

# December 2014 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod*

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

Entering into the Advent and Christmas seasons, we are reminded of who we are. We are God's children who are blessed to have received our adoption into His family. We celebrate the birth of Christ who has saved us through His death and resurrection. We wait for Him to return once again and we express a willingness to sacrifice of ourselves for the sake of Christ and His church. This is the focal point of our existence and everything else is outside noise. The world around us has created much "noise" which can be a distraction. It is my prayer that during these weeks filled with many celebrations and temptations for excess (the opposite of sacrifice), we would be able to filter out the noise and hear the clear voice which God intends.

During our Wednesday Advent services, we are turning our attention to John the Baptist, "the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Prepare the way of the Lord.'" Please join us as we listen to the witness of his voice. At Christmas, we will hear the voice of the angels who bring "Good news of a great joy which shall be for all the people." Please join us as we listen to the witness of their voices. All throughout these weeks, we will hear the voice of the prophets of God preparing God's people for Jesus to come. Please join us.

Throughout our lives, but especially at this time of year, God's people are preparing for Christ to come, and we celebrate His coming as the child born in Bethlehem. It seems confusing that we celebrate His coming with watchful anticipation for His coming once again, but our reason for doing this becomes clear when we understand that the Advent and Christmas seasons are distinct and separate seasons. Please join us throughout these seasons.

Whether we are watching for Him to come or celebrating that He has come, I pray these weeks ahead are filled with the clear voice of God's witness that the Messiah promised to Adam and to all of his children is the Christ-child born of Mary. Please join us as we celebrate this "good news of a great joy" with watchful anticipation for Him coming once again. Everything else is outside noise.

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

### ***The Widow's Mite---***

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on".

**Mark 12:41-43**

### **UPCOMING...**

Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – LWML  
Christmas Party

Shut-in Visits

Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> – Hosting  
Advent Service with  
Desserts!

Jan. 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly  
mtg., 6:30 pm

Feb. 5<sup>th</sup> – Monthly  
mtg., 6:30 pm

Feb. – Soup &  
Bread Fundraiser

### ***December 2014***

#### **Nov. meeting highlights –**

Plans were finalized for hosting the Advent service with desserts & goodie bags for the Shut-ins.

#### **Nov. event highlights –**

Thanks to all who stopped by our booth at the Very Merry Market! All the donations from the sale of our 'White Elephant' items, plus all the unsold treasures are going to the Community for Christ Assistance Center in Camp Point.

**Thinking you might like to be a part of the mission of LWML???** You are invited to check us out at one of our upcoming meetings or events!

**We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness" with your many gifts, talents and resources!**

*Lutheran Women  
in Mission*



**Get ready to register early** for the LWML convention in Des Moines, IA!

Those who register between Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup> and Mar. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2015 will receive a discounted rate on their registration fee. So sign up now to gather under our theme...

***Bountiful! Sow • Nourish • Reap***

The women of the Host Committee can't wait to welcome you to Iowa!



Please contact any LWML member or Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 to learn more or go to **[www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org)** to read about the mission and great history of the LWML!

### **National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes**

*LWML has donated over \$100 million since 1942!!!*

### **'Supporting Pastors and Seminary Students'**

As Christmas draws near, remember in prayer, our pastors who have completed their course of study and now shepherd a church family and also our seminary students, some of whom will be staying at the seminary facilities away from families, either alone or with their immediate family. Both pastors and seminary students are so appreciative of financial support; a surprise package in the mail; or a card of encouragement. Celebrate the birth of Jesus by reaching out to them. Many LWML districts support seminary students through their Mission Grants. **"How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!" (Romans 10:15b)** For more information on this and other 2013-2015 Mission Grants go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org) and scroll down to "Mission Grants."

