

January 2017 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Malinda, the girls, and I wish to extend greetings to all our family in Christ during this Christmas Season. The focus of this celebration is the reality that the Son of God entered this world to be the final Lamb of sacrifice upon the altar of the cross. However, throughout the days leading up to, through, and after Christmas, there is typically much time focusing on our earthly family – and rightly so.

In regard of the family side of the Christmas season, this was a strange year in the Eden home as this was the first Christmas in a long time without Annalisa, as she was in the town of her youth – Mellen, WI. Very often you don't understand the value of traditions until they are disrupted. In this case, it was not disrupted as much as it was rescheduled.

Because I am not around the house much on Christmas Eve or Christmas morning, our main family time when we exchange gifts is an evening meal (usually the Friday before Christmas) consisting of finger food, shrimp cocktail, cheese and crackers, and these wonderful little hot sandwiches on Hawaiian rolls we call "Slammers." This year, our family Christmas celebration was on December 9.

From a nostalgia perspective, that didn't "feel like Christmas." However, having our traditional meal at our traditional time without Annalisa was out of the question. But we are going to have another family Christmas evening closer to the 25th (Good thing Annalisa doesn't read the newsletter).

The prospect of worshipping on Christmas Eve without Annalisa and waking up Christmas morning knowing that we will have to wait another day to see her bothered Malinda and Julianna more than me. I am not the one sitting in the pew with the empty space next to me. Also, in my college years, I often traveled by myself during my Christmas break. And again, typically, I am at church from 6:00 PM until midnight on Christmas Eve and back to church by 8:00 AM. Then we pack up and leave for Iowa by lunchtime so that we can spend the rest of Christmas Day watching football with Malinda's family.

This is our family tradition. I am sure it will continue to change over the next few years. The part of our tradition that thankfully won't be changing is the gathering along with our family of the church on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day to celebrate the reality that the Son of God entered the world to be the final Lamb of sacrifice upon the altar of the cross. That is the proverbial "gift that keeps on giving."

In Christ,
Pastor Eden



Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (3 rd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Vice-President	Jeff Wolfmeyer (3 rd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Secretary	Wanda Spohr (3 rd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Treasurer	Donna Haire (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Financial Secretary	Evelyn McDowell (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2017
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	Randy Wolfmeyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	Ryan Vaughn (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Board of Elders		
434-8708	Larry Foster (1 st term) Communion Assistant	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
617-7312	Darrell Drescher (1 st term) Special Services	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
223-7949	Bill Haire (1 st term) Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
223-1119	Howard Snowden (1 st term) Altar Care	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
242-5651	Terry Lannerd (1 st term) Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
	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 (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (2 nd term)	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
	David Pellman (2 nd 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...

Jan. 5th – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

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

January 2016

Dec. meeting highlights –

We had our Christmas party, and in January we will make decisions about the coming year as well as make a distinctive LWML item for each of us.

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.

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 Wepler, 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

January News

Please consider the **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund** with your end of year giving. **Please take note** that we have a **great opportunity to double your donation** until the end of 2016. This Fund was established to raise money to supplement Our Redeemer's assistance for St. James School Tuition for our members. An account is now set up to take donations. Checks should be made payable to: **ORLC St. James Tuition Endowment Fund**

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

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.

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.

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

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.

Thank you from the St. John's Food Pantry for the food and monetary donations collected at ORLC. **They have an immediate need for your empty egg cartons** so that they can distribute fresh egg donations. Please drop off clean egg cartons at the church office. Thank you for helping to care for others and reaching out to our community to fill a real need. We have a mission opportunity right here in our backyard and we appreciate you helping to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior!

Good News Magazine subscriptions are available for \$10 per year. If you are interested in receiving the next four issues, please contact the church office to order your subscription.

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.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES are due in the school office. Please be sure to send in a COPY of your child's birth certificate if you have not done so already. Copies of birth certificates are due for ALL students. We are still missing a number of these certificates!

JUST A REMINDER that we are NO longer collecting Campbell Soup labels. The company has discontinued their label program. We thank you, however, for all the support that you gave our library through this program!!

DO YOU HAVE A NEW PHONE NUMBER OR HAVE NOT YET SIGNED UP FOR EMAIL? We ask that anyone changing phone numbers please let the school office know right away. These phone numbers are VERY IMPORTANT to your child. It is the number that is used in case of emergency. Your email is also important in order for you to receive any messages that the school needs to put out. This is especially important with the coming of our winter months and the chance of early dismissals!!

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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 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. 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!

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!

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.



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.

January Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	12	Brian Burner	23	Kristopher Kutcher
3	Judith Burner	12	Brad Essington	24	Lynnette Carpenter
3	Blake Feinstein	13	Kelly Hufendick	24	Kathryn Hyer
3	Michele Urbon	13	Hannah Mixer	24	Connor Smith
5	Brady Essington	13	Grace Vaughn	25	Steven Kaiser
6	Phyllis Ashby	14	Norma Begeman	26	Donald Fink
6	Addison Buss	14	Donna Haire	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Linda Knowles	14	Melanie Zehnle	27	Christina Kaltenbach
7	Ruth Hall	15	Brett Baird	27	James Lucas
7	Bryan Meyer	16	Larry Ehmen	27	Keith Urbon
7	David Showman II	16	Thomas Hurley	28	Angela Clevenger
7	Lucille Wiskirchen	17	Lucas McElfresh	28	Phillip Weisheit
8	Madison Goertz	18	Sky Fischer	29	Brooke Gooding
8	David Showman	18	Kirk Vahle	29	Lauren Mueller
9	Ruby McGartland	19	John Dillinger	30	Nora Schnack
9	Ava Troxel	20	Kyle Frink	30	Mary Voepel
11	Christine Clevenger	21	Eldora Bowles	31	Matthew Frohn
11	Gary O'Dell	22	Jeremy Gruen	31	Joshua Jefferson
		22	Marilyn Newman		

January Baptisms

1	Stacy Luker	11	Ava Langan	25	Harrison Knapp
1	Kent Schnack	15	Kent Knoernschild	26	Brad Essington
1	Mary Tipton	17	Ida Utterback	26	Valerie Spillman
1	Tim Westberg	18	Amie Hoebing	28	Chris Knapp
3	Jessica Hibbert	18	Gage Scharnhorst	29	David Rickey
5	Ann Knoernschild	19	Tory Hufendick	29	Eric Sass
6	Myley Longcor	19	Alison Zehnle	29	Warren Vahle
8	Tony Bowles	21	Norma Begeman	29	Tara Walker-Moffitt
9	Coby Klauser	21	Lucille Wiskirchen	30	Merinda Jones
11	Kari Adams	22	Donna White	30	Hannah Mixer
11	Marjorie Baker	24	James Jones III		
11	Lily Kuhn	25	Rachel Boerema		

January Anniversaries

3 Gary & Kathryn Hyer
 3 Dustin & Ann Nickelson
 3 Chet & Barbara Vahle



8 Anthony & Susan Bowles
 15 Frank & Debbie Baird
 21 David & Glenna Nicholson

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

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	November 30, 2016
Baptized	575	+21	-14	582
Confirmed	440	+15	-11	444

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

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.
John 15:13

Assignments for January 2016

Communion Assistants:

Sunday, January 1 at 9:00 a.m.	Jeff Wolfmeyer	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, January 7 at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 8 at 9:00 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Saturday, January 14 at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 15 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Alex Schlipman
Saturday, January 21 at 9:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 22 at 5:00 p.m.	Brad Ehmen	Brad Essington
Saturday, January 28 at 9:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 29 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	Jeff Wolfmeyer

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jerry Lunt, Becky Lunt, Larry Foster, Monica Foster, Steve Kaiser

Registration Slips: Cindy Spohr

Altar Care: Kim Gooding, Sharon Vaughn, Ruth Snowden, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Crista Fodor

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



Creativity is a gift found in most children, and it can be stifled or expanded by the adults around them. It must be encouraged at an early age in order to nurture optimum potential in children.

A walk in the park or around the block is a wonderful time to encourage curiosity, which is the beginning of creativity. Explore nature with your children. Listen to their questions and give them answers immediately or talk about how they can find the answers later.

Bath time is a time to allow parents and children to use their imaginations. Help the children tell stories and build their ability to create new stories. Bedtime stories can be a time for parents to talk about when the children were young. Children like to hear stories about themselves when they were first born and when they were toddlers.



When your four-year-old draws a picture you can't recognize, try inviting, "Tell me about your picture" instead of asking "What is it?" She will feel free to use her imagination. Allowing your children to climb on playground equipment or help gather groceries in the store can be an excellent way to encourage creativity.

Creativity in children is not necessarily a product of intelligence, but a product of feeling self-confident and safe from criticism for being different. Most children enjoy playing with things like blocks and paper and crayons to make their own stories. Pressure from parents, teachers and peers to do what is expected of them and not make mistakes can shut down creativity.

So parents, allow your creativity to run wild as you encourage and model creativity to your children.

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
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 for additional information.

PUZZLE PAGE

LOVE

by

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn of the greatest love that we can have.

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M
Z	Y	X	W	V	U	T	S	R	Q	P	O	N

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