

May 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Our beloved church has so many events and celebrations on the horizon that there is danger of truly important events being overlooked. Celebrating the 75th Anniversary of Our Redeemer has begun. Our First Communion classes have begun. We look forward to welcoming more of our youth to the Lord's Table. We will have many people in and around our church throughout the weeks of May, as we take pictures for the new directory (May 5-9, 12-13) and the LWML has their "Garage Sale" on May 30th.

We are already preparing for VBS which will be June 22nd-25th and plans are being made for our Reformation Divine Service in German followed by an Anniversary Dinner on October 25th. Each of these events are certainly worthy of our attention, and please don't forget Mother's Day is May 10th, but the greatest celebration, and the one which is necessary for all of those other events to be meaningful, happens each Sunday as we gather at the Lord's altar to receive Christ's body and blood.

Whether the Words of Institution are spoken in German, English, Greek, or Aramaic, they are the purest presentation of the Gospel we will ever hear. Christ's broken body and shed blood are given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As Luther states in his Small Catechism, "These words, 'Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins,' show us that in the Sacrament forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation are given us through these words. For where there is forgiveness of sins, there is also life and salvation."

Without this promise, there would be nothing to celebrate. There would be no reason to instruct our youth concerning Christ's body and blood, and this congregation would be recognizing nothing more than 75 years of futility.

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church is a sacramental community. We are a people of Word and Sacrament. We are recognized as Christ's Church because the Word is proclaimed and the Sacraments are administered. Nothing else that goes on in this community would be of any consequence if these Means of Grace were neglected.

So rejoice in the forgiveness, life, and salvation promised in Christ. Continue to proclaim "Christ is risen!! He is risen indeed!! Alleluia!! And please don't ever neglect the broken body and shed blood of Christ which has covered the guilt of our sin. Our Lord Himself compels us in saying, "Do this in remembrance of Me."

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
	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, Katie Brennan, Butch & Carolyn Bruemmer, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Sean Burner, Chris Clevenger, Richard Grathwohl, Lynda Hinkamper, Lisa Howerton, Elaine Hyer, Bernice Jording, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, 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, Butch & Carolyn Bruemmer, Jim Callahan, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, 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

Summer Church Schedule Starts May 24

Sunday, May 24 will start our Summer schedule with one **9:00 AM** service. Adult Bible Class and Children's Sunday School follows the service at **10:10 AM**. This schedule will continue until after Labor Day.

DOGWOOD PARADE –Break out your red shirts!!! Let's represent St. James School with a sea of red shirts at the 2015 Dogwood Parade on **Saturday, May 2nd!**

Also, if you would like to **donate Dum-Dums or bubble gum** to be handed out at the parade, please put them in the **"Dogwood Candy" donation boxes** located in the church office. Thanks again!

Church Directory – Sign Up Now! New family photos are needed 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 very soon to schedule your appointment. We would love for all church families to participate!

New DVD Ladies Bible Study on David

lasting six weeks. The speakers feature Priscilla Shirer, Beth Moore, & Kay Arthur. Please join us **Tuesday** mornings at **9:30 AM** starting **April 14** through **May 19** in the church basement.

Thank you to the **Heritage Girls** for helping me put the lilies out the day before Easter. They were a great help getting God's house ready for Easter Sunday. I really appreciated their enthusiastic help!
Wanda Spohr

First Communion Classes Start Wednesday April 22 at 6 PM for 4th through 8th grade students. Classes will run from April 22 through **May 13** and their **First Communion Sunday** will be **June 7**.

SAVE THE DATE: (Note date change)

VBS 2015 will be **June 22 - 25** from **6 pm – 8 pm**, with dinner served at **5 pm**. We look forward to you joining us at Camp Discovery!

LWML Garage Sale – Saturday, May 30

from 8-2! Are you ready for some Spring cleaning? We need all your clean, wearable clothing and other items you wish to donate to our sale. (No TVs or Computers please.) All money raised will be used for LWML mission projects. This is a great way to get rid of items you no longer use or items you no longer need following your Spring cleaning! If you need to have items picked up, please call Mary Morse at 217-656-3661 or 217-257-3250. All donations are greatly appreciated! Items you bring to the church can be dropped off in the Nursery downstairs (by the elevator, behind the Sunday School opening room) or in the Old Chapel. Any large furniture items can be dropped off at church after services on Sunday, May 24 or the week before the sale May 26-29. We hope to see all of you **May 30!** Let's make this LWML mission project a huge success!

There will also be a **garage sale at St James on May 30th**. Please contact Lori Czaplewski for more information.

Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)

workshops for 2015:

Saturday, May 2, 2015, Trinity Church, Taylorville
Workshops are led by Randy Wolf, Immanuel, Altamont; and Stephen Born, St. John, Decatur.
Registration information on the CID Website www.cidlcms.org.

CID Scholarship Sunday is May 3rd Twenty-five undergraduates and seven seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need of gifts to continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on **May 3rd**, or mail your gift to:

Scholarship Sunday Gift
Central Illinois District LC-MS
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

Please make checks payable to "Central Illinois District Educational Scholarship Fund". Please designate if your gift is intended for present needs or to be added to the Endowment Fund where interest is used for scholarships. Thank you for your support of our future pastors and teachers.

Peoria Bach Festival 2015 - Join the Peoria Bach Festival from **May 31-June 7, 2015** for another week of celebrating the music, art, and faith of Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750). Altogether there will be eight concerts, several free lectures, two festival worship services, and an event for children. For details please visit www.peoriabachfestival.org or call(309) 676-4609 for a complete Peoria Bach Festival 2015 schedule.

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.

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.

Attention Bowlers: The 67th Annual LLL Bowling Tournament at Classic Lanes in **Bloomington, Indiana on 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:8128760996)

**Summarized Financial Results
Year to Date March 31, 2015**

Income	\$ 75,122.86
Operating Expenses	(94,688.25)
Building Fund Expenses	<u>(2,000.00)</u>
Net Loss	\$ (21,565.39)

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

217-222-8267

May 2015

At St. James Lutheran School...

- the Christian faith is nurtured and fed every day and is integrated throughout the day.
- Extended Care is offered before and after school.
- Math facts mastery is taught and emphasized.
- cursive handwriting is taught and used throughout the school.
- our older students take an educational trip to Chicago or Florida at the end of the school year.
- our sixth grade class participates in the D.A.R.E. program sponsored by the Quincy Police Department.

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.

THANK YOU for attending the spaghetti dinner. We hope you enjoyed a great meal and wonderful company as you supported technology at our school.

“DON’T ROCK THE ARK” is the title of the musical our PreK – 3rd grade students will present **Thursday, May 7, 2015 at 6:30 pm** in the gym. The 4th – 7th grade students will **showcase art work (5:30-6:30 pm)** along with our **Scholastic Book Fair** (buy one get one free). Please plan on joining us!

DOGWOOD PARADE float planning is underway for St. James School! Break out your St. James red shirts and join us to walk in the 2015 Dogwood Parade on **Saturday, May 2nd!** Also, if you would like to donate Dum-Dums or bubble gum to be handed out at the parade, please put them in the “Dogwood Candy” donation boxes located in the church office. Thanks again!

“SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN...” The lyrics of this song was a reminder to display your “St. James Enrolling Now” sign in your yard and/or place of business. If you need a new one, contact the school office (222-8267).

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.

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.

May Puzzle Page Answer (*puzzle found on page 12*)

O give thanks to the Lord, for He is good: for His steadfast love endures forever.
Ps. 107:1

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.

May Birthdays



1 Ann Brackensick	15 Jessica Dedert Huebner	22 Carolyn Kaiser
1 Paul Clevenger	15 Linda Hardy	23 Lily Kuhn
1 Keagan Mercurio	15 Hadley Harvey	23 Bradley Longcor III
1 Simon Nickelson	15 Daniel Hendrian	25 Sandra Callahan
2 Thomas Killday	15 Chaz Robertson	26 Gretta Otto
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	16 Jason Morse	26 Sharon Yelton
4 Quinton Hibbert	17 Jessie Valentine	27 David Bent
7 Tracy Bugh	17 Peggy Wiesemann	27 Dylan Martin
7 Barbara Vahle	18 Shanelle Douglas	28 Stacey Gruen
8 Michael Vahle	19 Noah Ohnemus	28 Todd Waterkotte
9 Terry Lannerd	19 Ryan Vaughn	29 Nicholas Allen
9 Hugh Sharrow	19 Michelle Wolfmeyer	29 Katherine Reddick
9 Wanda Spohr	20 Stacy Valentine	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Kase Thomure	21 Steven Ajdinovich	30 Taylor Frink
9 Nerissa Vahle	21 Michele Clevenger	31 Arianna Fischer
9 Lynn Wombles	21 Joseph Sharrow	31 Alischia Langan
11 Melanie Stegeman	22 Leslie Bent	
14 Kayla Walker	22 Eric Fischer	

May Baptisms

BAPTISM

1 Ann Nickelson	14 Anderson Knapp	24 Bill Perry
1 Lauryn Sharrow	14 Savannah O'Dell	24 Emma Showman
2 Abigail Kemp	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	24 Katie Voepel
2 Hannah Kemp	16 John Dicks	25 Obediah Church
2 Wade Pellman	16 Mary Hurley	25 Hadley Harvey
3 David Drescher	16 Joseph Ott	25 Terry Morse
4 Mary Morse	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	25 Olivia Showman
5 Phillip Weisheit	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Laura Essington
6 Aaron Boerema	19 Keagan Mercurio	26 Craig Gooding
7 Debbie Manton	19 Joseph Ohnemus	27 LeRoy Goodwin
8 Glenna Nicholson	19 Connor Ott	28 Savannah Howerton
9 Amanda Zehnle	19 Derek Ott	31 Amy Edwards
10 Josh Jefferson	22 Thomas Killday	31 Linda Hardy
12 Morgan Frohn	23 Ricky Goertz	31 Wanda Spohr
12 Sonny Voepel	23 Jacob Valentine	
14 Anna Ehmen	24 Morgan Hurley	

