

FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR....

June will always be a special time of year for me, because it is when I came here and began to work with the members of Redeemer on the ministry that God intends for us.

This past year it has been a joy to work with those on the Outreach Board and all those who volunteered to help us with our various outreach and canvassing events. We have grown in understanding and begun to develop a written and intentional approach to Outreach by our participation in the Mission Development Academy. By next Fall you should start to see more regularly our outreach and witnessing events in the bulletin and CPR and it is my prayer that those will be activities that you will prayerfully consider participating in with us.

If you have a servant activity or way to serve the people in our community that is happening in your neighborhood and would like to have additional help let either Pastor Rob or Don Roose know. How we help others, how we serve others is one of the hallmarks by which we are known in the

community as Christians. Continuing to grow, being fed and strengthened in our love and faith in the Lord brings us into countless opportunities to be used by the Holy Spirit to share our faith with others.

Two upcoming events that we have to help us to be better prepared for those moments are: Relational Evangelism Workshop - "Witnessing Made Easy", Saturday, June 25th, 9:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m., where we will discuss the Scriptural basis for witnessing, and show how we can make the Great Commission a part of our everyday life.

Tending the Flame, Hand in Hand: Ministry and Mission Across the Generations, July 29-31, 2011. Registration and additional information is available from the Southeastern District Website, <http://www.se.lcms.org/>. If you are interested in attending and would like to carpool down to the days events let Pastor Rob know.

In His Grip,
Pastor Rob

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The Kind of Dad I'd Buy - by Helen Kitchell Evans



If I went shopping for a dad, Here is what I'd buy:
One who would always stop To answer a little boy's "Why?"
One who would always speak kindly To a little girl or boy,
One who would give to others A bit of sunshine and joy.
I'd pick a dad that followed The Bible's Golden Rule,
And one who went regularly To church and Sunday School.
I'd buy the very finest dad To place on our family tree,
And then I'd try to live like him so he would be proud of me.

From the Chair of Finance and Stewardship:

CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET

	<u>FEB</u>	<u>MAR</u>	<u>APR</u>
Contributions	\$46551	\$44328	\$45989
Surplus/Deficit from Budget	(\$4615)	(\$6838)	(\$5178)
Actual Expenditures.	\$53552	\$42415	\$48212
Actual Surplus/ Deficit	(\$7001)	\$1913	(\$2223)

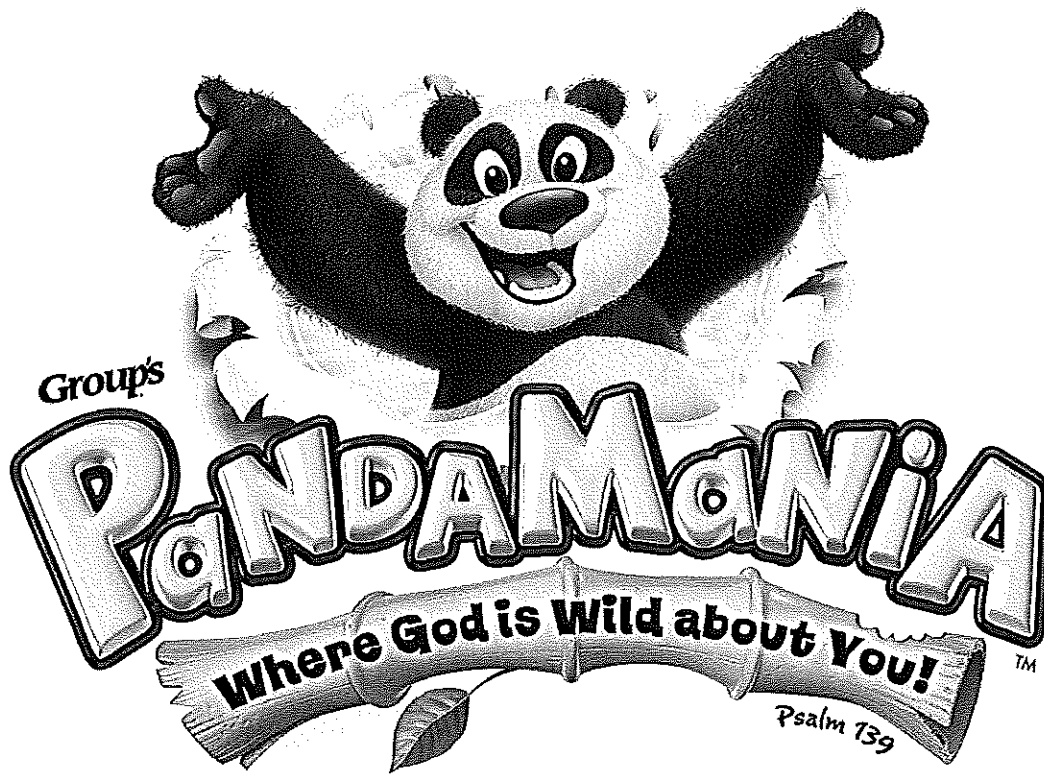
So, with the \$9955 surplus from January, and the deficits in Feb, and April, and the surplus in March, for the year 2011 we have a surplus of \$2644.