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Vice-President	Jeff Wolfmeyer (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Secretary	Wanda Spohr (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Treasurer	Hannah Ajdinovich (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Financial Secretary	Colleen Westberg (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Randy Wolfmeyer (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	Ryan Vaughn (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
Board of Elders	Terry Morse (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Jerry Lunt (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Joe Cleaves (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Brad Essington (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	Stan Yelton (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
Evangelism Board	Linda Go (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
Property Board	Jeff Smith (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Bill Schlipman (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	(David Pellman) (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
Youth Ministry Board		

# 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, Michael Goodwin, Robert Goodwin, John Haines, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Bryan Meyer, Levi Meyer, Jeremy Myers, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Andy Tipton, Marc Troxel, Brandon VanBastian and Charles Wheeler.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS:** Nick Austin, Becky Bangert, Ellie Bowles, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Sean Burner, Chris Clevenger, Richard Grathwohl, Lynda Hinkamper, Lisa Howerton, Elaine Hyer, Bernice Jording, Kim Long, Michael Morgan, Nancy Ott, Michelle Reinberg-Page, Wanda Perry, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Weppler.



**REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:** Norma Baird, Elizabeth Barton, Jim Callahan, Gloria Douglas, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Dorothy Hagemann, Ruth Holt, Mary Hurley, Florence Lavery, Marilyn Newman, Nancy Ott, Anna Mae Parsons, Don Sass, LaVora Scoggan, Joyce Southward, Ida Utterback, Robert Wemhoener, Lucille Wiskirchen.

## Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

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 back in Papua New Guinea  
Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough.  
Rev. Peter Kolb in Sri Lanka

## Our Seminary Students



Concordia Theological Seminary, Vicarage  
Chris Troxel, 17633 Zinc St., Edmond, OK 73012  
Concordia Theological Seminary, Ft. Wayne, IN:

Timothy Wilcoxen, 514 East Washington Center Road, Ft. 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

## Sunday School Staff

Superintendents – Melissa Knapp  
Pre-school – Gina Eickelschulte, Gretchen Wolfmeyer  
Kindergarten – Suzanne Troxel  
Grades 1 & 2 – Monica Foster

Grades 3 & 4 – Hannah Ajdinovich  
Grades 5 & 6 - Donna Haire  
Grades 7 & 8 - Cyndi Ott  
High School – Steve & Donna Schoch

## Latest News

### **ORLC's 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary is Next Year**

and we need your help creating wonderful anniversary events. We need great ideas, fond memories, and old photos or slides to get the ball rolling. Please see Gretchen in the office to help!

**Transportation Needed** We have a Saturday night regular attendee in need of a ride to church. Please let Gretchen know if you can help and we will set up a schedule for volunteers.

**Winter Women's Retreat is February 27-28, 2015.** Prices will be confirmed once organizers know how many people are interested. Please see Malinda Eden to **register as soon as possible.** The event is called "Women of Faith Learning & Loving In Christ" and will include devotions, bible study, fellowship, and prayer time to help you renew and refresh in Jesus.

### **Volunteers Needed for Altar Committee**

This is an easy way to be involved with serving your church and only takes about an hour once or twice one time a year! Contact Stan Yelton at 224-3023 or [stan.yelton@gmail.com](mailto:stan.yelton@gmail.com)

**Devotion Book for Sale** "Breathing Holes: Stories Supplying Fresh Air for Unconventional People" is a devotional book written by Pastor Marty Kaarre. The cost is \$20, and Pastor Kaarre is generously donating \$10 of each book sold to ORLC's youth group.

**Lutheran Hour Ministries:** Join us for **Five 14** on **June 13, 2015** from 9 a.m. – 5 p.m. @ Trinity Lutheran Church 1201 W. Jackson Auburn, IL RSVP 217-303-3074 \$10.00 if you register before May 1, 2015. After that it's \$15 until the deadline of June 1, 2015.

**Thrivent's New Program** for Fundraising Events, "**Action Team**" allows a group to receive "seed or starting" money for an approved fundraiser. Contact Sandy Callahan, Congregation Advocate for more information.

**New Thrivent Information** is located on the table by the basement stairs. Help yourself!

- Thrivent Builders- Thrivent Repairs
- Thrivent Choice
- Choice Dollars - New Directory instructions
- Member Benefit
- Associate Membership information

**Men's Network Gold Tournament** – in Howey in the Hills, FL **Feb. 26 to Mar. 1, 2015.** Meals, Hotel, & Greens fee included. Register by Jan. 16.

