

November 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

November is a month of celebrations. We begin on All Saints' Day by remembering all the saints living and departed. We pause as a nation and give thanks on Veteran's Day and also on Thanksgiving.

Here at Our Redeemer, we have been celebrating our 75th Anniversary all year. As this is the month to remember saints and offer thanks, I would like to personally thank all of the saints who worked so diligently on making the celebration of the 75 years of ministry and sharing the Gospel such a joyous success.

Looking back at the history of the church, we are reminded that Christ's Church is made of people. Seeing all of those pictures of living and departed saints brought joy throughout this year. It is good to remember the saints who have gone before us. It is good to remember that we are also among the saints whom God has declared holy.

To be holy is to be set apart from, or separated from, or sacred. God's children are sacred to Him. In Baptism, He has set you apart and separated you out from those who are ruled by their Old Adam.

As we look back at all the pictures of the members of Our Redeemer through the decades and as we look back at our own reflection in the mirror, we know that our "holiness" does not come from anything that we do. God has set you apart and made you righteous in His sight. You and I are saints and for this we are thankful.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Vice-President	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Secretary	Wanda Spohr (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Treasurer	Donna Haire (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Financial Secretary	Evelyn McDowell (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Randy Wolfmeyer (1 st term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	Ryan Vaughn (1 st term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
Board of Elders	Larry Foster (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Darryl Drescher (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Brad Essington (1 st term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	Stan Yelton (2 nd term)	Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2016
	Steve Schoch (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	
Evangelism Board	Michele Clevenger (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Ruth Ann Snowden (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
Property Board	Jeff Smith (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Steve Kaiser (1 st term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2016
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	David Pellman (1 st 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 ESV

UPCOMING...

Nov. 5th...Monthly mtg. @ 6:30pm

Nov. 14th...Visit our Very Merry Market White Elephant booth

Nov. 22nd...'Preparing our Hearts for Advent' - details on the Sunday to Sunday

Dec. 4th...LWML Christmas Party

Dec. 16th...hosting Advent desert



November 2015

Oct. meeting highlights –

Plans were finalized for LWML Sunday and our Very Merry Market Booth. Sept. Fall Rally attendees shared about the day and a report was given about the meal that was served to the blind @ St. James.

Oct. event highlights –

We are so blessed with your support! Our LWML Sunday Brunch was a huge success with such a large turnout! Please remember to return any mite boxes you have filled with your 'mites' to Renee Benedetto or Michele Clevenger.

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 in Mission

Come Shop With Us!



Visit our 'White Elephant' booth...
there will be something for everyone!!!

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!!!

Disaster Response Trailers...\$80,000

With mission grant funds from the Lutheran Women's Missionary League, districts and congregations, and LCMS Disaster Response, the Disaster Response trailers will be fully equipped with tools, cleaning supplies, power tools, and items needed to come into an area ready to go to work and not be an additional burden to the community. Teams will be trained to cope with situations that may arise and ready to share the Gospel as they labor for the Lord. **Mercy In Action!!!** For more information on this grant and other 2015-2017 Mission Grants go to **www.lwml.org**.

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, 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 Weppeler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Norma Baird, Elizabeth Barton, Carolyn Bruemmer, 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, Saint Louis, MO:
Chris Troxel, 12 Founders Way Unit D, Saint Louis, MO 63105



Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:
Jeremiah Jording, 10 Founders Way, Apt A, Saint Louis, MO 63105

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

Superintendent – Melissa Knapp
Pre-school – Gina Eickelschulte, Jessica Campbell
Kindergarten – Suzanne Troxel
Grades 1 & 2 – Monica Foster

Grades 3 & 4 – Sandy Callahan
Grades 5 & 6 - Donna Haire
Grades 7 & 8 – Karol Ehmen
High School – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Latest News

Senior Singles will meet at **11:30 AM** on **Tuesday, November 3** at Logue's Restaurant, 121 Huckleberry Heights Dr., Hannibal, MO. (Just off of Rt. 61, next to Super 8.)
A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table.
We will meet at the church @ 11 a.m. to carpool.

Please pick up any Tupperware or baking pans you may have left in the kitchen after our funeral dinners or other carry-ins.

American Heritage Girls Needs Volunteers for meetings 3 times a month to help with snacks, crafts, and working on badges. Please contact Tina Vaughn or Gretchen Wolfmeyer to help.

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

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

Adopt-A-Scout AHG Troop IL2014 needs congregation members to sponsor Troop girls in need. Please prayerfully consider sponsorship to help nurture these girls as they learn and grow in their faith. Contact Tina Vaughn for more info.

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.

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.



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.

