

February 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

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After much prayerful consideration, the board of Elders and I have chosen to table the decision to change church times during the school year. I want to thank everyone who responded to our survey and I am especially thankful to those who came to me privately and expressed either support or concern. I appreciate it when you trust that we can have open and honest conversations as we work together with the common goal of doing whatever seems best for Christ's Church so that others may share in the joy that we have in the Gospel.

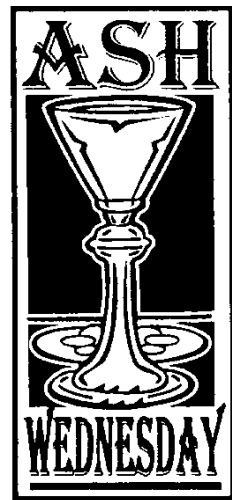
One change that we will make for this year is that Sunday School will be included in the summer schedule. The Sunday worship service will once again begin at 9:00 AM and we will have Sunday School for all ages immediately after. The youth will all be together (probably in the sanctuary – as we are still working out details). Their time will be focused on music and they will sing at least once each month during the worship service. All the adults, but especially the parents, are invited to join us in the basement for Bible class. We will be working our way through Revelation (which should begin soon as we are almost finished with Hebrews). In my 20 years of ministry, this will be my first time going through Revelation in its entirety. Please join us as we seek to better understand the mystery and grace of God.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

2015 Lenten Theme: "Restored in Christ"

February 18, Ash Wednesday	"Broken Hearts" – Pastor Eden
February 25	"Broken Trust" – Pastor Hayden
March 4	"Broken Bread" – Pastor Fieberkorn
March 11	"Broken Promises" – Pastor Latzke
March 18	"Broken Justice" – Pastor Rempfer
March 25	"Broken Vessel" – 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, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Wepler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Norma Baird, Elizabeth Barton, Jim Callahan, Gloria Douglas, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Dorothy Hagemann, 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, PO Box 248, Waxhaw, NC 28173
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

QUINCY BIBLE INSTITUTE – St. James will be hosting the Quincy Bible Institute this year. On **February 8th**, our special speaker will be **Tim Hetzner** from Lutheran Church Charities. This is a recognized service organization of the LCMS well known for bringing comfort dogs to tragic situations. He spoke at last fall's LWML rally and was warmly received. The first fifty minutes he will speak on **“Three Days Three Nights: How Can That Be?”** The second fifty minutes he will speak on **“Sharing the Mercy and Compassion of Christ”**. The Bible Institute runs **from 4 – 6**. The **first session is 4 – 4:50**. The **second session is 5:10 – 6 p.m.** Following his presentation there is a **carry-in**. St. James is responsible for providing the meat, drinks and desserts. **Others attending are to bring salads and side dishes.**

Please sign-up in the entry if you will be attending and indicate what you will bring.

February 15th there will be **sectionals presented by circuit pastors** and on **February 22nd** will be the **Youth Bible Bowl** over Judges and Ruth.

Bible Institute Help Needed As you know Quincy Bible Institute is coming up February 8, 15 & 22. St James will provide meat & desserts for the carry-in the 8th, **attendees from congregations are asked to bring side dishes**. As is tradition, we would **ask Our Redeemer to bring cookies the 15th** and LCSJ the 22nd. Drinks will be prepared ahead for you and trays set out for cookies. About 15 dozen cookies will be needed. Please sign up on the table in the Narthex to help.

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

LWML Soup & Bread Sale Sign up now on the Narthex table for four different homemade soups: Chili, Chicken Noodle, Cheesy Vegetable, or Oyster Stew. Bread is included with each soup order - \$4 per Pint or \$8 per Quart. Orders should be picked up after services on **February 7 or 8**.

Winter Women's Retreat is **February 27-28, 2015**. Please see Malinda Eden to register. 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.

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

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT) workshops for 2015:

Saturday, February 7, 2015, St. John's (Sand Prairie) Lutheran Church, Green Valley

Saturday, April 18, 2015, Immanuel Lutheran Church (Student Center), Macomb

Saturday, May 2, 2015, Trinity Lutheran Church, Taylorville

These workshops are led by Randy Wolf, Immanuel Lutheran Church, Altamont; and Stephen Born, St. John Lutheran Church, Decatur.

Registration information on the CID Website www.cidlcms.org.

Thrivent Action Teams - If you are a Thrivent Financial member or have a Thrivent member in your group, you can apply for Thrivent funds to help with a fundraiser or to finance an event. You can lead a Thrivent Action Team to bring people together to coordinate an educational event, conduct a service activity, or organize a fundraiser for something you are passionate about. It's easy and fun! **Simply apply at least 21 days prior to your event at**

www.thrivent.com/actionteam. Thrivent will provide resources to help you plan the event, promotional items- including Thrivent T-shirts, and a Community Impact Debit Card loaded with \$250 of seed money. For ideas or to learn more simply visit thrivent.com/actionteam or contact Mick Goslin at 314-452-0477. Several members in our area have led Action Teams this past year and this program has helped with their fundraisers; Benefit for a Family with medical expenses, Autism support group fundraiser, and Servant event expenses, etc. Think outside the box for ways that you and Thrivent can help your church, your school, and your community. You can apply for seed money for advertising (printing, posters, etc.), and for seed money for supplies for an auction (for example), and for seed money for food that will be served at an event. If you have any questions, contact your Mick Goslin, your Congregational Advocates, or the Adams County Chapter Board members.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Like Texas Roadhouse? Stop by the ORLC Scrip table to purchase Texas Roadhouse gift cards and discount 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.

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.



