



February 2012 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

This month, Annalisa becomes a teenager. I have to ask myself, "Where did that time go?" It is a cliché, but it truly seems like only yesterday that Malinda and I were attending pregnancy classes, visiting the doctor every few weeks, and seeing my little girl's image on the ultrasound. What has stuck with me even 13 years after those experiences is the memory of seeing that ultrasound for the first time.

To be honest, I was not all that thrilled with Malinda's doctor basically requiring an ultrasound. We weren't going to have one. And having looked at ultrasound pictures of other people's kids in the past, they only looked like little blobs of light against a dark background. But when I was able to actually see the ultrasound performed, I saw our child moving its arms and kicking its legs. The baby was less than two inches long, but the nurse was able to show me all five fingers on the baby's right hand. The head was very distinct, the body was formed, and the constant movement in the upper chest was the heart visibly and rapidly beating.

My hesitation for the ultrasound procedure was replaced by the joy of seeing my child – and seeing that there was only one in there. I have a cousin with triplet girls and a set of twins. The joy of seeing arms and legs move when the nurse pressed down was unspeakable. However, the one other thought that passed through my mind was also unspeakable. Malinda was still in her first trimester. The vast majority of abortions are performed at about that time in the pregnancy.

On that day, months before she was born, I saw my child. God had created a most wonderful life. Mankind has chosen to kill millions of children who had arms and legs and heads and hearts. This didn't begin in the 1970's. In the year 210 A. D., Minucius Felix, one of the great fathers of the Christian Church, condemned abortions in a letter to the Roman Emperor Octavius, Minucius wrote, "There are some women who, by drinking medical preparations, extinguish the source of the future man in their very bowels, and thus commit a parricide before they bring forth. . . To us it is not lawful either to see or hear of homicide" [Ante-Nicene Fathers iv., p. 192].

This sin has been around for a long time. As Solomon says, "There is nothing new under the sun" [Eccl. 1:9]. Different legislation may change the public nature of how lives are terminated, but really only the Gospel can change the hearts of the people of this world.

All life is precious and is to be cherished. Whether it is a child in the womb or an elderly person whose healthier days are long since gone, all life is precious because all life is a gift from God. In our society today, we see the words of the Psalmist fulfilled, "On every side the wicked prowl, as vileness is exalted among the children of men" [Ps. 12:8]. However, in Scripture, we also see the extent of God's love for us. To the prophet Jeremiah, the Lord said, "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I set you apart" [Jer. 1:5]. And the Psalmist said, "Your eyes saw my unformed body. All the days ordained for me were written in Your book before one of them came to be" [Ps. 139:16]. Give thanks to God for the gift of life.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer-

President	Larry Foster	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012
Vice-President	Bill Dicks	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012
Secretary	Wanda Spohr	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012
Treasurer	Donna Haire	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012
Financial Secretary	Janett Mueller	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2012
Education Board	Becky Lunt	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2013
	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. 2011 – Sept. 2013
	Jerry Lunt	Oct. 2011 – Sept. 2013
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	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. 2011 – Sep. 2013
Property Board	Steve Kaiser	Oct. 2011 – Sep. 2013
	Bill Humphrey	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Stewardship Board	Eldon Schoch	Oct. 2011 - Sep. 2013
	Jim Howerton	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
Youth Ministry Board	Heidi Schlipman	Oct. 2010 – Sep. 2012
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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, Michael Goodwin, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Jared Lunt, Dan Meyer, John Miller, Jeremy Myers, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, and Patrick Weppeler.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS: Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Chris Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Max Ellerbrock, Scott Garner, Joseph Hoebing, Roger Hyer, Kim Long, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Janet Terwische, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener and Judy Wessel.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Norma Baird, Dolores Bruenger, Guye Dedert, Maxine Delven, Gloria Douglas, Barbara Ebel, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Paul Hagemann, Ruth Holt, Merle Kuntemeier, Jesse Leenerts, Bob McGartland, Jacqueline Mickens, Marilyn Newman, Patricia Powers, Dora Rodefild, LaVora Scoggan, Ike Shaffer, Lucille Stuffing, Thea Suelman, Ida Utterback, 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:
Joel Brassfield, 143 Grafton Court, Kohler, WI 53044



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!

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

3rd 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.

St. James Lutheran School Cookbooks for sale! These are hard-cover, 3 ring bound cookbooks listing hundreds of recipes submitted by LCMS churches and school families. The cost is \$20 per cookbook. They make great presents!! Checks should be made out to St. James Lutheran School PTL.

