## **APRIL 2011 Newsletter**



# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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#### To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we continue our Lenten journey and anxiously await the joy of the Easter Season, we have several reasons to celebrate even before Easter arrives. Sunday, April 17 is Palm Sunday. Not only will be singing "Hosanna in the highest", but that will be Confirmation Day. To see those young children of God confess the faith of their Baptism always makes for a great day.

Another great day in their lives will happen on Sunday, April 10 – although if you ask them, "great" would not be the adjective of choice. As I have done throughout my ministry, I have the Confirmands participate in a public questioning. We will gather at 5:00 PM for questioning followed by a meal. The Confirmands, their families and all the new members received in the past year (or since I have arrived as pastor seeing as we didn't do this last year) will be our honored guests. All the family of Our Redeemer is invited to come, support, and welcome our newest members.

Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex if you plan to attend so that we can have a reasonable idea of how much food to prepare. We do not expect the families of the Confirmands or the new members to bring a side dish, but everyone else is asked to bring a side or dessert.

I believe that it is important to celebrate our family of the church expanding and growing. Much in the way that a family celebrates the birth of a child or the expanding of a family through marriage, it is important that we greet this growth with joy and welcome those who are becoming a lasting part of our fellowship.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

#### Lenten Easter Schedule for April

March 30 "Let's Talk About Performance" (Mt. 26:30-46) – Pastor Mueller

April 6 "God's Powerful Weakness" (Mt. 26:47-56) – Pastor Latzke

**April 13** "The Problem is with Jesus Himself" (Mt. 26:57-68) – Pastor Eden

Maundy Thursday "Something New . . . Until All Things are New" (Mt. 26:17-29)

**Good Friday** "The Truth is All Here" (Mt. 27:33-61)

Easter Schedule: Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday

Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM Easter Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 AM Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM Divine Service: 9:30 AM

Easter Sermon: "A Man of His Word" (Mt. 27:62-28:10)

I pray that you take the time to come and hear the words of Christ who was and remains the only plan of salvation.

# -Who's Who at Our Redeemer-

President	Larry Ehmen	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Vice-President	Bill Dicks	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Secretary	Wanda Spohr	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Treasurer	Hanna Ott	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Financial Secretary	Janett Mueller	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Education Board	Becky Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Lisa Howerton	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
	Hannah Ott, S. S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
Board of Elders	Terry Morse	Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2011
	Jerry Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2011
	Steve Schoch	Oct. 2009 – Sept. 2011
	Chris Knapp	Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2012
	Ryan Vaughn	Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2012
	Ray Miklius	Oct. 2010 – Sept. 2012
Evangelism Board	Rosie Meyer	Nov. 2010 – Sep. 2012
	Michelle Urbon	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Property Board	Steve Kaiser	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Bill Humphrey	Oct. 2010 - Sep. 2012
Stewardship Board	Eldon Schoch	Oct. 2010 - Sep. 2011
	Jim Howerton	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Youth Ministry Board	Jenna & Josh Crabtree	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Heidi Schlipman	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012

# **Remembering In Our Prayers**



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES: Mark and Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Aaron DeWerff, Cindy Flesner, Rick Flesner, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Jason Klauser, Jared Lunt, Dan Meyer, Jeremy Myers, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Spencer Toner, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, Phillip Weisheit, and Patrick Weppler.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:** Sue Ann Adams, Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Mary Butler, Steve Durbin, Max Ellerbrock, Scott Garner, Joseph Hoebing, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Cole Schullian, Dean Schulte, Kory Tournear, Kurt and Alissa Ulmer and child, Jacob Weimer, Frank and Kay Weiss, and Vicki Wemhoener

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Norma Baird, Dolores Bruenger, Maxine Delven, Gloria Douglas, Barbara Ebel, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Louise Gibson, Paul Hagemann, Ruth Holt, Merle Kuntemeier, Jesse Leenerts, Bob McGartland, Jacqueline Mickens, Mary Morgan, Marilyn Newman, Sue Patton, Patricia Powers, Dora Rodefeld, LaVora Scoggan, Ike Shaffer, Ruth Sprenger, Lucille Stuffing, Thea Sueltman, Harold Taute, Ida Utterback, Ann Viar, Robert Wemhoener, Wilma Wemhoener, Lucille Wiskirchen

## **Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers**

Our Family in Turkey,
Apple of His Eye Mission Society,
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia,
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K.,
The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany,
Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Liberia, West Africa,
Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea,
Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children in Papua New Guinea,
Mrs. Julie Lutz in Papua New Guinea.



