to usher on your assigned date, please arrange for your replacement. **\*\*Note\*\*** Additional ushers are welcome to participate in this important ministry. Contact Tom Barlow, 1st Service Coordinator, 804-742-5315.

## USHER SCHEDULE - Late

- Aug. 7 - Glenn Weaver, Mark Fife, Greg Brown
- Aug. 14 - R.O.M.A.N.S.
- Aug. 21 - Mark Fife, Jerry Limerick, Mike Diederer, Eric Gasperoni
- Aug. 28 - Ted Smith, John Hinz, Mike Mullinax, Ken Billings

Volunteers needed! Please call Mark Fife, 2nd Service Coordinator, 786-2336 and leave a message or email to [chofudgeman1@yahoo.com](mailto:chofudgeman1@yahoo.com) if you can help.

## ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JULY

### EARLY:

- Aug. 7 - Devon Montgomery/Maeve Montgomery
- Aug. 14 - Eric Weiland/Tyler Fehrman
- Aug. 21 - Hayley Groover/Abigail Durham
- Aug. 28 - Ryan Tutchings/Zechariah Vigil

### LATE:

- Aug. 7 - Philip Wiltenmuth/Mathew Zimmerman  
Crucifer - Lauren Hybl
- Aug. 14 - Emma Leidy/Kacey Schwenger  
Crucifer - Cara Gasperoni
- Aug. 21 - Trejon Edmonds/Tion Edmonds  
Crucifer - Jonathan Cerritelli
- Aug. 28 - Christian Hovda/Josiah Koehler  
Crucifer - Mathew Zimmerman

### LAY READERS:

- Aug. 7 - Susan Biscamp (E) - Romans 10:5-17
- Aug. 14 - Anita Diederer (L) - Romans 11:1-2a, 13-15, 28-32
- Aug. 21 - Laurie Mayer (E) - Romans 11:33-12:8
- Aug. 28 - Jim Beck (L) - Romans 12:9-21

### AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN JUNE:

	Church	Sun. Sch.
2011	310	100
2010	320	103
2005	262	100
2000	205	75
1980 (1st yr.)	54	37

### **AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:**

3 - Melissa Bronz  
5 - Eric Weiland  
5 - Dusty Newchok  
5 - Ray Ann Johnson  
6 - Angie Thorpe  
7 - Debbie Grissom  
7 - Steve Cumber  
7 - Heather Zimmerman  
7 - Karen Reed  
8 - Samuel Medlin  
9 - Suzanne Hibbs  
9 - Elizabeth Martinek  
11 - Maria Way  
11 - Ginny Grandowski  
12 - Mackenzie Miller  
12 - Halie Miller



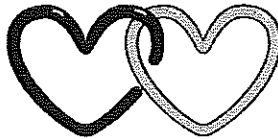
12 - Ken Mayer  
12 - Amanda Payne  
12 - Matthew Cottrell-Cumber

12 - Shane Williams  
13 - Kayla Miller  
15 - Sarah Cottrell-Cumber

16 - Darlene Hardy  
16 - Barbara Angel  
17 - Charles Morgan  
18 - Kirkland Fehrman  
20 - Mary Pittman  
20 - Linda Petermann  
21 - Scarlett Smith  
23 - Jeannine Bachner  
23 - Anita Diederer  
24 - Katie Martinek  
27 - Erica Anderson  
27 - Brenton Johnston  
28 - Emma Kohl  
28 - Shannon Sullivan  
28 - Rachelle Moles  
31 - Don Roose

### **AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES:**

2 - David & Mildred Thomas  
11 - Ed & Ginny Grandowski  
15 - David & Michelle Stone  
16 - Steve & Carey Schwenzer



17 - Mike & Paula Bush  
22 - Eric & Ellen Church  
23 - Harold & Sandra Heidel  
24 - Tom & Sheree Keefer

**LAST MONTH** we were privileged to witness the dedication of Godparents for:



**ALEXEI JOSEPH HINZ & SONYA NOEL HINZ**  
Newly-adopted children of John and Amy  
Brother and sister to Johnny & Carolyn