ORLC LWML would like to invite all women to our **"PREPARE YOUR HEARTS FOR ADVENT"** annual event on **November 22 at 6 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Enjoy an evening of fellowship as we share and anticipate our Savior's birth. There is a sign-up sheet on the table in the Narthex as well as a sign-up sheet for anyone willing to decorate and host a table. See you there!!! Sign-up cut off is on **Sunday, November 15th**.

The Annual Men's Club Turkey Supper will be on Saturday, November 7, 4:00pm – 7:00pm at The Lutheran Church of St. John. Enjoy all you can eat turkey, dressing, mashed potatoes & gravy, green beans & corn, cranberry sauce, applesauce, rolls, beverages and ice cream. Tickets are \$8.00 for adults and \$4.00 for children and available from any Men's Club member.

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 t-shirts, and a 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.

Take time to look through the History Picture Albums. They are a great record of our past!

Family Movie Night, Sunday, November 15 at 2 PM showing **"One Night With The King"** (PG) is the story of Esther. Popcorn will be provided in the fellowship hall to watch "One Night With The King" which chronicles the life of the young Jewish girl, Hadassah, who goes on to become the Biblical Esther, the Queen of Persia, and saves the Jewish nation from annihilation at the hands of its arch enemy while winning the heart of King Xerxes. Please sign up in the Narthex.

Summarized Financial Results
Year to Date September 30, 2015

Income	\$ 222,639.90
Operating Expenses	<u>(276,484.17)</u>
Net Loss before Building Fund Expenses	(53,844.27)
Building Fund Expenses	<u>(107,184.63)</u>
Net Loss	<u>\$ (161,028.90)</u>

At Camp CILCA you can enjoy the time to scrap (or craft – jewelry making, quilting etc.) or perhaps walk in the outdoors with no laundry, cleaning or cooking! This camp is from Friday, November 6 at 7pm to Sunday, November 8 at 2pm. 4 meals will be provided at the Christian Growth Center. Cost is \$90. For questions, reservations contact Barb Knake (309)543-2519 or bknake123@yahoo.com

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL

217-222-8267

stjamesquincy.org

900 S 17th Street, Quincy, IL 62301

Look what's happening at St. James Lutheran School:

- Our 3rd, 5th and 6th grade students went to Historic Nauvoo to visit one of America's premier historic communities from the 1840s.
- Our 1st, 2nd and 4th grade students went to the Harvestville Farm in Donnellson, Iowa and came back with pumpkins.
- Our 3rd – 8th grade students will attend *Treasure Island* at the Quincy Community Theater later this month.

HEALTH AND FITNESS NIGHT at St. James will be held Thursday, November 5th from 6 – 8 pm. Come join us and learn about healthy food and snack alternatives along with fitness demonstrations in martial arts, Hulu hooping, cup stacking and more. It promises to be a fun and informative evening! Please join us!

SCHOOL STORE – Our online store has many great items including polo shirts, caps, jackets, backpacks and more. They all come with the St. James school logo! All orders are delivered straight to your home! Check it out! www.allcustomwears/stjamesquincy.com

CUSTODIAN HELP NEEDED – We have two positions open for a part-time custodians, one to begin immediately and one that will begin after Christmas break. If interested, please contact Principal Landskroener.

November Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle found on page 11)

"So that my soul may praise you and not be silent, O Lord my God, I will give thanks to you forever."
 Ps. 30:12

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 25th of each month to ensure they are received in time for everyone to use.

Rake N Run on November 21 – If you are interested in having your leaves raked or in helping to rake leaves, please sign up in the Narthex. ORLC is hosting this year! This is a fun event in which we can share our Christian caring by helping those in need of it!

Family Game Night November 15th at 4 PM
 Please bring an appetizer and join us for dominoes & other fun games! Sign up in the Narthex.

Bake Sale Items Needed for Very Merry Market on November 14. Please use the sign-up sheet in the Narthex. Please mark all items for Bake Sale and deliver them prior to November 14.

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 pay-ment at the scrip table.** Thank you for your support of PLuS!

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.

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.

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.

November Birthdays

1 Victoria Hufendick	13 Danielle Deeter	23 Katherine Spohr
3 Bernard Weisenburger Jr.	13 Renee Durst	24 Marjorie Baker
5 Brianna Frink	15 Dennis Fleming	24 Katherine Koenig
5 Steven Voepel	15 Dakota Martin	24 Derek Ott
6 Karen Lohmeyer	16 Andrew Allen	24 Paul Weisheit
7 Carrie Fischer	16 Evan Baker	25 Carolyn Cramlett
7 Bethany Foster	16 John Church	25 Robert Tipton
8 Bruce Burner	16 Lori Klauser	27 Jeremy Holtman
8 Verna Harker	18 Shelia McElfresh	29 Bernice Wagner
9 Maggie Bowles	19 John Baker	29 Adrian Zehnle
9 Audrey Church	20 Jesse Schweitzer	30 Stephanie Bush
9 Colleen Westberg	22 Heather Feinstein	30 Roderick Hibbert
10 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	22 Matthew Wepler	30 Brandon McGartland
11 Charlotte Vahle	23 Herbert Hillebrenner	30 Ida Utterback
12 Donna Johnson	23 Lori Post	30 Kristen Vahle
13 Mayce Bent		

November Baptisms

2 Piper Clevenger	10 Bryan Baird	24 Ethan Clevenger
4 Jerry Lunt	10 Danny Baker	24 Quinton Hibbert
6 Caleb Buss	10 Kensey McGartland	26 Ethan Sass
6 Ray Johnson	13 Eben Fischer	27 John Baker
7 Jeanette Wyatt	13 Alex Fitch	27 Robert Gooding
8 Audrea Fitch	13 Beth Lucas	28 Jan Colvin
8 Hayley Harvey	13 Katie Schoch	28 Erik Mix
8 William Schlegl	14 Tanner Clevenger	29 Karen Lohmeyer
8 Curt Spohr	19 Brianna Frink	30 Erica Dedert
9 Kriss Frink	19 Amy Killday	30 Pat Florey
9 Autumn Lucas	22 Angie Nixon	30 Kari Foulk
9 Becky Lucas	23 Ace Weisenburger III	30 Keaton Jones
9 Joann Reichert		

November Anniversaries

5 Carl & Carol Muehring
15 Todd & Joyce Waterkotte
20 Ryan & Tina Vaughn
22 Larry & Reva Ehmen
25 David & Lynn Wombles



26 Harry & Barbara Hall Jr.
26 James & Shelly Holtman
26 James & Nancy Ott
27 David & Jessica Showman

Assignments for November 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sun., November 1 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Chet Vahle
Sat., November 7 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., November 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Steve Schoch
Sat., November 14 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., November 15 at 9:00 a.m.	Craig Gooding	Randy Wolfmeyer
Sat., November 21 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., November 22 at 9:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Steve Kaiser
Sat., November 28 at 5:00 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sun., November 29 at 9:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Clint Gooding

Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards
Sunday at 9:00 a.m.	Chris Clevenger, Larry Foster, Steve Hyer, Terry Morse, Stan Yelton
Thanksgiving Service 11/25 Wednesday at 7:00 p.m.	Mark Vahle, Steve Kaiser, Bill Haire, Bill Schlegl

Registration Slips: Ellie Bowles

Altar Care: Ruth Essington, Melanie Zehnle, Shelly Holtman, Laura Essington

Counters: Larry Ehmen, Emily Becker

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 at Secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org

Pastoral Report
(January 1 – September 30, 2015)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmations

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Infant Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-4B, -2C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Jim Callahan

9/24

Transfers Out [-3B, -1C]

Susan, Ayden & Alex Doran

9/25

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2015	Gains	Losses	September 30, 2015
Baptized	597	+15	-29	583
Confirmed	463	+10	-24	449

PUZZLE PAGE

THANKSGIVING

by
Bill Schlegl

The 4th Thursday of November is our national day of Thanksgiving. But for Christians every day of the year should be a day of Thanksgiving. Write the letter that comes between the two letters given to learn about Thanksgiving.

RT NP

SU GI ZB SU

LN XZ

RT NP TV KM

LN ZB XZ

OQ QS ZB HJ RT DF

XZ NP TV

ZB MO CE

MO NP SU

AC DF

RT HJ KM DF MO SU

NP

KM NP QS CE

LN XZ

FH NP CE

HJ

VX HJ KM KM

FH HJ UW DF

SU GI ZB MO JL RT

SU NP

XZ NP TV

EG NP QS DF UW DF QS.

(Answer found on Page 6)

History Hints – Celebrating 75 Years of Our Redeemer

Quilters

About 55 years ago, an Our Redeemer Ladies Aid member, Ruth Sprenger, started the group activity of making comforter-type quilts. Group members cut and sew together fabric squares in creative designs, making a quilt top, 60 x 80 inches. A solid piece of fabric is selected for the back, and a filler piece of the same size is laid between the top and back of the quilt. A group of two to four ladies will then pin the edges and tack the quilt with yarn. (Tacking is done by a single stitch of yarn in the middle of the top square and finished with a double knot.) The edge of the quilt is now serged with a special sewing machine. Years ago the edges were hemmed with an old type pedal sewing machine. In the early 1960's, Ruth Sprenger operated the sewing machine and then Winona Butikofer took over the hemming. After Winona, Norma Begeman operated a serger sewing machine and now Colleen Westberg has taken over the volunteer position of operating the serger to finish the quilts. Eight to ten ladies work on quilts twice a month for nine months out of the year. During 2015, the Quilters finished their 1,000th quilt! Finished quilts are sent off to foreign missions through Lutheran World Relief.

