

March 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

We will spend the entire month of March in the penitential season of Lent. This is a time of repentance (and actual repentance requires actual change). Repentance literally means "to turn around," "to turn away," or "to change your mind." Repentance means seeing yourself different than you did before because the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God has changed you.

Historically, Lent is a time for "giving something up" like chocolate or alcohol or whatever. This would be done as a sign of devotion to God. We discipline our bodies to benefit our souls. There is nothing wrong with giving something up. Luther states in the Small Catechism, "Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.'"

However, instead of "giving something up," I encourage you to "add something." Add a morning or evening devotion to your routine. Take two or three minutes to read one of the six chief parts from Luther's Small Catechism. Read a chapter of Scripture (I suggest starting with the Gospels). If you have not made a practice of coming to midweek services, add that to your Lenten preparation. Allow yourself to be in the Word of God. As Luther says, "It is in the Word and nowhere else that God permits Himself to be found."

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

2015 Lenten Theme: "Restored in Christ"

March 4	"Broken Promises" – Pastor Latzke
March 11	"Broken Bread" – Pastor Fieberkorn
March 18	"Broken Justice" – Pastor Rempfer
March 25	"Broken Vessel" – Pastor Eden
March 29	Palm Sunday
April 2	Maundy Thursday
April 3	Good Friday



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
	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
Property Board	Jeff Smith (1 st term)	Oct. 2013 – Sept. 2015
	Bill Schlipman (2 nd term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	VOLUNTEERS NEEDED	
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, Katie Brennan, Butch & Carolyn Bruemmer, 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 Weppler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Norma Baird, Elizabeth Barton, Butch & Carolyn Bruemmer, Jim Callahan, Gloria Douglas, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Dorothy Hagemann, Mary Hurley, Cleada Mason, 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, 8001 Hope Lane, 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 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

Lenten Dessert Night Schedule –

The following church groups will serve desserts after Lenten services:

March 18 Montana Group

March 25 LWML

Please contact Renee Benedetto at 224-2098 for more information.

ORLC's 75th Anniversary Committee will meet **Saturday March 21 at 9:30 AM** to set dates for anniversary events & materials. We need great ideas, fond memories, and old photos or slides to get started. Please contact the office to help!

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, 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.

Summarized Financial Results

Month Ended January 31, 2015

Income	\$ 21,730.60
Expenses	(32,615.36)
Net Loss	\$ (10,884.76)

The snow is (hopefully) over and it's **Dogwood Parade** time! Mark your calendars for **Saturday, May 2nd** to walk with **St. James Lutheran School** in the Dogwood Parade. Everyone is welcome to walk or ride with us. Information will be updated as soon as it's available. Looking forward to seeing you and having a great turn out for the parade!

Property Board Help Needed – Please consider giving your time and talents to help keep the church well maintained. Can you help with small upkeep projects? If so, please contact Stan Yelton or Jeff Smith.

LWML Garage Sale – Coming Soon! Are you ready for some Spring cleaning? Please start saving items for the upcoming LWML Garage Sale. There is no date set yet, but the group would like the congregation to start saving their items for donation. Please see one of the LWML members if you have questions.

Need Gift Ideas? In addition to Scrip Cards, RADA & Cookbooks, the American Heritage Girls have some candles, wax melts and air fresheners available for purchase in the Old Chapel. All of the Abby Candle items are made in the USA and 50% of each sale goes right back to our St. James school Troop IL 2014.

Looking for an easy way to serve ORLC?

We need additional helpers at the **SCRIP** table, especially on Saturday evenings. This involves sitting at the table, handing out gift cards, and signing off on orders. Our team will happily train you and sit with you until you are comfortable.

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.

CONCORD MATTERS & GOD WHISPERERS

on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE. Be sure to check out **Concord Matters** (Sat@10am and Tues@2pm Central Time) is a round table discussion on the Lutheran Confessions from the Book of Concord, and **God Whisperers** (Thurs@2pm Central) is an offbeat program that discusses the everyday life of Christians with humor and intelligence. Listen at kfuo.org! Follow us on [Facebook.com/KFUORadio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio).