### **National Lutheran Youth Workers**

**Conference** – Save the date! **July 12-15, 2015** in New Orleans, LA. Early bird registration rates at [www.nlywc.com](http://www.nlywc.com).

**Kids Holiday Bazaar – December 13** at St. John's from 9-12. All children are welcome to shop for five items each and everything is just \$1. **Donations are needed** for Mom & Dad gifts: candles, books, ties, scarves, lotions, vases, coffee mugs, picture frames, socks, and necklaces. Also needed are paper lunch bags and tissue paper for gift wrapping. Dollar Tree gift cards also welcome.

**Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl** is scheduled for Sunday **April 12, 2015** at Trinity Lutheran School in Springfield. The topic for the 2015 Bible Bowl will be "Judges and Ruth."

### **Give the Gift of Christmas Joy**

Share in the experience of giving the gift of Christmas joy to the more than 1,500 children Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois (LCFS) serves in foster care, community service and youth residential treatment programs. Partner with us as we work towards our goal of providing each of these children with a book, board game and special toy or gift card this Christmas.

- **Books** – children enjoy the gift of reading
- **Board games** – fun to play, they're often educational and teach valuable lessons like taking turns
- **Toys** – a special gift to open on Christmas morning
- **Gift cards** – \$25 gift cards are great for teenagers, who are excited to make their own special purchases
- **Financial gifts** – enables LCFS to fill in gaps and purchase items for the children (Donations can be mailed to LCFS, Attn: Christmas Drive, 7620 Madison St., River Forest, IL 60305)



## Miscellaneous Constant Information

**GREETING CARDS** (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the variety of assorted greeting cards. Cards are \$ .50.

**PLEASE SAVE LABELS - Please continue** to save HyVee UPCs, General Mills Box Tops, Campbell's products "point" labels, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in your child's classroom container or give them to Madeline Hagemann or put them on the white drawer marked "labels" in St. James' narthex or by the secretary's office @ ORLC Thank you!

### Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

*Top Drawer:* Campbell's labels & General Mills box tops for education, HyVee 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.



**Rada Cutlery** is an on-going fundraiser. Rada as a variety of, products: cutlery, stone-ware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. We have started taking orders for our next

RADA order. Once we have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please **visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with payment at the scrip table.** Thank you for your support of PLuS!

**EMAIL REQUEST-** We would like everyone who has email to give us your email address. Just write it on the bottom of your attendance card or [secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org)

**College Students: If you are going away to college please let the church know your new address as soon as you get it.**

**Food Bank** Know anyone in our church family, who needs help? Contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

**SALE** St. James Lutheran School Cookbooks are now 75% off! These are hardcover, 3-ring bound cookbooks listing hundreds of recipes submitted by LCMS churches and school families. The cost is now only \$5 per cookbook. They make great presents!! Checks should be made out to St. James Lutheran School PTL. They are on display at the Scrip table.

**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.



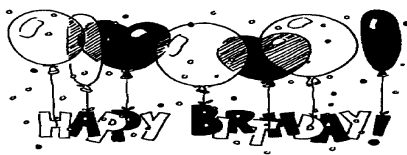
Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' professional licensed counselors can help with any problem. They provide individual, couple, marital and family counseling to help address all types of situations. Insurance is accepted. Call 800-363-LCFS (5237) to schedule a FREE confidential initial consultation.

**Considering adoption?** Lifelink International Adoption (a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, LCFS) is seeking families interested in adopting from Korea. We're receiving child referrals again after a temporary break and have a limited number of families on our waiting list. Our South Korean program is one of our most enduring (twenty-nine years) and reliable. Learn more about Lifelink's adoption programs at [www.lifelinkadoption.org](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto:intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org). Lifelink International Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

**Register your County Market Max Card** and give back to St. James School! There are sign-up slips on the Scrip table. You only need your Max card #. Once registered, a percentage of every purchase goes back to our school.



