

# February 2017 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Moses commanded the people: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates" [Dt. 6:6-8].

St. Paul reminded Timothy: "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" [II Tim. 3:14-17].

Basic biblical knowledge has been on the decline for quite some time. Up until recent times, God's people's lives revolved around the church's schedule on a daily, weekly, and seasonal basis. This is what gave a Christian community the sense of community. The earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" [Acts 2:42, 46-47].

Today, even for most church-going people, the Bible remains a closed, mysterious book; and the church is "something you do on Sunday." Scripture is not read in the home, the catechism is not taught to our youth, and the sins of our fathers are visited upon our children. I am guilty of not spending as much time as I should in the instruction of my own children. The unstructured mayhem that our lives become often confuses our daily routine, and time for our Lord is often the first thing to get squeezed.

The Lord has given each of us 168 hours in the week. Allowing for working, school, sleeping, and eating, too few hours remain for the other activities which we want or need to accomplish. How we use those hours speaks volumes as to what is important in our lives. We all make choices to do first things first. The only question is: "What is first?" Where do we place worship and devotion to God in the ranking of important things which must be done? When Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," are those words which hold value and meaning? These are all questions with which everyone must wrestle.

What is most important to you? When you know the answer to that question, then you will know who is your God. I pray your answer is the same as that of Joshua when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" [Josh. 24:15].

In Christ,  
*Pastor Eden*

## 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		
434-8708	Larry Foster (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Communion Assistant	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
617-7312	Darrell Drescher (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Special Services	Oct. 2015 – Sept. 2017
223-7949	Bill Haire (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
223-1119	Howard Snowden (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Altar Care	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
242-5651	Terry Lannerd (1 <sup>st</sup> term) Sunday Ushers	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...**

**Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – monthly meeting, 6:30 PM

**Feb. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>** – Soup & Bread Pickup

**Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – monthly meeting, 6:30 PM

**Apr. 6<sup>th</sup>** – monthly meeting, 6:30 PM

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

### **February 2016**

#### **Jan. meeting highlights –**

Plans were made for our Soup & Bread fundraiser. Volunteers signed up to chair events throughout the year and the meeting closed with creating beautiful fleece scarves.

#### **Jan. event highlights –**

Please purchase lots of soup so we will have much to report on next month! Thank you in advance!

#### **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**  
Bible Storybooks in Swahili for Sunday Schools – \$3,500  
Lutheran church bodies have been established in Tanzania & Kenya with over three million members. This grant will go towards the printing costs of the Swahili edition of A Child's Garden of Bible Stories being printed by LHF.



*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](http://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!!!*

#### **Healthy Families – Lutheran Family Services of Nebraska...\$60,000**

The Centers for Healthy Families of Nebraska provides services to families in need, which will in turn, break the cycles of poverty and neglect. While providing earthly needs, the centers give needed spiritual guidance and the support of family groups through Bible studies and congregational mentoring. This grant will allow the centers to continue in this valued service of reflecting God's love through caring for those in need.

**Find out more about the Healthy Families mission work at [lwml.org/mission-grants](http://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, 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, 6915A Cinder Run, Waxhaw, North Carolina 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

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

## February News

### ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund

As reported at the January 22<sup>nd</sup> Voter's Assembly Meeting, the endowment fund was officially open for business on November 20, 2016 when the Voters approved the By Laws of the Fund. We started receiving donations immediately and we now have a total of \$23,000.00 invested with the LCMS Foundation.

We continue to welcome donations to this endowment fund as we endeavor to provide tuition assistance to children of our members who attend St. James Lutheran School in the future. The committee will be moving in other fazes of securing contributions very soon.

This fund is separate from the funds of ORLC and we ask that contribution checks be made out to the endowment fund.

If you have any questions or are willing to help with the various fundraising activities, please contact one of the committee members.

Committee Members: Brad Ehmen, Larry Ehmen, Larry Foster, Donna Haire, Marty Otto, Chet Vahle, Jeff Wolfmeyer

**Lenten Services** will begin on **Wednesday, March 1st**. We are looking for groups to provide desserts after the services. Please call the church office or contact Renee Benedetto at 224-2098 if you would like to volunteer for one of the evenings.

