

## FROM THE SENIOR PASTOR....

Goodness! 2010 ended in a flurry of activity - good activity, but a flurry, nevertheless with the Advent Season, Christmas, and New Year's! We've had a little bit of a lull in January and February (if we don't count the hecticness added by the weather blowing in and out!), now we have a new wave/wind of activity – again, good activity, but a flurry, nevertheless! Our Lenten Season begins with Ash Wednesday on March 9th, just a breath of wind away!! Hurry up! Hurry up! Wait! Then, Wait! Wait! Hurry up! Know the feeling?!?

It reminded me of Paul's comforting words to us all in Ephesians 4:11-15 (especiall v. 14): God gives gifts to the church, for our unity and learning, for perfecting us so that *"we are no longer*

*children, carried by the waves and blown about by every shifting of the wind..."* – current events coming and going. *"Jesus is the same yesterday, today, and forever"* (Heb. 13:8) and that can keep us steady, and focused on Him (Heb. 12:2), through the hecticness and the lulls. He'll give us resources to handle the flurries, and regenerating respites for the lulls.

His is a steady course that lends to us steadfastness, as we journey through life, dealing with its speed-ups and slow downs. In His Grace and Love, we can be ready for anything, and open to receive from Him everything that is good!

Steady in His course,  
Pastor Koehler



## 2011 In Wittenberg, Germany

Join Pastor Bob Koehler (Redeemer-LCMS, Fredericksburg, VA) and Pastor Mike Ramming for a **REFORMATION HERITAGE TOUR, 26 OCT-3 NOV 2011**, and celebrate Reformation Sunday where it all began! Sign up as soon as possible. Seats are limited! Our itinerary: **Day 1:** Depart USA, overnight flight to Europe; **Day 2:** Frankfurt, Erfurt;

**Day 3:** Eisenach, Erfurt; **Day 4:** Eisleben, Leipzig, Wittenberg; **Day 5:** Wittenberg - Reformation Sunday; **Day 6:** Coburg, Wurzberg - Reformation Day; **Day 7:** Augsburg, Rothenberg, Romantic Road; **Day 8:** Heidelberg, Worms, Frankfurt; and **Day 9:** Depart for USA.

Complete details: [www.pilgrintours.com/groups/ramminggermany.htm](http://www.pilgrintours.com/groups/ramminggermany.htm)

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## FROM THE CHAIR OF FINANCE AND STEWARDSHIP:

Immediately below is the message from January's CPR which was never delivered so I include it here so that all of you will have some background on these financial reports from month to month.

Many of you have noted the absence of Church's financial information recently. I apologize for that. Between weddings and Grad school I lost the bubble, and will now try to recover. I have displayed the financial information for 2010 below with some notes on how I view our situation. I will continue to post this information in the CPR or bulletins monthly.

CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET	\$613615
OPERATING BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS	\$562642
DEFICIT FROM BUDGET	(\$51153)
OPERATING BUDGET ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$571134
DEFICIT FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	(\$8492)

There are several things one can draw from this picture. First, the obvious, we spent more on operations than we took in from operating budget contributions. Second, the Church Council and all of the Ministry Staff worked hard through the year to cut expenditures. The Council made a decision after last year's deficit that keeping the Church open and the staff on board and performing their ministry were the most important things Redeemer had to do, and everything else would be a lower priority. The actual expenditures for the year reflect that decision and some hard work.

Redeemer has always offered the opportunity for the Congregation to give as their heart and the Lord moved them. Within Redeemer members can give dedicated offerings for specific purposes. This giving is honored by the Church Council and not used for Church operating expenses. It is of note and praiseworthy that the dedicated giving for 2010 was \$114,000 for all programs. These funds did not go to Church operating expenses. Thus, for Redeemer's entire ministry we gave \$676642. Additionally giving for the operating budget increased 10% in 2010 over 2009, a wonderful thing.

At a recent Southeastern District Workshop for Treasurers that Susan Biscamp and I attended it became obvious that many of the Churches in attendance and within the District are suffering financially. Many have had to take out loans in order to operate or have shut down programs and parts of their ministry. Redeemer is blessed with a wonderful Congregation, who while suffering through hard economic times have continued to support the Lord and the Church. We have a relatively small deficit, that we can deal with, and look for a better year in 2011, but we continue to carry out our mission.

