

FROM THE PASTOR:

It's been an unusually steep roller coaster of events for us this summer at Redeemer. We've seen the return to us of families we haven't seen in years and thought had moved away; we've seen the absence of families that usually are with us every Sunday, but not this summer. We've experienced the excitement of unexpected resources coming our way from the Lord through our Southeastern District for us in our mission outreach in Ladysmith, with Embraced By Christ Lutheran Mission (our daughter church); we've also experienced the humbling times of seeing lower resources for things we've normally done and now must consider prayerfully whether to continue, or not.

But through it all, our Lord's love, grace, and empowering Holy Spirit has given us the Christian Courage (our congregational theme for this year) to continue to walk in faith and boldly to step through the doors of opportunity He places before us, trusting the Lord's promise that *"keeping busy always in the work of the Lord, we experience that*

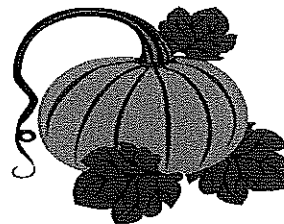
nothing we do in the Lord's service is ever without value" (I Cor. 15:58).

We all are looking to the Lord for wisdom, strength, and vision as in the next few weeks we will be looking at our congregational budget for 2012, as we are challenged with 3 new boards (Christian Outreach, Bd. of Christian Education, and Fellowship Committee) that are really excited about what they can be doing among us, and with us; as we prayerfully consider placing on our staff a part-time Youth Worker; and, also, as we look at adopting again a foreign mission. We'll be thinking, praying, and talking a lot more about this within Redeemer's family of faith!

In the meantime, right now, it'll be great to get back into the normal fellowship and spiritually growing events with everyone back with us and challenging us to grow, and share more, of Jesus' love.

Pastor Koehler

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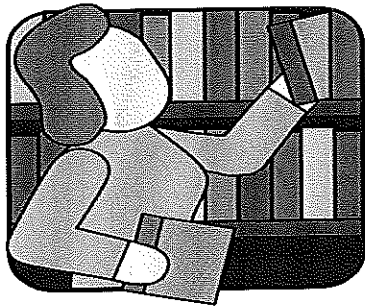


LIBRARY +PLUS+

Have you heard the news? The library is changing its name! What? You didn't know there was a library? Well, there is and it is changing its name. Actually we're only **adding** one word. Instead of **Library**, it will be **Library +Plus+**.

We're **adding** one word so that you will see the Library as more than just a room of old books. Rather it will be a room of books that can **add** to your life.

First, it will **add** to your personal life by shelving Christian fiction and non-fiction, devotional reading and materials conducive to personal Bible Study.



Second, it will **add** to your interactive life by shelving materials that can be used as small group topics, specific studies on books of the Bible. This would include commentaries and Bible dictionaries/cyclopedias. These materials will also include information on sharing the Gospel with people with developmental disabilities.

Third, it will **add** to Redeemer's Outreach Ministry. As you utilize the library and **add** to your faith life, you will be better equipped to **add** Jesus and spread the Gospel to others.

In order to make this happen, we need you to **add** the library in your prayers. We also would like you to assist directly by **adding** to the library with donations of money or books. Maybe your small group has used a study guide and it now sits unused in your home. Why not donate it? We do not need 2 or more copies. One will suffice.

The **Library +Plus+** committee is open to suggestions for materials to **add**. Feel free to talk to us, e-mail us, or give us a call.

Rather than a room of old books, the **sum of it all** is to have a library in which the Holy Spirit is alive and working through those materials.

Faith & Allen Marburger
+Library+ Committee

OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES has been limited all summer in the numbers we've been able to help, due to the huge numbers asking us for help, and less resources with which to work this summer. In God's grace and love, we were able to help the following families since our last newsletter:

10 families with utilities	\$688.54
2 families with water/sewer	76.10
<u>2 families emergency housing</u>	<u>75.62</u>
14 families with 24 children	\$840.26

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PASTOR:

"This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it. " Psalm 118:24

Sometimes things get stuck in our head, the tune to a commercial jingle, words from the scene in a movie that moves us, or makes us laugh, a song that we attach to a specific moment or event, and Bible verses from our devotional reading. For a while now as I have been given the privilege of listening and praying with others the Psalm that the Holy Spirit keeps bring us to is Psalm 118, and specifically verse 24.

