



# July 2011 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod*

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

We tend to focus on the end of the journey rather than the journey itself. Just because the end result of a project, endeavor, job, or relationship is not what you thought it would be does not mean that the experience was a failure.

If you learn from the experience, if you grow, if you mature, if a friendship or relationship is refined and made stronger in the crucible of stress or difficulty, then the journey was worth it. We need to learn to enjoy the journey as we travel down the path upon which God has placed us. One of the workers at Sam's Club told me that she and her husband spent 10 hours cleaning up branches on Monday after the storm. She said, "It was fun." I tell my girls all the time, "Enjoy the journey." This means focusing on the journey, not the end or outcome of the journey. The end will take care of itself. As Christ says, "Do not be anxious about tomorrow . . . [Mt. 6:34]."

So many people spend their lives dreaming of how things should be, or how things will be at some time in the future, and they miss out on the joy of today. You can't raise children simply by dreaming of the wonderful things they will do after graduation. You raise them by spending time with them and imparting your wisdom, knowledge, and faith by the example you set each and every day. A child will not learn to cook if they do not spend time with a parent in the kitchen. A child will rarely love to read if they do not see their parent reading. A child will never truly know what love or kindness is unless they see it played out within the home each and every day. A child will not understand the value and importance of worshiping God if they do not see their father and mother valuing God's Word and spending time with their Lord.

Every day is a chance to enjoy the journey. We can carry the metaphor to all aspects of life. You will not find a friend by locking yourself away in your home dreaming of how great it would be to have someone come by and visit. You will not get your "dream job" by simply dreaming about it. It takes real work and real time to achieve anything worthwhile. Many projects, endeavors, or jobs end up being nothing but a crucible of stress and difficulty. But that is part of the journey. We are reminded that God's Word is "a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." Traveling along on the journey without God's Word to guide you is a foolish and dangerous act. But many have chosen either to journey on their own path or believe that God's Word is too complex, too much to understand, too confusing, too boring, or just not worth the time. Again, it is the journey that is important. We all want to understand God and His Word. Dreaming about understanding God in His fullness will not get you anywhere. Not reading or not studying the Bible because it is too complex or too much to understand is avoiding the journey.

It is like what Martin Luther experienced in his early years as a monk and a priest. His journey to Rome was a major frustration. His study of God's Word, especially the phrase "the righteousness of God" confused him. He admitted later in life that he "hated that righteous God." Only when he understood that it is God's righteousness that is placed on us that makes us holy in the eyes of God did his attitude toward God change. Luther said "it was as if the gates of heaven opened" to him. This joy of the Gospel only came because Luther was guided along a difficult and troublesome journey. The journey for all of God's faithful children ends so well. Enjoy the journey.

**In Christ,**

*Pastor Eden*

## 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, Steve Clark, Aaron DeWerff, Cindy Flesner, Rick Flesner, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Jared Lunt, Dan Meyer, Jeremy Myers, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, Phillip Weisheit, and Patrick Wepler.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:** Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Chris Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Max Ellerbrock, Scott Garner, Joseph Hoebing, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Cole Schullian, Dean Schulte, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, and Vicki Wemhoener

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

## 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+ labels. 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!** We would like to have two volunteers per time slot. Don't worry – if you are a “new” scrip volunteer, then we would have a “veteran” volunteer working with you. If you are interested in helping with our scrip program, please contact Melissa Knapp, who schedules the workers, on facebook or at 228-9736.

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

**SIX FLAGS** - Thrivent Financial for Lutherans has special discounted tickets to Six Flags for only \$24.99! Purchase tickets online from May 1 to June 30, at [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com) using the promotional code: **Thrive**.



## ORLC T-SHIRTS!

The PLuS organization is selling ORLC T-shirts for \$12. Adult size will be turquoise, and youth size kelly green. Stop by the

lounge and place your order today! Payment will be received when you pick up your T-shirt.



The Rada Cutlery is an ongoing fundraiser. Once we have enough orders that total around \$60 to \$70, we will place an order.

Please see the display in the lounge. (If you would like to view some of the knives, see Melissa in the Sunday School office.)

Rada has a variety of products: cutlery, stoneware, soy wax candles, and quick mixes.

**Catalogs are also available. Take one.**

Sales to benefit Lutheran education!