May Anniversaries

- 3 Mark & Janice Voepel
- 5 David & Leslie Bent
- 7 Trevor & Heather Feinstein
- 11 Brent & Linda Wingerter
- 14 Darrell & Dorothea Drescher
- 21 Dustin & Jennifer Tournear
- 23 Clinton & Kimberly Gooding
- 27 Michael & Jane Douglas
- 28 LeRoy & Donna Goodwin
- 29 Jeff & Lucinda Klingele



Assignments for May 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sat., May 2 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sun., May 3 at 8:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Larry Ehmen
Sun., May 3 at 10:15 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Sat., May 9 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sun., May 10 at 8:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Craig Gooding
Sun., May 10 at 10:15 a.m.	Stan Yelton	Bruce Burner
Sat., May 16 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sun., May 17 at 8:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Brad Essington
Sun., May 17 at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., May 23 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sun., May 24 at 9:00 a.m.	Christ Knapp	Steve Kaiser
Sat., May 30 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sun., May 31 at 9:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Terry Morse

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards
Sundays at 8:00 a.m.	Gary O'Dell, Nathan Hoebing, Terry Lannerd, Larry Post
Sundays at 10:15 a.m.	Steve Hyer, Mark Vahle, Mike Murphy, Allan Murphy
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.	Gary O'Dell, Nathan Hoebing, Terry Lannerd, Larry Post Steve Hyer, Mark Vahle, Mike Murphy, Allan Murphy

Registration Slips: Shirley Foster

Altar Care: Wanda Spohr, Marty Otto, Anita Wolfmeyer, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Counters: Terry Lannerd and Larry Ehmen

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 – March 31, 2015)

Official Acts

- Infant Baptisms
- First Communion
- Adult Confirmation
- Youth Confirmations
- Marriages
- Funerals

Florence Lavery – March 9, 2015

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +1C]

Infant Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+1B, +1C]

Jamie Louderback – March 4, 2015 from Good Shepherd, Clayton, IL

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

Losses [-8B, -8C]

Death [-2B, -2C]

Florence Lavery – March 4, 2015
Dorothy Hagemann – March 28, 2015

Transfers Out [-4B, -4C]

Bernard Ott – March 5, 2015 to St. James, Quincy, IL
Cynthia Ott – March 5, 2015 to St. James, Quincy, IL
Jacob Ott – March 5, 2015 to St. James, Quincy, IL
Jennifer McConnell – March 21, 2015 to Grandview Church, Quincy, IL

Requested Removal [-2B, -2C]

Eric McConnell – March 21, 2015
Barb Glasscock – March 21, 2015

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

Membership	January 1, 2015	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2015
Baptized	597	+4	-14	587
Confirmed	463	+3	-14	452

PUZZLE PAGE

I WANT A

by

Bill Schlegl

I want a new bike. I want a new basketball. I want a
Instead of always asking for something, what is one thing that you can always do?

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

15 07 09 22 05 20 08 01 14 11 19 20 15

20 08 05 12 15 18 04, 06 15 18 08 05

09 19 07 15 15 04: 06 15 18 08 09 19

19 20 05 01 04 06 01 19 20 12 15 22 05

05 14 04 21 18 05 19 06 15 18 05 22 05 18.

Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

May 2015

Homework hassles

As the school year draws to a close and the weather gets warmer, some families face homework struggles and growing dread as progress reports and report cards loom on the horizon. What parents need to remember about progress reports and report cards is that they reflect your child's performance, not yours. Your child's grades are not a commentary on your parenting ability, unless you have successfully shifted all responsibility for your child's academic work to yourself.

If your child comes home with poor grades, look at the teacher's comments. Notice how many times the teacher indicates incomplete homework as a contributing reason for poor grades.



Homework is the child's responsibility, and one of the major purposes of homework is to teach children to accept that responsibility.

In his book, "Ending the Homework Hassle," John Rosemond offers good insights about homework and how to make your child responsible for it. He explains the ABCs of homework management to overly-involved parents in this way:

A stands for "All by myself." Allow your child to have a private place, such as his/her room, in which to do homework, instead of at the kitchen table or in front of the TV or in other family areas. Be sure the study place is stocked with all the supplies needed to complete the homework.

B stands for "Back off." Parents should become involved only if a child asks for help. Keep that help to a minimum. Remember, it is not your homework. In other words, don't hover over your child.

C stands for "Call it quits at a reasonable time." Don't allow homework marathons to dictate your evening schedule. Set a time limit on homework; whatever is not completed within that time period remains undone, with the resulting consequences. Confiscate books if necessary.

Try the ABCs. The ultimate goal is to place the responsibility for homework on the student, not on teachers, parents or anyone else.

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.**