

DISTRICT UPDATES

# Redeemer-Stuart Reaches out with Christian Leadership

Redeemer Lutheran School-Stuart, FL, is reaching out to its community with a new mission: preparing Christian leaders.

This new focus of the school manifests itself in many different evangelism opportunities, according to Redeemer Principal Johnny Goetz.

"The school works to equip students for lives of witness and service, or Christian leadership," he elaborated. "Not only does the school aim to train the next generation of leaders in the world, but it also is giving a mission-focused version of 'leadership.'"

He continued, "If you look at Jesus' leadership, it was all about helping others. That's

how we want to respond to His saving gift and be leaders."

Fourth-grade Redeemer students were trained to witness the Gospel story to different age groups. Teacher Linda Stoeckel took her class to visit pre-school and upper-grade classrooms

to practice. "I had a boy name Ryan tell me about how Jesus saves us. It was awesome," said Goetz.

Redeemer kindergarten teacher Connie Richberg had her students sponsor a food drive. "With our new focus and

student-led project this fall, the church and school brought in over 1,600 pounds of food," she reported. "That's over 10 pounds a student! God is doing great things here!"

Once the food was collected, eighth-grade students brought the food to the local food shelf. Class members not only delivered and unloaded the food, they stayed to help the volunteers stock the shelves.

"The workers were so happy to see energetic young people helping," Goetz said, "and now our eighth graders will better understand the needs of their community."

Other Redeemer student service projects include

sponsoring needy children in Guatemala as well as a Lutheran School in war-torn Sri Lanka; raising money for a local crisis pregnancy center; and visiting local nursing homes. This spring, Redeemer will sponsor reaching out with God's word by buying Bibles for children in Uzbekistan.

In one week last fall, the students raised more \$800 for Breast Cancer research, and all wore pink for a day.

"What our students and teachers are doing," Goetz concluded, "is working to fulfill the Great Commission. What better way to spread God's love than to equip people for lives of witness and service?" □



## Story Update: Veterans' Day Salute

In the December/January issue of *Lutheran LIFE*, we reported on the Veterans' Day Recognition event hosted by St. Mark-Tucker, GA, last November 11 (*St Mark-Tucker Salutes Veterans*, page 4).

That story erroneously identified Rev. Dr. Gary Danielsen's position with the U.S. Armed Forces. He is a US Army Reserve Staff Chaplain with US Forces Command as well as President and CEO of Lutheran Services of Georgia.

He was mobilized after 9/11 with 3<sup>rd</sup> Army, Army

Central Command and served as Deputy Command Chaplain for CFLCC — Combined Forces Land Component Command — in Southwest Asia.

In his remarks at St. Mark, Danielsen said that the function of all chaplains is to assist the Commander in "ensuring that all military personnel and their families have the opportunity to worship and receive pastoral care according to their religious traditions."

We apologize for the errors in the original story. □



Redeemer students — shown on the day that they wore pink in support of the cause — raised more than \$800 for breast cancer research one week last fall.



Donations were delivered to a local food bank by Redeemer students.

## CAPSULES

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### Calling Congregations Pastor

- Albany GA ..... Trinity
- Athens GA ..... Trinity
- Augusta GA ..... Our Redeemer
- Brooksville FL ..... Christ
- Cape Coral FL ..... Trinity
- Clewiston FL ..... Faith
- Fort Lauderdale FL Good Shepherd
- Gainesville FL ..... Abiding Savior
- Hialeah FL ..... St. Andrew's
- LaBelle FL ..... Christ the King
- North Miami FL ..... Holy Cross
- North Palm Beach FL ..... Faith
- Savannah GA ..... Trinity
- Tallahassee FL ..... Epiphany
- Tavernier FL ..... Immanuel

### Senior Pastor

- Atlanta GA ..... Rivercliff

### Assistant/Associate Pastor

- Jacksonville FL ..... Grace

### Youth Pastor

- Winter Haven FL ..... Grace

### Mission

- North Dade County (Miami Shores FL) ..... Redeemer (Developer)
- Oxford FL ..... (Planter)

### Principal/Administrator

- Dunwoody GA ..... Rivercliff
- Fort Myers FL ..... Zion
- Holly Hill FL ..... Trinity
- Naples FL ..... Christ Community
- Orlando FL ..... Trinity
- Tampa FL ..... Concordia

### DCE/DCO/Music

- Orlando FL ..... Prince of Peace
- St. Petersburg FL ..... Grace
- Warner Robins GA ..... Mt. Calvary
- Winter Haven FL ..... Grace

### Calls Extended

- Faith-North Palm Beach FL, extended a call to Rev. Dan McPherson as Sr. Pastor.
- Epiphany-Lake Worth FL, extended a call to Candidate Andrew Schroeder, West Palm Beach FL, as assistant pastor.
- Trinity-Cape Coral FL, extended a call to Rev. Martin Schultz, St. Paul-Wood River IL, as pastor.
- LC of the Holy Trinity-Macon GA, extended a call/contract to Rev. Karl Schmidt, Emeritus, Southeastern District.
- St. Andrew's-Hialeah FL, extended a call to Rev. Alexander Whitfield, Canton MI, as pastor.
- Epiphany-Tallahassee FL, extended a call to Rev. Mark E. Schulz, Sioux Falls SD, as pastor.
- Trinity-Orlando FL, extended a call to Mr. Jacob Pennecamp, Aurora IL, as principal.

### Calls Accepted

- Rev. George Earhart, Shepherd of the Coast-Fort Lauderdale FL, accepted the call from Lord of Life-Stockbridge GA.
- Rev. Stephen A. Wiggins, Christ-East Point GA, accepted the call from Board for Missions, LCMS.

### Calls Declined

- Rev. Martin Schultz, St. Paul-Wood River IL, declined the call from Trinity-Cape Coral FL.

### Transferred from/to Other Districts

- Rev. Mark E. Peterson from Iowa West
- Rev. Myron G. Mader to English

### Candidate Assignments

- Andrew Schroeder (Colloquy)
- St. Louis MO - Epiphany-Lake Worth FL



NEW MEMBERS were welcomed on January 21 at Faith-Marietta, GA. Shown here with Faith Pastor Greg Walton (front, far right) are most of those 31 new members: (front, l-r) Mark, Jack, Luke and Kim Drye; Angela Sodemann, Tanner, Dylan and Kaitlin Hirt-Weiss; Laura and Tanner Landry; (middle, l-r) Mike and Janee, Megan and Kate Gaffney; Rachel Crosby-Parm; Brad Hirt; Rhonda Weiss; Tom and Beth Landry; (back, l-r) Christina and Jason Schoellen; Dorothy Jegen; Jim, Leah, Rachel and Paige Higgins; HT Weaver. "One family missing — the Bultlers," reported Walton. □

# ESTATE PLANNING

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