## **Our Seminary Students**

Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN: Andrew Dierks, 6600 N. Clinton St. 189, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

### **Our Mission**

To the glory of God we are SHARING Our Redeemer by ...
CARING for one another in Christian love and compassion
ENCOURAGING growth and outreach through worship and Bible study
BEARING one another's burden's as family

#### **News & Notes**

#### 3-Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For Campbell's labels & General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, County Market brand UPCs, & Tyson A+ lablels. They benefit the St. James school library. They can't use the Betty Crocker or the Kool-Aid points though. Thanks!

2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

3<sup>rd</sup> Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

**GREETING CARDS** (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the wide variety of assorted greeting cards. Each card is only 50 cents.

SCRIP Volunteers needed - Help is always needed to fill in workers for the Scrip Sales. If you can help please contact Melissa Knapp on facebook or at 228-9736. Parents of St. James students should especially try to sign up for a few time slots, since the profits are to help with school expenses. A huge thank you to those who have volunteered their time to the scrip program. Your help is making the program a great success. Thanks again for your support. If you have any questions, please see Tina Vaughn.

**Food Bank:** Do you know anyone from our church family or their families who needs the help of our Food Bank? If so contact Cindy Ott at 228-9354 or 430-0301.

**St. James School Cookbooks** are being sold in the Secretary's office. They are really nice, have lots of good recipe's in them and are \$20.00 each. Checks should be made out to St. James Luth. School PTL.

**Trip to the Holy Land**: Hosted by Pastor Eden - 10 days - Oct. 26 thru Nov. 4, 2011-\$2799 from Chicago. See attached flyer or contact Pastor Eden for more info - 223-3929.

**Easter Lily** order due by 4/18. Form attached.



**Reminder:** Place your Rada order today! Once we have enough orders that total around \$60 to \$70, we will place an order. The Rada Cutlery is an ongoing fund-raiser.

Please see the display in Pastor's lobby. (If you would like to view some of the knives.

see Melissa in the Sunday School office.)

Rada also hand pours their SOY WAX CANDLES

in America's heartland!

There are sample candles so that you can see the fragrance you like before you order. Rada has a variety of products: cutlery, stoneware, soy wax candles, and quick mixes.

Catalogs are available.

Please feel free to take one.

Sales to benefit Lutheran education!

#### 34<sup>th</sup> Biannual LWML Convention



The LWML Convention is only 2 months away and it is right here in Central Illinois. Registration information and forms can be found at www.lwml.org

or in the Winter Quarterly. If you have never been to a national convention, come to Peoria June 23<sup>rd</sup> -26<sup>th</sup> and you won't be disappointed. Come to the inspiring opening worship service, watch all the magnificent District banners enter the convention hall, and spend time with thousands of LWML sisters in Christ, "Being with Jesus---Living on the Edge." They realized they had been with Jesus... "For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." Acts 4:13b and 20 (NKJV).

**The churches** of Lincoln, IL, Faith and Zion, and especially their youth group, invite you to

a... Regional Youth Conference "The First Book of Moses: Genesis"

**Who:** Jr. High youth + freshmen, their pastors, and parents/youth group leaders; Sr. High youth may also attend as either participants or helpers

**What:** A one day Conference including: Worship, Presentations by local pastors and laymen, sports, games, and of course...lunch and dinner

**When:** Saturday May 7<sup>th</sup>, 9:00 am to 6:30 pm **Where:** Zion Lutheran Church, Lincoln, IL

**Why:** So the youth of our churches can learn more about the Lord and His Word, deepen their faith, and get to know other Lutherans in their area

Cost: \$10.00 per person

If you want to receive more information or have questions, talk to your pastor or youth director, or call or email Pastor David Ramirez at: Zion Lutheran Church: (217) 732-3946 or (217) 737-8650 (cell)