## December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	8 Elizabeth Fodor	20 Joan Siebrasse
1 Larry Foster	8 Amie Hoebing	20 Alison Zehnle
1 Kayla Fuller	8 Chad Purcell	21 John Bronson
1 Harrison Knapp	9 Emily Drescher	22 Kari Adams
2 Cheryl Holtman	9 Nathaniel Hurley	22 Emma Fischer
2 Brian Manton	9 Charles Perry	22 Beverly Post
3 Thaddeus Douglas	9 Heidi Schlipman	23 Darrell Drescher
3 Morgan Longcor	9 Eldon Schoch	23 Carole Lannerd
3 Carol O'Dell	11 Valerie Ohnemus	23 Kaiden Weisheit
3 Jeffrey Wemhoener	13 Norma Baird	24 Ann Knoernschild
4 Phyllis Cook	13 Jonah Tronsgard	25 Briana Robertson
4 Lucinda Klingele	13 Timothy Westberg	26 Charla Weisenburger
4 Allan Murphy	14 Anne Schanbacher	27 Dennis Fischer
5 Harlie Whitaker	14 Shanna Wemhoener	27 Donna White
6 Anthony Bowles	15 Sean Burner	29 Emma Campbell
6 Barbara Ellerbrock	15 Eric Fischer	29 Monica Foster
6 Li Voepel	15 Merinda Jones	29 John Frohn
7 Linda Go	15 Grace Suggitt	29 Mary Lazzeri
7 Olivia Showman	16 John Hallerberg	30 Elizabeth Burner
7 Suzanne Troxel	17 Ronald Bowles	30 Marcus Chezem
8 Lillian Cramlett	17 Lauryn Hinthorne	30 Richard Lazzeri
	18 Mark Weisheit	31 Jane Howlett



## December Baptisms

1 Sharon Reinberg	11 Rob Tipton	25 Paul Weisheit
2 Carrie Fischer	11 Charla Weisenburger	26 Verna Harker
3 Donna Johnson	12 Mayce Bent	26 Anne Schanbacher
3 Jaela Vaughn	15 Piper Kuhn	26 Brandon Voepel
3 Emily Wepler	15 Lori Post	27 Carolyn Cramlett
4 Alexis Hibbert	16 Sean Burner	27 Irene Drescher
4 Clayton Hibbert	16 Suzanne Troxel	27 Anthony Myers
4 Janice Tronsgard	16 Colleen Westberg	28 Barb Ellerbrock
6 Sarah Lucas	17 Lori Klauser	28 Bob Jording
7 Brady Essington	17 Carol O'Dell	28 Heidi Schlipman
7 Heather Feinstein	17 Kristen Vahle	29 Bethany Foster
8 Olivia Badamo	17 Adrian Zehnle	29 Shelia McElfresh
8 Olive Cook	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	30 Charlie Church
8 Elizabeth Fodor	20 Shirley Foster	30 Donna Church
8 Olivia Hoebing	20 Ryan Schnack	30 Gail Church
10 Rita Boerema	21 Carolyn Bruemmer	30 John Church
10 Steve Voepel	22 David Ott	
11 Kelle Baird	24 Andrew Allen	

## December Anniversaries

4 Richard & Mary Lazzeri	23 Bradley & Karol Ehmen
5 Robert & Krystal Frink	23 Steven & Li Voepel
8 Joseph & Jane Cleaves	26 Donald & Bonnie Blattner
11 Kirk & Sharon Vahle	30 Steven & Donna Schoch
17 Jonathon & Jessica Campbell	30 Aaron & Janice Tronsgard
19 Jerry & Rosie Meyer	



## Assignments for December 2014

### Communion Assistants:

Sat., December 6 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., December 7 at 8:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	Clint Gooding
Sun., December 7 at 10:15 a.m.	Bruce Burner	Steve Schoch
Sat., December 13 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., December 14 at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Gary Hyer
Sun., December 14 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., December 20 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., December 21 at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Jerry Lunt
Sun., December 21 at 10:15 a.m.	Joe Cleaves	Ryan Vaughn
Thurs. December 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Terry Morse	
Sun., December 28 at 8:00 a.m.	Craig Gooding	Brad Ehmen
Sun., December 28 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Jeff Wolfmeyer

### Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer, Kathy Hyer, Jerry Lunt, Becky Lunt
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle, Howard Snowden, Ruth Ann Snowden
Advent Mid-Week at 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 3 – Larry Foster, Monica Foster, Becky Lunt, Jerry Lunt
Advent Mid-Week at 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 10 – Don Blattner, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer
Advent Mid-Week at 7:00 p.m.	Dec. 17 – Larry Ehmen, Jerry Manton, Clint Gooding, Craig Gooding
Christmas Eve at 7:00 p.m.	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Gary O'Dell
Christmas Eve at 10:30 p.m.	Nathan Hoebing, Bernie Ott, Steve Schoch, Joe Cleaves
Christmas Day at 9:00 a.m.	Chris Clevenger, Michele Clevenger, Larry Foster, Monica Foster

**Registration Slips:** Cindy Spohr

**Altar Care:** Rosie Meyer, Mona Fischer, Ellen Stockhecke, Amy Killday

**Counters:** Bill Schlegl and Shirley Foster

**Drivers:** Steve Hyer, Jerry Manton, Wanda Spohr, Ruth Hall, Ryan Vaughn

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)



# Pastoral Report

(October 1 – October 31, 2014)

## Official Acts

### Infant Baptisms

Kayzley Brookhart      Baptism – October 19, 2014

### First Communion

Julianna Eden	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Ella Ehmen	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Maddie Ehmen	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Gary Gooding	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Clayton Hibbert	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Harrison Knapp	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Keagan Mercurio	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Alayna Schlipman	First Communion – October 19, 2014
Kayla Walker	First Communion – October 19, 2014

### Adult Confirmation

### Youth Confirmations

### Marriages

### Funerals

Jesse Leenerts      Funeral – October 29, 2014

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+2B, +1C]

**Infant Baptisms** [+1B, +0C]      Kayzley Brookhart

**Adult Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

**Youth Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

**Transfers In** [+1B, +1C]      Jean Ennen

**Profession of Faith (from other Lutheran)** [+0B, +0C]

### Losses [-5B, -4C]

**Death** [-1B, -1C]      Jesse Leenerts

**Transfers Out** [-4B, -3C]      James Howerton  
    Lisa Howerton  
    Savannah Howerton  
    Valerie Howerton

**Requested Removal** [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2014	Gains	Losses	September 30, 2014
Baptized	596	+18	-17	597
Confirmed	461	+18	-16	463

# PUZZLE PAGE

## THE ONLY WAY

By

Bill Schlegl

What is the only way to get to Heaven?

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( A = 26, E = 22, I = 18, O = 12, U = 6 )

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(Answer found on Page 12)