Attention Bowlers: The 67th Annual LLL Bowling Tournament at Classic Lanes in **Bloomington, Indiana** on **April 11th & 12th, 18th & 19th, 25th & 26th, and May 2nd & 3rd**.

<http://trinitylutheranellettsville.org/2015-LLL-bowling-tournament/>. For questions, email:

tlcbowling@gmail.com or contact Trinity Lutheran church, the host church, at [\(812\) 876-0996](tel:(812)876-0996)

CALLING ALL GIRLS!!!!...SAVE THE DATE...April 11th

The **Quincy LWML Zone** is hosting a wedding style show at St. John's Fellowship hall from 2 – 4pm.

We are **looking for wedding dresses from every decade** going back as far as we can! Please allow us to **share your beautiful dress** with all the ladies in attendance...all we ask is that you provide your own model (you, your daughter, a granddaughter, a friend...you get the idea) and a short history or story of the dress (wedding day, where you got married, any interesting & fun facts).

Please contact your society president right away for us to start creating our program! If your dress is too fragile, we would like to have those for display! **We can't thank you enough for your generosity in sharing your most beautiful day with us!**

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.



Thrivent Choice Dollars for 2014 expire soon! These dollars can be directed to Our Redeemer or another charity of your choice but they **must be used by March 31, 2015**. Cards with instructions are located on the South entrance table by the stairs. If you need help using the computer, please stop by the church office and see Gretchen.

The Lutheran Schools Consulting Service (LSCS) has prepared an online survey for St. James Lutheran School's teachers, parents, and congregational members to complete. This survey will provide valuable information for the LSCS Assessor when he visits the end of March. It will only take 10-15 minutes to complete. Thank you, for your help in assisting in a meaningful and insightful LSCS visit.

General Survey:
Use the zip code: **62301**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/62301>

The site will be available **March 9 – March 20, 2015**

Everyone is encouraged to participate.

The **elected leaders** of St. James, Our Redeemer, and the Lutheran Church of St. John will complete a separate survey. They will be provided the site address and password via email from their respective church offices.

If you have any questions, please contact: Pastor Eden or Gretchen in the church office

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

217-222-8267

March 2015

TUITION ASSISTANCE FUND – We have more students receiving free/reduced hot lunch than ever before which gives us an indication of the **need for tuition assistance**. **Thank you for your response** to the tuition assistance letter.

DID YOU KNOW THAT....

- The Christian faith is nurtured and fed every day and is integrated throughout the day?
- St. James has a weekly chapel service led by the pastors of our LCMS congregations?
- St. James' faculty has over 165 years of classroom experience?
- St. James offers both morning and after school care?
- St. James has band and choir opportunity through the Parochial Music Organization (PMO) for grades 4-8 AND has a school choir (**Praise Be to Jesus Singers - PBJs**) for grades 3-8?

Wouldn't you like to be part of the St. James Lutheran School family? Talk to a current St. James family. Find out their experience with St. James School and then consider meeting with our principal, Mr. Landskroener, to ask questions and discuss ways in which St. James Lutheran School can be of service to you and your family.

TEXAS ROADHOUSE FUNDRAISER CARDS are now available at the **Our Redeemer SCRIP Table**. The card now costs \$6 and the school keeps \$4.00. Doesn't a Cactus Blossom, Fried Pickles, Kid's Meal or \$5.00 off the Combo Appetizer Platter sound good? That's what you can get with this card at 4 different times between now and August. We have plenty of cards to go around so get one now!

THE ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL ONLINE STORE is now open. You will find a nice variety of items. Three school logos are offered. It's easy and friendly. Simply go to <http://store.allcustomwear.com/stjamesquincy/> and see the products they have to offer. After checking it out, you may have some ideas of items to add to our store. If so, please contact Mr. Landskroener.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Like Texas Roadhouse? Stop by the ORLC Scrip table to purchase Texas Roadhouse gift cards. Now you can also pick up a discount card for FREE compliments of **St. James Lutheran School**. Any small donation to the school would be appreciated. Thank you!

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!

Want to Go Paperless?

