

July 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we prepare to celebrate July 4th, I am reminded of the “inalienable rights” listed in the Declaration of Independence: “Life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.” I have had several conversations about “joy and happiness” lately, so I decided to see what other people have said.

What I found was that the writers who really had something to say did not equate joy with simple happiness. It is something much deeper. We have all known people who expressed outward happiness, but deep down had little joy.

The first place I went was C.S. Lewis who wrote a book called “Surprised by Joy.” It was the account of his journey from atheism to Christianity. As an atheist, joy (misunderstood to be happiness) was a prime goal, but it was so hard to attain. As Lewis put it, the life of an atheist is hard because you have to avoid the truth or any hint of the truth at all costs. If you dare to let it in, you will be forced to look into the mirror. He wrote, “For the first time I examined myself with a seriously practical purpose. And there I found what appalled me; a zoo of lusts, a bedlam of ambitions, a nursery of fears, a harem of fondled hatreds. My name was legion.”

However, concerning “joy” Lewis concludes by saying, “To tell you the truth, the subject has lost nearly all interest for me since I became a Christian....It was valuable only as a pointer to something other and outer.” He compares joy to being a signpost. When you are lost in the woods, finding a signpost is a really big deal. However, when you have found the road and are passing signposts every few miles, there is no need to “stop and stare. They will encourage us and we shall be grateful to the authority that set them up. But we shall not stop and stare, or not much; not on this road, though their pillars are of silver and their lettering of gold.”

This is the joy of repentance. This is the joy of learning to be content in any and every situation (Phil. 4:12). We are thankful for the signposts guiding us on the way. We are thankful for the “authority” who gave us those moments of joy, even if the road we are on is bumpy. But notice that the joy is described as signposts marking the way to the proper destination. True joy is found in the knowledge and grace of God.

In addition to finding joy in repentance and contentment, St. Paul finds joy in eager anticipation of what lies ahead. It is like the build-up to a major sporting event, the energy of a football stadium just before kickoff is palpable. As children of God, we wait in eager expectation of the resurrection.

Dr. Paul Brand, who helped to cure leprosy, writes that our greatest joy in life comes from overcoming pain and difficult times. Our society tries to mask pain caused by sin by self-medicating and becoming “comfortably numb.” The myth of the “party scene” lifestyle is that those living it have found their “pursuit of happiness.” Statistics show that it is all a lie. Dr. Brand argues that there is a reason those who lived through the Great Depression and WWII call it “the good ole days.” You will remember overcoming pain and stress much longer than you will remember a lazy day at the beach. Although, when you are going through the pain, no one gives thanks for the anticipated good feelings that will come on the other side.

However, this is why I have begun to lean toward the understanding that, in heaven, we will not have a complete blotting out of all memory of this life – even though everything that we do or touch in this world is tainted by sin and God is very specific that He will remember our sins no more, and that our sins will not be remembered against us. The argument goes: “Why would we remember anything that is sinful?”

I am leaning toward the argued point that the trouble, the difficulty, the sin of this world and the pain that it brings will be remembered in the same way that those who went through the Great Depression tend to remember those years. It was hard; it was difficult, but they speak of it with a twinkle in their eye. If you did not live those years, ask someone who did. Listen to how they speak of overcoming hardship.

WWII veterans go on Honor Flights. Life in the European or Pacific theatre was no picnic. There was real suffering. Those years are remembered with joy, pride, honor. The strength to persevere in the face of real pain and difficulty is often our greatest source of joy. Why do you think that these Mud Run Obstacle Course races are so popular? No matter how hard it is, the goal is to finish the race. Then you look back and find joy.

The point of all this is that our memory in heaven being a total blank slate may not fit with the biblical model. The saints in heaven clothed in white robes, washed in the blood of the Lamb, worshiping and praising Jesus, the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, seeing the scars of nail marks in His hands and feet – the piercing in His side. This would all be very confusing to the saints if they did not know that they had come out of the “great tribulation.”