Because we are living, we are placed into relationships and places where we can continue to worship, witness, and praise God. Something the Psalmist uses here, and we have heard before in Isaiah; ¹⁸"For the grave cannot praise thee, death can not celebrate thee: they that go down into the pit cannot hope for thy truth. ¹⁹The living, the living, he shall praise thee, as I do this day: the father to the children shall make known thy truth." We are alive in Christ, God cares for us, and each day we are given new opportunities to be thankful, rejoice and be glad. Psalm 118 calls to us to praise the goodness of God, calling both to the people and to the priests. In distress the Psalmist cries out to God, but still knows God is with him so he will not be afraid. Just as God is with us in our doubts, fears, and worries today.

This Psalm was one that would have been shared during festivals; it praises God for his enduring love for His people, His help in triumphing over their enemies, and foreshadows the messianic victory to come. A time we still look forward to with joy and anticipation as God is with us in our trials today. If you have not read through the Psalms when you are searching for comfort when you are feeling anxious and life is more difficult than it seems to need to be, give them some of your devotional time. In the words of the Psalmists there can be great comfort for us today.

In His Grip,
Rob

Over the next month keep these Mercy Projects in your prayers:

From the District Office: Numerous requests and opportunities to assist with transitional housing and recovery have been made throughout the Southeastern District. We are partnering with LCMS Human Care to provide assistance. If you would like to help, you may contribute directly to LCMS Human Care, <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=957&key=irene>, or to the Southeastern District, note Hurricane Irene on your contribution. We are receiving store cards, most especially for groceries to help those who continue to be without electricity. If you would like to send grocery, Walmart or Target gift cards, we will distribute them.

District Youth Event: Are you WIRED? Ready for a youth gathering? The Southeastern District Youth Gathering - Wired: Unplugged - will be held November 11-13 at Resurrection Lutheran Church, Cary, NC. Check out their facebook page for a great video. For registration info: <http://se.lcms.org/faith-sharing/family-and-youth.php>.

Prayers for Mercy Projects in India: One of the ways that we make a difference is through how we reach out to help educate and care for others. Being ready to help where there is a need is a step towards building relationships so that later on conversations can begin about faith, Christ, and address the questions that are present about what it means to be a Christian for those who do not yet believe that Christ has died for them. Three projects that are ongoing in the Indian Mission field according to the LCMS, <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=405>, are:

Luthergiri Computer Training

Young Indian men and women often have limited educational opportunities. Highly demanded job skills require training programs with high fees and tough competition. The India Evangelical Lutheran Church will use development grant funds from LCMS World Relief and Human Care to open a computer training center and charge fees that are affordable to students. Course completion will enable these young people to get good jobs or establish their own businesses.

IELC Emergency Relief for Andhra

The community of Andhra was severely affected in 2009 by floodwaters. People lost homes, belongings and property and were in desperate need of emergency food and shelter. With a disaster grant from LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the India Evangelical Lutheran Church (IELC) sponsored Mission Field to distribute emergency kits to 1,000 families. The IELC Mission Field will also provide follow-up care to show the love and concern of our Lord to these families.

Flood Relief for Nagercoil Synod

Two weeks of rain forced dams and reservoirs to release additional water and caused lakes and ponds to overflow. People are returning to collapsed buildings, lost crops and belongings crusted with mud. A number of India Evangelical Lutheran Church congregations are located in the neighborhood. With a disaster grant from LCMS World Relief and Human Care, the churches plan to distribute rice and other provisions, blankets and cooking pots

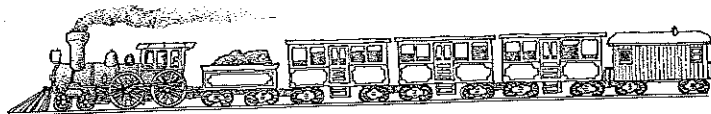
Lutheran Women's Missionary League:

All ladies are invited to attend the LWML Fall Workshop on October 22, 2011 – the theme for the morning is "All Aboard the Orphan Grain Train". The theme verse is "I needed clothes and you clothed me..." Matt. 25:36a.

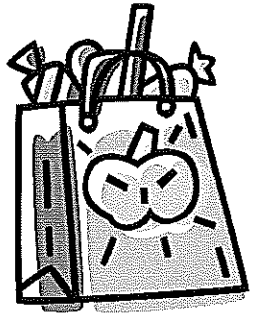
The workshop will be held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 825 S. Taylor St., Arlington, VA 22204. Join us for a wonderful morning as we learn more about the Orphan Grain Train. We will begin at 9:30 a.m. with our opening and welcome (registration starts at 9:00 a.m. - \$5.00 to cover cost of lunch). We will have a speaker from Orphan Grain Train, a Bible Study and a hands-on servant activity making "pillow case" dresses for needy children (all supplies will be provided).