We would be happy to email you any church correspondence and newsletters if that is the option you prefer. Contact the church office, write your email on the bottom of your attendance card, or email

secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org.

Attention Parents of College Students:

If your child is away at college, please let the church know their new address and/or email as soon as you get it. We would like to nurture those relationships, pray for them, and help to keep them informed.

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.

March Birthdays



1 Donna MacFadden	12 Jared Lunt	22 Don Blattner
3 Matt Kemp	12 Savannah O'Dell	22 Tiffany Hines
3 Evie Ott	13 Joshua Weisenburger	22 Lauryn Sharrow
3 R.P. Schaller	14 Charlie Church	23 Clayton Hibbert
4 Jack Tronsgard	14 Kathy Ragsdale	24 Anna Ehmen
6 David Bent	14 David Reinburg	24 Bob Wemhoener
6 Kara Vahle	14 Jessica Scharnhorst	26 Kristin Humphrey
7 David Drescher	14 Mary Tipton	26 Glenna Nicholson
8 Rachel Boerema	17 Obediah Church	26 Dick Reichert
8 Michael Fonck	17 Dorothy Hagemann	27 Evita Helm
8 Christopher Schnack	17 Ellen Hines	27 Jerry Manton
9 Alex Doran	17 Mary Morse	27 Mark Voepel
9 Brandon Hufendick	17 Katie Voepel	28 Eleanor Schlegel
9 Erin Humphrey	17 Jeff Wolfmeyer	29 Andrew Fodor
9 Chad Manton	18 Ella Ehmen	29 Cindy Fonck
9 Brett Scharnhorst	18 Erin Fischer	29 Julia Troxel
11 Bella Campbell	20 Ciera Clevenger	30 Jim Holtman
11 Pam Church	20 Connor Clevenger	31 Kimberly Spohr
11 Logan Frink	21 Aaron Boerema	31 Arjee Weisheit
12 Deanna Hibbert	21 Daphnie Robertson	
12 Elaine Hyer	22 Michele Austin	

March Baptisms

BAPTISM

1 Alex Doran	11 Bella Campbell	21 Megan Chezem
1 Reva Ehmen	11 Emma Campbell	21 Katie Koenig
1 Barbara Glasscock	11 Danielle Deeter	22 Sophia Brown
1 Brooke Gooding	13 Rob Edwards	22 Jane Voepel
1 Maggie Nixon	15 Mandy Creely	23 David Bent
7 Allison Smith	15 Justin Harvey	24 Isabelle Hillerts
7 Arjee Weisheit	15 Dave Pellman	24 Elise Luker
8 Doreetha Elliott	16 Elizabeth Burner	24 Jeff Wolfmeyer
8 Becky Lunt	16 Gretchen Kemp	25 Ryne Lubben
8 Jerry Manton	17 Emily Drescher	26 Joseph Cleaves
9 Ruth Hall	17 Marty Otto	27 Matt Wepler
9 Brandon Hufendick	17 Chad Purcell	28 Ella Ehmen
9 Gary O'Dell	18 Amy Buss	28 Rod Hibbert
9 Ellen Stockhecke	18 Jan Mueller	29 Andrew Fodor
10 Addison Buss	19 Donna Haire	29 Bonnie Hallerberg
10 Jeremy Holtman	20 Jessica Scharnhorst	31 Henry Hardy
10 Josh Holtman	21 Phillip Baker	31 Jane Howlett
10 Randy Wolfmeyer	21 Marcus Chezem	31 Bill Schanbacher

March Anniversaries

- 17 Michael & Susan Weiss
- 18 Kevin & Barbara Glasscock
- 28 Al & Missy Ebel



Assignments for March 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sun., March 1 at 8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Craig Gooding
Sun., March 1 at 10:15 a.m.	Stan Yelton	Bruce Burner
Sat., March 7 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 8 at 8:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Brad Essington
Sun., March 8 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., March 14 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 15 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Bob Frink
Sun., March 15 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Joe Cleaves
Sat., March 21 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 22 at 8:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Foster
Sun., March 22 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Sat., March 28 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., March 29 at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Larry Ehmen
Sun., March 29 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Jeff Wolfmeyer