**Need an item right away?** We have a limited amount of stock on hand. Quantity ranges from 1 to 6 for some items. Please see Melissa in the Sunday School office if you are interested in any of these items.

Heavy Duty Paring	Vegetable Peeler
Deluxe Vegetable Peeler	Serrated Steak
Serrated Pie Server	Handi-Stir
10" Bread Slicer	Mini-Server
Spatula	Party Spreader
Regular Paring	

**Jr. High Youth...July 9<sup>th</sup>** -You are invited to Fun City in Iowa for fellowship and fun. Fun City is open from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and is \$10 per person. Pam Kluesmeyer from St. James plans to leave town at 7:00 a.m. if anyone wishes to follow her. Youth parents are responsible for their own child's supervision and transportation but, carpooling is encouraged. Please bring a sack lunch and money for a pizza dinner! For more information or questions please contact Heidi Schlipman or Jenna Crabtree.

**Trip to the Holy Land:** Hosted by Pastor Eden - 10 days - Oct. 26 thru Nov. 4, 2011- \$2799 from Chicago. See flyer or contact Pastor Eden for more info - 223-392.

**The Lutheran Catechetical Society** invites you to the Magdeburg Conference on Friday, August 26<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, August 27<sup>th</sup> @ Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, IL. They will be studying the first 3 Articles of the Augsburg Confession. See the flyer in the bulletin for more information.

**Thrivent Sponsored** - All Pro Dad, Fathers and Kids Experience July 16th from 9:00am to 12:00 noon at the St. Louis Ram's Russell Training Center in Earth City, MO. See the flyer in the bulletin.

**If you turn it on, Please** turn it off. We need to be Good Stewards and turn off lights and the overhead fan in the choir loft when they are not needed.

**CID Lutheran Laymen's League** is again sponsoring a booth and worship services at the state fair. The fair is in Springfield, IL from Aug. 12-21. The booth has moved to near Gate 1 and is open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. The worship services will be on both Sundays in the Illinois Building Auditorium. Use the South entrance. They will start at 9:00 p.m. with an LCMS pastor leading.

**Dear Our Redeemer,**

It was great to be able to visit and worship and share with you this morning. We are so thankful for your continued financial and prayer support and for your gifts this morning. May God continue to bless your church as you server! Peace, Zachary

**The office will be closed** on July the 4<sup>th</sup>.

**A Thrivent Builds - El Salvador mission trip** will be led by Steve Becker from Kewanee, IL, July 30-August 7, 2011. He is looking for other Lutherans to be members of his team. An information sheet is posted at the East Parking Lot Entrance Exit door.

**July offerings** from Sunday School are going to Camp CILCA.

**ORLC Scrip Fund – May Report**

Ending Balance Cash	\$5,524.29
Ending Balance Cards	<u>\$2,700.00</u>
Total Assets	\$8,224.29
Less Liabilities	<u>\$3,600.00</u> (loan from church)
Total Equity	\$4,624.29 (net profit)

**Retreat at Camp CILCA:** Some people assume that Christians don't care about creation since, according to some Christians, it will be destroyed anyway; others assume that creation exists solely for humans to use as they see fit. Prof. Charles Arand will discuss these issues at Camp CILCA on Sat., Aug. 27, from 9-3:30. Lunch is included. To register send your name and \$17.50 by Aug. 23 to Glenn O'Briant 321 Morton Dr., Quincy, IL 62305. The retreat is sponsored by the LLL; but all are welcome and take the opportunity to meet other Christians.

**Lutherans for Life Convention:** Bus transportation is being arranged for those in CID who would be interested in traveling to the Lutherans for Life Convention in Dallas, Texas this summer (August 5-6). Bus transportation costs are less than the cost of flying or driving (unless you drive down with 3 or more in the car), plus you have the benefit of making new pro-life friends along the way and not having to drive. See the pamphlet on the Narthex table for more details. Please contact Rev. Michael Mohr (217-644-2452) if you have any questions

**THE WOODCHIPS ARE COMING, THE WOODCHIPS ARE COMING!!!** – Mark your calendars now for a good time on Monday, August 1<sup>st</sup> when we will get together to distribute new woodchips throughout the St. James school playground. When we're finished, we'll have a weenie roast and beverages. Everyone is invited, even if you can't spread woodchips!

