

January 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Malinda, the girls, and I wish to extend greetings to all our family in Christ during this Christmas Season. During this time of year, we tend to reminisce about the past and look forward to the future. Milestones in life tend to cause us to wax nostalgic. This year, the year of our Lord 2015, is quite a milestone. This year marks the 75th Anniversary of the formation of Our Redeemer Lutheran Church.

I pray that, by God's grace, we are able to focus our energy in celebrating the rich heritage of the Gospel being proclaimed and generations of faithful being raised up as the children of God here within the family of Our Redeemer. Yet, at the same time, I pray, we fix our eyes on the future and recognize our need to raise up the next generation in a manner which gives them the same fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

I love visiting with our older members who have been at Our Redeemer since they were children. It is important to remember what happened since 1940 with a few dozen saints gathering on the second floor of Durst's Dairy. Those senior citizens were once the youth of the church. I love hearing people talk about their wedding or other gatherings in the Old Chapel. Those young couples raised families surrounded by God's Word and Sacraments and we see the fruits of their labor. I love hearing about the "leap of faith" taken by the members of Our Redeemer when plans were made to build the new sanctuary. The generations before us made sacrifices looking to the future.

Over this next year, we are going to make the extra effort to remember our past. Then, at the same time, we are going to celebrate the many opportunities to share the Gospel in the here and now and into the future. I love seeing our new families welcomed into our greater church family (take time to talk to those sitting around you in the pews). I love hearing children fuss and make noise during worship (I grew up in a church where there was no risk of that happening because there were no children). I love listening to the din of conversation in the narthex before and after worship. I love being the pastor in a church which is active in the joy of the Gospel and active in the lives of others. We are blessed to celebrate 75 years of this active participation as the people of God at Our Redeemer. We are blessed to have a bright future in front of our church family.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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

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 Wilcoxon, 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

2015 Phone Directory – Update Information

on Church Directory list. A copy for review is available on the table by the stairs. With your input, we can offer a print or PDF version via email to all members in **January**. Have you moved? Changed phone numbers in the last five years? Please update your numbers and addresses and information for all family and friends too.

2015 Offering Envelopes are now available on the table between the stairs and coatrack. Please note that you may have a new envelope number starting next year.

Together in Mission Envelopes are also available in the church office if you would like to help sponsor our missionary families. With 20 families each giving \$25 a month, we can sponsor a missionary family and reach more people with the Good News of the Gospel.

ORLC's 75th Anniversary Committee will meet in January to plan wonderful anniversary events & materials. We need great ideas, fond memories, and old photos or slides to get started. Please contact the office to help!

New Member Class – Pastor Eden will offer New Member Classes again starting in January. All are welcome and anyone interested should contact Pastor.

Senior Singles will not meet in January or February because of possible bad weather.

Sunday School needs a volunteer to write out Birthday Postcards for students every month starting in **February 2015**. The cards can be dropped off at the church office to be stamped and mailed.

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.

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

Church Directory – Save the Date! As you meet with family this Christmas, start thinking about new family photos for our new **75th Anniversary Directory**. Lifetouch will be here **May 5th - 9th** and **May 12th - 13th, 2015** taking photos. Please contact the church office when you are ready to schedule your appointment.

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

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

National Lutheran Youth Workers

Conference – Save the date! **July 12-15, 2015** in New Orleans, LA. Early bird registration rates at www.nlywc.com.

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."

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Like Panda Express? Stop by the ORLC Scrip table to purchase Panda Express your gift cards.

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!

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.



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

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.

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.

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 or contact us at 630-521-8281 or 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.



January Birthdays

1 Jake Killday	12 Brian Burner	23 Kristopher Kutcher
1 Wade Pellman	12 Brad Essington	24 Lynnette Carpenter
2 Barbara Glasscock	13 Kelly Hufendick	24 Kathryn Hyer
3 Judith Burner	13 Hannah Mixer	25 Steven Kaiser
3 Blake Feinstein	13 Grace Vaughn	26 Donald Fink
3 Michele Urbon	14 Norma Begeman	26 Cameron McDowell
5 Brady Essington	14 Donna Haire	27 Christina Kaltenbach
6 Phyllis Ashby	14 Melanie Zehnle	27 James Lucas
6 Addison Buss	15 Brett Baird	27 Keith Urbon
6 Linda Knowles	16 Larry Ehmen	28 Angela Clevenger
7 Ruth Hall	16 Thomas Hurley	28 Phillip Weisheit
7 Bryan Meyer	17 Ruth Holt	29 Krista Dicks
7 David Showman II	17 Lucas McElfresh	29 Brooke Gooding
7 Lucille Wiskirchen	18 Sky Fischer	29 Lauren Mueller
8 Madison Goertz	18 Kirk Vahle	30 Nora Schnack
8 David Showman	19 John Dillinger	30 Mary Voepel
9 Ruby McGartland	20 Kyle Frink	31 Joshua Jefferson
9 Ava Troxel	21 Eldora Bowles	
10 Cliff Hemmann	22 Jeremy Gruen	
11 Christine Clevenger	22 Marilyn Newman	
11 Gary O'Dell	22 Travis Wolfmeyer	