Email: <a href="mailto:david.p.ramirez@gmail.com">david.p.ramirez@gmail.com</a>

Please Register ASAP by calling or emailing

Pastor Ramirez by May 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ**

April 8-10, St Johns, 13443 Townline Rd., Green Valley, IL, Rev. Thomas Wenndt 309-348-3180 SUN: 8 AM, 10:45 AM SS: 9:30 AM

**May 20-22,** St. Matthews, 115 12<sup>th</sup> Ave West, Milan IL, Rev. Gregory Michel 309-787-4291 SAT: 5:30 PM SUN: 8 AM, 13:30

AM SS: 9:15 AM

**June 23-26** (Thursday-Sunday), Christ Lutheran, 2020 W Malone, Peoria, IL

Note: Starting Friday Morning, LWML Convention Participation. Rev. Karl Eckhoff and Rev. Aaron Schellhas 309-637-5309 SUN: 8 AM, 10:45 AM SS: 9:30 AM

PLEASE REMEMBER to bring your medical release forms. You can find the form online at <a href="www.OAFC.org">www.OAFC.org</a>. Invite your family, friends, and church members. Jamie Louderback (217) 430-4760 <a href="jamie62359@hotmail.com">jamie62359@hotmail.com</a>

**Time to Renew:** Lutheran Witness - \$15.00 for the year. Please let the office know whether you are renewing or dropping your subscription.

In search of: Sunday School Preschool Teacher! We are looking for a person to help teach the 3 and 4 year olds. This is a co-teaching position with Kari Mercurio. The commitment is at least 2 Sundays a month, starting in May. If you may be interested, please contact Melissa Knapp or Hannah Ott.

**LWML Tee Up for Mites**: Pre-Convention: Wed. June 22, 2011 @ WeaverRidge Golf Club in Peoria. Tee time 6:45 a.m., 4 person scramble, \$95.00 entry fee donation. Includes lunch and prizes for top 3 finishes, closest to pin and longest drive

#### IT"S A JUNGLE OUT THERE...

We are looking for items to help in our decorations for the *Big Jungle Adventure* VBS. Do you have artificial plants that we could borrow? We are looking for:

- Artificial greenery plants. (Ferns, lots of green. Nothing with too many flowers, please.)
- · Any and all sizes.
- Please use a piece of masking tape to LABEL the bottom of your plant.
- You may start bringing plants to the **church lounge** in May.

We will also accept any donations of artificial vines or greenery.

We are also in search of the following items:

- Large pieces of outdoor green carpeting.
- Large (& medium) pieces of cardboard
- Large pieces of brown packing paper (if it's crinkled - that is OK!!)

**Regional Outreach Conferences** sponsored by Lutheran Hour Ministries @ Branson, MO **ROC - Branson:** 

Fri. night, May 13<sup>th</sup> concert with Erin Bode. Sat. Workshop on Outreach needs with Dr. Reed Lessing as one of the speakers.

**2011 Lutheran Singles Association** Conference, June 9 -12 @ Camp CILCA

## **Evening Ladies Aid**



No foul weather to mess with our meeting on March 3<sup>rd</sup>! To get things started, we were treated to some very tasty dessert by Connie Louderback and Mary Morse, our hostesses.

Dessert has always been served at 6:30 with the meeting to follow at 7pm, but since most of us would like to be home by 8:30, starting with April's meeting, we will begin the meetings at 6:30 and enjoy dessert during it.

**Unfinished business for March** – Since we had no formal meeting for Feb., we discussed the Soup and Bread event to get everyone's thoughts and see where we could improve for next year.

**New business for March** – Signup sheets were sent around for our Lenten dessert nights and for Event chairpersons.

A committee was also formed to decide what to add to the kitchen as a memorial to Ruth Sheer. We know she's smiling down from heaven about that!

Registrations for our District Convention in Peoria on April 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> were handed out and delegates selected.

VBS dinners were also discussed since we were approached by Melissa Knapp about taking care of them this year. Colleen Westberg volunteered to take this on and will be letting us know more info later.

Lastly, a motion was carried that we sponsor a tree at the Merry Market this November.

We welcomed two visitors to our meeting this month...Shelly Holtman and Kathy Hyer. Hope they liked us and decide to join our group!

Our next monthly meeting is scheduled for April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm in the church fellowship hall with Eleanor Schlegl and Ruth Hall hosting.