- ♥ Our In-Gathering will be monetary donations to help the Orphan Grain Train build the Maryland Branch warehouse (please make checks payable to Lori Bodling).♥

All Aboard! RSVP to Lori Bodling @ 703-892-4846 or lbodling@verizon.net by October 17th.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT



Saturday, October 29th

6:00—8:00 PM

Redeemer Parking Lot

(opens at 5:15 PM)

Decorate your car with a seasonal theme and enjoy hot pizza while circled in the parking lot as kids of all ages Trunk-or-Treat. 'Costume' and 'Creative Carved Pumpkin' contests are planned during a dance party for everyone in the center of the parking lot so invite Friends and Family to a great event for all!

Registration Deadline—Monday, October 24th.

Questions? See Cheryl Durheim

Please plan on providing your own candy for the Trunk-or-Treat— we will contact you by e-mail on the 25th with a final count of participants so you can plan accordingly.

Please consider costume appropriateness for this church activity—no witches or undead
You can register online—www.embracedbyhim.org or with this slip of paper!



Trunk-or-Treat Registration

Deadline—Monday October 24th

Family Name _____ # of Trunk-or-Treater's _____

E-mail Address _____ Phone _____

Pizza Order—14in Large with 10 slices @ 5.50 per pizza

Choice of Cheese or Pepperoni

_____ # of Cheese _____ # of Pepperoni _____ \$ total enclosed

Make checks payable to Redeemer Lutheran Church and place Trunk-or-Treat in the memo line

Brought to you by *Family Life Ministries*

WANTED

SMALL GROUP LEADERS

Your personal invitation – Pray about using your time and talents to lead a Christian Small Group. Attend a one day workshop to become a Redeemer Small Group Leader.

When: Saturday November 5th

Time: 8:00 AM to 2:00 PM – lunch provided

Where: Redeemer Lutheran

YOU ARE MADE TO BE IN A GROUP

Whether you are shy or extroverted, you were made by your Creator to be a social person.

You need connections where you can help and be helped, serve and be served, love and be loved.

Small Groups are a way to experience that connection with others and deepen your spiritual life at the same time.

See the sign-up sheet outside the church office
Contact: Dave Allen (540-972-4958)

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

USHER SCHEDULE - Early

- Oct. 2 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
Tom Church, Ed Minnich, Don Schumann
- Oct. 9 - Ken Petermann (Lead)
Jim Pittman, Kirk Hymes, Dave Hunter
- Oct. 16 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
John Uschold, Jason Biscamp, Mike Weiland
- Oct. 23 - Mike Bush (Lead)
Tom Barlow, Dave Bye, David Rhodes
- Oct. 30 - Tom Barlow (Lead)
Mike Evenson, Jim Pittman, Kevin Trowbridge

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

- Oct. 2 - Glenn Weaver, Mark Fife, Greg Brown
- Oct. 9 - R.O.M.A.N.S.
- Oct. 16 - Mark Fife, Jerry Limerick, Mike Diederer
- Oct. 23 - Ted Smith, John Hinz, Mike Mullinax,
Ken Billings
- Oct. 30 - Berner Johnson, Ted Smith, Brandon Sullivan

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 OCTOBER

EARLY:

- Oct. 2 - Hayley Groover/Abigail Durheim
- Oct. 9 - Zechariah Vigil/Ryan Tutchings
- Oct. 16 - Devon Montgomery/Maeve Montgomery
- Oct. 23 - Tyler Fehrman/Eric Weiland
- Oct. 30 - Abigail Durheim/Hayley Groover

LATE:

- Oct. 2 - Cara Gasperoni/Kacey Schwenzer
Crucifer - Emma Leidy
- Oct. 9 - Mathew Zimmerman/Christian Hovda
Crucifer - Josiah Koehler
- Oct. 16 - Trejon Edmonds/Philip Wiltenmuth
Crucifer - Tion Edmonds
- Oct. 23 - Emma Leidy/Cara Gasperoni
Crucifer - Kacey Schwenzer
- Oct. 30 - Josiah Koehler/Mathew Zimmerman
Crucifer - Christian Hovda