February offerings from Sunday School are going to the ORLC Knitters

Concordia Food Bank If anyone is interested in mailing coupons to the Seminary Food Bank, the address is: Concordia Food Bank, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, MO 63105.

Sunday School Snacks: Donations of snack items for the children are always welcome! Snack Cereal, cookies, breakfast bars, etc. are welcome treats. Thanks!

SAVE THOSE LABELS!!! – HyVee upcs, General Mills box tops, Campbell labels and Tyson A+ Project labels are turned in to help fund the St. James School Library.

Food Bank – Our Church still offers food to our families who need a helping hand. If you know of someone who needs some help, contact the church office @ 223-1769.



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

We will have the Rada Cutlery table staffed the FIRST SUNDAY of the MONTH between services.

If you have any questions about the product, please stop by!
We will have a limited number of items on hand, and will always take orders!

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

Catalogs are available. Feel free to take one. Sales to benefit Lutheran education!

Thank you to all of you who have placed orders. We hope you are enjoying your items, and appreciate your support!

Luther Sites Trip: There is still room for people to join the Luther Tour in from May 7-16, 2012. See most of the Luther sites as well as historic Rothenburg and spend a day in Berlin. If you are interested, please contact Dave Rohe at 217-793-1802, or email at drohe@cidlcms.org

Please save your McDonald's receipts! McDONALD'S NEIGHBORS PROGRAM offers products for schools. If you make purchases at McDonald's, simply save your receipts. They will be redeemed for school merchandise. You may leave your receipts in the 3-drawer cart by the church office in the same drawer as the HyVee UPC's and Campbell labels. Thanks for your support!

Are you missing a pan, dish or just a plastic lid? A collection of items have been left in the kitchen from various church activities. Please check the kitchen counter for your lost item.

“In the Woods...In the Word”- Men's Woodcutting Retreat @ Camp CILCA, Feb. 24-26, 2012. No experience necessary. Cost is \$25.00, to cover materials. To register or ask questions email camp@cilca.org

Orphan Grain Train has initiated a new program called Project Feed 500. A donation of \$15.00 will feed 500 children. Their goal is to feed 4 million by September 2012. Mail contributions to Orphan Grain Train, P.O. Box 1466, Norfolk, NE 68702-1466.

Concordia Publishers are offering books Essential to the Lutheran Library at a reduced rate. If you are interested in purchasing the set or any of the individual books, Contact the church office. A poster is on display in lobby.

Lutheran Marriage Encounter: Put the fun & caring back in your relationship. Feb. 17-19th here in Quincy. Registration deadline is Jan. 17th. Cost is \$45 to register and a free will offering at the event. Call 309-682-7273 or go to www.godlovesmarriage.org for more information.

Youngish Adult group will be getting together for games on Sunday afternoon February 12 @ 3 p.m. You can bring a snack to share or just come and enjoy some games with the group. The Youngish Adult group is a collection of Our Redeemer members and friends ages 18 to 50(ish) and always looking to have more join the fun. Questions, contact Michele Urbon.

The LWML is again offering Soup & Bread to go. Feb. 5th is the last order date and they will be available for pick-up on Feb. 11 & 12. Please place your order on the sheet in the Narthex. For \$8.00 you get a Quart of soup and Bread. There are 3 types of soups from which to choose (Chili, Cheesy Vegetable & Chicken Noodle) and if you need delivery you can sign up for that too!

New Adult membership class to begin Tues. Jan. 31st @ 6:00 p.m. - If you are interested, contact pastor or the church office. This class can lead to membership at ORLC, but joining is not mandatory. It is also a good review for current members.

Thrivent Choice Dollars – The deadline for choosing where you want your 2011 Choice Dollars to go is Mar. 31, 2012. If you are a member and have not called or gone on line to check your Choice Dollars, please pick up an instruction card on the west Narthex table. Many thanks to all the members who have already directed their funds to Our Redeemer.

Volunteer Teacher of the Year nominations are being taken by the CID now until March 12, 2012. Guidelines and forms are in the church office. Previous nominees may be re-entered.

Summer is coming quickly!!! The new summer program is available for Camp CILCA on their website at www.cilca.org. Take advantage of the early bird discounts and the new simple store online. Registration is much easier. Hope to see you this summer for another great adventure as we explore “Logos” God’s word to all people. Any questions feel free to call Rev. Johnson at 217-416-1833.

