

June 2017 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

The early chapters of the book of Acts offers insight into what life was like for the early Christians: they met daily at the Temple to hear the apostles teach; they gathered each evening and had a meal together and participated in the sacrament of Christ's body and blood every day. There was also daily concern for the widows (Acts 6:1) and the "daily distribution" of food. They appointed "seven men of good repute, full of the Spirit and of wisdom" to serve and care for the widows. It was an honorable position to serve. All seven of their names are listed (Acts 6:5), not just Stephen who would be the first martyr of the Christian church.

In many ways, our society has lost the focus of the Word and Sacrament ministry and general life in the church being central and primary in the weekly (and certainly daily) schedule of our lives. That is a shame, and beyond the obvious spiritual benefits of forgiveness, eternal life, and salvation, I would argue that many of the ills of society that get so much attention would go away if the Gospel predominated the daily thought of the population.

When preaching on Acts 6 recently, I focused my attention on the Word and Sacrament ministry and said, "If you have your faith, you have everything." It supersedes even health and food. However, I almost preached a completely different sermon because the description of life in the early church speaks so clearly to the joy and honor of serving the Lord and serving others. That is the part of volunteering that often gets overlooked. There is joy in work.

As I am writing this, there is a small army of artists painting the decorations for VBS. They are going to turn Our Redeemer into a Medieval Church (without all the smoke). VBS is such a wonderful opportunity to participate in the life of the church with the many and various tasks needed to be accomplished: Serving meals, helping to guide a group of children to the different sites, doing crafts, playing games outside, etc.

There are other opportunities to serve at ORLC throughout the year. The Quilters, the Banner Committee, and the crew which assembles the newsletter and bulletins are not only beneficial to the life of the church, but they always seem to be having fun.

On Saturday June 17, we are having a clean up day both inside and outside the church from 8AM to noon – with pizza.

All of these opportunities offer the joy of work, fellowship with your brothers and sisters in Christ, and quite often the promise of food.

I encourage you to offer your time in service to the Lord and others. If all of your time is focused on yourself, you are missing out on so much of the joy that we have in Christ. Looking at all the opportunities on the calendar this month, don't miss out.

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...

June 15th – 6pm,
carry-in Picnic @
Wavering Park Large
Shelter

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

July 29th – Meal
served for the Blind
Center ministry at St.
James

Sept. 19th – LWML
Fall Rally at St. James

June 2017

May meeting highlights –

Donna Johnson and Betty
Blumenkamp served as hostesses.

Suzanne Troxel, Jamie
Louderback & Michele Clevenger
shared highlights from the recent
District Convention in Altamont.

The featured speaker at the
convention, Rev. Mark Wood,
Director of LCMS Witness and
Outreach Ministry & Revitalization,
spoke on programs in place
through the LCMS to revitalize as
a personal witness and as a
congregation!

May event highlights –

Many thanks to all who helped with
and supported the annual
Rummage Sale! Much work, but
the benefits are far greater with \$
for missions, new people aware of
the church and the fellowship!

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!!!

\$2,000,000 National Goal Met...God is Great!

With all thanks and praise to God, our 2015-2017 LWML Mission Grants have been paid in full. What a true blessing that is! The Lord has blessed the LWML mightily over the last 75 years, which in turn has allowed the LWML to bless many in need of physical, monetary, or emotional support. Let us continue to be generous in our mite offerings and prayers to help in the spread of God's Holy Word and His love.

For more information regarding these missions, 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 Wepler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Carolyn Bruemmer, Ralph Genenbacher, Don Green, Mary Hurley, Elaine Hyer, Cleda Mason, Marilyn Newman, Anna Mae Parsons, 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 – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

June News

Senior Singles will again meet on **June 6** at Coach House for an 11:30 AM lunch.

Church Clean Up Saturday, June 17th 8-Noon Come for fun and fellowship with lunch afterward. Sign-up on the Narthex table.

Thank you to all of those that supplied snacks for the Sunday School children this past year. The weekly treats were very much appreciated!

LWML wants to thank everyone for another successful Rummage Sale. Thank you for your generous donations which made the sale possible and to all of you who came out to purchase. Another BIG Thank You for everyone who helped set up, mark, and clean up. We are especially grateful to those who don't belong to LWML who so generously gave hours of their time to help. We will again be able to fund many mission projects with over \$2,400. Many people passed thru our church with lots of positive comments and several showing interest and unaware of our location.

Please keep us in mind and save anything you no longer need for the 2018 sale. Items we did not sell were given to other worthy causes – most clothes went to St. John's Clothing Closet along with some men's clothing to the Veterans Home. Books went to Quincy Public Library and The Crossing picked up the remaining miscellaneous items. Thanks again and God's Blessings!