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
As of October 31, 2014

	<u>Oct 31, 14</u>	<u>Oct 31, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
<b>ASSETS</b>				
<b>Current Assets</b>				
<b>Checking/Savings</b>				
102 · Building 71384	5,000.00	5,000.00	0.00	0.0%
103 · Building 71526	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.0%
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%
107 · Building Fund MMF 1384114	140,341.37	3,906.04	136,435.33	3,492.9%
108 · Endowment Fund-B 71527	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	0.0%
109 · Endowment Fund A 70309	15,000.00	15,000.00	0.00	0.0%
110 · Endowment Fund A Svg 2144954	1,055.93	830.06	225.87	27.2%
111 · Endowment Fund B Svg 2122638	1,827.67	1,733.41	94.26	5.4%
112 · General Fund Checking	845.25	51,875.41	-51,030.16	-98.4%
113 · Kleinsorge 83643	47,479.06	47,479.06	0.00	0.0%
115 · Kleinsorge Income 1597285	5,908.22	7,797.75	-1,889.53	-24.2%
116 · Memorial 71523	1,427.61	1,427.61	0.00	0.0%
117 · Memorial 71524	1,427.61	1,427.61	0.00	0.0%
118 · Memorial 71525	1,640.00	1,640.00	0.00	0.0%
119.1 · Memorial 71314	10,781.50	10,781.50	0.00	0.0%
120 · Memorial Fund MMF 1385939	96,164.25	21,204.09	74,960.16	353.5%
122 · Thrivent Annuity #9273749	19,658.90	0.00	19,658.90	100.0%
<b>Total Checking/Savings</b>	<u>383,557.37</u>	<u>205,102.54</u>	<u>178,454.83</u>	<u>87.0%</u>
<b>Other Current Assets</b>				
20000 · Pastor Eden Loan	26,855.19	28,468.41	-1,613.22	-5.7%
<b>Total Other Current Assets</b>	<u>26,855.19</u>	<u>28,468.41</u>	<u>-1,613.22</u>	<u>-5.7%</u>
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<u>410,412.56</u>	<u>233,570.95</u>	<u>176,841.61</u>	<u>75.7%</u>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<u><b>410,412.56</b></u>	<u><b>233,570.95</b></u>	<u><b>176,841.61</b></u>	<u><b>75.7%</b></u>
<b>LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>				
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Current Liabilities</b>				
Accounts Payable	0.00	-22.46	22.46	100.0%
<b>Other Current Liabilities</b>				
24000 · Payroll Liabilities	1,116.55	1,115.76	0.79	0.1%
<b>Total Other Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,116.55</u>	<u>1,115.76</u>	<u>0.79</u>	<u>0.1%</u>
<b>Total Current Liabilities</b>	<u>1,116.55</u>	<u>1,093.30</u>	<u>23.25</u>	<u>2.1%</u>
<b>Total Liabilities</b>	<u>1,116.55</u>	<u>1,093.30</u>	<u>23.25</u>	<u>2.1%</u>

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Balance Sheet Prev Year Comparison**  
 As of September 30, 2014

	<u>Sep 30, 14</u>	<u>Sep 30, 13</u>	<u>\$ Change</u>	<u>% Change</u>
Net Income	-19,334.95	31,050.73	-50,385.68	-162.3%
Total Equity	418,408.87	228,511.79	189,897.08	83.1%
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; EQUITY</b>	<b><u>419,640.73</u></b>	<b><u>229,525.02</u></b>	<b><u>190,115.71</u></b>	<b><u>82.8%</u></b>

**December Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle found on page 10)**

For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves; it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2:8

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
**Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual**  
January through October 2014