BAPTISM

January Baptisms

1 Ann Brackensick	11 Ava Langan	25 Harrison Knapp
1 Jim Callahan	15 Kent Knoernschild	26 Brad Essington
1 Stacy Luker	16 Lily Kuhn	26 Valerie Ohnemus
1 Kent Schnack	17 Ida Utterback	28 Chris Knapp
1 Mary Tipton	18 Amie Hoebing	29 Dave Rickey
1 Tim Westberg	18 Gage Scharnhorst	29 Eric Sass
3 Jessica Hibbert	19 Tory Hufendick	29 Warren Vahle
5 Ann Knoernschild	19 Jonah Tronsgard	29 Tara Walker-Moffitt
6 Myley Longcor	19 Alison Zehnle	30 Elizabeth Barton
8 Tony Bowles	21 Norma Begeman	30 Merinda Jones
8 Jammie Meyer	21 Lucille Wiskirchen	30 Hannah Mixer
9 Coby Klauser	22 Donna White	
11 Kari Adams	24 James Jones III	
11 Marjorie Baker	25 Rachel Boerema	

January Anniversaries

- 3 Gary & Kathryn Hyer
- 3 Dustin & Ann Nickelson
- 3 Chet & Barbara Vahle
- 8 Anthony & Susan Bowles
- 15 Frank & Debbie Baird
- 21 David & Glenna Nicholson
- 30 Chaz & Briana Robertson



Assignments for January 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sat., January 3 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., January 4 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., January 4 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Joe Cleaves
Sat., January 10 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., January 11 at 8:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sun., January 11 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Stan Yelton
Sat., January 17 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., January 18 at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Larry Ehmen
Sun., January 18 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Sat., January 24 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., January 25 at 8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Craig Gooding
Sun., January 25 at 10:15 a.m.	Stan Yelton	Bruce Burner
Sat., January 31 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Foster, Monica Foster, Becky Lunt, Jerry Lunt
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	Mark Vahle, Steve Kaiser, Bill Haire, Bill Schlegl

Registration Slips: Linda Go

Altar Care: Donna Schoch, Sharon Vaughn, Sherry Yelton, and Missy Ebel

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Shirley Dieringer

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

Pastoral Report

(November 1 – November 30, 2014)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

Cynthia Ann Frohn (d: January 16, 2005) Burial – November 29, 2014

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Infant Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

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

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

“Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your father which is in Heaven.” Mark 5:16

PUZZLE PAGE

THE LIGHT

by

Bill Schlegl

Jesus is the light of the world. Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given to learn how you can follow Jesus' example.

G Z O

T J P M

G D B C O

N J

N C D I Z

W Z A J M Z

H Z I

O C V O

O C Z T

H V T

N Z Z

T J P M

B J J Y

R J M F N

V I Y

B G J M D A T

T J P M

A V O C Z M

R C D X C

D N

D I

C Z V Q Z I

Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

January 2015

Building healthy boundaries

“But if I say no, I’ll hurt her feelings.” “If he loves me, he should know what I want.” Have you ever felt frustrated after saying things like these or has someone said something similar to you and left you feeling frustrated? You may be struggling with what is known as a lack of boundaries.

Boundaries are the borders or limits that we have within ourselves that ultimately define us as individuals. Boundaries say what we are, what we are not, what we feel and what we don’t feel. They are found in our values, attitudes, feelings, behaviors and even in how we treat our bodies.

Some people act contrary to their values in order to please others or believe someone else can make them happy. People with unhealthy boundaries may suffer from a sense of helplessness, failure, panic, depression or irresponsibility.

Some signs of having unhealthy boundaries include: telling all, falling in love with a new acquaintance, going against personal values or rights to please others and letting others direct your life.

There are ways to be individuals and still be in a relationship. You can gain boundaries by:

- Becoming aware of your own body, feelings, attitudes, behaviors and thoughts
- Defining values and limits
- Saying what you feel and what you like
- Learning to say no
- Learning to accept others for who they are
- Developing interests separate from the interests of those you love

If you are losing your personal identity or depending on someone else for your happiness, you may want to discuss your situation with a professional counselor.

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 or 800-363-LCFS (5237).

Discover LCFS and the services we offer at www.lcfs.org and 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

Central Illinois

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

Southern Illinois

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

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