LAY READERS:

- Oct. 2 - Donna Verbosky (E) - Philippians 3:4b-14
- Oct. 9 - Rebecca Richey (L) - Philippians 4:4-13
- Oct. 16 - Marian Dawgert (E) - I Thess. 1:1-10
- Oct. 23 - Marge Barrales (L) - I Thess. 2:1-13
- Oct. 30 - Dee Allen (E) - Romans 3:19-28
Mark Sullivan (L) - Romans 3:19-28

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN AUGUST:

	Church	Sun. Sch.
2011	264	No S.S.
2010	300	No S.S.
2005	276	No S.S.
2000	238	No S.S.
1980 (1st yr.)	43	33

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS:

3 - Dotty Johnston
 4 - Rogert Medlin
 5 - Hayley Badillo
 5 - Keith Verbosky
 5 - Ken Billings
 5 - Mari Morgan
 6 - Matthew Hymes
 7 - Barbara Buck
 7 - Linda Bye
 7 - Allison Cadger
 8 - Barbara Roose
 8 - Ryan Gregor
 8 - Jim Pittman
 9 - Maeve Montgomery
 10 - Susan Biscamp

12 - Rob Gregor
 12 - Bjorn Thorpe
 13 - Eileen Jacobson
 15 - Gladys Lumb



15 - Marge Groover
 16 - Brittney Martinek
 18 - Alexander Diederer
 18 - Aaron Byrd

18 - Ginny Henley
 19 - Brad Gregor
 21 - Ashley Williams
 22 - Melissa Fife
 22 - Ginger Limerick
 22 - Katie Bugg
 23 - David Carlson
 26 - Linda Landeck
 26 - Tom Church
 26 - Cameo Hasselman
 27 - Douglas Berndt
 28 - Peggy Carlson
 28 - Kirk Jacobson
 30 - Savannah Durheim
 30 - Levi Robbins

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES:

2 - Matthew & Allison Miller
 7 - Carroll & Sherry Legg
 10 - Mike & Sharon Evenson
 12 - Andrew & Ruth Rayne

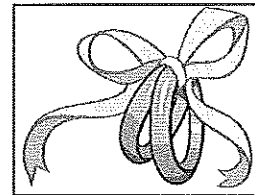


16 - Mat & Julie Smith
 17 - Craig & Jennifer Nehls
 21 - Joshua & Nada Romero
 30 - Tom & Linda Church

UNITED IN HOLY MATRIMONY:

*Justin McRee Smith & Amanda Alice Redman
 on Saturday, August 27, 2011*

*Demale Dominique Douglas & Josie Ann Bolden
 on Saturday, September 10, 2011*



F.A.B. MEMBERS (Fifty And Beyond): Dinner outing planned for the musical "White Christmas" at the Riverside Dinner Theater, 95 Riverside Parkway, Fredericksburg on Thursday, 15 December, at 6:00 p.m. The cost of the show is \$44.15 per person, includes the show, meal, taxes, & tip. Makes checks payable to Linda Petermann. This is a very popular show and the tickets are going fast even though the show isn't until December. There is a sign-up sheet in the hallway off the narthex. Questions? Call Linda at 854-4737.

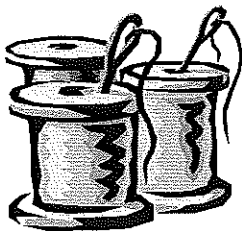
QUARTERLY CLEANUP - Kitchen & Fellowship Hall!! Our next cleanup day is Thursday, 13 October, 9 a.m.-12 noon. Board of Property Mgmt. (Jason Biscamp) has requested a repeat performance of our most successful summer cleanup. Come and work as long as you can and leave when you must. Men, women, and teens are invited to join in. A list of chores will be posted. Sign up on the sheet outside the church office. Call Nancy Minnich if you have questions (540-710-5958).



QUILTERS' MINISTRY

Imagine the comfort that comes with a hug when someone is in a time of deepest need. Through a simple combination of fabric and thread, we can reach out to those with some of the greatest needs in the world by wrapping them in the work of our hands through one of our warm colorful quilts. Each quilt is one of a kind with beauty all its own made as a gift of hope by caring hands. Each quilt is special and the recipients use them to shield against the cold and rain, or shelter from the sun on a hot day. It also becomes a bed, simple tent, a room divider or a wrap to hold a baby on his mother's back.