For January 2011 here are our numbers:

CHURCH OPERATING BUDGET	\$50915
OPERATING BUDGET CONTRIBUTIONS	\$55197
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT FROM BUDGET	\$4282
OPERATING BUDGET ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$45242
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT FROM ACTUAL EXPENDITURES	\$9955

Contributions to the operating budget for January included \$5000 from the Southeastern District toward our Vicar. The District has continued to be very supportive of our Vicar program. So we have a good start for 2011 and look forward to carrying out our mission activities.

Mike Evenson

## FROM THE ASSISTANT PASTOR:

In February those participating in the Mission Development Academy looked at how we define ourselves through our values. A tool useful mnemonic we were introduced to was T.E.R.M. to identify what we value. The things that we value are given time, energy, reflection, and money. Using that as the criteria we looked at what are our "actual" values, as compared to the one we prefer or aspire to.

We have two classes and our final retreat left in May. Classes meet on Saturday from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. The remaining dates are listed below. If you would like to join us for the remaining classes or just come to one class that has a topic that looks like it would be interesting to you let Pastor Rob know at [pastor2@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:pastor2@embracedbyhim.org). More information about the Mission Development Academy is available at <http://se.lcms.org/developing-leaders/mission-development.php>.

March 5 - Modes of Gospel

April 2 - Mission Models

May (dates to be determined) - Mission Planning Retreat

If you did not join us to distribute the door hangers in the neighborhoods along Harrison Road in February, consider coming with us after the second service on Sunday, March 6th. Also, please take some of the smaller invitations to share with people that have been placed in the basket in the narthex.

In His Grip,  
Pastor Rob

### PARENTS, KIDS AND MONEY MATTERS® WORKSHOP

TV, movies, websites, friends ... all can affect your kids' attitudes about life—and money. Find out how to talk to your kids about influences, choices and responsible money habits.

#### Join us for a free educational workshop

Parents, Kids and Money Matters is designed specifically for parents and their children ages 6 to 10. The workshop will help you:

- Reflect on the values you want your kids to learn.
- Teach your kids about money and values.
- Learn practical tools to make teaching about money fun.

The 50-minute workshop will be presented by Thrivent Financial representative Wayne J Sprick.

**When:** Thursday, March 3rd, from 7:00 to 8:00 PM

**Where:** Redeemer Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

**A complimentary dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 PM.**

#### Sign up for this free event today!

Sign up on the registration form on the table outside the church office, call 540-786-4620, email Wayne at [wayne.sprick@thrivent.com](mailto:wayne.sprick@thrivent.com), or RSVP at [Thrivent.com/findaworkshop](http://Thrivent.com/findaworkshop) by February 28th and reserve your spot today.

The Parents, Kids and Money Matters workshop is intended only to educate you about financial decisions. It is broad in scope and does not consider your individual personal financial situation, which is unique. The information and advice may not be appropriate in all cases. No products will be offered for sale. For additional important disclosure information, please visit [Thrivent.com/disclosures](http://Thrivent.com/disclosures).  
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**REDEEMER QUILTERS:** The Redeemer Quilters will meet Saturday, March 19th 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. Folks not able to come on the scheduled Saturday quilting dates, there is a great need to have some material cutting and the sewing of squares, that can be accomplished at home. Contact Pat Barlow for details (804-742-5315).

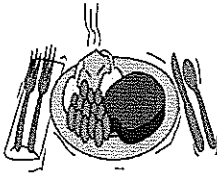


**I WOULD LIKE TO THANK** the members of Redeemer and especially the Prayer Chain for all the prayers, cards, and support you gave my husband, Frank and me during his illness. We truly appreciated hearing from each of you. My thanks also to the Prayer Shawl Ministry for the beautiful shawl you made for Frank. He used it a lot and said it kept him warm and "comfy." God bless all of you,



Jeannine Bachner

**LOCUST GROVE OUTREACH:** On January 28th the Redeemer Locust Grove area small groups prepared and served supper for 21 folks at the Sheltering Arms Homeless Shelter in Orange, VA. The menu included spaghetti and meatballs, salads, and dessert. We are currently scheduled to prepare and serve meals on the third Friday of every month for the foreseeable future. All Redeemer members (especially those living in western Spotsylvania County and Orange County) are invited to participate in this outreach ministry. Participation can include preparing food items and/or assisting on the serving team, or providing household supplies needed by the shelter. If you are interested please contact Dave or Dee Allen, or Don or Barbara Roose.

