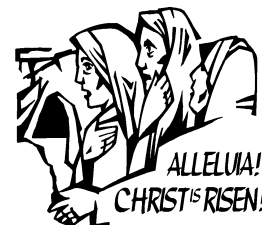




May 2017 Newsletter



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As the school year draws to a close and our youth will be spending more time around the house during the Summer months, I encourage parents (and perhaps grandparents) to have a deliberate plan to be spiritually engaged with them. I am reminded of these words from Deuteronomy 6:6-7: "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."

When the children of Israel in particular (and the people of God throughout the generations) fail to teach the next generation the Word of God – or it is taught in such a way that it is not taken seriously, an unfaithful generation will certainly rise up. They will treat God as an afterthought or possibly forget about Him altogether. We look to numerous examples in Scripture, in history, and in our world today. The failure of the people of God to impress upon the next generation that God is a priority will inevitably cause social and spiritual chaos. Read the books of Judges, Kings, and Chronicles. This failure is certainly the history of God's people in Scripture.

We often like to think of the people in those days acting as one monolithic mass falling away from God and His Word. The reality is that it was many individuals (fathers in particular) neglecting their duty to teach, train, and lead by example. God's Word clearly speaks to individuals and says, "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."

We love to sit with a cup of coffee (or Diet Coke), chat with our friends, and solve all of our society's problems. We tend to have all the answers when we view the people of our day as one monolithic mass rather than as individuals. The reality is that society changes one person at a time. The church grows one person at a time. **Your** children will not know the Word of God unless **your** children grow up hearing the Word of God.

The primary place we hear the Word is in worship. We hear it in the lessons, in the liturgy, in the hymns, and in the sermon (I pray). In support of what happens in worship, there is Sunday School and Bible Class. However, if the other six days of the week are neglected, that is a long time in darkness without the light of the Gospel.

During the school year, our youth who attend St. James Lutheran School are blessed to begin each day with the Word of God. Wednesday is chapel. The other four days, the day starts with religion class. I am not suggesting that each parent should initiate a rigid Summer curriculum. I am simply suggesting that since the kids will be spending more time at home in the coming months that parents and other adults have a plan to demonstrate that God's Word and the teachings found in Luther's Catechisms (Small and Large) are important. So much of the average day is filled with learning unimportant things. Jesus says, "The eye is the lamp to the body . . . If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" [Matthew 6:22-23].

We are blessed to have the opportunity for our children to spend each day in the light of the Gospel. I encourage each of you to make time in your day for important things. "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."

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...

Apr. 28th & 29th –
LWML CID
Convention, Altamont

May 4th – monthly
mtg., 6:30pm

May 5th & 6th –
Annual Church
Rummage Sale

June – Picnic

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

May 2017

April meeting highlights –

Final plans were set for the annual Rummage sale. Any and all volunteers are welcome to join us on May 1st to start the process of setting up and pricing! We would love to have you starting at 8am or come anytime! Someone will be there till 8pm. Don't forget...the deadline is May 2nd for dropping off donations!

Reservations were turned in for the LWML District Convention in Altamont and Pat Heinecke, our Quincy Zone President from Golden, was our special guest.

April event highlights –

Many thanks to all who supported our Advent desserts! The donations from our two nights will be sent to the Concordia Seminary Food Banks.

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"!

Register now for the LWML National Convention!
Join us June 22–25, 2017 in Albuquerque, NM. Registration forms and more information can be found in the 2016 Winter issue of the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly and online at www.lwml.org/2017-convention.
Can't wait to see you there!



*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!!!

Training Teachers and Leaders – Concordia Seminary, St. Louis...\$100,000

To assist global Lutheran churches unable to support the cost of sending their best men and women to the LCMS for advanced theological training, the LWML has granted \$100,000 to fund their studies at Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. These men and women will return to their homelands better equipped to proclaim a confessional Lutheran understanding of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and will train countless others to proclaim Jesus boldly.

For more information regarding this mission, go to 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.



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, 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

May News

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund

As reported at the January 22nd 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

LWML Rummage Sale has been set for **Friday May 5** from 4-7 and **Saturday May 6** from 8-2! Please continue to save all your clean, wearable clothing and other household items you wish to donate to our sale (No TVs or Computers) All money raised will be used for LWML mission projects. This is a great way to get rid of items you no longer use or items you no longer need following your Spring cleaning. All donations are greatly appreciated! Items can be brought to the Nursery downstairs located by the elevator behind the Sunday School opening room. Tuesday May 2 is the last day we can accept donations. This project not only benefits missions but is also a great outreach in the community! Let's make this another success.

On-Line donations at ORLC – Church council is looking into on-line donations. This would include automatic weekly transfers from bank accounts, credit cards, debit cards, and also one-time donations. Donations could be made to the normal church general fund or the St. James Tuition Endowment fund. We are looking to see if there is any interest in this service. If you are interested, please contact Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Larry Foster, or Pastor.



Seniors

Senior Singles May 2nd at Drakes (201 S. 3rd St.) for lunch at 11:30 AM Sign up in the Narthex, please.