Now, don’t get me wrong. We will not have painful memories of this life. Mothers will forget the pain of childbirth. But mothers will not forget that they have children. You will forget the pain of those who have lied to you, who have hurt you, who have wronged you. But you will remember the joy of this pain being overcome in Christ – which is why all the saints gather around the Lamb on His throne, as we see in John’s Revelation.

The joy of repentance, the joy of contentment, and the joy of overcoming adversity are all very powerful and are primary in life. However, God’s Word and the joy He brings is meant to have a temporal reality also. God wants you to be a source of joy for your neighbor. Ultimately, this leads to “letting your light shine before men that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.” Therein lies the daily value of joy in the here and now.

In regard to life in the home, perhaps Martin Luther summed it up best, “Let the wife make her husband glad to come home and let him make her sorry to see him leave.” That would be a home filled with joy and the pursuit of happiness.

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
	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, Carolyn Bruemmer, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Sean Burner, Richard Grathwohl, Lynda Hinkamper, Lisa Howerton, Elaine Hyer, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, 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, 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

Funeral Dinner Help Needed – We need more volunteers to help set-up, serve, or donate food (to serve 10-12 people) for funeral dinners. In addition, donations are needed for **Funeral Dinner Fund**.

Senior Choir invites you to join **Summer Choir**. We will sing a hymn from LSB in unison & will rehearse about 20 minutes before Sunday service. We hope you will consider joining us.

Church Directory – *We recently had Lifetouch here for photographs. If you elected to have your complimentary 8x10 sent to church for pick up, the portraits are now in the church office. Please stop by and sign to receive your portrait.*

Senior Singles will meet at “Tony’s Too” on Tuesday, **July 7th** at 11:30 AM.

Summer Sunday School Help Needed

We need help with Pre-School and Grade School Sunday School. Please share your time and talents with the children of ORLC for a week or more. Contact Gretchen to help.



Property Update – If you have questions about anything relating to church property or grounds, please contact Jeff Smith at 217-316-4186.

Welcome Committee Needed Looking for friendly ORLC members to help follow up with new visitors and families that may need our help. Please contact Pastor Eden for more information.

St. John’s VBS - Make sure you make time for your family to climb “**Everest**”. That’s the theme for their 2015 Vacation Bible School. During a week of fun, games, and Bible stories kids will learn about conquering challenges with God’s mighty power! When – **July 13-17, 9 am to Noon**

Who – Kids 4 year old through 6th Grade

Where – Lutheran Church of St. John,
3340 State Street **222-8579**

Registration is free, but please register soon to reserve a spot. You can call or register here:
<https://www.groupvbspro.com/vbs/ez/overflow/gpgs/Home.aspx>

LWML Rummage Sale 2016 – Save any and all items you no longer need for our sale in 2016. All proceeds for missions. Thanks!!

History Hints – Do You Remember?

We are indebted to Miss Ella Heidbrink for this list of the **47 charter communicant members** of our congregation: Mrs. Arthur Dinkheller; Fern Everly; Mr. & Mrs. Walter Fenn & Nesta; Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Fenn; Mr. & Mrs. Edward George; Mrs. Ann Glick; Mr. & Mrs. Harry Goodwin & Edith; Rene and Ella Heidbrink; Mrs. Lyle Jackson; Mrs. Lena Jones; Mr. John Jurgens; Mrs. Laura Keyser; Mrs. Sophia Lavery, Florence & Dorothy; Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Lohmeyer, Arthur, Jr., Marian, **Elizabeth**, Marjorie; William & Louise Martin; Henry Mollenhauer; Mr. & Mrs. Otto McNay & Genevieve; Mr. & Mrs. Fred Niekamp, Gloria, Fred, Jr.; Mr. & Mrs. Ralph Ricord; Mr. & Mrs. Walter B. Sheer, Dorothy, Walter C., Kenneth; Mrs. Elva Thuer; Miss Elizabeth Wissman. Of the 47 original charter communicant members, **Elizabeth Lohmeyer Barton** is still an Our Redeemer Member. We rejoice with her on this 75th year of our ministry.