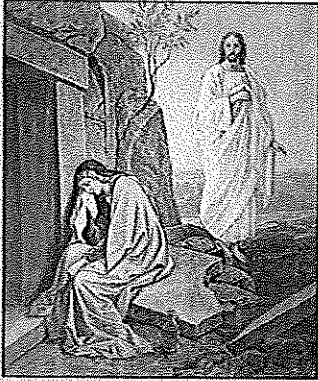


**SINCE OUR LAST C.P.R. CHURCH NEWSLETTER**, we've been able to help, by God's Grace, the following families from our Social Ministries Fund:

40 families with their utilities	\$3479.67
<u>3 families with their water/sewer</u>	<u>194.18</u>
43 families with 65 children	\$3673.85

We continue to help as many as we can; but of the almost 400 phone calls a month asking for assistance, we must say 'no' to most. Nevertheless, those we do help are thankful and given hope. We praise the Lord for the caring and loving hearts He has given to us here at Redeemer Lutheran Church.

## LENT BEGINS MARCH 9



Lent and Easter in 2011 come almost as late as they can under the current scheduling. Since 325 AD in the western Church, Easter has been set as the first Sunday after the Paschal full moon (approximately the first full moon after March 20, the date of the spring equinox in 325). So since that time Easter has fallen on one of the 35 days between March 22 and April 25.

The last time Easter fell on April 24 was 1859. The next will not come until 2095. There will be an Easter on April 25 in 2038. So this is a rather unique year for the celebration of Christ's resurrection.

To help us prepare for celebrating, plans are being made to hold midweek services beginning on Ash Wednesday, March 9. That service will include an optional imposition of ashes to remind us of our mortality and sinful nature. Worship times on each Wednesday during Lent will be 12:30 p.m. and 7:00 p.m., with a light meal being served at 6:00 p.m.

### LENT AND HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE:

- March 9 Romans 5:3-5 - Progressive Sufferings  
16 I Peter 4:12,13 - Strange Sufferings  
23 Matthew 5:10 - Blessed Sufferings  
30 II Corinthians 1:5-7 - Consoling Sufferings  
April 6 Romans 8:17,18 - Incomparable Sufferings  
13 Jews For Jesus - Christ In The Passover  
Maundy Thursday Matthew 26:26-28 - Communal Sufferings  
Good Friday Isaiah 53:5 - Substitute Sufferings  
Easter Day:  
Sunrise - Acts 3:15 - Testimonial Sufferings  
8:30 a.m. - II Timothy 1:8-10 - Productive Sufferings  
10:45 a.m. - II Corinthians 5:21 - Abolished Sufferings



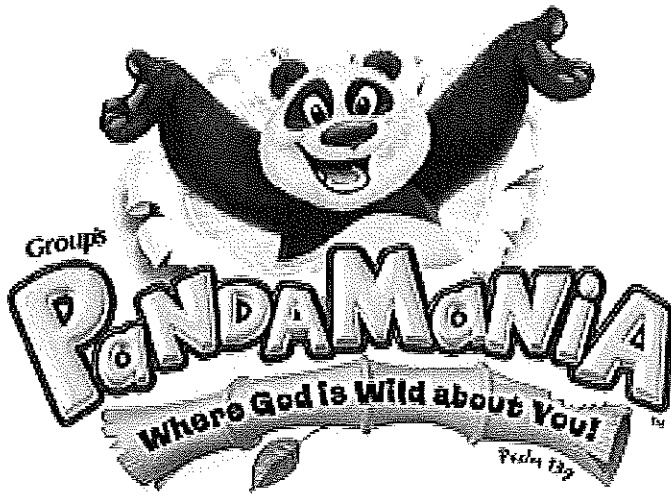
### FAMILY NIGHT

Focusing on our Lenten Theme

March 10 - April 14

Join us Thursday evenings for a meal at 6 p.m. and at 7 p.m. we will spend time reflecting upon this year's Lenten theme. Kid's choir will still run from 6:00-6:30 in the Sanctuary with Ann Koehler. Looking forward to spending Thursday evenings with you and contemplating what Christ has done for us.