March 1st - LWML  
March 8th -  
March 15th -  
March 22nd -  
March 29th -  
April 5th - LWML

**Thrivent Choice Deadline** is **MARCH 31ST**, 2017 to designate the Choice Dollars received in 2016. Our eligible members have a minimum of \$25 and a maximum of \$5,000 available to designate.

**Our dear friend, Ann Knoernschild** has now moved closer to her family in Wisconsin. Please send cards of encouragement and all the latest news from Quincy to: 13750 W National Ave #3205  
New Berlin WI 53151  
262-505-5810

**LWML Bible Study** is **Thursday, February 16<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 PM in Quincy at Troxel's home, 2823 Payson Heights for about an hour. We are very casual. Bring your Bible and a friend. Please let Donna Troxel (224-9000, 217-242-3070-texting is fine, [Dmtlnc@adams.net](mailto:Dmtlnc@adams.net)) know if you are coming so she can have bible study copies for you. For this Bible Study, we will use the LWML Quarterly Winter 2016 pages 20-21, "More Precious than Silver, Better than Jewels: the Gifts of Knowledge and Wisdom."

**ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL,  
QUINCY, IL 217-222-8267**

**2017-2018 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT** has begun at St. James. If you know of anyone who would be interested in a quality Christian school, please let them know about St. James Lutheran School. Principal Landskroener would welcome the opportunity to speak with prospective families. Current families, be sure to return your Returning Enrollment Form.

**PREKINDERGARTEN & KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE** will be **Saturday, March 18<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 am – 11:30 am** at the school. Please pass the word along to friends, enemies, family and neighbors that they are welcome to attend and find out more about our early childhood programs. If anyone has any questions, Principal Landskroener would love the opportunity to answer them!

**LUTHERAN EDUCATION WEEK** at St. James will be celebrated **Monday, February 27<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup>** with the culminating activity being the **Spring Fling** at the Senior Center Saturday night. This year's theme is the **Roaring Twenties**. The silent auction begins at 5:00, dinner served at 6:30 and the live auction begins at 7:45. Please RSVP by February 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please join us for an evening of food, fun and fellowship, all for the benefit of St. James Lutheran School where we "**See Jesus and Cause Him to Be Seen**".

**SWEETHEART DINNER** will be **Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm** in the cafeteria at St. James, sponsored by our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class. The menu is lasagna for two with salad, bread, and dessert. The cost is \$25 for a table for two. Proceeds will be used to fund their Chicago trip in May. These students do a great job serving. It is a fun evening for all. Make your reservations now by contacting Miss Dickhut at 217-653-8247.



## Miscellaneous Constant Information

**LWML Rummage Sale May 2017** – Please save any items you no longer need for our rummage sale. 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, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in the white drawer by the Church Office at ORLC. Thank you!

### Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

*Top Drawer:* For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

*2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer:* General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. Thanks!

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

**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 some-thing 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.

## February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	12 Donna Eisenbeiss	21 Henry Hardy
5 Sheldon Foulk	12 Jaela Vaughn	21 Jason Klauser
5 Clint Gooding	13 Jennifer Tournear	21 Marty Otto
5 Dan Hufendick	14 Lindsey Howlett	23 Ricky Goertz
5 Jeffrey Smith	16 Adam Buss	24 Phillip Baker
5 Colin Stegeman	16 Annalisa Eden	24 Alejandro Casanova
7 Becky Lunt	16 Darren Fink	24 Levi Cook
9 Rob Edwards	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	25 Mike Douglas
9 Aaron Goodwin	17 Kim Gooding	25 Kara Mercurio
9 Randy Wolfmeyer	17 Isabelle Hillerts	25 Arron Ohnemus
10 Ben Knoernschild	17 Ryne Lubben	26 Shelly Holtman
11 Farren Campbell	17 Rosalyn Tournear	26 Joyce Southward
11 Reva Ehmen	19 Amy Buss	27 Gary Cramlett
11 Ellen Stockhecke	19 Kenny Wiesemann	29 Laura Essington

## February Baptisms

1 James Jones II	11 Don Fink	15 Brandon McGartland
1 Jim Lucas	11 Jada Griggs	16 Randy Ellerbrock
2 Monica Foster	11 Lauryn Hinthorne	17 Cameron McDowell
3 Darrell Drescher	11 Mary Lazzeri	18 Billy Hindbough
3 Barb Hall	12 Larry Ehmen	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Luke McElfresh	12 Larry Foster	22 Ellie Bowles
5 Kirk Vahle	12 Harry Hall Jr.	27 Jessica Campbell
6 Melanie Zehnle	13 Nathaniel Hurley	28 Brian Burner
8 Eric Fischer	14 Bob Frink	28 Judi Burner
9 Rebecca Jones	14 Shanna Wemhoener	28 Austin Fischer
11 Renee Durst	15 Tad Douglas	

## February Anniversaries

8 Charlie & Pam Church  
13 Jason & Stephanie Bush  
14 Gary & Shelia McElfresh  
17 Mark & Lynnette Carpenter

# Pastoral Report

(November 1 – December 31, 2016)

## Official Acts

**Baptisms**  
**First Communion**  
**Adult Confirmation**  
**Youth Confirmation**  
**Marriages**

Michael Andrew Murphy & Nicole Suzanne Flachs – December 31, 2016

## Funerals

## Membership Changes

**Gains** [+2B, +2C]  
**Baptisms** [+0B, +0C]  
**Adult Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]  
**Youth Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]  
**Transfers In** [+2B, +2C]

Joe & Susan Schweitzer – November 7, 2016  
Transferred from Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Carson City, Nevada

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

**Losses** [-3B, -1C]  
**Death** [-0B, -01C]  
**Transfers Out** [-0B, -0C]  
**Requested Removal** [-3B, -1C]

Lanette Whitaker with children Harlie and Ariel – December 13, 2016  
Transferred to Centennial Ebenezer United Methodist Church, Loraine, Illinois

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

Membership	January 1, 2016	Gains	Losses	December 31, 2016
Baptized	575	+23	-17	581
Confirmed	440	+17	-12	445

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

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord my soul shall be joyful in my God, for He has clothed me with the garments of salvation.

**Is.61:10**



## Assignments for February 2016

### Communion Assistants:

Saturday, February 4 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, February 5 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Jerry Lunt
Saturday, February 11 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, February 12 at 9:00 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Chet Vahle
Saturday, February 18 at 9:00 a.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, February 19 at 5:00 p.m.	Gary Hyer	Stan Yelton
Saturday, February 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, February 26 at 5:00 p.m.	Chris Knapp	Craig Gooding

### Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Larry Ehmen, Joe Cleaves, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer, Jerry Manton

### Registration Slips: HELP NEEDED

**Altar Care:** Kathy Hyer, Michele Clevenger, Ellie Bowles, Renee Benedetto

**Counters:** Renee Benedetto and Crista Fodor

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



During February, our society is filled with images of romance and love. While many take advantage of this time to share expressions of love with each other, it can be a difficult time for those who feel less than loved. Even those fortunate to have loving people in their lives have experienced being hurt and let down by others.

What you can do:

- If you're feeling disappointed in relationships, find a way to make a selfless gesture where your sole objective is to make someone else feel loved.
- If you feel disconnected from others, join a group or club with a schedule and structure that allows you to engage successfully with others in a supported way.
- If you feel there is not enough love in the world, volunteer to help others. You can be part of helping compassion grow when you work for others.
- Take care of yourself by pursuing those opportunities that provide you with a sense of fulfillment.



Even with the best of intentions, we are human and sometimes fall short of loving others the way they really need to be loved.

**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).**

### 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

## REJOICE

by

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn why we rejoice in the Lord.

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DI    OCL    GJMY    HT    NJPG

NCVGG    WL    EJTAPG    DI    HT

BJY    AJM    CL    CVN    XGJOCLY

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