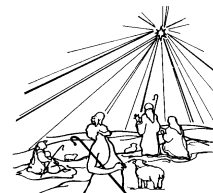




December 2015 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church --- Missouri Synod



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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

What a wonderful year we have had commemorating 75 years of ministry here at Our Redeemer. Until the day comes when we enter into eternity and are no longer bound to this world of time, we continue to mark our lives with anniversaries. Two years from now, we will have celebrated the 500th anniversary of Martin Luther's posting the 95 Theses. Anniversaries of important events (weddings, birthdays, confirmation, graduation, etc.) are important to us because they acknowledge our life and existence; they tell of a history or a relationship.

However, only remembering a person on their birthday or another anniversary tells much about the relationship we have with that person. A close friend is not someone with whom your only contact is through a birthday card. Of course it is impossible to maintain close communication with the multitude of people that we know, so we make choices concerning with whom to remain in correspondence. We have our family, our close friends, and our casual acquaintances.

Our relationship with God is measured in this same way. The Church's calendar is filled with anniversaries. Even our pagan world marks time according to the birth of Christ. We are coming to the end of the year of our Lord 2015. The A.D. that follows the date is short for Anno Domini, which is Latin for "the year of our Lord." Each December 25th, the Western world celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Christ. However, the resurrection of our Lord is celebrated more than just on Easter Sunday. From the days of the apostles, the church has had a special worship service each Sunday to commemorate Christ's resurrection.

What does it say of our opinion of God when the weekly celebration of Christ's resurrection is considered unimportant? Some may say that it is celebrated so often that its meaning is diminished. But should not the resurrection of our Lord be the most exciting event each week? After all, the Bears, Rams, Chiefs, Cowboys, etc., play football 16 out of 17 weeks in a row, plus playoff games. How many "football fans" would have no problem missing 2 or 3 weekends per month?

What does it say of our opinion of God when Christmas or Easter are the only times that one comes to celebrate an anniversary with the Lord. Is such a person "family" or merely a "casual acquaintance"? Christ our Lord tells us that we are God's children. I fear for all who treat their Father in heaven like a casual acquaintance.

Just like with your biological family, being part of a church family is not something other people do for you. Don't miss out on the good stuff in this life. And we as the family of God weep for those who will miss out on the best part of life, which we will only know after the resurrection.

Take the time to celebrate with your family of believers. Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Celebrate the many anniversaries with the Lord. Join us as we celebrate and look forward to the day when we no longer need to mark time.

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...

Dec. 4th...LWML
Christmas Party

Dec. 16th...hosting
Advent dessert

Jan. 7th...Monthly
mtg., 6:30 pm

Apr. 22nd &
23rd...CID District
Convention,
Jacksonville



December 2015

Nov. meeting highlights -

We welcomed new member Krista Townsend (wife of John Townsend, our Thrivent rep) to our group! Welcome, Krista! Also, it was a sellout crowd...we had to use three tables for everyone in attendance! A Bible/Book study circle within LWML is being considered for next year...please let any LWML member know of your possible interest.

Nov. event highlights -

Thanks to everyone who shopped our Very Merry Market booth! Our mission for the donations is our PLuS group to support our Lutheran Education!

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

Lutheran Women in Mission



*We are committed to helping LWML
make an impact on the next generation.*

*We are dedicated to sharing our
hearts for Jesus Christ, caring for our
sisters in our community and
congregation, and helping them use
their gifts to serve the Lord.*

*We are glad to be a part of LWML,
and this year we will invite the women in
our lives to consider learning
more about LWML with us.*

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!!!

Renovation of JEM Seminary Buildings...\$120,000

The Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) is providing funding to help renovate buildings on the Jonathan Ekong Memorial (JEM) Seminary campus in Obot Idim, Nigeria. The buildings, built in the 1940s are in dire need of structure and surface repair. The Lutheran Church in Nigeria is the

oldest partner church in Africa of The LCMS with the seminary preparing young men to bring the saving Gospel of Jesus Christ to others around the world!

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:

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, December 1** at Chicks on the River, 236 N. Front St. *A sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table.* There is a parking lot South of the building along with street parking. **This will be the last get together until April.**

Volunteer Groups are needed to host the Advent Post-Service Desserts on Dec 2nd & Dec. 9th. LWML is hosting on Dec. 16th. Call Renee Benedetto or the church office to volunteer.

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.

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.

Most Ministries Mission Project: Did you know that approximately 1.8 million children die every year as a result of unclean water & poor sanitation? Consider joining MOST Ministries 1611 Water Team heading to Nicaragua this coming Spring (March 28-April 3). Without you an entire community will not receive physical and spiritual life-giving water. For more information contact Debby Suchyta at 734.994.7909 x11 dsuchyta@mostministries.org Deadline is Dec. 22.

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

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.

Summarized Financial Results Year to Date October 31, 2015

Income	\$ 251,044.87
Operating Expenses	\$ (305,292.24)
Net Loss before Building Fund Expenses	\$ (54,247.37)
Building Fund Expenses	\$ (107,184.63)
Net Loss	\$ (161,432.00)

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.

Thank you to everyone who helped set up for A Very Merry Market, donated food items, made food, lent tables for the event, shopped at the vendors, ate from the cafe and helped clean up. A Very Merry Market is a big fundraiser for the PLuS group and it couldn't be done without the generous congregation of Our Redeemer. The PLuS families are very blessed! *PLuS of Our Redeemer* Page 5

Youth Group Leader Needed Looking for a young man or young couple willing to lead our Youth Group. Please see Pastor or our Church President for more information.

Thank you for helping to get Ken to church during his illness. He didn't want to miss a worship service. A special thanks to Pastor Eden for all the prayers and the comforting funeral sermon. Also thanks to everyone who prepared and served the very nice luncheon. God Bless all of you!

The Family of Ken Kuernschild.

Quanada Donation - There is still time to bring in non-perishable items for Quanada. The Hy Vee totes for the collection are by steps up to the choir loft and lounge. Thanks for your contribution. ~ Happy Thanksgiving

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEWS

THE ART WORK you see displayed in the back of church is from Mrs. Harvey's grade at St. James. Thank you for the opportunity for these children to share their work with you.

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.

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

December Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle found on page 11)

Eph. 2:8

"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing - it is the gift of God."

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

MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW! – The prekindergarten 3 & 4 Christmas program will be Tuesday, December 8th at 6:30 pm in the gym. The kindergarten – 8th grades Christmas program will be Thursday, December 10 at 6:30 pm in the gym. We look forward to sharing the Christmas message with you.

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD – Students at St. James have been busy filling shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child. This organization partners with churches worldwide to reach boys and girls with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. After receiving shoebox gifts, many children become faithful followers of Christ and share their faith with others. Every shoebox packed offers an opportunity to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with a hurting child. Please pray for these children that they may know the love of Jesus! We are thankful to have the opportunity to serve others.

217-222-8267 <http://www.stjamesquincy.org/>

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!

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.

December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	8 Lillian Cramlett	18 Mark Weisheit
1 Larry Foster	8 Elizabeth Fodor	20 Alison Zehnle
1 Harrison Knapp	8 Amie Hoebing	21 John Bronson
1 Max Showman	8 Chad Purcell	22 Kari Adams
1 Kayla Terstriep	9 Emily Drescher	22 Emma Fischer
2 Brian Manton	9 Nathaniel Hurley	22 Beverly Post
3 Thaddeus Douglas	9 Charles Perry	23 Darrell Drescher
3 Morgan Longcor	9 Heidi Schlipman	23 Carole Lannerd
3 Cheryl Newbrough	9 Eldon Schoch	23 Kaiden Weisheit
3 Carol O'Dell	11 Valerie Spillman	24 Ann Knoernschild
3 Jeffrey Wemhoener	13 Norma Baird	25 Briana Robertson
4 Phyllis Cook	13 Jonah Tronsgard	26 Charla Weisenburger
4 Lucinda Klingele	13 Timothy Westberg	27 Dennis Fischer
4 Allan Murphy	14 Anne Schanbacher	27 Donna White
5 Harlie Whitaker	14 Shanna Wemhoener	29 Emma Campbell
6 Anthony Bowles	15 Sean Burner	29 Monica Foster
6 Barbara Ellerbrock	15 Eric Fischer	29 John Frohn
6 Li Voepel	15 Merinda Jones	29 Mary Lazzeri
7 Linda Go	16 John Hallerberg	30 Elizabeth Burner
7 Olivia Showman	17 Ronald Bowles	30 Richard Lazzeri
7 Suzanne Troxel	17 Lauryn Hinthorne	31 Jane Howlett

December Baptisms

1 Sharon Reinberg	10 Steve Voepel	22 David Ott
2 Carrie Fischer	11 Kelle Baird	24 Andrew Allen
2 Hayley Ott	11 Rob Tipton	25 Paul Weisheit
3 Donna Johnson	11 Charla Weisenburger	26 Verna Harker
3 Jaela Vaughn	12 Mayce Bent	26 Anne Schanbacher
3 Emily Weppeler	15 Piper Kuhn	26 Brandon Voepel
4 Alexis Hibbert	15 Lori Post	27 Carolyn Cramlett
4 Clayton Hibbert	16 Sean Burner	27 Irene Drescher
4 Janice Tronsgard	16 Suzanne Troxel	28 Barb Ellerbrock
6 Sarah Lucas	16 Colleen Westberg	28 Bob Jording
7 Brady Essington	17 Lori Klauser	28 Heidi Schlipman
7 Heather Feinstein	17 Carol O'Dell	29 Bethany Foster
8 Olivia Badamo	17 Kristen Vahle	29 Shelia McElfresh
8 Olive Cook	17 Adrian Zehnle	30 Charlie Church
8 Elizabeth Fodor	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	30 Donna Church
8 Olivia Hoebing	20 Shirley Foster	30 Gail Church
10 Rita Boerema	20 Ryan Schnack	30 John Church
	21 Carolyn Bruemmer	

December Anniversaries

4 Richard & Mary Lazzeri
5 Robert & Krystal Frink
8 Joseph & Jane Cleaves
11 Kirk & Sharon Vahle
17 Jonathon & Jessica Campbell
19 Jerald & Mary Meyer



23 Bradley & Karol Ehmen
23 Steven & Li Voepel
26 Donald & Bonnie Blattner
30 Steven & Donna Schoch
30 Aaron & Janice Tronsgard

Assignments for December 2015

Communion Assistants:

Sat., December 5 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., December 6 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Sat., December 12 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., December 13 at 9:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Stan Yelton
Sat., December 19 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., December 20 at 9:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Chet Vahle
Sun., December 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Clint Gooding	Larry Ehmen
Sat., December 26 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sun., December 27 at 9:00 a.m.	Brad Essington	Terry Morse
Sun., December 31 at 7:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	Stan Yelton

Ushers:

Regular Saturdays at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire
Regular Sundays at 9:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer, Jerry Lunt, Ruth & Howard Snowden, Barb & Chet Vahle
Wed., December 2 @ 7 p.m.	Larry & Monica Foster, Joe Cleaves, Steve Schoch
Wed., December 9 @ 7 p.m.	Don Blattner, Jeff & Randy Wolfmeyer
Wed., December 16 @ 7 p.m.	Larry Ehmen, Jerry Manton, Clint & Craig Gooding
Dec. 24 @ 7 p.m. – Children's	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Larry Post, Gary O'Dell
Dec. 24 @ 10:30 - Candlelight	Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Joe Cleaves
Dec. 25 @ 9 - Christmas Day	Chris & Michele Clevenger, Larry & Monica Foster

Registration Slips: Marilyn Lehenbauer

Altar Care: Monia Fischer, RFosie Meyer, Ellen Stockhecke, Sharon Reinberg

Counters: Bill Schlegl & Wanda Spohr

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

(October 2015)

Official Acts

Infant Baptisms
First Communion
Adult Confirmation
Youth Confirmations
Marriages
Funerals –

Jim Callahan

October 1, 2015

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 [-5B, -5C]

Death [-2B, -2C]

Cheryl Holtman

October 24, 2015

Ken Knoernschild

October 28, 2015

Transfers Out [-3B, -3C]

Adam & Jamie Stark with Dominic

October 7, 2015

Hannah Ajdinovich

October 26, 2015

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2015	Gains	Losses	October 31, 2015
Baptized	597	+15	-37	575
Confirmed	463	+10	-32	441

PUZZLE PAGE

THE GREATEST GIFT

by

Bill Schlegl

Christmas time is a happy time for given and receiving gifts. But do you know what is the greatest gift of all?

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

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(Answer found on Page 6)



As the holidays approach, the days and weeks become a blur of activity. Expectation and pressures are high; energy is low. Much of our busyness comes from customs and traditions that we follow because “we’ve always done it that way.” While traditions and rituals give us an important framework and sense of belonging, they can cause us to lose sight of what is most important and meaningful.



The Christmas season seems to begin earlier each year, and the expectations become more demanding, from baking fancy cookies and fixing elaborate meals, to buying and wrapping gifts, decorating the entire house, attending parties and sending Christmas cards.

As well-intentioned as many of these traditions are, the real meaning of the holiday can get lost in the commotion, leaving people stressed out, worn out and grumpy. That’s a signal for a “time out” to look at all of the activity, decide what should be continued and what should be done away with, pared back or changed. For instance:

- Instead of a mass mailing of Christmas cards, commit to sending personal, handwritten notes or letters throughout the year. Have your children draw or color them. They’ll become family heirlooms.
- Instead of a big Christmas dinner, volunteer at a homeless shelter. It will be a Christmas you’ll all remember.
- Instead of lavish gifts, set limits and donate some of the money to a favorite charity.
- Instead of fighting crowds at the mall, do things at home with your family. Give your children your time, such as evenings of board games and storytelling instead of expensive toys they’ll quickly grow tired of.
- Above all, keep it simple.

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.



Join Us for Advent & Christmas Services

Advent 1 – Saturday, November 28 @ 5 p.m. or Sunday, November 29 @ 9 a.m.
Wednesday, December 2 @ 7 p.m.
Advent 2 - Saturday, December 5 @ 5 p.m. or Sunday, December 6 @ 9 a.m.
Wednesday, December 9 @ 7 p.m.
Advent 3 - Saturday, December 12 @ 5 p.m. or Sunday, December 13 @ 9 a.m.
Wednesday, December 16 @ 7 p.m.
Advent 4 - Saturday, December 19 @ 5 p.m. or Sunday, December 20 @ 9 a.m.
Christmas Eve – Friday, December 24 @ 7 p.m. – Children's Program
December 24 @ 10:30 p.m. – Candlelight Service
Christmas Day – 25, December 25 @ 9 a.m.
Christmas Musicale – December 27 @ 9 a.m.



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available at a cost of \$7.00 each. You will be able to take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Musicale on December 27th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I would like to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

☐ in loving memory of _____

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

☐ for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)
(All orders must be received by Wednesday, Dec. 16th.)*