	<b>Jan - Oct 14</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
<b>Income</b>				
001 - 001 General Offerings	227,252.50	245,000.00	-17,747.50	92.76%
002 - 002 Together in Mission	5,793.84	6,443.34	-649.50	89.92%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	4,147.74	5,000.00	-852.26	82.96%
005 - Special				
004 - 004 Sunday School	354.40	375.00	-20.60	94.51%
005.999 - U.S. Hlth Ins Rebate	4,272.59	3,750.00	522.59	113.94%
<b>Total 005 - Special</b>	<b>4,626.99</b>	<b>4,125.00</b>	<b>501.99</b>	<b>112.17%</b>
008 - 008 PLS Fund-Raising	61.00	2,500.00	-2,439.00	2.44%
011 - 011 General Fund Interest	89.16	41.66	47.50	214.02%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	7,000.00	5,833.34	1,166.66	120.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>248,971.23</b>	<b>268,943.34</b>	<b>-19,972.11</b>	<b>92.57%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
<b>Mission</b>				
101 Synod & District	10,000.00	10,000.00	0.00	100.0%
102 Seminary Student Aid	4,250.00	4,166.66	83.34	102.0%
104 Sunday Sch Mission Projects	0.00	375.00	-375.00	0.0%
106 Together in Mission	5,798.25	6,443.34	-645.09	89.99%
<b>Total Mission</b>	<b>20,048.25</b>	<b>20,985.00</b>	<b>-936.75</b>	<b>95.54%</b>
<b>Personnel</b>				
202 Pastor's Salary	29,750.10	29,750.84	-0.74	100.0%
203 Pastor's Housing Allowance	26,850.00	26,850.00	0.00	100.0%
204 Pastor's Auto Allowance	3,750.00	3,750.00	0.00	100.0%
205 Janitor	8,800.00	9,533.34	-733.34	92.31%
205V Substitute Custodian- 20 h	0.00	137.50	-137.50	0.0%
206 Organist	6,672.44	7,988.34	-1,315.90	83.53%
207 Secretary	18,776.29	17,483.04	1,293.25	107.4%
207H Secretary Health Plan Adju	832.00	1,073.34	-241.34	77.52%
207S Substitute Secretary	0.00	550.00	-550.00	0.0%
207V Secretary's Vacation	0.00	820.00	-820.00	0.0%
208A Senior Choir Director	3,017.00	3,231.66	-214.66	93.36%
209 FICA	3,373.73	3,308.34	65.39	101.98%
210 Pension & Health	30,323.29	30,250.00	73.29	100.24%
211 Guest Speakers	950.00	833.34	116.66	114.0%
217 Office Manager	5,498.88	7,639.16	-2,140.28	71.98%
217a Off.Mngr Pension & Health	1,419.82	4,722.50	-3,302.68	30.07%
220 Accountant	1,289.75	2,500.00	-1,210.25	51.59%
<b>Total Personnel</b>	<b>141,303.30</b>	<b>150,421.40</b>	<b>-9,118.10</b>	<b>93.94%</b>
<b>Program</b>				
<b>Education</b>				
301 Sunday School	1,577.98	3,000.00	-1,422.02	52.6%
302 Junior Confirmation Classes	187.35	83.34	104.01	224.8%
303 Vacation Bible School	1,818.63	1,666.66	151.97	109.12%
304 Adult Confirmation Class	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
305 Adult Bible Classes	1,042.40	166.66	875.74	625.47%
307 Teacher Resources	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
308 Parochial School Tuition	68,625.00	78,200.00	-9,575.00	87.76%
<b>Total Education</b>	<b>73,251.36</b>	<b>83,266.66</b>	<b>-10,015.30</b>	<b>87.97%</b>
<b>Elders</b>				

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January through October 2014

	<b>Jan - Oct 14</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of Budget</b>
321 Benevolence	1,300.00	1,666.66	-366.66	78.0%
322 Counseling Materials	0.00	105.00	-105.00	0.0%
323 Special Events	812.66	1,000.00	-187.34	81.27%
324 Devotional Materials	540.75	675.00	-134.25	80.11%
325 Bulletins	1,175.19	1,500.00	-324.81	78.35%
326 Hymnals & Resources	74.30	83.34	-9.04	89.15%
327 Choir Music	203.36	83.34	120.02	244.01%
328 Candles & Communion	810.76	833.34	-22.58	97.29%
329 Other Worship Materials	128.30	125.00	3.30	102.64%
<b>Total Elders</b>	<b>5,045.32</b>	<b>6,071.68</b>	<b>-1,026.36</b>	<b>83.1%</b>
<b>Evangelism</b>				
341 Evangelism Activities	0.00	112.50	-112.50	0.0%
342 Convocations, etc.	0.00	583.34	-583.34	0.0%
343 Public Relations	0.00	833.34	-833.34	0.0%
<b>Total Evangelism</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,529.18</b>	<b>-1,529.18</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Stewardship</b>				
361 Envelopes & Materials	753.99	1,000.00	-246.01	75.4%
362 Office Supplies & Postage	4,677.15	7,500.00	-2,822.85	62.36%
363 Conferences & Conventions	286.74	833.34	-546.60	34.41%
364 Petty Cash	0.00	75.00	-75.00	0.0%
<b>Total Stewardship</b>	<b>5,717.88</b>	<b>9,408.34</b>	<b>-3,690.46</b>	<b>60.78%</b>
<b>Youth Ministry</b>				
381 Lutheran Youth Fellowship	0.00	833.34	-833.34	0.0%
<b>Total Youth Ministry</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>833.34</b>	<b>-833.34</b>	<b>0.0%</b>
<b>Total Program</b>	<b>84,014.56</b>	<b>101,109.20</b>	<b>-17,094.64</b>	<b>83.09%</b>
<b>Property</b>				
401 Garbage Collection	568.30	600.00	-31.70	94.72%
402 Insurance & Worker's Comp	7,035.79	9,166.66	-2,130.87	76.75%
403 Gas & Electricity	10,320.19	11,666.66	-1,346.47	88.46%
404 Telephone	778.56	1,330.00	-551.44	58.54%
405 Water	381.08	541.66	-160.58	70.35%
406 Cleaning/Kitchen Supplies	996.48	1,166.66	-170.18	85.41%
407 Repairs & Maintenance	3,512.98	5,833.34	-2,320.36	60.22%
409 Organ Maintenance	489.00	833.34	-344.34	58.68%
<b>Total Property</b>	<b>24,082.38</b>	<b>31,138.32</b>	<b>-7,055.94</b>	<b>77.34%</b>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>269,448.49</b>	<b>303,653.92</b>	<b>-34,205.43</b>	<b>88.74%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-20,477.26</b>	<b>-34,710.58</b>	<b>14,233.32</b>	<b>58.99%</b>



# Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

December 2014

## Holiday Stress

The holiday season is here and many of us are feeling pressure. Shopping, going to parties, baking and many other activities in addition to our normal tasks can leave us feeling exhausted. We always have more projects than we have time for. We often have more socializing than we feel up to.

The holidays bring different memories and feelings to each of us. For some, the holidays are a very joyous time, for others they are very emotional and bring up feelings of holidays long past.

It is important to know that symptoms of stress vary with each individual. During the holidays some people have trouble falling or staying asleep. Some wake up early, while others have trouble getting up in the morning. Some gain weight; others have headaches or mood swings. Some experience an inexplicable sadness, while others may miss loved ones who are no longer here.

It is important to remember the holiday blues are often short-lived and a reaction to the stress of the holiday season. Although some stress is good, too much stress can make us feel overwhelmed and exhausted. Here are some things that may help you manage the season:

- Plan your time and recognize that it is ok to say “no.” Don’t over-schedule yourself.
- Set your priorities and let the less important things wait.
- Recognize that not everything can or has to be perfect.
- Delegate tasks to other family members.
- Don’t overindulge in sweet, high-calorie food. Eat regular meals, especially lots of fruits and vegetables. Watch your intake of alcohol and tobacco.
- Try to get 6-8 hours of sleep every night.

If you recognize that stress or the holiday blues continue beyond the holidays, they may be symptoms of a more-serious problem. If that’s the case, it may help to speak with a mental-health professional.

**You and your family do not have to struggle alone. LCFS counselors help families generate hope and cope with life’s challenges. Most insurance plans accepted; sliding-scale fees are available on a case-by-case basis. For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact us at [lcfs\\_info@lcfs.org](mailto:lcfs_info@lcfs.org) or 800-363-LCFS (5237).**

**Discover LCFS and the services we offer at [www.lcfs.org](http://www.lcfs.org) and [www.facebook.com/LCFSIL](https://www.facebook.com/LCFSIL).**

**LCFS offers counseling  
at the following locations:**

### **Northern Illinois**

*Crown Point* at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Belvidere  
Grace Lutheran School, River Forest

### **Southern Illinois**

LCFS office, Belleville  
LCFS office, Mt. Vernon  
LCFS office, Sparta

### **Central Illinois**

Trinity Lutheran School, Bloomington  
LCFS office, Decatur  
Christ Lutheran Church, Normal  
LCFS office, Springfield

**To schedule a first-time appointment,  
call 800-363-LCFS (5237) or  
visit [www.lcfs.org](http://www.lcfs.org) for additional information.**



## Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias 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 poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available at a cost of \$6.00 each. You will be able to take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Musicales on December 29<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

☐ in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

☐ for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)*

***(All orders must be received by Thursday, December 18<sup>th</sup>.)***