Domestic Abuse Re-lief is begging for volunteer help. This new non-profit organization works much like Habitat for Humanity except they rehab old homes and provide them to victims of domestic abuse and their children. They are presently working on 505 Sycamore and 614 Elm. Call 217-653-4989 for more info.

Beta Sigma Psi Scholarship: This \$1,000. Alumni sponsored scholarship will be awarded to a confirmed Lutheran freshman male beginning his college studies at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign campus, in the fall of 2012. Deadline for applying is Jan. 31, 2012. You do not have to be a member of the fraternity to receive this scholarship. There are other scholarships available for members who are in the upper classes. There are also scholarships available for other colleges where this fraternity exists. Check on-line at www.betasigmapsi.org

Concordia’s last Visitation Event for college students thinking about becoming pastors & Deaconesses is March 16, 2012. There is no registration fee. You can receive housing in the dorms and at the end of the day a dinner will be provided. For registration forms and a detailed schedule see the secretary.

OAFC Events: Join us at our events. We need all the help we can get in spreading the Good News of Jesus and helping us make the Central Illinois Area grow. If you have any questions about the weekend or upcoming weekends please contact Jamie Louderback at 1-217-430-4760 or jamieoafc@live.com. Here is an updated list of the 2012 weekends, so that you can plan to take the appropriate time off from work and other activities.

February 17-19 Zion, Palmyra, MO

March 16-18 Christ, Peoria, IL

April 20-22 Redeemer, Peru-Mission congregation)

May 18-20 Concordia, Geneseo, IL
June

Jul. Summer Training Good Shep.
Collinsville(Nat.) August

September 21-23 Good Shepherd, Sherman, IL

October

November

December New Years TBA

Valparaiso University Spring 2012

visitation days for High School Juniors are February 20 - President's Day, Monday or Saturday April 21. Register on line @ www.valpo.edu/admission/visit Scholarships are available.

Altar Committee Brunch - Saturday Feb 4th at 9 a.m. (Brunch first, then business over coffee) Anyone interested in helping should attend. RSVP to Kathy Hyer (224-8540) or Wanda Spohr (224-6036) or the church office.

Montana Adventure

July 16-26 2012

Lots of activities including climbing, camping excellent food, a servant event and good fellowship! Details:

- You must have completed 5th grade
- Cost: \$650 age 15 and under; \$850 age 16 and older
- Reserve your spot with a deposit: \$100 for youth, \$300 for adults
- Make checks payable to ORLC Youth
- Contact Pastor Eden with any questions at 223-1769 or 224-3929

Friendship Witnessing Workshop - Do you get that sick feeling in your stomach every time religion comes up in a conversation? Are you nervous or scared to talk to others about your faith? Maybe you could use a refresher course on witnessing your faith to others. Come join us for a "Friendship Witnessing" seminar to help encourage, train and involve members of our church and our two sister churches. The class will be taught by **Rev. Joel Cluver who is in charge of Missions and Outreach for the Central Illinois District.** The class will be held on Saturday February 4th from 9am-noon with a lite lunch to follow at St. John's Lutheran Church. See attached flyer.

Men's Club will be going as a group to the Golden Soup supper on Feb. 16th. Meet at St. John's and they will take their bus there.

PLuS meeting - Feb. 16th @ 7:00 p.m.

January Treasurer's Report Year End 2011

PROFIT & LOSS

	December 11	Budget	Jan – December 11	YTD Budget
Total				
Income	28,753.06	23,683.52	335,804.55	284,202.16
Total				
Expense	30,145.12	27,575.72	333,793.48	330,908.72
Net				
Income	<u>-1,392.06</u>	<u>-3,892.20</u>	<u>2,011.07</u>	<u>-46,706.56</u>

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Accrual Basis

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison
 As of December 31, 2011