SAVE THE DATE! September 25th-29th, 2017

The Tri-Lutheran Church, Quincy Group will depart for a five day, four night trip to the Ark Encounter & Creation Museum! See Pastor Kendall Meyer or call their church office (222-8579) if you have any questions.

LWML Bible Study Thursday night, **June 1**, 6:30 p.m., at the Troxel's, 2823 Payson Heights. Please come and partake in the fellowship we share with one another. The study will be God Goggles from the spring LWML quarterly. We will break for the summer & resume in September.

ORLC is looking for a part time janitor. This position is 20 hours per week and includes: cleaning, gathering trash, mowing, sidewalk snow removal, and light maintenance. If you are interested in this position please submit a resume to the church office by **6/12/17**.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Roselle IL is hosting an **Advance Training Workshop in Spiritual and Emotional Care** on **June 10th**.

Please prayerfully consider becoming a member of the Sunday School staff. There is a **need for a 3rd/4th grade Sunday School teacher** starting in the fall. (Sunday School will resume **Sept. 10th**.) If you are interested or have any questions, please contact Melissa Knapp.

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

2017-2018 SCHOOL ENROLLMENT continues at St. James with 135 students already enrolled. You can be next. If you or anyone you know would be interested in a quality Christian school, please contact Principal Landskroener. He would welcome the opportunity to speak with you about our school and how it would be possible for you to become a St. James Eagle!

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

Endowment Fund

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

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 has 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 PLS!

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 PLS 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.

June Puzzle Page Answer (puzzle on page 11)

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Ps. 23:4

June Birthdays

1 Katherine Schuckman	11 Allison Smith	21 Michael Stanbridge
2 James Bangert	12 Janelle Burner	22 Laurie Bronson
2 Jennifer McConnell	12 Ada Miller	22 Melissa Knapp
3 Mark Adams	13 Heather Meyer	22 Addison Kuhn
3 Sierra Schnack	13 Craig Wiesemann	22 Jamie Louderback
4 Scott Baird	14 Dane Douglas	22 Jessica Weisenburger
4 Dorothea Drescher	14 Connie Louderback	23 Betty Blumenkamp
4 Jerald Meyer	14 Lynn Sharrow	23 Raven Bugh
5 Larry Bugh	14 Amanda Spilker	24 Sydney Bronson
5 Trent Douglas	14 Ariel Whitaker	24 Alexandria Scharnhorst
5 Mary Ann Hyer	15 Deborah Manton	25 Samuel Killday
7 Marilyn Hanawalt	15 Avery Schlipman	26 Donna Goodwin
7 Gary McElfresh	15 Stephanie Yates	26 Audrey Howell
8 Allen Ebel	16 Carol Muehring	26 Thomas Wemhoener
8 Kent Schnack	16 Deborah Wemhoener	26 Gretchen Wolfmeyer
8 Kirk Wemhoener	18 Todd Shackelford	27 Frank Baird
9 Brenda Fleming	19 Marilyn Lehenbauer	29 Barbara Creely
10 Madeline Ehmen	19 Terry Vaughn	29 Evan Wolfmeyer
10 Dennis Go	19 Delaney Wombles	30 Karol Ehmen
10 Mary Myers	20 Lee Hyer	
11 Christopher Clevenger	20 Sandra Peters	
11 Jake Killday	21 Victoria Fitch	
11 Evelyn McDowell	21 Michael Schoch	

June Baptisms

1 Eric McConnell	13 David Showman II	26 Addison Kuhn
1 Jason Morse	15 Mike Myers	26 Kirk Wemhoener
1 Ruth Snowden	16 Nela Church	27 Stacey Gruen
4 Gary Cramlett	16 Chance Clevenger	27 Alexandria
5 Linda Go	17 Mike Vahle	Scharnhorst
6 Dan Hufendick	21 Gina Eickelschulte	28 Sherry Yelton
7 Gary Hyer	21 Dalton Stockdale	29 Lynn Wombles
8 Holly Casanova	23 Brandy Gilbert	30 Eric Fischer
10 Jessie Huebner	23 Dick Reichert	
13 Jairyn Hinthorne	25 Gretta Otto	

June Anniversaries

2 Gary & Carol O'Dell	17 Paul & Arjee Weisheit
4 Patrick & Crista Fodor	20 Ray & Donna Johnson
5 Mark & Kari Adams	25 Alejandro & Holly Casanova
11 James & Denise Lucas	25 Howard & Ruth Snowden
11 Chad & Amanda Manton	27 Larry & Tracy Bugh
11 Dennis & Darylene Mix	28 James Jones II & Rebecca Jones
12 Brad & Laura Essington	30 Richard & Joann Reichert
16 Jason & Linda Hardy	30 Brandon & Melissa Smith

Pastoral Report

(April 1 – 30, 2017)

Official Acts

Baptisms
First Communion
Adult Confirmation
Youth Confirmation
Marriages

Funerals

April 11, 2017 – Harold Eugene Brassfield

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +3C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +3C]

April 9, 2017 – Elizabeth Rose Burner
Piper Christine Clevenger
Keagan James Mercurio

Hebrews 13:5
Psalm 37:5
Revelation 2:10

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

April 30, 2017 – Christine E. Clevenger

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2017	Gains	Losses	April 30, 2017
Baptized	581	+4	-11	574
Confirmed	445	+5	-7	443

Assignments for June 2017

Communion Assistants:

Saturday, June 3 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, June 4 at 9:00 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Ryan Vaughn
Saturday, June 10 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, June 11 at 9:00 a.m.	Chet Vahle	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Saturday, June 17 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, June 18 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Stan Yelton
Saturday, June 24 at 5:00 p.m.	Rob Edwards	
Sunday, June 25 at 9:00 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Terry Lannerd, Alex Schlipman, Terry Morse, Larry Ehmen, Brad Ehmen

Registration Slips: Tina Vaughn with Grace and Gabi

Altar Care: **Becky Lunt**, Shelia McElfresh, Gina Eickelschulte

Counters: Emily Becker and Marty Otto

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



When preparing a delicious meal, the quality of the ingredients used ensures that the meal will come out with the taste you desire. In the same respect, when a child gets an “ouchie” you get a first aid kit and find the antiseptic to clean the wound and apply the antiseptic ointment to increase the rate of healing. Yet, when it comes to the essentials for a family most might not know what makes a family function the best. Just like cooking or treating a wound, the better you know and understand the items you are working with the more confident you will be in using them.

Introducing the Family Essentials Kit, designed to help your family grow and develop stronger, more meaningful relationships. Each item in the kit provides you with a broad understanding of what it is, how it works and what it looks like being used, so that you can use it effectively. Just like ingredients in a recipe, each piece of the kit serves a purpose; if you leave out one or two ingredients your recipe may become inedible. In the same sense, when we don't use all of the elements in the kit, we might find our family relationships leaving a sour taste in our mouths.

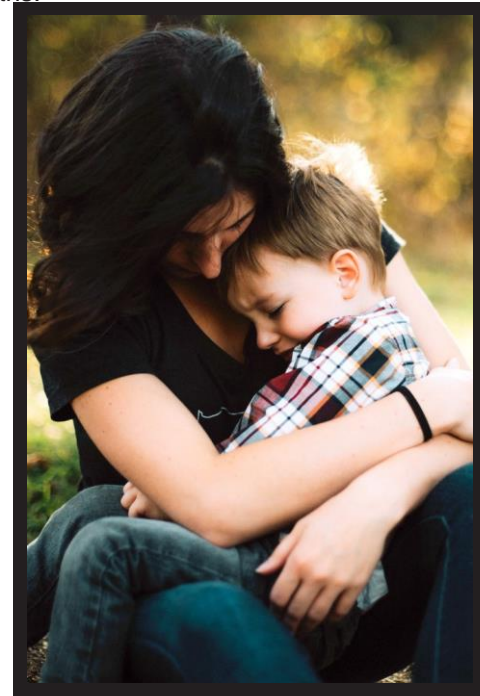
ESSENTIAL KIT ITEM # 1 - UNCONDITIONAL LOVE

WHAT IT IS – Unconditional love is not creating limits or stipulations in order for a person to receive your love. Love is considered unconditional when it is maintained even in unfavorable situations. Most think that love is a feeling; however the most powerful form of love is not a feeling, but is comprised of commitment and action.

HOW IT WORKS – Unconditional love works by: putting the needs of others before your own, allowing for differing opinions, being forgiving and still loving the person even if we do not agree with his/her choices. Unconditional love is **NOT** allowing someone to treat you poorly (physically or emotionally) or trying to please everyone at your own expense. There is a difference between displaying unconditional love and being a doormat.

WHAT IT LOOKS LIKE – For instance, in the movie, “The Notebook,” it was Noah's **action** of every day retelling his wife their love story that made millions of people fall in love with their story. In your family, unconditional love can look like taking your mother to the store and not asking for anything in return or reading a book to your child every night.

Next month: Essentials Kit Item #2 - Trust



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

PROTECTION

by

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn about the best protection we can have.

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(Answer Found on Page 6)