# **August 2015 Newsletter**

# Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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## To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Over the past few summers, we have experimented with one service on Sunday morning. You may recall that we took a survey last summer and had lengthy discussions about making the change to one 9:00 AM service being our year-round schedule. However it became clear that last summer was not the right time to put the question to a vote. Since then, I have had numerous people ask me when we might actually have a vote. The board of elders unanimously recommended, having seen over this summer once again, that reducing the number of services did not reduce attendance and allowed for much better singing and fellowship with the greater church family, therefore it is time to give this serious consideration.

We talk about our church as "the family of Our Redeemer." Moving to our Summer Schedule opened my eyes to see that our early and late services functioned as separate families. Long-time members were welcoming "visitors" even though these "visitors" had been worshiping at Our Redeemer for decades.

It is my hope that this move would not only increase fellowship among our members, but this would also increase participation in Sunday School and Bible Class. Parents would be encouraged to stay and participate in Bible Class – since their children are already in the building and need a ride home. We already know that everyone currently involved in Sunday School would have a 9:00 AM start time fit into their worship schedule. The only question is whether there would be conflict from 10:15 to 11:00

I know that there is no perfect plan that fits into everyone's schedule or preference. As I urged you last year, if this proposed move creates a conflict, I would encourage you to come and speak with me.

I know that thinking about a change like this is difficult. I am optimistic that this will be beneficial for the church in the long run. I could be wrong, but this is why we would make this change on a trial basis, allowing time for evaluation. We have seen how well it works in the summer, but we do not know if it would work as well during the school year unless we try.

I, along with the Elders, believe that it is important for the entire family of Our Redeemer to have a voice in this decision. Please join us for the voter's meeting immediately after the worship service on **August 23**. We want to have an open and charitable discussion, and by the end of the meeting we will have a ballot vote. If it is approved, we will conduct a trial period and see if it aids in the spread of the Gospel – because that is what this is all about. I thank you for your commitment to Christ and His Gospel as we continue to work together within the kingdom of God.

In Christ.

Pastor Eden

The Eden Home (217) 224-3929

# Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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

#### The Widow's Mite---

Jesus sat down opposite the place where the offerings were put and watched the crowd putting their money into the temple treasury. Many rich people threw in large amounts. But a poor widow came and put in two very small copper coins, worth only a fraction of a penny. Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. They all gave out of their wealth, but she, out of her poverty, put in everything - all she had to live on".

Mark 12:41-43



Aug. 6<sup>th</sup>...monthly mtg. @ 6:30pm

**Aug. 29<sup>th</sup>...**Blind Services meal served @ St. James

**Sept. 3<sup>rd</sup>...**Carry-in mtg. @ Reva Ehmen's, 6pm

Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>...Quincy Zone Fall Rally, Pittsfield – Mission Speaker on VBS trip to Poland.



# August 2015

Convention highlights – 'Energized' is a good word that comes to mind after attending

the National LWML Convention in Des Moines! Michele Clevenger, Sharon Reinberg and Suzanne & Donna Troxel had the privilege of attending.

One of the biggest highlights was to hear from the mission speakers how our mite donations are hard at work and a close second is the inspiration of the key- note speakers such as Pastor Gregory Seltz from The Lutheran Hour!

Won't you join us in 2017 in Salt Lake City, UT?

Thinking you might like to be a part of the mission of LWML??? You are invited to check us out at one of our upcoming meetings or events!

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness" with your many gifts, talents and resources! Lutheran Women



You are invited to watch video highlights of the LWML Convention in Des Moines on your computer or mobile device!

Visit www.lwml.org and select the 'Convention Highlights' button.

From that page click on 'Live Stream Video' where you can select any one or all of the nine archived events to watch.

Please contact any LWML member or Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 to learn more or go to **www.lwml.org** to read about the mission and great history of the LWML!

#### **National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes**

LWML has donated over \$100 million since 1942!!!

Many churches provide their children, and many from the community, with an education that is Christ-centered and stresses the morals and values consistent with our Lutheran heritage.

Whether in public or private schools this fall, students will be returning to class as they are nurtured and minds renewed to reach their God-given potential. Keep them in your prayers and encourage them to do their best, be respectful, and be truthful, growing in faith and serving God and the community.