HIS TIME --- on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE.org. Start your day by sanctifying it with the Word of God and prayer. Based on God’s time in the Church Year, we feast on God’s Word in daily Scripture readings and interview guests on various topics vital to your daily life. **Weekdays from 7:15-9:30am Central Time**. Find it at kfuo.org and [Facebook.com/KFUEradio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUEradio).

Photos Needed for 75th Anniversary boards & booklet, **especially from 1970 on through today**.

Camp CILCA - There still is room in all summer camps. Go to www.cilca.org to register, pick up a form on the Narthex table, or call 217-487-7497 and we will send you a registration form.

Summer Church Schedule is underway with one **9:00 AM** service. Adult Bible Class and Children’s Sunday School follows the service at **10:10 AM**. This schedule will run until Labor Day.

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. 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 Congregational Advocates.

Everyone is invited to attend the **July 5th, 7:00 p.m. CID festival worship service** at Trinity Lutheran, Springfield. All interested singers are encouraged to join the choir, rehearsing at **5:45** in Trinity's lower level. Martha Milas of St. John's, Champaign will direct.

Free To A Good Home
a lovely self-playing organ.
If you've been meaning to
add more music into your
life, here's your chance.
Contact the office for info.



CONCORD MATTERS --- Check out your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUO.org! During the next few weeks, we'll be studying Luther's Large Catechism and taking a look at what it means and how it affects our daily life. Tuesdays LIVE at 2pm Central Time and re-run on Saturdays at 11am CT! Find us at kfuo.org and [Facebook.com/KFUORadio](https://www.facebook.com/KFUORadio).

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.

Summarized Financial Results

Year to Date May 31, 2015

Income	\$ 128,088.02
Operating Expenses	(160,229.34)
Net Loss before Building Fund Expenses	(32,141.32)
Building Fund Expenses	(36,800.00)
Net Loss	\$ (68,941.32)

History Hints – Do You Remember?

In the October 1954 Voters Assembly meeting, it was resolved to try holding two services per Sunday for a trial period of three months, October to December 1954, subject to review at the January 1955 Voters Assembly meeting. In January 1955, the Voters made the two services per Sunday schedule a permanent arrangement. Occasionally, only one service per Sunday was held, for example, in January and in July.

In 1959, the Rev. E. T. Otto, Pastor Otto's father, moved to Quincy and began almost nine years of service to Our Redeemer with pastoral assistance, calling at local nursing homes, etc. He served until his death in 1967.

In 1962, ground was broken for the new church on May 20, 1962. A \$50,000 bequest from Mrs. Louise Wolter provided a \$28,000 boost for the church building fund and \$22,000 for the purchase of the residence at 712 Kenwood as a parsonage. The former parsonage at 2700 Chestnut was sold for its 1952 purchase price of \$8,000. By November 1962, the new church basement could be used for Sunday school and church services. Some nostalgic tears were mixed with joy when the final services were held in the original chapel on November 11, 1962.

Students at St. James Lutheran School...

- learn about the Christian faith through being nurtured and fed every day.
- attend Fine Arts assemblies.
- participate in PTL sponsored activities.
- learn Cursive handwriting.
- receive a weekly newsletter from their teacher with information.
- attend a school-wide chapel service every week.

SPONSORS NEEDED – Last week a request to help sponsor a single-parent family that wishes to send their child to St. James was included in the bulletin. Monday morning, a person contacted Principal Landskroener and has graciously agreed to sponsor the entire amount of tuition for this child to attend St. James Lutheran School for the 2015-2016 school year. Because of this sponsor, this child will hear about the love of Jesus every single day. We praise and thank God for providing this willing sponsor to help this family! Thank you, sponsor, for your most generous and gracious gift.