Please make plans to attend one of our meetings and check us out! Our group is truly blessed with the many gifts, talents and resources of all the ladies and we welcome you to join us in "serving the Lord with gladness"!

Lutheran Women in Mission

If you would like more information about our Evening Ladies Aid Society, please contact any member, Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 or <a href="mailto:m.l.clevenger@comcast.net">m.l.clevenger@comcast.net</a> or check out the LWML on the World Wide Web at <a href="www.lwml.cig.">www.lwml.cig.</a> or <a href="www.lwml.cig.">www.lwml.cig.</a>.

# **April Birthdays**

# **April Anniversaries**

8 Thomas & Amy Killday 11 Noble & Lois Byerly	24 Brian & Jennifer Burner 25 Kyle & Lauren Frink
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16 Keith & Michele Urbon	28 Dennis & Mona Fischer
17 Orville & Krista Dicks Jr.	30 Joseph & Amie Hoebing
20 Dennis & Brenda Fleming	30 Charles & Carol Reddick
21 Bradley & Kimberly Scharnhorst	

# **April Baptisms**

1	Christina Kaltenbach	10	Joan Siebrasse	22	Jared Lunt
1	Raymond Miklius	15	Levi Cook	23	Eleanor Schlegl
1	Richard Schaller	15	Phyllis Cook	23	Grace Vaughn
1	Tina Vaughn	15	Larry Troxel	24	Donna MacFadden
2	Kaiden Weisheit	19	Aaron Goodwin	25	Joshua Weisenburger
3	Cheryl Holtman	19	Gary McElfresh	27	Kate Foster
3	Carl Muehring	19	Wilma Wemhoener	27	Gregory Zehnle
4	Sarama Schnack	20	Gloria Douglas	28	Orville Dicks Jr.
5	Joshua Crabtree	19	Wilma Wemhoener	29	Stephanie Bush
5	Robert Wemhoener	20	Gloria Douglas	29	Mona Fischer
6	Michael Douglas	20	Erin Fischer	30	Erin Humphrey
6	Robert Essington	22	Kimberly Gooding		
9	Darren Fink	22	Tiffany Hines		

## **Assignments for April 2011**

#### Communion Assistants:

Sat., April 2 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., April 3 at 8:00 a.m.	Roger Hyer	Bob Jording
Sun., April 3 at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Humphrey	Chet Vahle
Sat., April 9 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., April 10 at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Jerry Lunt
Sun., April 10 at 10:15 a.m.	Jeff Wolfmeyer	Stan Yelton
Sat., April 16 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun. April 17 at 8:00 a.m.	Bill Dicks	Brad Ehmen
Sun., April 17 at 10:15 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Bruce Burner
Holy Thurs., April 21 at 7:00 p.m.	Terry Morse	
Sat., April 23 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., April 24 at 6:30 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., April 24 at 9:30 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sat., April 30 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	

#### Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink
Sundav at 8:00 a.m.	Bill Dicks. Roger. Garv and Kathv Hver
Sunday at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Haire, Stan Yelton, Steve & Eldon Schoch,

Parish Nurse: Mrs. Reva Ehmen Registration Slips: Sherry Yelton

Altar Care: Barb Vahle, Kathy Miklius, Donna Haire, Pat Florey

Counters: Bob Jording & Ken Knoernschild Van Driver: Bill Haire

If you wish to help in one of these areas, please contact the church office at 223-1769 or by email: <a href="mailto:secretary@orlc-quincy.com">secretary@orlc-quincy.com</a>, and we'll help you contact the appropriate person.

#### April Puzzle Page Answer page 10

**Answer to Good Works:** Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your father which is in Heaven. Matt. 5:16

## **Pastoral Report**

(February 1- February 28, 2011)

#### **Official Acts**

Baptisms:

Weddings:

Funerals: Ann Dice

**Ruth Sheer** 

February 3, 2011 February 7, 2011

Confirmations:

#### **Membership Changes**

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B,+0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Profession of Faith [+0B, +0C]

Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Deaths [-0B, -0C]

#### Statistical Adjustment [+/-0B, +/-0C]

Membership	Jan. 1, 2011	Gains	Losses	Jan. 31, 2011
Baptized	595	+0	-6	589
Confirmed	460	+0	-4	456

## **Treasurer's Report**

			Jan - Feb	
	Feb '11	Budget	'11	YTD Budget
Total Income	25,196.61	23,683.52	52,648.59	47,367.04
Total Expense	27,357.43	27,575.72	58,642.78	55,151.56
Net Income/(Loss)	(2,160.82)	(3,892.20)	(5,994.19)	(7,784.52)

# Puzzle Page GOOD WORKS

by Bill Schlegl

What should be the results of your good works to help others? Write the letter that comes just before the letter given to learn why we should do good works.