Many of you who have been attending Redeemer for a while will know what I have recognized, we make our budget for contributions when there is a five Sunday month, and for the last few years we do not make our contributions for months with only four Sundays. Sharon and I who write a check monthly have recognized this and have now assumed a thirteen month year and then divided by twelve. We were pleasantly surprised that the additional amount was modest. If you decide that you can do something similar it would truly help the Church.

Mike Evenson
Chair of Finance and Stewardship

OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES FUND was active since the last newsletter, but we have not been able to respond as closely, and fully, as usual. By God's Grace and in His love we were able to help the following families:

15 families with utilities	\$1232.88
1 family with rent	75.00
1 family with water/sewer	84.86
<u>2 families with special needs</u>	<u>250.00</u>
19 families with 27 children	\$1442.74



Ready for a *Wild* Adventure?

New Friends ~ Amazing crafts ~ Wild games

Lip-smacking snacks ~ Wild Bible Adventures ~ Incredible music

June 20 - 24
9:00 a.m. to Noon
Pre-K to 5th Grade

Register at:

www.groupvbapro.com/vbs/ez/redeemerva

(Link is also located at www.embracedbyhim.org)

Registration Forms:

On table outside of secretary's office

Contact: Cheryl Durham for questions - 540.898.4748

JUNE BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Jeanne Hoefft
1 - Erlynn Kirsch
2 - Diane Jenkins
2 - Libby Unruh
3 - Kimberly Beck
3 - Terry Byrd
3 - Mahki Chatman
3 - Irene Sprick
4 - Ralph Wilcox
4 - Sheree Keefer
4 - Emily Fredenburgh
4 - Jacob Bolden
4 - Amanda Marlow
5 - Carey Schwenzer
6 - Erni Smith
7 - Ted Stark
11 - Laurie Wagner

11 - Aiden Chapman
12 - Ken Petermann
13 - Tracy Hymes
14 - Jennifer Easler

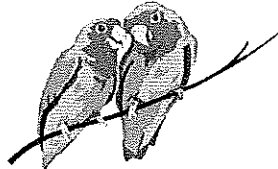


14 - Daniel Jedlicka
15 - Dorothy Dabelstein
15 - Lisa Cottrell

17 - Christopher Julius
20 - David Thomas
20 - Rachel Unruh
22 - Berner Johnson
22 - Elijah Redding
23 - Adam Byrd
24 - Brian Gasperoni
26 - Cleo Chaderes
26 - Ron Byrd
28 - Jim Durante
28 - Michael Medlin
28 - Jessica Dixon
28 - Suzanne Zaidan
29 - Amy Hinz
29 - Jessi Julius
29 - Kara Fredenburgh
30 - Cheryl Smith

JUNE ANNIVERSARIES:

5 - Gary & Ann Dudley
6 - Julius & Dorothy Dabelstein
8 - Mike & Bobbie Mullinax
9 - Mark & Cameo Hasselman
10 - Frank & Connie Murphy
11 - John & Linda Karpiscak
12 - Ken & Sherri Lapin
14 - David & Linda Bye
16 - Ron & Karen Smith
17 - Kevin & Charlotte Martinek
17 - Jim & Melissa Bronz



18 - Randy & Laurie Mayer
22 - Bjorn & Angie Thorpe
23 - Ken & Carmen Billings
25 - Alex & Debbie Grissom
26 - Anthony & Rebecca Richey
26 - Steve & Heidi Heinlein
27 - Chris & Jennifer Koehler
27 - Tom & Pat Barlow
29 - Brett & Judy Easler
30 - Pastor & Ann Koehler

WE ARE BLESSED TO HAVE RECEIVED INTO OUR CONGREGATIONAL FAMILY HERE AT REDEEMER:

Mike* Eastman & Barbara* Buck
7817 Alsop Way
Spotsylvania, VA 22551
540-895-0332

Scott* & Amy* Biel
Logan & Amber
11775 Champe Way
King George, VA 22485
540-760-1676



Mark & Cameo* Hasselman
1324 Adams St.
Quantico, VA 22134
307-760-3882

Marjorie* Olson
144 Preston Cir.
Fredericksburg, VA 22406
540-479-8439

CONGRATULATIONS AND BEST WISHES TO OUR GRADUATES:

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES:

Will Ashby from Courtland High School. He will attend Valley Forge Military College in the fall, sponsored by the Naval Academy Foundation., and then he will continue the following year at the Naval Academy while prusing an aeronautical engineering degree.

