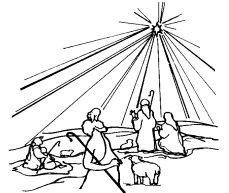




# December 2016 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



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### To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

During this time of year, thankfulness and giving are two dominant themes even within the secular society. Within the Church, thankfulness and giving have greater implications than images of turkeys and Santa Claus. We have celebrated the National Day of Thanksgiving by acknowledging all that we have comes from God. As we now enter into the Advent Season and look forward to Christmas, we are told by the TV ads and the retail world that this is the “season of giving.” As God’s people, we recognize that this is the season of Christ’s birth and the anticipation of His return.

The birth of Jesus, the greatest of all gifts, is not the gift with which the world is concerned. The mountain of wrapped up toys or the Lexus with the big bow on top are the images of giving that dominate our culture. But during our Wednesday midweek services this Advent season, we will be turning our attention to Mary’s song of praise and thanksgiving commonly known as The Magnificat. Her humble words of thanks for the gift of being chosen as the vessel to carry the Son of the Most High into this world have been repeated for generations. These words, along with the rest of Scripture will be repeated until the final generation.

Helping the people you love unwrap the Word of God is the greatest gift you can give them, and is the gift for which they will eternally give you thanks. Long after the plastic toys from Walmart are in the landfill, long after the Lexus gets traded in for something newer and more exciting, the Word of God remains. As Mary says, “And His mercy is for those who fear Him from generation to generation.”

There is but one reason for you to give thanks each and every day: God’s mercy is for you.

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

### ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, November 30 – 7:00 PM Advent 1 Mid-Week Worship – Luke 1:46-49

Sunday, December 4 – 9:00 AM Advent 2 Divine Service

Wednesday, December 7 – 7:00 PM Advent 2 Mid-Week Worship – Luke 1:50-53

Sunday, December 11 – 9:00 AM Advent 3 Divine Service

Wednesday, December 14 – 7:00 PM Advent 3 Mid-Week Worship – Luke 1:54-55

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Sunday, December 18 – 9:00 AM Advent 4 Divine Service

Saturday, December 24 – 7:00 PM Children’s Christmas Program

Saturday, December 24 – 10:30 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

Sunday, December 25 – 9:00 AM Christmas Day Musicales

Saturday, December 31 – 5:00 PM New Year’s Eve Service

Sunday, January 1 – 9:00 AM New Year’s Day Divine Service

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Vice-President	Jeff Wolfmeyer (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Secretary	Wanda Spohr (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Treasurer	Donna Haire (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Financial Secretary	Evelyn McDowell (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Randy Wolfmeyer (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	Ryan Vaughn (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Board of Elders	Larry Foster (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Communion Assistant	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Darrell Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Special Services	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Bill Haire (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	Howard Snowden (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	Terry Lannerd (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	
Evangelism Board	Michele Clevenger (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Ruth Ann Snowden (1 <sup>st</sup> term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
Property Board	Jeff Smith (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Steve Kaiser (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	David Pellman (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Youth Ministry Board	Jamie Louderback	

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

And a poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which make a penny. And he called his disciples to him and said to them, "Truly, I say to you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the offering box. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." **Mark 12:42-44 ESV**



### **UPCOMING...**

**Dec. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Christmas Party, 6pm, details to follow

**Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>** – Hosting Advent Dessert after mid-week service

**Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>** – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

**June 22 – 25, 2017...**  
National Convention,  
Albuquerque, NM

### **December 2016**

#### **Nov. meeting highlights –**

Final plans were set for the Very Merry Market booth, our 'Preparing Our Hearts for Advent' event, our meal hosting for the Blind Center and our Christmas party. Congrats to our newly elected Vice President, Malinda Eden!

#### **Nov. highlights –**

Thanks to the many who donated items for our Very Merry Market booth! All the proceeds are going to a mission project and all left over items will be for sale at our 2017 Rummage Sale. See next month's newsletter for a final report on the rest of November's events!

#### **Think you might like to be a part of the mission of LWML???**

Please...attend one of our upcoming meetings or events!  
We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness"!



#### **"Featured" CID LWML Mission Grant St. John's Effingham Braille Unit – \$10,000**

This grant enables the Lutheran Braille Workers of Effingham to print and send out 4,000 'Books of the Bible' to the visually impaired so they can read about their Savior and come to love Him through the Word!

*Lutheran Women  
in Mission*

Please contact any LWML member or Colleen Westberg at 217-223-5702 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!!!*

#### **Deaconess Training — LCMS support for International Partner Churches...\$32,500**

"We Are God's Workmanship" is an initiative of Saint Paul School of Concordia, Missouri, with the purpose of assisting international students in obtaining an education that also prepares them to return to their respective countries ready to share the good news. The mission grant from LWML will be providing funds for tuition and board for these international students who otherwise would not be able to afford to attend.

For more information about this mission or to donate to this grant, go to [www.lwml.org/mission-grants](http://www.lwml.org/mission-grants).

# 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, Levi Meyer, 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, Sean Burner, Steve Dunker, Richard Grathwohl, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Becki Jones, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, Michael Morgan, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Michelle Reinberg-Page, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Bee Wagner, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Weppler, Betty Wolfmeyer.



## **REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:**

Carolyn Bruemmer, Ralph Genenbacher, Don Green, Mary Hurley, Bob Jording, Cleda Mason, Marilyn Newman, Anna Mae Parsons, Betty Perry, Dolly Powers, Dave Reinburg, Don Sass, Joyce Southward, Ida Utterback, Bee Wagner, 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, Fort Wayne, IN:

Tyler Arends, 926 East 1000 North Road, Melvin, IL 60952

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

TBD



## **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 – Sharon Reinberg

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

## December News

**Advent Dessert Evenings:** Hosts for Advent Desserts immediately following the 7 PM Wednesday services are:

**November 30<sup>th</sup>** - Senior Choir

**December 7<sup>th</sup>** - Youth Group & OAFC

**December 14<sup>th</sup>** - LWML

**Children's Christmas Program Practice** will begin **Sunday, December 4<sup>th</sup>** from **1-2 PM** and will also meet on **12/11** and **12/18**.

**Christmas Caroling** You are invited to go caroling on **December 4<sup>th</sup>** at **2:30 PM**. Please Sign up in the Narthex, so we can determine groups and how many places we can go. This is a fun way to spread Christmas Joy and enjoy good fellowship.

### **Our Redeemer Lutheran Women's**

**Missionary League** invites the congregation to participate in their mission project of collecting food items and/or monetary donations for the St. John's Food Pantry. If you would like to support this worthy cause, you may give your donation to any one of the ORLC LWML ladies or place it in the collection box at church by **Dec. 4<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for helping to serve others.

**Senior Singles** will meet at Sprouts on **Tuesday, December 6** at **11:30 AM**. Sign-up sheet is in the Narthex so we know how much room we need.

**LWML Bible Study** will be the 4th Thursday in **January**, which is the **26<sup>th</sup>**.

**THANK YOU to all who helped with the Very Merry Market this year!** Save the date for next year – Saturday, **November 11, 2017**. We are currently taking vendor applications for next year, so please contact the church office for a 2017 form.

Please consider the **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund** with your end of year giving. An account is now set up to take donations. Checks should be made payable to:

**ORLC St. James Tuition**

**Donations of Sunday School Snacks** There is a sign-up sheet in the Narthex for those willing to provide light snacks for our Sunday School children. There are usually 35-40 who attend.

**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.

**2017 Offering Envelopes are now available** for pickup on the table by the stairs.

**TOGETHER IN MISSIONS** For those of you who attended the Voter's meeting you may have noticed that Together in Missions was no longer a line item in the budget. We will still be collecting these funds and funds to support our sister church in England as well as other missions, but it will be solely dependent on your contributions in the new year.

**PLuS Reports** \$345.35 profit from RADA sales and \$2,893.01 Profit from the Very Merry Market. All of these funds help ORLC with St. James School tuition fees. Thank you for your support!