February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	12 Doreetha Elliott	21 Henry Hardy
5 Sheldon Foulk	12 Jaela Vaughn	21 Jason Klausner
5 Clinton Gooding	13 Loren Schnack	21 Martha Otto
5 Daniel Hufendick	13 Jennifer Tournear	23 Ricky Goertz
5 Jeffrey Smith	14 Lindsey Howlett	23 Florence Lavery
5 Colin Stegeman	16 River Bugh	24 Phillip Baker
7 Rebecca Lunt	16 Adam Buss	24 Alejandro Casanova
9 Robert Edwards	16 Annalisa Eden	24 Levi Cook
9 Aaron Goodwin	16 Darren Fink	25 Michael Douglas
9 Cynthia Ott	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	25 Kara Mercurio
9 Randy Wolfmeyer	17 Kimberly Gooding	25 Arron Ohnemus
10 Ben Knoernschild	17 Isabelle Hillerts	26 Shelly Holtman
11 Farren Campbell	17 Ryne Lubben	26 Ellen Southward
11 Reva Ehmen	19 Amy Buss	27 Gary Cramlett
11 Elise Luker	19 William Schanbacher	29 Laura Essington
11 Ellen Stockhecke	19 Kenneth Wiesemann	
12 Donna Eisenbeiss	20 Kelsey Valentine	

BAPTISM

February Baptisms

1 James Jones II	9 Rebecca Jones	15 Tad Douglas
1 Jim Lucas	11 Renee Durst	15 Brandon McGartland
2 Monica Foster	11 Don Fink	16 Randy Ellerbrock
3 Darrell Drescher	11 Lauryn Hinthorne	17 Cameron McDowell
3 Barb Hall	11 Mary Lazzeri	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Luke McElfresh	12 Larry Ehmen	22 Ellie Bowles
5 Kirk Vahle	12 Larry Foster	26 Loren Schnack
6 Kyle Frink	12 Harry Hall Jr.	27 Jessica Campbell
6 Melanie Zehnle	13 Nathaniel Hurley	28 Brian Burner
8 Ayden Doran	14 Bob Frink	28 Judi Burner
8 Eric Fischer	14 Shanna Wemhoener	28 Austin Fischer

February Anniversaries

- 8 Charles & Pamela Church
- 13 Jason & Stephanie Bush
- 14 Gary & Shelia McElfresh
- 17 Mark & Lynnette Carpenter



Assignments for February 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sat., January 31 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., February 1 at 8:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Brad Essington
Sun., February 1 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., February 7 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., February 8 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., February 8 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Joe Cleaves
Sat., February 14 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., February 15 at 8:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sun., February 15 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Wed., February 18 at 7:00 p.m.	Larry Ehmen	Steve Schoch
Sat., February 21 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., February 22 at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Larry Ehmen
Sun., February 22 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Sat., February 28 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Chris Knapp
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen, Jerry Manton, Clint Gooding, Craig Gooding
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	Don Blattner, Joe Cleaves, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer
Ash Wednesday February 18 at 7:00 p.m.	Steve Kaiser, Joe Cleaves, Brad Essington, Ryan Vaughn
Lent Mid-Week February 25 at 7:00 p.m.	Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle, Howard Snowden, Ruth Ann Snowden

Registration Slips: Eleanor Schlegl

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

Counters: Bill Schlegl and Barb Ellerbrock

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 217-223-1769 or by email:
Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org

Pastoral Report
(December 1 – December 31, 2014)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

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	December 31, 2014
Baptized	596	+18	-17	597
Confirmed	461	+18	-16	463

Financial Results
Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2014

General (Operating) Income	\$ 307,307.61
General (Operating) Expense	<u>(335,888.77)</u>
Net Operating Loss	\$ (28,581.16)
Other Income and Expenses:	
Bequest Income	207,931.65
Fund Designated Income & Interest	8,288.68
Building Fund Expense	(7,698.79)
Memorial Fund Expense	<u>(7,394.34)</u>
Net Income	<u><u>\$ 172,546.04</u></u>

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

**“Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”
Rev. 2:10**

PUZZLE PAGE

FAITHFUL

by

Bill Schlegl

Why does the Bible tell us to be faithful unto our Heavenly Father?

(A = 1, E = 5, I = 9, O = 15, U = 21)

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Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

February 2015

Teasing: one child's taunt, another child's pain

Learning to get along in the world means learning how one's words and actions affect others. In infancy and toddlerhood, a child is "me" oriented. However, she begins to learn that when you smile people smile back and when you take a toy from someone he cries. Unfortunately these lessons are not easily remembered when a child is ten years old and calling someone names.

It is important to discuss the issue of teasing with your child. She may readily admit that someone has called her a name, but may be more reluctant to say she has done the same. Don't assume your child has never put down another child with words. She probably has.

Help children understand the long-term impact that name calling can have on another person. Be willing to share a story of your own experiences to help children understand that teasing is not something that one easily forgets.

Children tease other children because they may be hurting inside and it's their way of getting the hurt out. Sometimes teasing is done to win points with friends. If everybody laughs when someone calls someone else a name, he gets reinforced for it. It may be a group thing to exclude and put down a child "who doesn't belong."

Remember that children learn by example. Think about what your words and actions teach them. Have you ever seen an old car that was beat up and commented on how horrible it looked or how you would never drive a car like that? The comment doesn't seem too bad, but the subtle statement is that there is something wrong or degrading about driving such a car. What if the car belonged to the parents of one of your child's classmates? Would your child shun the classmate because of your comments?

It is easier to remember the worst thing said to you yesterday than the best. Teach your children by word and action to have consideration and respect for themselves by having consideration and respect for others.

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.**