LWML Bible Study is **Thursday, May 25th** 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) know if you are coming so she can have bible study copies for you.

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

From the faculty and staff at St. James Lutheran School, Happy Easter as we celebrate together the salvation that has been won for us through Jesus Christ! Praise be to God!

DID YOU KNOW that St. James Lutheran School is a place where...

- ...the Christian faith is nurtured and fed every day and is integrated throughout the day.
- ...Extended Care is offered before and after school.
- ...cursive handwriting and Spelling are still taught and emphasized.
- ...your child can join a running club (grades 4-8).
- ...there is student involved yearbook committee.
- ...the school choir participates in community activities (grades 3-8).
- ...Fine Arts assemblies are common.

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. Currently we have 119 students enrolled for the next school year.

TEACHER OPENING – St. James Lutheran School has an opening for a sixth grade teacher for the 2017-2018 school year. If interested, or know of someone who might be, please contact Principal Landskroener.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline – All newsletter & Calendar 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. Please let the church office know about any changes or errors right away.

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!

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!

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.



Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

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

2nd Drawer: General Mills box

tops for education, HyVee UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. Thanks!

3rd Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

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.

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.

GREETING CARDS (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the variety of assorted greeting cards. Cards are \$.50.

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.

May Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle on page 11)

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Psalm 23:6

May Birthdays

1 Ann Brackensick	11 Melanie Stegeman	22 Carolyn Kaiser
1 Paul Clevenger	14 Kayla Walker	23 Lily Kuhn
1 Keagan Mercurio	15 Jessica Dedert-Huebner	23 Bradley Longcor III
1 Simon Nickelson	15 Linda Hardy	25 Sandra Callahan
2 Thomas Killday	15 Hadley Harvey	26 Gretta Otto
2 Emsleigh Robertson	15 Daniel Hendrian	26 Sharon Yelton
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	15 Chaz Robertson	27 David Bent
4 Quinton Hibbert	16 Jason Morse	27 Dylan Martin
7 Tracy Bugh	17 Peggy Wiesemann	28 Stacey Gruen
7 Barbara Vahle	18 Shanelle Douglas	28 Todd Waterkotte
8 Michael Vahle	19 Noah Ohnemus	29 Nicholas Allen
9 Hugh Sharrow	19 Ryan Vaughn	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Wanda Spohr	21 Michele Clevenger	30 Taylor Frink
9 Nerissa Vahle	21 Joseph Sharrow	31 Arianna Fischer
9 Lynn Wombles	22 Leslie Bent	31 Alischia Langan
	22 Eric Fischer	

May Baptisms

1 Ann Nickelson	12 Morgan Frohn	22 Thomas Killday
1 Lauryn Sharrow	12 Sonny Voepel	23 Ricky Goertz
2 Abigail Kemp	14 Anna Ehmen	24 Morgan Hurley
2 Hannah Kemp	14 Anderson Knapp	24 Bill Perry
2 Wade Pellman	14 Savannah O'Dell	24 Emma Showman
3 David Drescher	15 Emsleigh Robertson	24 Katie Voepel
4 Mary Morse	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	25 Obediah Church
5 Phillip Weisheit	16 John Dicks	25 Hadley Harvey
6 Aaron Boerema	16 Mary Hurley	25 Terry Morse
7 Debbie Manton	16 Joseph Ott	25 Olivia Showman
7 Chris Schaller	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	26 Laura Essington
8 Glenna Nicholson	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Craig Gooding
9 Amanda Zehnle	19 Keagan Mercurio	27 LeRoy Goodwin
10 Lennox Hines	19 Connor Ott	31 Amy Edwards
10 Josh Jefferson	19 Derek Ott	31 Wanda Spohr

May Anniversaries

3 Mark & Janice Voepel	21 Dustin & Jennifer Tournear
5 David & Leslie Bent	27 Michael & Jane Douglas
7 Trevor & Heather Feinstein	28 LeRoy & Donna Goodwin
11 Brent & Linda Wingerter	29 Jeff & Lucinda Klingele
14 Darrell & Dorothea Drescher	

Pastoral Report (March 1 – 31, 2017)

Official Acts

Baptisms

March 11, 2017 – Amya Faith Allensworth
March 26, 2017 – August Joseph Ott

Funerals

March 3, 2017 – Donald L. Sass
March 3, 2017 – George William “Bill” McKinstry

Membership Changes

Gains [+4B, +2C]

Baptisms [+2B, +0C]

March 11, 2017 – Amya Faith Allensworth
March 26, 2017 – August Joseph Ott

Transfers In [+2B, +2C]

March 22, 2017 – Gene & Nancy Bluhm
from The Lutheran Church of Saint John, Quincy, IL

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

Losses [-8B, -4C]

Transfers Out [-8B, -4C]

February 28, 2017 – Jake & Amy Rainbolt with Merceah, Eli, and Memphis
to The Lutheran Church of Saint John, Quincy, IL
March 14, 2017 – Jason & Linda Hardy with Henry
to Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Bowen, IL