**CLOSED** – The School office will be closed June 21<sup>st</sup>-July 4<sup>th</sup> & July 18<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>. St. James church office will be open.

**SCHOOL REGISTRATION DAY** is Tuesday, August 9<sup>th</sup> from 7am-1pm and 3pm-6pm. Please mark your calendars now to remember this day!

**LLL 93<sup>rd</sup> National Convention** – July 22-25

**Church Office Closed July 4<sup>th</sup> – Happy Independence Day!**

## Evening Ladies Aid



As of this writing we have had our regular June monthly meeting and been to Peoria and back for our LWML National Convention.

Our June 13<sup>th</sup> meeting was a carry-in hosted by Cyndi Ott and Malinda Eden. So much good food was enjoyed by all who attended.

Because the convention was almost upon us, the meeting was very short and sweet. The only business discussed was our upcoming Bible Study that we will be hosting in August. Eleanor Schlegl, chairman, has contacted Pastor Bender to lead us for the evening. Look for the date in the newsletter or the Sunday to Sunday.

Malinda Eden also shared with us the new additions to the kitchen in memory of Ruth Sheer. Cutting boards, knives, large ladles, etc.

Also, much was shared by the girls about all the fun they had serving up the dinners for VBS!

After the meeting was adjourned, those of us attending National Convention finalized rides, rooms and last minute details to make sure we were ready.

Tune in to next month's newsletter to hear about all the fun of National Convention! What a wonderful experience! Can't wait to share!

Our next meeting July will be a "surprise" birthday dinner to celebrate everyone's birthday's. It is being hosted by Barb and Doris Vahle. The "surprise" is the location of the dinner which won't be revealed until we are on our way! It is always great fun!

Please make plans to attend one of our meetings and check us out! Our group is so 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"!

If you would like more information about our Evening Ladies Aid Society, please contact any LWML member, Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 or [m.l.clevenger@comcast.net](mailto:m.l.clevenger@comcast.net) or check out the LWML on the World Wide Web at [www.lwmlcid.org](http://www.lwmlcid.org) or [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

*Lutheran Women  
in Mission*

## July Birthdays

1 Gabriel Vaughn	11 Hannah Kemp	20 Miliss Ebel
2 Gloria Douglas	11 Warren Vahle	20 Julianna Eden
3 Kevin Knoernschild	12 Ava Nickelson	22 LeRoy Goodwin
3 Isaac Ott	12 Linda Waterkotte	22 William Haire
4 Sarama Schnack	13 Kelle Baird	23 Alex Schlipman
5 Cameron Casanova	14 Kristen Myers	28 Stacy Manton
5 Jayme Jefferson	15 Nathan Hoebing	28 Jacquelyn Weisenburger
6 Ashley Key	16 Alayna Schlipman	29 Lynda Baker
7 Ethan Sass	16 Jessica Showman	29 Zoey Klauser
8 Madeline Miklius	17 Madison Frohn	30 Amanda Creely
8 James Valentine II	17 Nancy Ott	30 Rachel Foster
8 Patrick Weppler	18 Chet Vahle	31 Jesse Leenerts
11 William Bowles	19 Jamie Lunt	
11 Abigail Kemp	20 Emily Becker	

## July Anniversaries

1 Gary & Carolyn Cramlett	15 Jeremy & Stacey Gruen
2 Bruce & Judith Burner	15 Michael & Emily Vahle
3 Donald & Marjorie Baker	16 William & Eleanor Schlegl
4 Kirk & Vicki Wemhoener	18 Milton & Carolyn Bruemmer
9 Martin & Malinda Eden	21 Cameron & Christine Clevenger
10 Warren & Doris Vahle	26 Jeffrey & Heather Wolfmeyer
12 Christopher & Melissa Knapp	27 Kent & Karen Knoernschild
12 Gary & Sandra Peters	31 William & Linda Waterkotte