# 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, 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 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 – **TEACHER NEEDED**Grades 5 & 6 - Donna Haire
Grades 7 & 8 - **TEACHER NEEDED**High School – Steve & Donna Schoch

# **Latest News**

**Senior Singles** will meet at **11:30 AM** on **Tuesday, August 4** at Maya Mexican Restaurant (4420 Broadway by Midwest Paints). Sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table.

**2015 CPH Bible Sale** information is also on the Narthex table. Sale ends September 30. Order \$40 or more by July 31, and get \$10 off your purchase and free shipping.

Celebrating Over 35 Years of Beautiful Music
Please join us September 20 after Sunday
worship to honor Connie Louderback's more than
35 years of service to ORLC as our organist.
Invitations will be sent to each member household
this month as a reminder of the upcoming event.

Jeremiah Jording, second year seminary student from St. Louis, will be here to preach August 1-2 while Pastor Eden is away on the Montana Trip. There will be no communion at these worship services. A special offering will be taken at the end of each service for Jeremiah's studies.

Family Game Night – Everyone is welcome to bring an appetizer and your favorite family board game or card game to Family Game Night on Sunday, August 16 at 4 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Come for fun and meet our PLuS families before they head back to school on August 19.

## **History Hints – Do You Remember?**



Our Redeemer Ladies Aid first dish buying trip. Shown are Addie Dinkheller & Mrs. George going to buy dishes downtown. (Photo provided by Bob Jording)

During the early days of Our Redeemer, both afternoon and evening Ladies Aid groups worked hard and were very creative in order to raise

money for the church's Building Fund. They held:
-Ice Cream Socials
-Rummage Sales
-Turkey Suppers
-Country Stores & Bazaars
-Baked Goods & Candy Sales
-Auctions
-Chili & Soup Suppers
-Jitney Suppers
-Birthday Teas
-"Come as You Are" Breakfasts

## **ORLC Voters Assembly Minutes:**

Special Voters Meeting **July 5**, **2015**, **10:15** am Call to order by President Vahle There are 37 voting members present. Registration of 3 new members: Jamie Louderback, Pastor Michael and Missy Simminger. At the end of the meeting, Kirk and Sharon Vahle, returning former members, also registered.

- 1. Council Recommendation
  - a. Air Conditioning equipment after a discussion and review of bids submitted, a motion was made by Howard Snowden, second Marty Otto to accept the bid from Elam Heating and Air Conditioning for \$15,428.63. This will include the A/C unit, 5 year warranty, and duct work to the Sunday School rooms. Elam's will not charge the church for the repairs they did to the old system previously. Motion passed.
  - b. Risograph machine replacement. This is our old duplicator which failed and cannot be repaired. A church member has offered to cover the cost of a new machine. Motion by Linda Go, second Jeff Wolfmeyer to approve purchase of a new machine from The Business Center for up to \$3,491, amount they quoted, if necessary. Motion passed.
  - c. The need for a new copier with be taken up by the council, presented to voters at next meeting.
- Replacement of chancel lighting A new program by Ameren Illinois will allow us to update the old wiring/lighting at far less than an amount discussed some time ago. Bill Humphrey has volunteered to do the work at no charge and has been able to borrow scaffolding from Bill Schlipman, saving us the rental cost.

His quote for fixtures, tracks, switches, wiring, etc. is for "Less than \$4,000." Motion by Jerry Lunt, second Howard Snowden to accept Bill's bid. Motion passed. We extend our thanks to Bill Humphrey for his gift of labor!

Meeting adjourned at 10:45 am.

Respectfully submitted, Wanda Spohr, Secretary

## 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.

Photos Needed for 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary boards & booklet, especially from 1970 on through today.

# 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.



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.

**LWML Rummage Sale 2016 –** Please save any and all items you no longer need for our rummage sale next year. All proceeds go to missions.

Newsletter Deadline - All newsletter submissions must be sent in no later than the 20th of each month. Newsletters must be mailed out on or before the 25<sup>th</sup> of each month to ensure they are received in time for everyone to use.

We recently had **Lifetouch** here for photographs. Your complimentary 8x10 will be sent to church for pick up. The portraits are now in the church office from all sessions. Please stop by and sign the sheet to receive your portrait.