**Need a nice Christmas gift?** Candles are on display & available for purchase at discounted prices in the Old Chapel. All proceeds go toward AHG Troop IL2014.

**Special Thanks to the ORLC Quilters** for their generous donation of funds to the ORLC PLuS group! All of their proceeds were donated to help fund St. James School Tuition of Our Redeemer Youth. **Thank you** for making Christian Education a priority!

### **ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL,**

**"BUDDY BENCH" PROJECT** – Our fourth grade class is collecting clean plastic caps and lids to be turned into a buddy bench for the school playground. Please save plastic lids/caps from milk jugs, detergent bottles, hair spray, spray paint, toothpaste, deodorant, water bottles, ice cream buckets (under 8 inches), cream cheese, cottage cheese, mayonnaise jars, peanut butter jars, Cool Whip, coffee cans, butter, prescription bottles (labels removed), caps w/recycle numbers 2,4,5, etc. Remember, it's caps only! Bring them to the fourth grade classroom or the school/church office. To create a buddy bench, the class is collecting 200 pounds of caps and lids and would like your help in reaching their goal! They have collected 75 pounds of caps and lids to date.

**THIRD SOURCE FUNDING** – St. James is searching for people who have a big heart for Lutheran education, are willing to share ideas and work on a team to help provide different ideas for Third Source Funding. This might include grant writing and other sources like Thrivent. If interested, please contact Principal Landskroener at school (222-8267). Thank you for your consideration.

## Miscellaneous Constant Information

**LWML Rummage Sale 2017** – Please save any and all items you no longer need for our rummage sale next year. All proceeds go to missions.

**Newsletter & Calendar Deadline** – All newsletter submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20<sup>th</sup> 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. The Calendars go in the newsletter and we use them for our weekly calendar so please let the church office know about any changes or errors right away.

**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, 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!

**Church Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with time out for lunch between 12 and 1. Staff may be in the office before or after these hours, but please call before stopping in so that we can have items ready for you (keys, sermon copies, envelopes, etc.) and can do our best to help you when you arrive.

**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.

### 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](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org).



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](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto:intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org). Lifelink International Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.



## December Birthdays

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

## December Baptisms

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

## 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

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

#### First Communion

Emily Renee Drescher – October 23, 2016  
Anna Bergen Ehmen – October 23, 2016  
Robert Glenn Gooding – October 23, 2016  
Anderson Charles Knapp – October 23, 2016  
Elizabeth Katherine Lucas – October 23, 2016  
Edwin Andrew Murphy – October 23, 2016  
Grace Elizabeth Vaughn – October 23, 2016

### Adult Confirmation

Jim & Linda Leathers – October 15, 2016

### Youth Confirmation

### Marriages

### Funerals

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+2B, +2C]

#### Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

#### Adult Confirmations [+2B, +2C]

Jim & Linda Leathers – October 15, 2016

#### Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

#### Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

### Losses [-0B, -0C]

#### Death [-0B, -01C]

#### Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

#### Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2016	Gains	Losses	October 31, 2016
Baptized	575	+21	-14	582
Confirmed	440	+15	-11	444

## December Puzzle Page Answer *(puzzle found on page 11)*

“For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour which is Christ the Lord. **Luke 2:11**”

## Assignments for December 2016



**Communion Assistants:**

Saturday, December 3 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, December 4 at 9:00 a.m.	Jerry Lunt	Steve Kaiser
Saturday, December 10 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, December 11 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Terry Morse
Saturday, December 17 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, December 18 at 9:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Sunday, December 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, December 31 at 5:00 p.m.	Chris Knapp	Stan Yelton

**Ushers:**

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Brad Essington, Chet Vahle, Howard Snowden, Gary Hyer, Ryan Vaughn
December 7 at 7 PM	Don Blattner, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer, Jerry Manton
December 14 at 7 PM	Larry Ehmen, Darrell Drescher, Clint Gooding, Craig Gooding
December 24 at 7 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Larry Post, Gary O'Dell
December 24 10:30 PM	Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Joe Cleaves, Darrell Drescher

**Registration Slips:** Marilyn Lehenbauer

**Altar Care:** Mona Fischer, Rosie Meyer, Ellen Stockhecke, Amy Killday

**Counters:** Glenna Nicholson and Barb Ellerbrock

**Drivers:** Steve Hyer, Jerry Manton, Wanda Spohr, Ryan Vaughn



Wherever you look in life you see things that have a certain symmetry to them. Among living things, we can look at flowers, trees and even faces and see that balance.

We speak about the balance of nature, referring to the fact that too much or too little of something throws everything off. Too much rain means floods, soil erosion and plants that decay from all the moisture. Too little rain results in droughts and plants that wither and die. Fortunately, nature is forgiving and allows a little bit of leeway.

Our lives are about balance, too. Any one thing can throw Working long hours without a break such as a vacation or not healthy physically, mentally or emotionally. As in nature, it can throw off that delicate ecosystem known as our bodies.



Keeping things in balance isn't just about work. We can overdo every aspect of our existence. Having fun, eating, sleeping, watching TV, exercising, spending money and maintaining relationships are all things we can have too much or too little of.

Our bodies cannot operate on continuous overload. We cannot drive a car 100 miles an hour day in and day out without necessary maintenance and expect it to last any length of time. We cannot drive ourselves and expect to be functioning at 40 the way we did at 20.

Pace yourself and be attuned to those warning signs that signal it's time for a break—time for maintenance—time to put balance back into your life.

**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](mailto:lcfs_info@lcfs.org) or 800-363-LCFS (5237).**

**Discover LCFS and the services we offer at [www.lcfs.org](http://www.lcfs.org) and [www.facebook.com/LCFSIL](https://www.facebook.com/LCFSIL).**

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**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  
LCFS office, Springfield

**Southern Illinois**

LCFS office, Belleville  
LCFS office, Mt. Vernon

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

# PUZZLE PAGE

## THE ANGEL'S MESSAGE

by

Bill Schlegl

What great message did the angels give to the shepherds in the field?

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

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02 15 18 14      20 08 09 19      04 01 25      09 14      20 08 05

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(Answer Found on Page 8)

## January – October 2016 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<b>Income</b>	<b>Jan – Oct 16</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ Over Budget</b>	<b>% of</b>
<b>Budget</b>				
001 · 001 General Offerings	242,022.41	245,000.00	-2,977.59	98.8%
002 · 002 Together in Mission	6,195.00	6,443.34	-248.34	96.1%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	3,822.31	5,000.00	-1,177.69	76.4%
005 – Special	16,066.44			
005.41- VBS Meals	1.84			
008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising	0.00	2,500.00	-2,500.00	0.0%
009 – 009 Building Fund Interest	502.69			
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	8.55	41.66	-33.11	20.5%
012 – 012 Endowment Fund Interest	266.76			
013 – 013 Kleinsorge MMK Income Interest	358.58			
015 – 015 Kleinsorge Bequest Interest	356.09			
016 – 016 Memorial fund Interest	191.79			
017 – 017 Memorial Fund Money Market	1,930.00			
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	5,833.34	-5,833.34	0.0%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>271,905.10</b>	<b>264,818.34</b>	<b>7,086.76</b>	<b>102.7%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Mission	18,549.00	20,610.00	-2,061.00	90.0%
Personnel	151,065.53	153,713.34	-2,647.81	98.3%
Program	86,328.09	115,394.70	-29,068.61	74.8%
Property	24,720.22	28,974.98	-4,254.76	85.3%
500 – Special Expenses	2,196.91			
500.70 – Book Sales	30.00			
500.83 Candles-Candlelight Service	10.00			
700 - Memorial Fund expense	73.60			
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>282,973.35</b>	<b>318,695.02</b>	<b>-35,721.67</b>	<b>88.8%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-11,068.25</b>	<b>-53,876.68</b>	<b>42,808.43</b>	<b>20.5%</b>



### Poinsettias for Christmas



Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. 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 Day Musicale on December 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 by Wed. Dec. 14th)***