	Dec 31, 11	Dec 31, 10	\$ Change	% Change
ASSETS				
Current Assets				
Checking/Savings				
102 · Building 71384	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.0%
103 · Building 71526	9,775.00	10,000.00	-225.00	-2.3%
104 · Building 73112	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.0%
105 · Building 80381	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.0%
106 · Building 80469	0.00	5,000.00	-5,000.00	-100.0%
107 · Building Fund MMF 1384114	2,070.01	4,314.82	-2,244.81	-52.0%
108 · Endowment Fund-B 71527	9,775.00	10,000.00	-225.00	-2.3%
109 · Endowment Fund A 70309	14,775.00	15,000.00	-225.00	-1.5%
110 · Endowment Fund A Svg 2144954	1,003.65	552.52	451.13	81.7%
111 · Endowment Fund B Svg 2122638	1,003.00	551.87	451.13	81.8%
112 · General Fund Checking	8,696.68	17,212.97	-8,516.29	-49.5%
113 · Kleinsorge 83643	46,662.47	45,060.37	1,602.10	3.6%
115 · Kleinsorge Income 1597285	24,062.67	20,469.08	3,593.59	17.6%
116 · Memorial 71523	1,427.61	1,365.48	62.13	4.6%
117 · Memorial 71524	1,427.61	1,365.48	62.13	4.6%
118 · Memorial 71525	1,603.10	1,640.00	-36.90	-2.3%
119.1 · Memorial 71314	10,781.50	10,781.50	0.00	0.0%
120 · Memorial Fund MMF 1385939	16,285.88	9,540.78	6,745.10	70.7%
Total Checking/Savings	169,349.18	172,854.87	-3,505.69	-2.0%
Other Current Assets				
20000 · Pastor Eden Loan	31,217.89	32,613.13	-1,395.24	-4.3%
20100 · PLUS Scrip Program Loan	2,100.00	3,600.00	-1,500.00	-41.7%
Total Other Current Assets	33,317.89	36,213.13	-2,895.24	-8.0%
Total Current Assets	202,667.07	209,068.00	-6,400.93	-3.1%
TOTAL ASSETS	202,667.07	209,068.00	-6,400.93	-3.1%
LIABILITIES & EQUITY				
Liabilities				
Current Liabilities				
Accounts Payable				
25000 · Accounts Payable	250.00	8,662.00	-8,412.00	-97.1%
Total Accounts Payable	250.00	8,662.00	-8,412.00	-97.1%
Total Current Liabilities	250.00	8,662.00	-8,412.00	-97.1%
Total Liabilities	250.00	8,662.00	-8,412.00	-97.1%
Equity				
30000 · Opening Balance Equity	278,491.21	278,491.21	0.00	0.0%
32000 · Retained Earnings	-78,085.21	-30,845.18	-47,240.03	-153.2%
Net Income	2,011.07	-47,240.03	49,251.10	104.3%
Total Equity	202,417.07	200,406.00	2,011.07	1.0%
TOTAL LIABILITIES & EQUITY	202,667.07	209,068.00	-6,400.93	-3.1%

Evening Ladies Aid



We had our fun for December, so now it's back to business as usual. The year began with our business meeting on Jan. 5th hosted by Renee Benedetto and Marilyn Lehenbauer. Joann Reichert led us in a short devotion to get the evening started.

For unfinished business...the Very, Merry Market was brought up as to whether instead of just a tree we might want to do a booth for this year's market. It was tabled so everyone could brainstorm about ideas and we would revisit that a later time.

New business discussed...the decision was made to hold our Soup and Bread event again as a fundraiser for our mission projects. A signup sheet was sent around for workers on each soup. The congregation can put there order in on the signup sheet in the narthex.

An event committee was also formed to plan out the year as to what fundraisers we would like to do and events that we would like to hold. They have met already this month and will be announcing the events and the dates at the Feb. meeting, along with a signup sheet requesting a chairperson for each event.

Quarterlies and Clarions were handed out and thank you notes were read.

*Lutheran Women
in Mission*

Our next meeting is Feb. 2nd with Connie Louderback and Sheila McElfresh hosting. We will be meeting by candlelight in the old chapel to observe Candlemas and learn a little more about this Christian tradition! Should make for a very fun evening.

Any of you ladies who are maybe thinking you might like to be a part of our group; we hope to see you at a meeting soon to 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 or check out the LWML on the World Wide Web at www.lwmlcid.org or www.lwml.org.

February Puzzle Page Answer: *page 13* - Rom. 1:15 "For I am not ashamed of the Gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth."



February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	13 Jennifer Tournear	19 William Schanbacher
5 Richelle Anderson	13 Ola Wellman	20 Brittany Bouchez
5 Clinton Gooding	14 Valerie Howerton	20 Kelsey Valentine
5 Daniel Hufendick	14 Lindsey Howlett	21 Jason Klauser
5 Colin Stegeman	16 River Bugh	21 Martha Otto
7 Rebecca Lunt	16 Adam Buss	22 Ruth Caldwell
9 Noble Byerly	16 Annalisa Eden	23 Ricky Goertz
9 John Frohn II	16 Darren Fink	23 Florence Lavery
9 Aaron Goodwin	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	24 Phillip Baker
9 Cynthia Ott	17 Kimberly Gooding	24 Alejandro Casanova
10 Ben Knoernschild	17 Isabelle Hillerts	24 Levi Cook
11 Reva Ehmen	17 Ryne Lubben	25 Michael Douglas
11 Ellen Stockhecke	17 Sarah Meyer	25 Kara Mercurio
12 Doreetha Elliott	17 Kenneth Wiesemann	25 Arron Ohnemus
12 Jaela Vaughn	19 Amy Buss	26 Shelly Holtman
13 Loren Schnack	19 Robert Edwards	27 Gary Cramlett
	19 Raymond Miklius	



February Anniversaries

2 James & Helen Bangert	11 Robert & Ruth Essington
7 Loren & Sarama Schnack	13 Jason & Stephanie Bush
8 Charles & Pamela Church	14 Gary & Shelia McElfresh

BAPTISM

February Baptisms

2 Monica Foster	11 Ruth Holt	16 Randy Ellerbrock
3 Darrell Drescher	11 Mary Lazzeri	17 Cameron McDowell
3 Barbara Hall	12 Larry Ehmen	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Lucas McElfresh	12 Larry Foster	21 Dora Rodefled
6 Kyle Frink	12 Harry Hall Jr.	24 Dorothy Lavery
6 Melanie Zehnle	13 Nathaniel Hurley	26 Loren Schnack
8 Ayden Doran	14 Adam Miklius	27 Jessica Hines
8 Eric Fischer	14 Peter Miklius	28 Brian Burner
11 Renee Durst	14 Shanna Wemhoener	28 Judith Burner
11 Donald Fink	15 Thaddeus Douglas	28 Austin Fischer
11 Lauryn Hinthorne	15 Brandon McGartland	

Assignments for February 2012

Communion Assistants:

Sat., February 4 at 5:00 p.m.	Ryan Vaughn	
Sun., February 5 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., February 5 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Joe Cleaves
Sat., February 11 at 5:00 p.m.	Ryan Vaughn	
Sun., February 12 at 8:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sun., February 12 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Terry Morse
Sat., February 18 at 5:00 p.m.	Ryan Vaughn	
Sun., February 19 at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Bob Jording
Sun., February 19 at 10:15 a.m.	Stan Yelton	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Ash Wed., February 22 at 7:00 p.m.	?????	
Sat., February 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	
Sun., February 26 at 8:00 a.m.	Bill Dicks	Jerry Lunt
Sun., February 26 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Bruce Burner

Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen, Gary O'Dell, Nathan Hoebing, Jerry Lunt
Sunday at 10:15 a.m.	Don Blattner, Jim Howerton, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer

Parish Nurse: Reva Ehmen

Registration Slips: Eleanor Schlegl

Altar Care: Kathy Hyer, Michele Clevenger, Elle Bowles, Renee Benedetto

Counters: Rosie Meyer & Carole Lannerd

Driver: Roger & 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 or one of the following people:

Greeters: Early Service – Sandy Callahan
Late Service -- Ruth Hall
Communion Assistants -- Ryan Vaughn
Altar Care – Ryan Vaughn

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

Pastoral Report

(January 1 – December 31, 2011)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Sophia Rose Brown	Mar. 22, 2011
Edwin Andrew Murphy	April 5, 2011
Kase Kaiser Thomure	Aug. 14, 2011
Caleb Michael Buss	Nov. 6, 2011

Funerals

Ann Dice	Feb. 3, 2011
Ruth Sheer	Feb. 7, 2011
Bobby Cookson	Mar. 4, 2011
Stephen Myers	Mar. 8, 2011
Tammy Dedert	April 9, 2011
Wilma Wemhoener (Pastor Steven Mueller officiated)	April 30, 2011
Anna Miller	May 24, 2011
Harold Taute	May 27, 2011
Louise Gibson	July 2, 2011
Mary Morgan	July 6, 2011
Ruth Sprenger	July 23, 2011
Bruce Scheiter	Aug. 11, 2011
Bill Florey	Aug. 27, 2011
Ann Viar	Nov. 17, 2011

Youth Confirmations:

Zhanela Church	April 17, 2011
Victoria Fitch	April 17, 2011
Kate Foster	April 17, 2011
Olivia Hoebing	April 17, 2011

Adult Confirmations:

Becky Murphy	July 10, 2011
Erica Gallaher	July 10, 2011

Weddings:

Jennifer Hibbert & Dustin Tournear	May 21, 2011
Steve Pizzella –Emily Sandroek	June 4, 2011
Amanda Hermann – Chad Manton Wedding	June 11, 2011
Hayley Wingerter – Justin Harvey Wedding	July 16, 2011
Morgan Weiss – Bradley Longcor II Wedding	Aug. 4, 2011
Cindy Rosenkoetter – Michael Fonck	Sept. 10, 2011
Denys Fleming – Nick Stark	Oct. 15, 2011

Membership Changes

Gains [+13B, +12C]

Infant Baptisms [+4B, +0C]

Sophia Rose Brown	Mar. 22, 2011
Edwin Andrew Murphy	April 5, 2011
Kase Kaiser Thomure	Aug. 14, 2011
Caleb Michael Buss	Nov. 6, 2011

Affirmation of Faith [+2B, +2C]

Ray & Donna Johnson

Oct. 23, 2011

Confirmations [+0B, +4C]

Zhanela Church

April 17, 2011

Victoria Fitch

April 17, 2011

Kate Foster

April 17, 2011

Olivia Hoebing

April 17, 2011

Adult Confirmations [+2B, +2C]

Becky Murphy

July 10, 2011

Erica Gallaher

July 10, 2011

Transfers In [+5B, +4C]

Amy Edwards

June 8, 2011

Rob Edwards

June 8, 2011

Allan Murphy

July 10, 2011

Mike Murphy

July 10, 2011

Kathy Ragsdale

Aug. 8, 2011

Losses [-19B, -17C]**Death [-15B, -15C]**

Irene Brown

Dec. 20, 2009

Ann Dice

Jan. 30, 2011

Ruth Sheer

Jan. 31, 2011

Bobby Cookson

Mar. 1, 2011

Stephen Myers

Mar. 3, 2011

Tammy Dedert

April 6, 2011

Wilma Wemhoener

April 26, 2011

Anna Miller

May 20, 2011

Harold Taute

May 24, 2011

Louise Gibson

June 28, 2011

Mary Morgan

July 1, 2011

Ruth Sprenger

July 20, 2011

Bill Florey

Aug. 23, 2011

Walter Sheer

Oct. 19, 2011

Ann Viar

Nov. 14, 2011

Transfers Out [-4B, -2C]

Sarah Meyer

Jan. 3, 2011

Ryley Meyer

Jan. 3, 2011

Kealen Crawford

Jan. 3, 2011

Chris Schwartz

Nov. 14, 2011

Self-Exclusion and Excommunication [-0B, -0C]**Statistical Adjustment [+/-0B, +/-0C]**

Membership	Jan. 1, 2011	Gains	Losses	Dec. 31, 2011
Baptized	595	+13	-19	589
Confirmed	460	+12	-17	455

PUZZLE PAGE

A SIMPLE TRUTH

By
Bill Schlegl

What is the simple truth that all believers have in their hearts?

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FRIENDSHIP WITNESSING

How To Bring A Friend To Christ

Saturday, February 4, 2012

9:00 - 11:30 AM

Lutheran Church of St. John, Quincy, IL

**You don't have to say a word . . .
No one goes out to make any calls . . .
Just come, sit and listen!**

- Our call in Christ: To GROW in the Word and to GO with the Word
- Friendship witnessing is building bridges to people in order to tell them about Christ
- Many Christians have met Christ as the result of an invitation from a friend

Friendship witnessing in its most basic form, is nothing more and nothing less than living our Christian faith in Word and deed in the world. It is NOT a program. It is a way of life to which God has called us in response to the Gospel. It is simply being "salt" and "light" in the world and "doers" of the Word".

The Word of God (Gospel) is all-powerful all by itself. We cannot add anything to it. Our purpose is simply to build bridges through relationships and to remove barriers in relationships so that the Gospel may be heard and the "Holy Spirit" given the opportunity to work His gift through the Word. Our goal is not just "friendship" but telling them about Christ and eternal life!