MFU	ZPVS	MJHIU	TP
TIJOF	CFGPSF	NFO,	UIBU
UIFZ	N B Z	TFF Z	ZPVS
HPPE -	XPSLT,	BOE HM	MPSJGZ
ZPVS	GBUIFS	XIJDI	
	<u></u>	FBWFO	

Answers on page 8

The 2011 Spring Fling was a big success! I hope all people that were able to attend had a good time. It looks like we made approximately \$23,000! It could not have happened without the help of a great team of volunteers. To every person that helped in any way, I want to say how appreciated you are!

To all donors of the Spring Fling, we are so grateful for your generosity. Our children are blessed to have your support. All donors will be getting Thank-you's soon.

Leah Erke, PTL President

## **Easter Lilies**



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies may be "sponsored" as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank-offering for God's blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter. The lilies will be available at a cost of \$8.00 each. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the 9:30 a.m. service on Easter. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office. All orders must be received at the church office on or before Sunday, April 18, 2010

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor Easter lily (lilies).
The lily is (lilies are) given:
[] in loving memory of
[] in thanksgiving for blessings received
[] to the glory of God and the beauty of his house
Name:
(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)

**Letters from Dad:** St. James Lutheran Church is hosting this shared program. The kick off will be a BBQ on April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Meat will be provided, but please bring a covered dish. You will learn more about the program that night. R.S.V.P. to 222-8447. (See the attached flyer).

**PB&J's sing for the Cardinals**: This group from St. James School will again be singing at one of the Cardinal Ballgames. It will be on Thurs., Aug. 11<sup>th</sup> @ 7:15 p.m. It's a Cardinals vs. Brewers game. April 17<sup>th</sup> is the deadline to buy tickets from the PB&J members or Becky Payne @ 223-7133. Tickets will be distributed May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Save the Date, please!** Save an hour or so for Thrivent on Saturday, May 7. This is Join Hands Day and this year we are going to deliver the meals for the Meals-On-Wheels program in Quincy on that day. We need 24 or more volunteers to cover all routes. Details to follow. Call Wanda Spohr at 224-6036 or <a href="wspohr@sbcglobal.net">wspohr@sbcglobal.net</a> to reserve your spot!

**Sr. High Youth** – April 14<sup>th</sup> -6:30 p.m. – Movie Night @ St. James - April 24<sup>th</sup> – Easter Breakfast

**Jr. High Youth -** April 16<sup>th -</sup> Spring Cleanup Details to follow. April 24<sup>th</sup> – Help with Easter Breakfast!



# VBS June 6<sup>th</sup> to June 9<sup>th</sup> Dinner @ 5:15 VBS 6:00-8:30

It's a jungle in here at *Big Jungle Adventure*. Kids take a faith adventure with Jesus as they learn how protects and guides them throughout their lives.

At Big Jungle Adventure you can

- Meet friends
- Explore Bible stories
- Do fun activities
- Sing awesome songs

- Make crafts
- Play games
- Eat snacks

#### Big Jungle Adventure registration:

- Open for ages 3 through those just finishing 5<sup>th</sup> grade
- Registration information will be available in the coming weeks.

**We appreciate your prayers** for *Big Jungle Adventure*. Ask God to bring children to our program so they can know and grow in Jesus, our Savior! And ask God to provide leaders and helpers for this important mission.

**We need you!** Through the dedication of our members and friends who volunteer at VBS, we minister to about 50 children each year with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. If you aren't part of VBS yet, why not call today? If you can help some days, just one day, every day, or in advance, we have many levels of involvement to suit your schedule and interests. Call Melissa Knapp at 228-9736 for more information.



Thank you for helping support the ministry to not only the ORLC kids, but also children who may not have a "home church," and those who have yet to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ!