

FROM THE PASTOR:

Well, it's here! September.....the summer's over, school has started, the church schedule is getting back to normal - whatever "normal" is! We're looking at some new schedulings, some new events, some new boards/committees in operation, and, of course, a new Vicar to welcome into our midst and from whom we will all learn much: he from us/us from him!

We as a congregation have learned and shared much together through our annual congregational themes, beginning in 2008 with Christian Responsibility: respond to the knowledge that Jesus is with us each and every day by "telling others what we have seen and heard" (Acts 4:20). We familiarized ourselves in 2009 with the blessings that are ours in Christ, being encouraged by Philemon's words: "My prayer is that our fellowship with you as believers will bring about a deeper understanding of every blessing which we have in our life in Christ" (Phlmn. 6). We've seen the extraordinary effectiveness such familiarity in, and with, God's Grace can have in our lives and through our lives in faith, as Jesus reminded us "with people things are impossible; but being with God, all things are possible" (Matt. 19:26) as we focused on our Congregational Theme last year: Christian Effectiveness.

And now we begin this busy time in the life of Christ's family of faith - The Church - with this year's Congregational Theme: Christian Courage. "Be strong, and of good courage, fear not, nor be afraid: for the Lord, your God, is the One that goes with you; He will not fail you, nor

forsake you" (Deut. 31:6).

As we rally around this promise of the Lord and what courageous acts of faith He will have His Church on earth be doing in 2011-2012, two excellent "kick-off's" (no pun intended with the football season in motion!) for us come up this month: Rally Day, here at Redeemer Lutheran Church; and the movie "Courageous" coming to Fredericksburg and Aquia Harbor, beginning September 30th.

The movie is mentioned elsewhere in this C.P.R., and you'll hear and see more of it throughout this month of September; Rally Day is on Sunday, September 11th, following the 10:45 a.m. service. Besides the hotdogs, foods, moonbounce, horse rides, games, and fellowship, it's a time to gather together and begin taking in and giving out, the spiritual strengthening the Lord gives us to follow Him into, and down, the "paths of righteousness for His Name's sake" (Ps. 23:3).

Christian education - "continuing to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ" (II Pet. 3:18) is one of the most basic ways of being encouraged - being in Christian courage - to go out into the world to make a positive difference. Rally Day sees us beginning again our times together in faith-growing sharings. Sunday School is one of the basic rallying points in the church. We have a great one here at Redeemer, from Parents & Toddlers (under 3) up to Adults. Hope to see you all there - and at "Courageous" - encouraging one another.



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Courageous in Christ,
 Pastor Koehler

FROM OUR VICAR:

Members of Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Audrey and I cannot thank you enough for your kind welcome! For the last two years, we have been immersed in the seminary community, being blessed with close friendships and an unbreakable spirit of fellowship and unity among believers. Leaving the seminary, one of our biggest concerns was that we would not experience that same closeness for a full year, until we returned.

However, that is plainly not the case. In just the short time we have been at Redeemer, we can already see that same spirit of Christian fellowship permeating this congregation, and we are very excited to grow in unity with you as our brothers and sisters in Christ our Lord, as fellow members of the Kingdom of God. As the year goes on, I am sure you will hear me talk about the "Kingdom of God" numerous times. To me, it is one of the most marvelous, awe-inspiring works of the Holy Spirit that has always left me breathless.

God repeatedly manifests to me that everywhere we go, meeting new people in new places, we yet have a common bond with them, which unites us deeper than our very humanity. We are children of the Father in Jesus Christ. We are members of the Kingdom of God. We are *drawn* together as one body under the headship of our Lord, who saves us, and *held* together by the unifying Holy Spirit.

It is that same Holy Spirit who then deepens our unity with Jesus and with each other. Audrey and I look forward to growing deeper in unity with you all by the Spirit's work and serving alongside you in the mission field. I hope to serve Redeemer well as your vicar. My office hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m., so please feel free to stop in and visit with me!

Again, you have all been so welcoming that we have been graciously overwhelmed by the love of Christ, which you have shown us. Thank you so much. We look forward to getting to know all of you better and grow in our mutual faith together. God's blessings to you all in the name of Jesus Christ!

Sincerely in Christ Alone,
Vicar Andrew Walker

FROM OUR ASSISTANT PASTOR:

Taking the time to pray, read scripture, and finding a space where you can have devotional time for yourself, or with family is hard at times. Life gets busy, and as we get older time seems to go by at a faster and at times even more frantic pace. It is when we need the encouragement that comes from being in God's Word that we are often most distracted away from it. For our school age youth the last restful days of summer are coming to a close and they will be back into the rush of life. A torrent of events, demands, needs, and necessities from which we as adults have not gotten much of a break from.

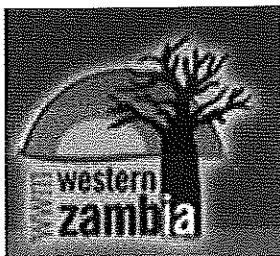
For students who had summer "work" to complete they now race to get those first impression assignments done, as they will soon be sitting in class with the teachers and students they will be learning with for the next year. Here at Redeemer we are also getting "ready". Soon we will be starting up Sunday school, Confirmation Class, and our Thursday night R.O.O.T.S. program. All opportunities along with the other Bible studies and fellowship activities we have here to grow in fellowship and faith. Times when we come together to pray about our worries and concerns and look to where we can share and grow in service and faith.

During this time of change, when summer ends and the leaves begin to change color we look towards the end of another year and the winter to come filled with hope about what a New Year will bring. "May God, the source of hope, fill you with joy and peace through your faith in him. Then you will overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 5:13. In your prayers and fellowship this coming year look to how the Holy Spirit is encouraging you to prayerfully support the work that is before us.

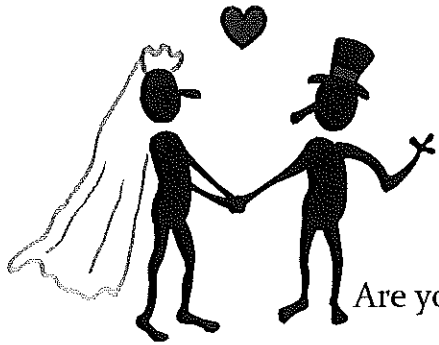
As Pastor Koehler has mentioned before we would like the Sunday School Children to be praying about ministry and outreach in India, <http://www.lcms.org/page.aspx?pid=405>, and we will share more about that through the coming year. For the adults we ask that you reflect and pray about that as well, additionally looking at where you may be called to serve in a short term mission trip. Men and Women's Fellowship and Bible Study, Small Group Ministry, and the various servant events we participate in all need your prayers and participation to continue to grow in service as the other missions being supported by the "Beyond Ablaze" campaign, <http://se.lcms.org/initiating-new-mission/mission.php>.

Intentionally take a prayer break, when you are driving and find yourself at a stop sign or red light, before you drink that first cup of coffee or tea in the morning, or at the end of the day before you turn out the light and know that you are contributing to the prayer ministry here at Redeemer. Through prayer we grow closer in faith and fellowship.

In His Grip,
Rob



Kate Jacobson will be in Zambia through Nov. ; you can follow how the Lord is using her there on her blog, <http://web.me.com/katej488>.



How long have you been married?

Do you find the chaos of life puts your marriage
on the back burner?

Are you diligent in growing together with your spouse?

Marriage Reflections

Is for all couples!

- ♥ Whether married 1 day or 65 years your marriage is important!
- ♥ ALL couples need to be diligent in making their marriage work – if you are not maintaining it falls apart!
- ♥ This isn't just one more thing on your list of "have to attend"!
- ♥ Marriage Reflections is online - all I need is your email address!
- ♥ Only requirement – both spouses need to participate

Each week a new "Reflection" will be sent out and couples will have something to consider beyond work, kids, bills, pets, neighbors, etc. This keeps your marriage on the forefront of your life. Email me, give me, call me with your email addresses. Reflections will be sent out starting in September.

Cheryl Durheim
Director of Family Life Ministry

From the Desk of...

Family Life Ministry



Almost September...

By the time you receive this it may be September and another year will be ready for kick – off. Mark your calendars for upcoming dates and activities!

ROOTS...

We begin ROOTS (Readying Ourselves and Others to Share) on September 15th with Kids Musical practice at 5:30 and dinner at 6 p.m. ROOTS is open to all the Redeemer Family. There is something to do for all ages. The night will be structured with different activities each night. Check your bulletin for nightly activities or check the website. Join us on the 15th for a Family Reunion. Bring your favorite dish to share that has been passed down the generations. Babysitting is available.

Women's Online Bible Study...

All Redeemer women and their friends and family can join us for the upcoming online bible study. We will begin again in September. The book we will be using this year is entitled, "A New Song – Save me, Oh my God". You can order this book from CPH.org. If you are interested please contact me so I can include you on the group site.

Parent/tot Sunday School class...

We will start up again on Rally Day, September 11th. We will continue with the curriculum "Essentials of Discipline". If you are a parent but do not have tots you are welcome to join us anyway. We have about 30 minutes of parent talk time.

Trunk or Treat...

October 29th at 5:30 p.m. will be the fun-filled evening. There will be multiple contests this year. More information will be available in September.

Christmas Tea...

Ladies the Christmas Tea is December 3rd at 1 p.m. with new recipes to try! Invitations will be in the mail.

Trivia Night...

A night to test your knowledge and competitive nature is January 28th with dinner at 5:30.

Women's Retreat...

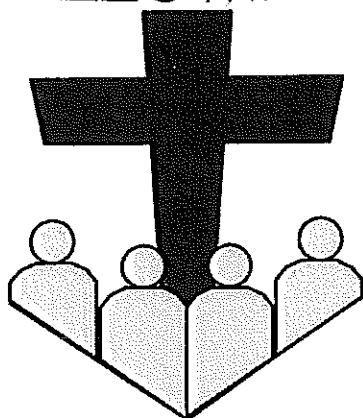
April 20 - 22 we will meet at Williamsburg Christian Retreat Center to enjoy another fun-filled weekend. This year's theme – "Refresh my Soul".

I am looking forward to another September and starting off a new year!

Cheryl Durheim
Director of Family Life Ministry.

Come Join Your Men's Large Group

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Redeemer Lutheran Church

Fredericksburg, Virginia USA

Join us as we all learn how to be
better Christian Men,
Husbands, Fathers, Brothers,
Leaders, and Friends Together as
Brothers in Christ.

**Fun & Fellowship with other
Good and Godly Men!**

**Study God's Instruction Manual for Life
"THE BIBLE"**

Contact our leader, David Montgomery
david.b.montgomery@hughes.net or 540-907-9785

Grow your Faith Shoulder-to-Shoulder with us!
All Men of Redeemer Lutheran Church are Members!
Bring your friends, non-members, and Sons 11th grade & up!
We meet the first Friday of every month at 7:30pm
At Carlos O'Kelley's, 2306 Plank Road,
Fredericksburg, Virginia

**Hear the Everlasting, Never Changing, Life-Altering,
Truthful Word of God.**

If you are a Man, then you already belong.

F.A.B. MEMBERS (Fifty And Beyond): Plan to attend our September Luncheon on Saturday, September 10th, 12 noon at The Globe & Laurel Restaurant, 3987 Jefferson Davis Hwy (Rt. 1), Stafford, VA. (The National Museum of the Marine Corps and USMC Quantico Base are nearby.) Cost is \$19.43 per person, includes tax and gratuity. Sign-up sheet is in the hallway off the narthex. Sign-up and payment must be made by Sept. 2; make checks payable to Jim Pittman. Also, contact him (891-2336) for a brochure and meal selection menu.

REDEEMER QUILTERS: Eight ladies of the Redeemer Quilters met Saturday, August 20th, and were able to complete many quilts!!! Well done girls!!! We will meet again on Saturday, September 17th, 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.



IT'S COMING ON SEPTEMBER 30TH!!

You've read the posters in church! You've seen the excerpts we've shared together in church! You've heard the compliments given to it by 8 of our congregational leaders who were invited to preview it!! It's Coming On September 30th!! The movie "Courageous" will be in local theaters beginning on Friday, September 30th. This is a **MUST** movie to be seen by each and every family in our congregation.

"Four men, one calling: To serve and protect. As law enforcement officers, Adam Mitchell, Nathan Hayes, and their partners are confident and focused. They willingly stand up to the worst the streets have to offer. Yet at the end of the day, they face a challenge that none of them are truly prepared to tackle: fatherhood. While they consistently give their best on the job, good enough seems to be all they can muster as dads. But they're quickly discovering that their standard is missing the mark. They know that God desires to turn the hearts of fathers to their children, but their children are beginning to drift further and further away from them. Will they be able to find a way to serve and protect those that are most dear to them? When tragedy hits home, these men are left wrestling with their hopes, their fears, their faith, and their fathering. Can a newfound urgency help these dads draw closer to God....and to their children?"

Let's all go; and after we all have seen it, get together and talk about it and what it had to say to us as Christians.

A quote the Allens have shared with us is most fitting: "You can live the kind of life that casts the kind of shadow through which God can work to touch other people's lives. The greatest need in Christianity in America today is not for more eloquent speaking in its behalf, but more consistent living of its principles in shops & stores, in businesses & professions, in sororities and fraternities, at home & abroad, everywhere." (Chester E. Swor's Very Truly Yours, published 1965).

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- WATCH your old paperwork being shredded and hauled away
- Provided by the Fredericksburg Chapter of Thrivent Financial for Lutherans

You are cordially invited to attend this free Shred It Event hosted by Thrivent Financial for Lutherans and your financial representatives Wayne Sprick and Vicki Thorpe.

Event Details

Saturday, September 24, 9 a.m. – 12 noon.

The front parking lot of CLASSIC IRON MOTORCYCLES
4907 Jefferson Davis Hwy, Fredericksburg, Virginia 22407

(Classic Iron Motorcycles occupies the old Auto Auction building at Four Mile Fork near the Route 1 and Route 208 intersection)

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

USHER SCHEDULE - Early

- Sep. 4 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
Tom Church, Ed Minnich, Don Schumann
- Sep. 11 - Ken Petermann (Lead)
Jim Pittman, Kirk Hymes, Dave Hunter
- Sep. 18 - Ed Grandowski (Lead)
John Uschold, Jason Biscamp, Mike Weiland
- Sep. 25 - 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

- Sep. 4 - Glenn Weaver, Mark Fife, Greg Brown
- Sep. 11 - R.O.M.A.N.S.
- Sep. 18 - Mark Fife, Jerry Limerick, Mike Diederer
- Sep. 25 - 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.

AVERAGE WEEKLY ATTENDANCE IN JULY:

	Church	Sun. Sch.
2011	310	96
2010	310	94
2005	260	76
2000	216	63
1980 (1st yr.)	48	31

ACOLYTE SCHEDULE FOR SEPTEMBER

EARLY:

- Sep. 4 - Hayley Groover/Abigail Durheim
- Sep. 11 - Ryan Tutchings/Zechariah Vigil
- Sep. 18 - Devon Montgomery/Maeve Montgomery
- Sep. 25 - Eric Weiland/Tyler Fehrman

LATE:

- Sep. 4 - Tion Edmonds/Trejon Edmonds
Crucifer - Philip Wiltenmuth
- Sep. 11 - Kacey Schwenzer/Emma Leidy
Crucifer - Cara Gasperoni
- Sep. 18 - Christian Hovda/Josiah Koehler
Crucifer - Mathew Zimmerman
- Sep. 25 - Philip Wiltenmuth/Tion Edmonds
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LAY READERS:

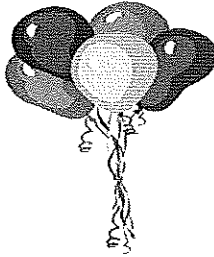
- Sep. 4 - Kathy Bogle (E) - Romans 13:1-10
- Sep. 11 - Ray Ann Johnson (L) - Romans 14:1-12
- Sep. 18 - Karen Hunter (E) - Phil. 1:12-14, 19-30
- Sep. 25 - John Karpiscak (L) - Phil. 2:1-4, 14-18

OUR SOCIAL MINISTRIES FUNDS have been heavily drawn on all summer, with no let up of the almost 400 phone calls we get each month from those needing help. We were able to assist only 1 family with \$100 since our last newsletter. But this single, elderly woman was extremely thankful for her utilities being able to be kept on. We pray that as we get into the fall, and colder temperatures, we will be in a position to help more families needed to stay warm. The needs are many; pray to the Lord of the harvests that He sends the resources for us to be of help.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS:

1 - Beverly Zepp
2 - Diane Zaidan
3 - Lilly Kohl
4 - Kevin Martinek
4 - Abby Mueller
4 - Harold Heidel
5 - Kerry Stallard
6 - James Beck
6 - Joyce Whitman
6 - Victoria Berndt
7 - Bev Floyd
7 - Carrie Dudley
8 - Alice Karpiscak
9 - Carolyn Hinz
11 - Judy Easler
11 - Logan Biel
11 - Sean Anderson
12 - Morgan Hymes
12 - LJ Cerritelli
12 - Melissa Graham

13 - Tom Barlow
13 - John Overbey
14 - John Wiltenmuth
14 - Bobbie Mullinax
14 - Kyra Trowbridge

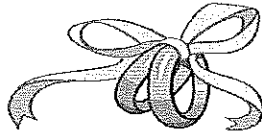


14 - Christopher Nehls
15 - Kristen Benson
15 - Ethan Schwenger
17 - Jocelyn Kohl
17 - Marge Barrales

17 - Faith Thorpe
18 - Alix Mayer
18 - Katie Mayer
18 - Chris Koehler
19 - Sharon Cadger
19 - Megan Kelley
20 - Rich Gasperoni
21 - Olivia Smith
21 - Kermit Way
23 - Marian Dawgert
23 - Allison Miller
23 - Lea Wiltenmuth
24 - Chelsea Wagner
24 - Joel Sprick
26 - Alyssa Wagner
26 - Devon Montgomery
27 - Paula Bush
27 - Cailin Crowley
29 - Ryan Ruthenberg
30 - Sarah Mueller

SEPTEMBER ANNIVERSARIES:

7 - Michael & Kyung-ok Graham
9 - Ossie & Audrey Schmidt
16 - Mike & Anita Diederer
18 - Ed & Heidi Stello

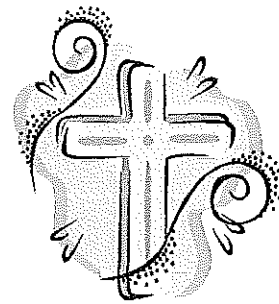


19 - David & Debra Rhodes
22 - Ken & Linda Petermann
28 - Sam & Ginny Henley
29 - Pastor Rob & Debbie Carter

FaithKeeping Event

Saturday, September 24th, 1pm – 4pm

Redeemer Fellowship Hall



What is a FaithKeeping Event?

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

September's Project - "Cookie Sheet Memo Center"

We will create a memo center using a painted cookie sheet, cork board, and chalk paint. You'll be able to decorate your memo center to match your home décor and add scripture verses and references for daily reminders of God's love and care for you and your family.

All materials to complete one project are provided. Any level crafter is welcome.

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

To see an example of this project, go to: <http://karenscrips.blogspot.com>

You may choose to complete the featured project, or 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.

mark your calendars now for future FaithKeeping Events

events listed below are Saturdays, 1pm – 4pm

October 22nd – Past Projects Revisited and New Redeemer Cards

November 19th – Advent Calendar/Christmas Countdown Project