Funeral Dinner Help Needed – We still need someone to make funeral dinner calls starting in August.

#### **LERT Volunteer Training Event**

(Lutheran Early Response Training) Led by Randy Wolf and Stephen Born Where: Lutheran School Association 2001 East Mound Road, Decatur, IL 62526 When: Saturday, Aug. 29, 2015, 8 AM to 4:30 PM Registration forms on the Narthex table.

CID Jr. High Lock-In will be held November 13-14, 2015 in Bloomington, IL.

## **Summarized Financial Results** Year to Date June 30, 2015

Net Loss	\$(138,004.32)
Building Fund Expenses	(87,800.00)
Net Loss before Building Fund Expenses	(50,204.32)
Operating Expenses	(198,972.94)
Income	\$ 148,768.62

# **Sunday School Staff Openings**

Please prayerfully consider helping our Sunday School in the following ways for the Fall term starting Sunday, Sept. 13th:

#### **SS OPENING STAFF:** (Opening is from 9:10 to 9:30.)

- 1. Opening Leader: Lead songs, share a short devotion, etc. On occasion, the leader has also worked with the older children in presently puppet plays during opening. We have a variety of play scripts available.
- 2. Opening Pianist: There is a binder that contains a variety of songs used in our opening.

SS TEACHERS: (from approx. 9:20 until 10:00) We use the Growing in Christ series of lessons published by CPH. It contains a teacher guide and student lesson packs. We also have past teaching materials that you can review.

- 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
   7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher
- 3. **Substitute teachers**. Our dedicated staff may need a substitute on occasion. Would you consider being added to our substitute list? Interested persons can contact Melissa Knapp with any questions you may have.

# **History Hints – Do You Remember?**

In the 1954 October Voters Assembly meeting, it was resolved to try holding two services per Sunday for a trial period of three months, Oct -Dec 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.

Save the Date! VBS 2016 is on the calendar for June 6-9. The theme is Barnyard Roundup!

**School Supplies Needed -** There is a family of three children (2 girls and 1 bov) outside of this area in need of various items for school. The Sunday School would like to send school supplies. and other needed items to the children. If anyone would like to donate items, or monies to purchase items, it would greatly be appreciated. There will be a list of current items needed on the sign up table in the Narthex. There will also be a drop off box for the collection of items. If you would like to donate monies to purchase items, please leave either in the church office, or with Melissa Knapp. We would like to collect all items by Sunday, August 9th, so that we have time to access what may still be needed, package and mail the items. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Please join St. James in a service to commission Anna Dickhut for service at the school on Sunday, August 16 at 8 AM. A light reception will follow. RSVP by August 1 to 217-593-7170. No gifts, please.

History Hints – Do You Remember? 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 1968, the Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 10:30 p.m. was added to the worship schedule, and the Christmas Day service was dropped. The Candlelight Service was dear to the heart of our Senior Choir Director, Mrs. Annaliese Taute, who knew it from her growing up years in Germany. [The Christmas Day Service was restored in 1987.]

In 1970, Saturday evening services were begun as an experiment by all three Quincy LCMS congregations. A Communion service was held on the Saturday before the first Sunday of the month. The first such service was held at St. James in September, at Our Redeemer on October 3, and at The Lutheran Church of St. John on October 31. After a while, St. James and St. John's dropped the Saturday evening services. Our Redeemer continued and added a second such service each month in January 1988. At that time the schedule was altered slightly so that services were held on the first and third Saturdays of each month.

**CANCELLED** The Chicken Dinner/Quilt Auction has been <u>cancelled</u> on Saturday, August 8 at Camp CILCA. It has not been rescheduled.

NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY **MEETING** At the request of the Board of Elders and the Church Council, President Chet Vahle has scheduled a special meeting of the Voters Assembly to be held on August 23, 2015. immediately following the regular 9:00 am service. in the Sanctuary. The purpose of this meeting is to conduct a congregational vote to determine if ORLC will continue with the single 9:00 am Sunday church service schedule on an ongoing basis. Please note that we will continue with the 5:00 pm Saturday evening service, regardless of the outcome of this vote. The purpose of having a special meeting in August is to avoid the need to go back to a two service schedule after Labor Day. when the current summer schedule ends, only to switch back to a single service if the measure were to pass when brought up at the regular September voters meeting.

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! 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.

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

#### Seeing and Sharing Jesus

August 2015

**THANK YOU** to everyone who has supported and continues to support the St. James Tuition Assistance Fund. By doing so, you have helped families in our community to join our school family. This couldn't be done without your help. Thank you!

**2015-2016 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** continues to grow. As of June 30th, we have 151 students enrolled for the 2015-2016 school year (17% growth). Continue to pray for our school that we may reach 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. For additional information visit our website at www.stjamesguincy.com.

**PRINCIPAL LANDSKROENER** will be on vacation the next few weeks. Mrs. Strackeljahn will be available to answer any questions. She can be contacted at school (222-8267) or cell phone (242-2946).

**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

**SCRIP ORDERS** are available online anytime at shopwithscrip.com. Use the enrollment code **2148D5B139692**. This way our school receives credit for the order. Thank you!

**SCHOOL STORE** – Our online store has a lot of great items including polos, caps, jackets, backpacks and more. They all have our St. James logo! Check out this great fundraiser for our school. All orders are delivered straight to your home! The website is <a href="http://store.allcustomwear.com/stjamesquincy/">http://store.allcustomwear.com/stjamesquincy/</a>.

#### **UPCOMING SCHOOL EVENTS**

Monday – Friday, August 10 – 14 – Bring completed school forms to the office (8 am– 4 pm) Thursday, August 13 – PreKindergarten & Kindergarten Picnic (4 – 6 pm in gym and cafeteria) Friday, August 14 – All school movie/hotdog night – time TBD Monday, August 17 – PTL Ice Cream Social (5 – 7 pm) – Student's, bring in school supplies! Wednesday, August 19 – First Day of School – early dismissal

August Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle found on page 13)

Thou shalt love the Lord they God with all they heart, and with all thy soul, and with all they mind.

Matthew 22:37

# **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!

2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

3<sup>rd</sup> 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, stoneware 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.



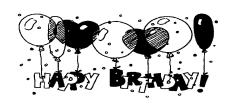
Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



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 <a href="www.lifelinkadoption.org">www.lifelinkadoption.org</a> or contact us at 630-521-8281 or <a href="intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org">intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org</a>. Lifelink International Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

# **August Birthdays**



1	Austin Jones	10	Barbara Hall	20	Nicole Kaltenbach
1	David Rickey	11	Zhanela Church	20	Aubrey Robertson
1	Dalton Stockdale	11	Abigail Fischer	21	Abby Hibbert
4	Ruth Essington	11	Steven Hyer	22	Mike Murphy
4	Lauryn Schnack	11	Teresa Kemp	23	Samantha Bowles
4	Michael Weisenburger	13	Joshua Wemhoener	24	Bradley Longcor II
5	Royal Bugh	13	Abigail Wolfmeyer	24	Dolly Powers
5	Jane Cleaves	14	Matthew McDowell	24	William Waterkotte
5	Austin Fischer	15	Hayley Harvey	25	James Dice
5	Melissa Smith	15	Caroline Weisenburger	25	Larry Post
6	Bonnie Blattner	16	James Callahan	26	Susan Doran
6	Curtis Cramlett	16	Gary Gooding	26	James Perry
6	William Humphrey	16	Bonnie Hallerberg	26	Cynthia Stegeman
7	Brenda Scharnhorst	17	Marion Allen	27	Kenneth Knoernschild
8	Audrea Fitch	18	Renee Benedetto	30	Shirley Dieringer
8	Cristine Purcell	18	Caleb Buss	31	Shawn Doran
8	Gage Scharnhorst	18	Tanner Clevenger	31	John Fodor
9	Cameron Clevenger	20	James Jones II	31	Cynthia Spohr

# **August Baptisms**



3	Dane Douglas	18	Kelsey Valentine	24	Tory Fitch
4	Edwin Blumenkamp	18	Jessica Weisenburger	25	Julianna Eden
5	Gretchen Wolfmeyer	19	Anthony Ebel	25	Alayna Schlipman
6	Vicki Wemhoener	20	Joann Harvey	26	Tracy Bugh
9	Lee Hyer	20	Teresa Kemp	27	Buddy Weisenburger Jr.
11	Mike Schoch	20	Heather Meyer	27	Mike Weisenburger
13	Chet Vahle	23	Raven Bugh	29	Zoey Klauser
14	Kase Thomure	23	Jane Cleaves	30	Lynda Baker
17	Ruth Essington	23	Curtis Cramlett	30	John Go
18	Billy Bowles	24	Barb Creely		