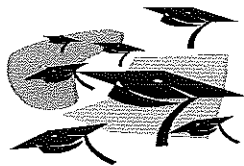


Monica Ashby from Courtland High School. She will attend Randolph College in the fall. She will be pursuing a degree in Political Science/International Studies degree.

Justin Bolden from North Stafford High School. He plans to enter the Coast Guard.

Sarah Cottrell-Cumber from North Stafford High School. She will attend the University of Virginia in the fall.

Michael Fox-Moles from North Stafford High School. He will attend Columbia University in New York in the fall.



Mary Beth Garrett from Stafford High School. she will attend Germanna Community College to pursue a career in Law Enforcement. (She currently is a licensed cosmetologist.)

Tori Gregor from Mountain View High School. She will attend Virginia Tech in the fall.

COLLEGE GRADUATES:

Shannon Sullivan received her Associates Degree in Science from Germanna Community College. She will attend the University of Mary Washington to study for her Bachelor of Science Degree in the fall.



Danie Fox-Moles graduated from New York University Film School. She will stay in New York to pursue a film career.

If we missed anyone, please contact the church office (898-4748, info@embracedbyhim.org) and we will include them in our next newsletter.

IF YOU HAVE ANY EASTER EGG HUNT items



that were picked up and not yet brought in, please bring them to Pastor Rob's office so they can be packed away until needed for next year.

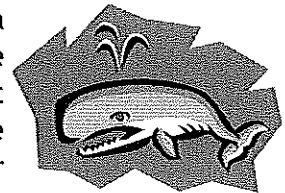
Thanks to everyone who took advantage of the after-holiday sales to help us get stocked up for next year.

REDEEMER QUILTERS: The Redeemer Quilters will meet Saturday, June 18th 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.



PRESCHOOL NEWS:

Another Preschool year has come to a close. We celebrated Mother's Day with a special "tea" for all of our preschool moms. We finished up our study of the alphabet and our Bible story for the month was Jonah and the Whale. On the last day of school, all classes had a picnic at the Spotsylvania YMCA playground, where we celebrated all the children with summer birthdays. Graduation for the four year olds was on Tuesday, May 31st. **HAPPY SUMMER!!**



God bless you,
The Preschool Staff



DUE TO MECHANICAL DIFFICULTY the church bus is not available for use until further notice.

WE CONGRATULATE and are proud of Tommy Golden for achieving the rank of Eagle Scout. He was recognized at the Court of Honor held at Redeemer on Sat., May 21. For his Eagle Project, he collected over 1,085 items of clothing & winter gear for the Fredericksburg are homeless. He completed his project with the Micah Ecumenical Ministries on February 18, 2010. Tom enlisted the help of his Boy Scout Troop 1777 & surrounding churches, neighborhoods, friends & family. Throughout his project, Tom learned about leadership - that there is a great deal of responsibility, maturity, planning, patience and supervising involved. He says the project "has taught me and the people who helped & participated about the awareness of homeless and the importance of helping and doing what we can to aid them." The total number of hours to complete his project was 177 hours & 30 minutes. The project has taught him to be more responsible, "in stepping up to the plate and handling not only the good things, but the bad ones also."

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

USHER SCHEDULE - Early

June 5 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
Tom Church, Mike Evenson, Don Schumann
June 12 - Ken Petermann (Lead)
Jim Pittman, Kirk Hymes, Dave Hunter
June 19 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
John Uschold, Jason Biscamp, Mike Weiland
June 26 - 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

June 5 - Glenn Weaver, Mark Fife, Greg Brown
June 12 - R.O.M.A.N.S.
June 19 - Mark Fife, Jerry Limerick, Mike Diederer,
Eric Gasperoni
June 26 - 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 if you can help.

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR JUNE

EARLY:

June 5 - Eric Weiland/Tyler Fehrman
June 12 - Devon Montgomery/Maeve Montgomery
June 19 - Hayley Groover/Abigail Durheim
June 26 - Zerhariah Vigil/Ryan Tutchings

LATE:

June 5 - Kacey Schwenzer/Emma Leidy
Crucifer - Cara Gasperoni
June 12 - Tion Edmonds/Trejon Edmonds
Crucifer - Josiah Koehler
June 19 - Kristian Hovda/Philip Wiltenmuth
Crucifer - Mathew Zimmerman
June 26 - Cara Gasperoni/Kacey Schwenzer
Crucifer - Emma Leidy

EPISTLE READINGS:

June 5 - I Peter 4:12-19; 5:6-11
June 12 - Acts 2:1-21
June 19 - Acts 2:14a, 22-36
June 26 - Matthew 10:34-42

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN APRIL:

	Church	Sun. Sch.	Lenten Avg.	Maundy Thurs.	Good Friday	Easter
2011	428	138	131	163	227	677
2010	414	126	115	209	225	665
2005	285	110	91	149	208	544
2000	278	87	63	82	103	490
1981 (1st yr.)	56	36	20	23	26	122