Cheryl Durham  
Director of Family Life Ministry



# VBS

**June 20 - 24**  
**9 a.m. - noon**

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**Volunteers Needed**  
**Because God is wild about you and we**  
**need to let other's know!**

**Decorator Coordinator**

(Coordinate the decorations in the Sanctuary)

**Crazy Crafts Leader**

(Make a craft with the kids every day - you do not need to figure out what craft to do they are already ordered)

**Bamboo Blast Games Leader**

(Enjoy the kids' laughter and energy outside playing games with the kids)

**Treetop Treats Leader**

(Make snacks for the kids and volunteers to enjoy)

**Chadder's Movie Mania Leader**

(Share with the kids a little movie and discuss the theme for the day)

**Party Time Sing and Play Leader**

(Open up VBS every morning with song and excitement)

**Technical Assistant**

(Help with sound booth)

Contact Cheryl Durham if you are Wild about God and want to share that with others. [familylife@embracedbyhim.org](mailto:familylife@embracedbyhim.org)  
540.398.4748

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

## USHER SCHEDULE - Early

- Mar. 6 - Ed Grandowski (Lead), Tom Church  
Tom Church, Mike Evenson, Don Schumann
- Mar. 13 - Ken Petermann (Lead)  
Jim Pittman, Kirk Hymes, Dave Hunter
- Mar. 20 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)  
Kevin Trowbridge, Jason Biscamp, Mike Weiland
- Mar. 27 - 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

- Mar. 6 - Glenn Weaver, Mark Fife, Greg Brown
- Mar. 13 - R.O.M.A.N.S.
- Mar. 20 - Mark Fife, Jerry Limerick, Mike Diederer
- Mar. 27 - 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 FEBRUARY

### EARLY:

- Mar. 6 - Ryan Tutchings/Vinny Tutchings
- Mar. 13 - Devon Montgomery/Maeve Montgomery
- Mar. 20 - Hayley Groover/Abigail Durheim
- Mar. 27 - Zechariah Vigil/Jacob Waltman

### LATE:

- Mar. 6 - Cara Gasperoni/Emma Leidy  
Crucifer - Lauren Hybl
- Mar. 13 - Trejon Edmonds/Tion Edmonds  
Crucifer - Jonathan Cerritelli
- Mar. 20 - Kristian Hovda/Kacey Schwenzer  
Crucifer - Sam Medlin
- Mar. 27 - Josiah Koehler/Philip Wiltenmuth  
Crucifer - Mathew Zimmerman

## LAY READERS:

- Mar. 6 - Susan Biscamp (E) - II Peter 1:16-21
- Mar. 13 - John Karpiscak (L) - Romans 5:12-19
- Mar. 20 - John Overbey (E) - Romans 4:1-8, 13-17
- Mar. 27 - Ray Ann Johnson (L) - Romans 5:1-8

## AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE FOR JANUARY:

	Church	Sunday School
2011	320	128
2010	323	136
2005	338	125
2000	208	93
1981 (1st yr.)	66	42

### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS:**

1 - Heidi Stello  
1 - Christina Karpiscak  
2 - Jonathan Zimmerman  
4 - Nancy Minnich  
6 - Lu Good  
8 - Tom Hall  
9 - Jan Hill  
10 - Linda Karpiscak  
10 - Jerry Wilhelm  
11 - Matthew Jerson  
13 - Karen Hall  
15 - Ted Smith  
17 - Kooper Miller



17 - Mallory Graham  
19 - Joe Barrales

20 - Maddie Bye  
20 - Julius Dabelstein  
21 - Lauren Hybl

21 - Randy Mayer  
23 - Ellen Church  
23 - Jennifer Nehls  
24 - Barbara Roberts  
24 - Mary Smith  
27 - Charlotte Martinek  
28 - Bunny Melzer  
28 - Josh Medlin  
28 - Taylor Dudley  
29 - Ed Stello  
30 - Camren Whitt  
31 - Mark Fife  
31 - Candace Wiltenmuth

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES:**

1 - Tom & Holly Thomas  
2 - Bill & Bev Floyd  
3 - Lester & Kristan Jedlicka



25 - Keith & Donna Verbosky  
26 - Kenneth & Becky Elam  
30 - John & Lea Wiltenmuth

### **THE HOLY LAND CHRISTIANS ARE OUR GUESTS IN MARCH HEAR THEIR STORY AND SEE THEIR BEAUTIFUL OLIVEWOOD CRAFTS**

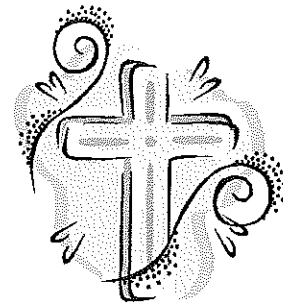
On March 13th, during both services, we will be hearing a ministry moment about the Christians of the Holy Land, and after each service we will be hosting in the church narthex a nice display of handmade olive wood religious articles from Bethlehem and Jerusalem available for purchase. These carvings include olive wood Nativity sets, crosses, Christmas ornaments, candle holders, angels, and many other religious crafts that could make nice wedding, baptism, confirmation, Easter and Christmas gifts.