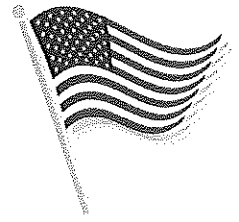
A group of ladies here at Redeemer meet the third Saturday of each month to assemble these warm colorful quilts. These quilts are distributed through Lutheran World Relief to refugees and others in need.



We always need donations of cotton material and thread - so we can continue this important ministry. Everyone is welcome to join us.

The Redeemer Quilters met Saturday, September 17th and were able to complete many quilts!!! Well done girls!!! We meet again on Saturday, 1 October 15th. On Sunday, October 16th, the quilts we have completed will be on display in the Sanctuary before sending them to Lutheran World Relief.

If you have questions about this important ministry, contact Pat Barlow, 804-742-5315.



For Veterans and Servicemen and Women From Candace Wiltenmuth

I am organizing a Veterans Day Dinner **for veterans and all members of the Army, Navy, Marines, Air Force, Coast Guard and National Guard** to recognize them for their service and courage. This is my Girl Scout Gold Project for my community.

The dinner will be held in the Fellowship Hall on **Friday, November 11, 2011 at 6:30 P.M.**

I need to know if any **former or current** members of the armed forces are interested by **October 15, 2011**. I will send a formal invitation by mail later.

Please fill out the bottom half of this paper and put it in the WILTENMUTH mailbox or contact me at cwiltenmuth@gmail.com if you are **interested in attending**.

"You will never know how much it has cost my generation to preserve your freedom.

I hope you will make good use of it." –John Quincy Adams

Veterans Day Dinner Interest Form

Name _____

Branch of Military _____

Service Dates _____

PIG-NIC ON THE PO

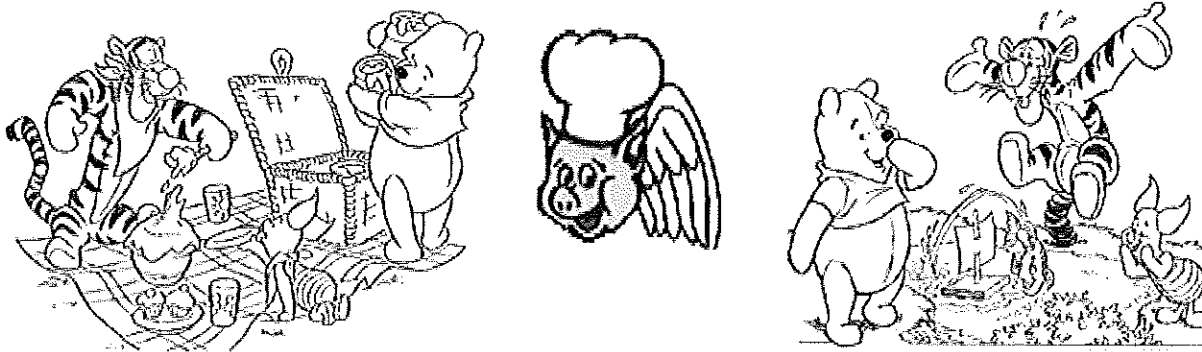
Come to Berner and Ray Ann's River Po House and enjoy a Day of Play, Relaxation, Eating (the Best Barbecue), and Fellowship with Friends and Neighbors. The Barbecue Pig, Condiments, and Paper-Ware will be provided.

When: Saturday 15 October, 2:00 (Pig at 3:00)

Bring: Side Dish, Drinks, and Lawn Chairs.

Questions: Call Ray Ann or Berner at (540) 582-9145

Directions to River Po House:



On 15 October, all roads lead to the Johnson's Po House.

If you are coming from the East on Spotsylvania Courthouse (208) or from the south on Block House Rd, you will merge onto the New Spotsylvania By Pass. The By Pass Exit is Robert E. Lee Rd (West).

From Fredericksburg, The Exit is the first stoplight after passing Brock Rd (613) stoplight, about 1 Mile.

From the South on Block House Rd, the intersection is the first stoplight on Block House after turning on Block House from HWY 606 (Enter 606 at Exit 118 on I95)

- Once on Robert E. Lee:
- (1) Turn Left on Old Mill Lane (747) after passing Catholic Church (4 way stop). [Right Turn on Old Mill Lane if coming from West.]
 - (2) Turn Right on Millstream
 - (3) Turn Left at bottom of hill on Millwood.
 - (4) Turn Right on second driveway, Long winding gravel driveway.