# **August Anniversaries**

- 1 Ray & Gina Eickelschulte
- 2 Adam & Amy Buss
- 4 John & Laurie Bronson
- 4 Bradley & Morgan Longcor II
- 19 James & Stacy Valentine II



- 26 John & Dana Frohn II
- 28 Bernard & Jacquelyn Weisenburger Jr.
- 29 Randall & Michele Austin
- 29 Jerry & Deborah Manton
- 31 Steven & Hannah Ajdinovich

# **Assignments for August 2015**

## **Communion Assistants:**

Sat., August 1 at 5:00 p.m.	NO COMMUNION	
Sun., August 2 at 9:00 a.m.	NO COMMUNION	
Sat., August 8 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., August 9 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Chet Vahle
Sat., August 15 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., August 16 at 9:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Sat., August 22 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., August 23 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Stan Yelton
Sat., August 29 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., August 30 at 9:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Bruce Burner

## **Ushers:**

Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 a.m.	Nathan Hoebing, Gary O'Dell, Dick Reichert, Ryan Vaughn

Registration Slips: Jane & Sonny Voepel

Altar Care: Barb Ellerbrock, Mary Morse, Sherry Yelton

Counters: Rosie Meyer & Joann Reichert

**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: <a href="mailto:Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org">Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org</a>

# **Pastoral Report**

(January 1 – June 30, 2015)

#### **Official Acts**

**Infant Baptisms** 

First Communion - June 7, 2015

Elizabeth Burner Melanie Drescher Brady Essington Alexis Hibbert Samuel Killday Kara Mercurio Abigail Wolfmeyer Thalia Wolfmeyer

Adult Confirmation Youth Confirmations Marriages – June 6, 2015 Funerals

Wade & Kathleen Pellman

## **Membership Changes**

**Gains** [+3B, +1C]

**Infant Baptisms** [+0B, +0C]

**Adult Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+3B, +1C]

Charles & Brianna Robertson, Aubrey and Daphnie

**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	June 30, 2015
Baptized	597	+9	-14	592
Confirmed	463	+6	-14	455

# **PUZZLE PAGE**

# **LOVE OF GOD**

by

# **Bill Schlegl**

How much love should we give to the almighty Lord? Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given to learn this answer.

OCJP
NCVGO
GJQZ
OCZ

GJMY
OCT
BJY
RDOC
VGG

OCT
CZVMO
VIY
RDOC
VGG

OCT
NJPG
VIY
RDOC
VGG

OCT
HDIY

# Family Matters

LCFS Clinical Services

August 2015

# Mental health - just as important as physical health

There are a lot of misconceptions about what mental health is and isn't. Mental health doesn't mean a person is always cheerful and smiling all the time. We live in a world where bad things happen and at some point in our lives we all face tragedy, hardship and loss. Forcing ourselves to be "cheerful" at these difficult times would be a disservice to our justified feelings of grief, loss, sadness and even anger.

A more worthwhile concept of mental health may be the ability to put problems and troubling situations in perspective, to be able to set boundaries for ourselves, to understand our responsibilities and capabilities and to devise the best solutions for coping with the situation.

Just as there are infinite varieties of physical ailments, there are a number of reactions and behaviors that represent less than optimum mental health. Depression and anxiety are ones that come immediately to mind. Other ones include compulsions (such as excessive drinking or gambling), stress, irritability, outbursts of anger, poor self esteem, poor body image and difficulty adjusting to change. All of these can prevent us from enjoying life to the fullest.

There are many things that each of us can do to enhance our mental health. Good health habits, including a sensible diet and regular exercise are essential. It's also important to make time for fun, play and the company of family and close friends. Creating structure in our lives (such as regular meals, bedtime and routines) is also helpful. At times it can also be helpful to meet with a professional who, among other things, can help establish boundaries, clarify responsibilities and set priorities.

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.