## July Baptisms

1 Melissa Knapp	10 Amanda Dedert	21 Jessie Valentine
1 Dorothy Pflantz	12 Carolyn Kaiser	22 Arianna Fischer
1 Victoria Schweitzer	14 Madeline Ehmen	24 Sandra Callahan
1 Kayla Walker	14 Craig Wiesemann	24 Evelyn McDowell
1 Michelle Wolfmeyer	15 Taylor Frink	25 Dolores Bruenger
3 Brenda Fleming	16 Marilyn Lehenbauer	27 Emily Becker
3 Todd Shackelford	16 Avery Schlipman	27 Bradley Scharnhorst
5 Bernice Jording	18 Ciera Clevenger	29 Lynn Sharrow
5 Simon Nickelson	18 Connor Clevenger	30 Brett Baird
6 Connie Louderback	20 Cailin Clevenger	30 Madison Frohn
8 Lela Dodd	21 Bradley Longcor II	30 Donna Goodwi
8 Trent Douglas	21 Bradley Longcor III	

**July Puzzle Page Answer:** *page 10*

**Answer to Puzzle Page:** God's Assurance:

"For the Lord loves the just and will not forsake His faithful ones. They will be protected forever. But the offspring of the wicked will be cut off; the righteous will inherit the land and dwell in it forever." Ps. 37:28-29

## Assignments for July 2011

### Communion Assistants:

Sat., July 2 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun July 3 at 8:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sun., July 3 at 10:15 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Stan Yelton
Sat., July 9 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 10 at 8:00 a.m.	Roger Hyer	Bob Jording
Sun., July 10 at 10:15 a.m.	Bruce Burner	Terry Vaughn
Sat., July 16 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun. July 17 at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Jerry Lunt
Sun., July 17 at 10:15 a.m.	Terry Morse	Steve Schoch
Sat., July 23 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 24 at 8:00 a.m.	Bill Dicks	Brad Ehmen
Sun., July 24 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Steve Kaiser
Sat., July 30 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 31 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., July 31 at 10:15 a.m.	??	Chet Vahle

### Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Larry & Monica Foster and Jerry & Becky Lunt
Sunday at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Chet & Barb Vahle

Parish Nurse: Donna Troxel

Registration Slips: Katie Koenig

Altar Care: Marilyn Lehenbauer, Maxine Fink, Eleanor Schlegl, Barb Ellerbrock

Counters: Mary Lazzeri & Becky Lunt

Driver: Steve Hyer

If you wish to help in one of these areas, please contact the church office at 223-1769 or by email: [Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org](mailto:Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org) or one of the following people:

Greeters: Early Service – Sandy Callahan  
 Late Service -- Ruth Hall

Communion Assistants -- Ryan Vaughn  
 Altar Care – Steve Schoch

Ushers: Early - Jerry Lunt  
 Late – Terry Morse  
 Saturdays – Chris Knapp  
 Special Services – Ray Miklius



## Pastoral Report

(May 1- May 31, 2011)

### Official Acts

Baptisms:

Funerals:

Anna Miller  
Harold Taute

May 24, 2011

May 27, 2011

Confirmations:

Weddings:

Jennifer Hibbert & Dustin Tournear

May 21, 2011

### Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B + 0C]

Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-2B, -2C]

Deaths [-2B, -2C]

Anna Miller  
Harold Taute

May 20, 2011

May 24, 2011

Transfers Out [+0B, +0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2011	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2011
Baptized	595	+2	-12	585
Confirmed	460	+4	-10	454

	<u>May 11</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>Jan - May 11</u>	<u>YTD Budget</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	27,406.20	23,683.52	135,196.93	118,417.60
<b>Total Expense</b>	25,709.34	27,575.72	143,743.52	137,878.72
<b>Net Income</b>	<u><u>1,696.86</u></u>	<u><u>-3,892.20</u></u>	<u><u>-8,546.59</u></u>	<u><u>-19,461.12</u></u>

# PUZZLE PAGE

## GOD'S ASSURANCE

by  
Bill Schlegl

Do you ever worry about what the future holds for you? Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn of God's assurance to all Christians.

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A J M    O C Z    G J M Y    G J Q Z N

O C Z    E P N O    V I Y    R D G G    I J O

A J M N V F Z    C D N    A V D O C A P G    J I Z N

O C Z T    R D G G    W Z    K M J O Z X O Z Y

A J M Z Q Z M    W P O    O C Z    J A A N K M D I B

J A    O C Z    R D X F Z Y    R D G G    W Z

X P O    J A A    O C Z    M D B C O Z J P N    R D G G

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