This Workshop will be led by Rev. Joel Cluver
CID Executive for Missions, Evangelism, Stewardship, Human Care

LENTEN SCHEDULE

February 22 Ash Wednesday	"Our Father Who Art In Heaven"	Pastor Eden
February 29	"Thy Will Be Done"	Pastor Rempfer
March 7	"Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread"	Pastor Latzke
March 14	"Forgive Us Our Tresspasses, As We Forgive Those Who Tresspass Against Us"	Pastor Mueller
March 21	"Hallowed Be Thy Name"	Pastor Bender
March 28 Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution	"Thy Kingdom Come"	Pastor Eden
April 5 Maundy Thursday	"Lead Us Not Into Temptation"	Pastor Eden
April 6 Good Friday	"But Deliver Us From Evil"	Pastor Eden
All services begin at 7:00 PM		

QUINCY BIBLE INSTITUTE
St. James Lutheran Church
4 p.m. – 6 p.m.
February 12th, 19th and 26th 2012

February 12th

Dr. Robert Weise from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis be the guest presenter.

Dr. Weise's presentation sets forth how all ages of Christians living in this 21st Century biotech world can continue to live a fruitful life of service and witness even when marriage is being devalued (redefined) along with human life and aging. Those areas of biotechnology that continue to influence Christian life are assisted reproductive technology, sex selection, pre-implantation genetic diagnosis (destroying fertilized human embryos that are determined to be carrying a disease), ageism (discriminating against the older adult), test-tube reproduction in same-sex unions, and how the artificial institute of intelligence and NASA are working together to create the first 'transhuman' (more computer than human) in the quest of human immortality. The presentation of these biotech advances and more, will be discussed in light of the Biblical Creation as baptized Christians, both young and old. In addition, this presentation will incorporate the impact on political correctness on the use and abuse of biotechnology. In spite of the seemingly broad content of this presentation, there will be time for questions and discussions.

As confusing as the terms might seem in this description, these topics and procedures are on the cutting-edge of human life as we know it, and their implications are diverse. We would all, benefit by learning about them and how they fit into God's creation. Please join us for Dr. Weise's presentation on a topic that hits all of us close to the heart: human life.

February 19th

Choose two of the following three topics

Pastor Bender

“Forgiveness: The Heart of the Gospel”

Luther stated in his Small Catechism regarding the Sacrament of the Altar, “For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation.” Sin permeates the world in which we live. We also sin much daily and deserve nothing but God's punishment, as Luther stated elsewhere in his catechetical work. Without the forgiveness of sins, we would be lost forever. As God's children, we are also called to share this forgiveness with others, with the warning from Jesus that if we withhold forgiveness from others God, His Father, will withhold it from us. In this session we will take a look at several passages from Scripture on forgiveness, which is the heart of the Gospel.

Pastor Eden

The Dating of the Exodus: Archaeological Evidence from Egypt and Israel

The Exodus of the Israelite people from their temporary dwelling place of Egypt is the defining event in the Old Testament history of the children of Abraham. In this event, the children of Jacob witnessed the mighty, saving work of Yahweh, and they became a nation. Unfortunately, in the modern era, most of the discussion concerning the Exodus has turned from the saving work of God in this event.

In the past century, the discussion among theologians has turned to become a debate over the actual date of the event. There are even those who deny that the Exodus event even happened.

Establishing an historical date for the Exodus is important. The work that theologians and archaeologists have done has put the Biblical text into an historical context. The physical proof that has been uncovered by archaeologists in the twentieth century has done much to solidify the claims of Scripture.

Pastor Mueller
The Faith in the Home

The Christian Church is being challenged at every corner- no greater locations than the college campuses. As our children grow and mature, everyplace outside the true Christian Church on earth is a combat zone with us and our offspring, in the cross hairs of the devil. How are you preparing your children, even yourselves, for this battle? Is your home a Christian home, or just a house where Christians live? Through presentation and conversation, this topic will lead us in (re)learning the importance of the home in the development of not only ours, our children's, even our grandchildren's Christian faith, but also the continued growth of the church toward the end-growth of the children of the inheritance of heaven.

February 26th
Youth Bible Bowl on the Book of Acts

The first night at 6 p.m. there will be a carry-in.

St. James will provide the main course, drinks and desserts.

All other attendees are asked to bring side dishes.

There will also be a **freewill offering** to help cover the cost of the main dish and the speaker.

The second week **Our Redeemer** will provide the cookies

The third week **The Lutheran Church of St. John** will provide cookies.