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

Membership	January 1, 2017	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2017
Baptized	581	+4	-10	575
Confirmed	445	+2	-6	441

Show your Eagle pride and join us for the Dogwood Parade on Saturday, May 6th. Everyone is welcome to walk/ride with our St. James school float. **Please note all students must have a parent, legal guardian, or adult over 18 walk with them for the duration of the parade. Please have arrangements made for your pick up at the end of the parade route which is the corner of Dollar General, Grown 'N Gathered, and the Maine Center.**

Staff Appreciation Week is May 1st - May 5th this year. The theme is MLB! Be sure to check your child's C-Pak and the St. James PTL Facebook page for more information about plans for the week and how you can help. If you have questions, please contact Stacy Kuhn, Ericka Jackson, or Tina Vaughn.

A New Bible Study is starting, **April 30th** “Faithful, Abundant, True: Three Lives Going Deeper Still” by Beth Moore, Kay Arthur and Pricilla Shirer is our next Women’s Bible Study DVD. This study will run 6 weeks until **May 30th**. We meet each Tuesday morning from **9:30 AM to 10:30 AM** in the Old Chapel

March 2017 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan - Mar 17</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	81,275.01	72,425.01	8,850.00	112.2%
002 · 002 Together in Mission	2,850.00			
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,646.19	1,500.00	146.19	109.7%
005 · Special	686.93			
008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
009 · 009 Building Fund Interest	281.31			
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	2.53	12.48	-9.95	20.3%
013 · 013 Kleinsorge MMK income Interest	.68			
016 · 016 Memorial Fund Interest	43.91			
017 · 017 Memorial Fund Money Market	1,605.00			
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	1,750.02	-1,750.02	0.0%
Total Income	88,391.56	76,437.51	11,954.05	115.6%
Expense				
Mission	3,700.00	4,249.98	-499.98	88.2%
Personnel	44,342.15	45,414.54	-1,072.39	97.6%
Program	19,003.33	23,005.35	-4,002.02	82.6%
Property	5,930.94	8,692.44	-2,761.50	68.2%
500 · Special Expenses	396.38			
500.70 – Book Sales	10.00			
600 · BUILDING FUND EXPENSE	11,790.00			
700 – MEMORIAL FUND EXPENSES	2,114.00			
Total Expense	87,336.80	81,362.31	5,974.49	107.3%
Net Income	1,054.76	-4,924.80	5,979.56	-21.4%

Assignments for May 2017

Communion Assistants:

Saturday, May 6 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sunday, May 7 at 9:00 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, May 13 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sunday, May 14 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Jerry Lunt
Saturday, May 20 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sunday, May 21 at 9:00 a.m.	Alex Schlipman	Larry Ehmen
Saturday, May 27 at 5:00 p.m.	Joe Cleaves	
Sunday, May 28 at 9:00 a.m.	Stan Yelton	Brad Ehmen

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Rob Edwards
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Steve Hyer, Brad Essington, Nathan Hoebing, Mike Murphy, Eddie Murphy

Registration Slips: Shirley Foster

Counters: Anita Wolfmeyer and Larry Ehmen

Altar Care: Wanda Spohr, Marty Otto, Anita Wolfmeyer, Gretchen Wolfmeyer



LCFS Clinical Services Do you praise your children or encourage them? May 2017

Many people view encouragement as another term for praise. Although encouragement and praise both focus on positive behaviors, the purpose and effect of praise is quite different from that of encouragement.

Praise is a verbal reward. Praise emphasizes achievement, is earned and is given for being the best or producing something superior. The message praise gives a child is, "If you do something I believe is good, then you will have the reward of my admiration." Praise is given for well-done tasks or good behaviors. In effect, praise is a method of controlling children in an attempt to make them live up to particular standards.

In contrast, encouragement is freely given for effort and improvement. It focuses on strengths and acceptance. Encouragement recognizes contributions in an effort to help children feel useful and positive through contributing to the common good. It points to the individual as good enough as is; that he/she doesn't have to be superior to others to be of value. Encouragement motivates children through internal stimulation and it avoids placing value judgments on them.

In contrast to praise, encouragement can be given when children feel sad and when they feel they may not be able to meet some of life's challenges. Encouragement instills faith and belief in the child's capabilities.

Although encouragement is often given non-verbally through a smile or pat on the back, there are other times when encouraging comments are due. These differ from praise in these ways:

- Encouraging words show acceptance: *"I'm glad you're happy about your basketball trophy."*
- Encouraging words instill faith and confidence: *"It is difficult, but I know you can do it."*
- They focus on appreciating contributions: *"Thanks for your help. It would be very hard to complete this project without you."*
- They emphasize effort and improvement: *"I can see how hard you've been working."*
- They focus on assets and strengths: *"I really liked the chocolate cake you made."*

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

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

A PEACEFUL LIFE

by

Bill Schlegl

Use the number code to learn the result of being a true believer in Jesus Christ.

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

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