2015-2016 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT continues to grow. PreK is up 3 students and K-8 is up 14 students. That's an **increase of 12%** compared from where we ended our school year. Continue to pray for our school that we may reach more and more families with the Good News of Jesus and the opportunity to *See and Share Jesus*. If you know of anyone who may be interested in our school, please give their names and numbers to Principal Landskroener.

"SIGN, SIGN, EVERYWHERE A SIGN..." The lyrics of this song puts us in mind that it's time 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).

BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS - Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Campbell's products UPCs, Hy Vee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels during the summer. Thank you for supporting the school library.

Mrs. Hagemann

TEACHING POSITION AVAILABLE – St. James has a 4th grade teaching position available for the 2015-2016 school year. If interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact our principal, Mr. Nathan Landskroener at 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.

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.



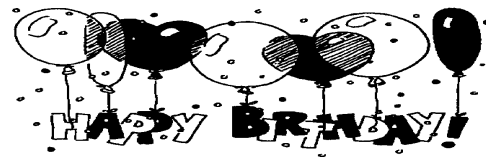
Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



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.

July Birthdays



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|----------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Eric Deeter | 11 Abigail Kemp | 21 Crista Fodor |
| 1 Gabriel Vaughn | 11 Hannah Kemp | 22 Edwin Blumenkamp |
| 2 Rebecca Murphy | 11 Warren Vahle | 22 LeRoy Goodwin |
| 3 Kevin Knoernschild | 12 Ava Nickelson | 22 William Haire |
| 3 Isaac Ott | 12 Linda Waterkotte | 23 Alex Schlipman |
| 5 Cameron Casanova | 13 Kelle Baird | 26 Madelynn Jones |
| 5 Jayme Jefferson | 14 Justin Harvey | 27 Stacy Luker |
| 7 Ethan Sass | 15 Nathan Hoebing | 28 Stacy Kuhn |
| 8 Madeline Miklius | 16 Denise Lucas | 28 Jacquelyn Weisenburger |
| 8 James Valentine II | 16 Alayna Schlipman | 29 Lynda Baker |
| 8 Patrick Weppler | 16 Jessica Showman | 29 Zoey Klauser |
| 9 Palin Cleaves | 17 Madison Frohn | 30 Amanda Creely |
| 9 Anthony Ebel | 17 Nancy Ott | 30 Rachel Foster |
| 10 Carolyn Bruemmer | 18 Chet Vahle | 30 Ray Johnson |
| 10 Elizabeth Mix | 20 Emily Becker | 31 Sharon Reinberg |
| 11 William Bowles | 20 Miliss Ebel | |
| 11 Briana Essington | 20 Julianna Eden | |

July Baptisms

BAPTISM

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|----------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dennis Fleming | 12 Carolyn Kaiser | 21 Jessie Valentine |
| 1 Melissa Knapp | 13 Jamie Louderback | 22 Arianna Fischer |
| 1 Kayla Walker | 14 Madeline Ehmen | 23 Evan Sass |
| 1 Michelle Wolfmeyer | 14 Craig Wiesemann | 24 Sandy Callahan |
| 3 Brenda Fleming | 15 Taylor Frink | 24 Ev McDowell |
| 3 Todd Shackelford | 16 Marilyn Lehenbauer | 27 Briana Essington |
| 5 Simon Nickelson | 16 Avery Schlipman | 27 Brad Scharnhorst |
| 6 Connie Louderback | 18 Ciera Clevenger | 29 Lynn Sharrow |
| 8 Trent Douglas | 18 Connor Clevenger | 30 Brett Baird |
| 10 Allan Murphy | 20 Cailin Clevenger | 30 Madison Frohn |
| 10 Amanda Spilker | 21 Bradley Longcor II | 30 Donna Goodwin |
| 11 Betty Blumenkamp | 21 Bradley Longcor III | |