These carvings are handmade by Christian families in Bethlehem who rely on it for their daily bread. For more than eight years those Christians have been enduring many hardships as tourism in Bethlehem has plummeted and access to other sources of income has been sharply restricted due to the ongoing conflict and the volatile war situation in the country. Many Christians left their homeland. The Christian population of the Holy Land went down from 30% in the last century to 1.8% today. Please help support our Christian brothers and sisters in the town where Christ was born by purchasing their carvings. George Ghanem, an indigenous Christian from Bethlehem, will be telling us the story of the Christians of the Holy Land and he will be presenting these carvings after the services. It is never too late to help. All proceeds go to support Christian families from Bethlehem. The website showing the crafts is [www.holylandcsc.com](http://www.holylandcsc.com).

# FaithKeeping Event

Saturday, March 12th – 1pm to 4pm

Redeemer Fellowship Hall



## What is a FaithKeeping Event?

It's a time to come together with others and learn ways to creatively encourage and record your own and your family's faith journey. You'll find many ideas for creative, meaningful projects that are faith-focused, family-centered and will encourage growth in your faith and teach you how to pass on your faith legacy to future generations.

## March's Project - "Bless This House"

"But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Joshua 24:15

We will create a 12x12 framed layout with a photo and prayer of blessing for your home. You will need to bring a photo of your home: inside or out; any size; color or black and white. If your family has a key verse that you'd like to include on your layout, you can include that by pre-printing it or hand-writing it. Your completed layout will be framed.

All materials (except your photo!) to complete one project are provided.

Any level crafter is welcome.

All ages welcome – any children must be accompanied by an adult.

You may choose to complete the featured project, or come and fellowship with like-minded women and work on your own projects/scrapbook. You are also welcome to bring any of your tools, adhesives, and other materials that you use for scrapbooking or crafting. Past projects and other FaithKeeping ideas will be displayed for inspiration. Any level of crafter is welcome – there is help available. The projects are great for personal use or for gift giving.

Cost is \$5 – includes use of supplies and materials for one project and snacks/drinks.

Sign up on the FaithKeeping clipboard outside the secretary's office or

Contact Karen Hunter with questions: 972-1065 or kahdah95@comcast.net.

# Dear KINGS Parents and Youth,

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In January 4 of our youth attended the Youth Encounter Quake in Baltimore, MD. As part of this event Compassion International shared their mission with the group as well as manning a table full of cards with info on children that were available for sponsorship. Your youth felt lead to choose a young man by the name of Jesus, born on Christmas day in the country of Mexico. I am so proud of them for seeing beyond themselves and desiring to reach out to someone, a stranger, with the love of Jesus. These children from Compassion attend a Compassion Center school that not only teaches them academic and important life skills, but also they are taught God's word! They are fed both physically and spiritually. In turn these kids take what they have learned and share it with their families and community, continuing the cycle of Christian growth and love. Sponsors are asked to pray for their child, write to them, send pictures and to do this on a regular basis in addition to the monetary sponsorship. The cost per month is \$38. We are asking the youth to write to Jesus and to pray for him. We will receive letters from him as well that will be posted on our bulletin board so that you can pray specifically and get to know him. If you are able the youth can contribute to the monthly sponsorship, whatever else will be covered by Chris and me as we feel this is a most worthy cause. We have sponsored a young lady named Glory from Tanzania for over 7 years now and have been very blessed through this. Any letters the kids write can be given to me and I will mail them to Compassion. If you have any questions please feel free to call me or visit [compassion.com](http://compassion.com).



## Looking ahead:

**What:** Friday Night Dinner    **When:** 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of every month starting in March (year round)

**Where:** Chris and Ruth Robbins' House    **Time:** 6pm-9pm

**Purpose:** To share dinner and family style devotions/study together. To grow as a group, form friendships, provide an opportunity for outreach and mostly to grow in our worship and love of God!

**March:** Service Project    Got any ideas? Open to suggestions!

**April:** Paintball/girls day out