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Gary McElfresh
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Cramlett, Brad Essington, Chris Knapp, NEED VOLUNTEERS
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Schlipman, Alex Schlipman, Jeff Smith, Bill Haire
Lent Mid-Week March 4 at 7:00 p.m.	Bill Schlegl, Gary McElfresh, Gary Hyer, Kathy Hyer
Lent Mid-Week March 11 at 7:00 p.m.	Bruce Burner, Steve Hyer, Brad Essington, Stan Yelton
Lent Mid-Week March 18 at 7:00 p.m.	Chris & Michele Clevenger, Larry & Monica Foster
Lent Mid-Week March 25 at 7:00 p.m.	Nathan Hoebing, Chris Knapp, Sonny Voepel, Joe Cleaves

Registration Slips: Ruth Essington

Altar Care: Kriss Frink, Kari Foulk, Carolyn Cramlett, Amy Killday

Counters: Mary Lazzeri 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

(January 1 – February 28, 2015)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms

Charles Alexander Bowles – February 21, 2015

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+3B, +2C]

Infant Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Charles Alexander Bowles – February 21, 2015

Adult Confirmations [+1B, +1C]

Michael Badamo – February 27, 2015

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+1B, +1C]

Ashley Badamo – February 27, 2015 – St. Paul Lutheran Church in Preston, Kansas

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, 2015	Gains	Losses	February 28, 2015
Baptized	597	+3	-4	596
Confirmed	463	+2	-4	461

PUZZLE PAGE

PRAYER

by

Bill Schlegl

You can talk (pray) to the Lord in many different ways. Use the backward code to learn an interesting thing about your prayers.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

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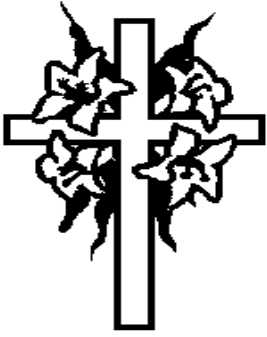
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IRTSGVLFH ZMW SRH VZIH

ZIV LKVM GL GSVRI

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KIZBVI

Easter Lilies



Every Easter, we order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation.

The lilies 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 lilies will be included in the Easter bulletins.

Lilies will be available at a cost of **\$7.00** each. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the 9:00 AM Easter service.

If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

All orders must be received at the church office on or before Monday, March 30, 2015.

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor _____ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

[] in loving memory of _____

[] in thanksgiving for blessings received

[] to the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)

February Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle found on page 12)

For the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous, and His ears are open to their
prayer.
I Pet. 3:12

Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

March 2015

Children: the silent victims of divorce

“Kids are resilient, they’ll get over it” “The divorce is not affecting my child at all.” “Actually, the kids are happy we’re getting a divorce.”

How many times have we heard these statements or even uttered them ourselves? Many may mistake these statements as true, when in reality they could not be further from the truth.

Research shows kids are upset by divorce and oftentimes feel the divorce is somehow their fault. They may even fantasize about their parents getting back together.

Is it possible to make this traumatic event a little easier on the children? The answer is yes. Research shows that children whose parents behave in a certain way before, during and after the divorce have children who are able to accept the situation in a much healthier way than those parents who behave in ways that show no regard for the children.

First, assure the children that even though you and your spouse are divorcing, you both still love them, and the divorce is not their fault.

Second, never put the children in the middle. Remember, you and your spouse are the ones with the problem. Don’t speak badly of the other parent, and don’t make a child a messenger.

When dealing with children of divorce, one thing comes through loud and clear: confusion. The children say that even though their parents divorced, they are still fighting. So the children ask, “Why did they divorce? It didn’t solve anything.”

During this tumultuous time, children need more structure and stability than ever before. Set a schedule with the other parent and stick to it. Remember that the children need quality time with both parents. Allow your child to telephone the other parent frequently. Try to keep your own feelings of jealousy and anger hidden from the children.

While you are feeling emotionally drained and battered from the divorce, it may be difficult to implement some of these things. **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

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 for additional information.**