July Anniversaries

- 1 Gary & Carolyn Cramlett
- 2 Bruce & Judith Burner
- 3 Robert & Amy Edwards
- 4 Kirk & Vicki Wemhoener
- 9 Martin & Malinda Eden
- 10 Warren & Doris Vahle
- 12 Christopher & Melissa Knapp
- 12 Gary & Sandra Peters
- 15 Jeremy & Stacey Gruen



- 15 Michael & Emily Vahle
- 16 Justin & Hayley Harvey
- 16 William & Eleanor Schlegl
- 21 Cameron & Christine Clevenger
- 26 Jeffrey & Heather Wolfmeyer
- 27 Kent & Karen Knoernschild
- 28 Sheldon & Kari Foulk
- 31 William & Linda Waterkotte

Assignments for July 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sat., July 4 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 5 at 9:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., July 11 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 12 at 9:00 a.m.	Brad Essington	Steve Kaiser
Sat., July 18 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 19 at 9:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Joe Cleaves
Sat., July 25 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., July 26 at 9:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	Ryan Vaughn

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Schanbacker
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp, Sonny Voepel, Steve Kaiser, Joe Cleaves

Registration Slips: Gary & Sheila McElfresh

Altar Care: Marilyn Lehenbauer, Elenor Schlegl, Barb Ellerbrock

Counters: Colleen Westberg & Becky Lunt

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

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

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
John 14:15

Pastoral Report
(January 1 – May 31, 2015)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms

Lennox Tyme Hines – May 10, 2015

First Communion
Adult Confirmation
Youth Confirmations
Marriages
Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +0C]

Infant Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Lennox Tyme Hines – May 10, 2015

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, 2015	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2015
Baptized	597	+7	-14	590
Confirmed	463	+5	-14	454

PUZZLE PAGE

SHOW IT

by

Bill Schlegl

How can you show that you are a true believer in God?

A 7 x 7 ____	C 1 x 1 = ____	D 3 x 3 = ____	E 9 x 9 = ____
F 4 x 4 = ____	I 2 x 2 = ____	K 6 x 6 = ____	L 1 x 2 = ____
M 2 x 3 = ____	N 9 x 7 = ____	O 3 x 4 = ____	P 7 x 8 = ____
S 8 x 8 = ____	T 6 x 9 = ____	Y 6 x 7 = ____	Y 5 x 6 = ____

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Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

July 2015

Overcoming crisis

Life is unpredictable. Personal tragedy and natural disasters are just two examples of things that can leave us fearful and still weigh on our minds for years after they take place. Maybe you have experienced a tragic event in your life that changed your view of life.

When people experience a crisis or loss they tend to either withdraw because they do not know what to say or talk too much in an effort to try and come to some sort of understanding. The people who care about them want to help, but are unsure as to what they should do. People in crisis exhibit symptoms such as disorientation, panic, defeat, depression and desperate attempts to get relief.

If you are going through a crisis, allow people to help you. Try to be patient if they say something that doesn't feel right to you. Don't expect to carry on "life as usual." Our bodies change during crisis. There are internal alarms going off and chemicals being released from the brain. Our bodies do the best they can to cope, but it takes time. The intense reactions typically last from four to six weeks, but can continue at a lower level for much longer. The temptation to try and find a "quick fix" from illicit drugs or alcohol can enter the picture, but using them will only delay your need to process the crisis.

If you are a friend or family member of someone experiencing a crisis, don't just offer to help, take steps to do something. Many times people will say, "If you need something call me," but during times of crisis even using the phone may be more than someone can find the energy to do.

Take time to listen. You may not have the answers, but you can show support by letting your loved one talk. Prepare them meals or clean their home, which can be a huge relief for some people. It could be that your loved one doesn't want to talk, but just wants your company. Let them know that you are willing to sit with them, without the expectation of taking part in a conversation.

There is no way to predict tragic situations, but living your life in expectation of crisis could prevent you from experiencing the joys life has to offer.

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