Christmas Bazaar - St. John's parent group (L.E.A.P.) are going to put together another Christmas Bazaar on **December 5th**. They got great response from those who were able to come shop, so they would like to try again and make it bigger. A donation box is located in the Narthex under the West table. They are looking to fill the life center so there will be plenty of items for little ones to shop. With yard sales coming to a close maybe now would be a good time for any leftover items to be brought in. Please donate nice gifts for grandparents, parents, siblings, aunts & uncles, cousins, neighbors, and Pastors.

Items needed include:

- Ties
- Mugs
- Knick-knacks
- Scarves
- Toys
- Books
- Photo Frames
- Candles
- Costume jewelry
- Little items a child would want to gift to someone
- Gift bags
- Tissue paper
- Gift cards to Dollar Tree (for wrapping accessories)
- Gift tags

Operation Christmas Child – American Heritage Girls Troop IL 2014 is collecting items for Operation Christmas Child this year. Shoebox collection week is November 16-23, 2015.

How to Pack a Shoebox: Find a Shoebox - Start with an average-size cardboard or plastic shoebox. If you want to wrap it, cover the box and lid separately.

Girl or Boy? - Decide whether you will pack a box for a girl or a boy, and the age category: 2-4, 5-9, or 10-14.

Fill with Gifts - Select a quality "wow" toy such as a doll, soccer ball with pump, or stuffed animal. Then add other fun toys, hygiene items, and school supplies. "Wow" Item - Delight a kid! Start with a medium to large item that will capture the child's attention the instant he or she opens the box. Ideas include: Soccer ball with pump, Stuffed animal, Toys (puppets, trucks, etc.), Doll (baby, Barbie, etc.), Musical instrument, Outfit, Shoes
Other Suggestions - Toys: Include items that children will immediately embrace such as toy cars, yo-yos, jump ropes, balls, toys that light up and make noise (with extra batteries), etc.

School Supplies: pens, pencils and sharpeners, crayons, markers, notebooks, paper, solar calculators, coloring and picture books, etc. **Non-liquid Hygiene Items:** toothbrushes, bar soap, combs, washcloths, etc.

Accessories: T-shirts, socks, hats, sunglasses, hair clips, jewelry, watches, flashlights (with extra batteries), etc. **Crafts:** Make your own items such as hair bows, finger puppets, and friendship bracelets. Download instructions here. **A Personal Note:** You may enclose a note to the child and a photo of yourself or your family. If you include your name and address, the child may be able to write back. **Do Not Include** - Used or damaged items; war-related items such as toy guns, knives, or military figures; chocolate or food; out-of-date candy; liquids or lotions; medications or vitamins; breakable items such as snow globes or glass containers; aerosol cans.

Pray - Most importantly, pray for the child who will receive your gift. You can also include a personal note and photo.

Family Matters

Easing Children's Fears

Anyone who is part of a blended family knows they face challenges as they try to make it all work. The understandings and relationships that can be taken for granted in other families need to be crafted and developed in blended families.

In general, a "blended family" includes families where at least one child is not the biological child of one or both parents. Both blended families and traditional biological families require certain elements to function effectively. Four key elements of healthy families are love, respect, open communication and structure. Love and respect are important for blended families, but paying special attention to communication and structure is key to success. One major reason for this importance is that one or more members enter the family with already established perceptions of how a family should function.



Communication is needed to bring out and combat false perceptions and fears. Structure is important because it makes concrete the roles and expectations of each family member. Children especially need to clearly know their roles and the roles of the parent(s), especially the role of a non-biological parent. Most important to remember is that the potential for problems is heightened in blended families because the family members tend to feel more sensitive and vulnerable, especially in the early stages.

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:**

Central Illinois

Trinity Lutheran School, Bloomington
LCFS office, Decatur
Christ Lutheran Church, Normal
LCFS office, Springfield

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

**To schedule a first-time appointment,
call 800-363-LCFS (5237) or
visit www.lcfs.org for additional information.**

Just 4 Kids

Tastefully Simple

Scentsy

Ray's Wood Crafts

AdvoCare

Rada Cutlery

Sarah M. Anderson

Barb's Designs

Heritage Makers

Initials Inc. Jamberry Auntie Minnie'sand many more!

LWMIL

Origami Owl

V20

Sarah's Crafts

Tupperware

Plexus

Crafts for Christ



Saturday, November 14th

9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

2701 College

**Light Breakfast & Lunch
Available for Purchase**

Handicap Accessible

No Admission Fee

Silent Auction

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