

January 2018 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! I wish to extend greetings to all our family in Christ during this Christmas Season. During this time of year, we tend to reminisce about the past and look forward to the future. Last year was a very special year in the life of the church as we celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the beginning of Luther's Reformation of the Church. That was quite a milestone.

This coming year will most assuredly be a "milestone" year in my life and the lives of my family. As you are well aware, in June, my daughter Annalisa will be getting married and moving to St. Louis. This will be a year to remember. This year will also mark my 50th birthday. It was not too long ago that 50 seemed "old" to me. I thank the Lord daily that He has given me a youthful countenance, and I now know quite a few who are 50+ who don't seem "old" anymore.

During this month of January, I will pass the milestone of having served at Our Redeemer longer than either of my two previous calls. I have now been your pastor for eight and a half years, which is how long I served in Mellen, WI. The Lord has richly blessed me by allowing me to serve in your midst (however, I don't think that I will be here as long as Pastor Otto. I would be 83 years old before I could retire.)

I pray you have a joyous remainder of the Christmas season and I pray that the year of our Lord 2018 is a time of blessing for you and your family.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Stan Yelton (1 st term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018
Vice-President	Chet Vahle (1 st term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018
Secretary	Marty Otto (1 st term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018
Treasurer	Donna Haire (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018
Financial Secretary	Evelyn McDowell (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2018
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	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 (2 nd term) Communion Assistant	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
617-7312	Darrell Drescher (2 nd term) Special Services	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
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
228-3127	Jerry Lunt (1 st term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
Evangelism Board	Michele Clevenger (2 nd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	Ruth Ann Snowden (2 nd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
Property Board	Jeff Smith (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	Steve Kaiser (2 nd term)	Oct. 2016 – Sept. 2018
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	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. 4th – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

Soup & Bread fundraiser, watch for details in the Sunday to Sunday

Feb. 1st, monthly mtg., 6:30pm

Mar. 1st, monthly mtg., 6:30pm



January 2018

Dec. meeting highlights –

Our Christmas party was held on Dec. 8th with a wonderful meal shared by all who attended and a Christmas 'White Elephant' gift exchange! A report of 2017 highlights was also shared.

Dec. event highlights –

For the last few years, our December highlight is to be able to bless our shut-ins with a goodie bag filled to the rim with treasures and treats!

Lastly, **a big thank you goes out to the congregation** for all your support, financially and with your time, to help us bless so many with our mites and fundraising! We couldn't do so much without you!

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" **LWML CID Mission Grant**

Human Trafficking Education...\$3,350

Human trafficking is a modern term for slavery and the fastest growing criminal activity in the world. MOST (Mission Opportunities Short Term) Ministries will use these grant funds to support their second Trafficking in Persons team to go to Central America

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!

Like our Facebook pages...Lutheran Women in Mission - LWML and Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Central Illinois District!

National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes

LWML has donated over \$100 million since 1942!!!

Tanzanian Sewing Center (Evangelical Lutheran Church in Tanzania)...\$25,000

Young girls in remote villages of Tanzania have little hope for a future. Many end up as slaves, prostitutes, or married at a very young age. Through this LWML grant, the Tanzanian Sewing Center is teaching these girls to sew, giving them a life skill. At the same time, they're learning about Jesus and sharing the Gospel with their families. Find out how the LWML is helping these girls come to know Jesus. Check out our website at www.lwml.org/mission-grants under grant #4.

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, Elaine Hyer, Marilyn Newman, Dolly Powers, Joyce Southward, 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 and family in Thailand

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:

Jeremiah Jording



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 – Amy Killday

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

ENROLLMENT STILL OPEN! We continue to accept enrollment applications for the current school year. Pass the word! Satisfied customers are our best advertisement for our school. If you are pleased with St. James School, please tell others. If not, please tell Principal Landskroener.

EAGLE PRIDE – Every Monday morning at promptly 8:30, we begin our week with a short school assembly in the gym (K-8) and read some Bible verses, share needed information with students, recite the St. James School Creed and end with prayer. It's a great way to begin the week together as St. James family and, as always, a great time to SOAR LIKE AN EAGLE! Come and join us.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund

We continue to receive contributions to the **St. James Tuition Endowment Fund**. If you place a donation in the offering plate, please do the following:

- put your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked for the tuition endowment fund
- if you're donating by check, make the check out to St. James Tuition Endowment Fund

By doing this, the counters will be alerted that your donation should go to the endowment fund account and NOT the general ORLC account. After establishing the Endowment fund just one year ago, our current investment balance is already approximately **\$36,300**. Thank for your generous contributions!!

Listen to Worldwide KFUE.org, your radio station for practical Lutheran talk, daily Bible and Confession studies, daily worship opportunities, and current issues from a Lutheran worldview. Programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. You can also find our programming wherever you get your podcasts! Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

January News

Confirmation Class is in need of treats since they meet on Wednesday evenings during mealtime. If you are a parent or caregiver, please do your part to help keep these kids fed. If each family brought in a snack every other month, the class would be covered.

ORLC is in need of help assembling Bulletins and Newsletters. If we have enough people we can do the bulletins in less than an hour. Let Gretchen know if you can help.

Thank you to the following groups for hosting the Advent Dessert Night: Youth Group, Choir, LWML. The food and fellowship were great!

RADA Order forms are available on the Rada display table in the old chapel. Rada offers wonderful mixes for cheesecakes, pound cakes, dips, warm dips, sweet dips, cheeseballs and soups. These are great items to prepare for that family gathering this time of year, or a gift. Please see the catalogs on display for a full list of available items. Yummy! There are more items in stock at our Rada display in the old chapel. There are many cash and carry items. If you have questions, please contact Melissa Knapp.

Camp CILCA Up and Coming Events:

Annual Banquet -- **January 28, 2018**

Dr Anthony Esolen Speaking at Our Savior's Lutheran, Springfield, IL

Men's Woodcutters' Retreat -- **February 16-18, 2018**

Pastor Jeff Hemmer, author of Man Up! presenting

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20th of each month**. News-letters 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.

January Puzzle Page Answer

(Puzzle on page 10)

God is faithful by whom ye were called unto the fellowship of His Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 1
Corinthians 1:9

January Birthdays

1 Wade Pellman	14 Norma Begeman	24 Connor Smith
3 Judi Burner	14 Donna Haire	25 Steve Kaiser
3 Michele Urbon	14 Melanie Zehnle	26 Don Fink
5 Brady Essington	15 Brett Baird	26 Cameron McDowell
6 Phyllis Ashby	16 Larry Ehmen	27 Jim Lucas
6 Linda Knowles	16 Thom Hurley	27 Christina Kaltenbach
6 Addison Buss	17 Luke McElfresh	28 Angie Clevenger
7 Lucille Wiskirchen	18 Kirk Vahle	28 Phillip Weisheit
7 Ruth Hall	18 Sky Fischer	29 Lauren Mueller
7 David Showman	20 Kyle Frink	29 Brooke Gooding
11 Gary O'Dell	21 Ellie Bowles	30 Jane Voepel
12 Brad Essington	22 Marilyn Newman	31 Matt Frohn
12 Brian Burner	23 Kris Kutcher	31 Josh Jefferson
13 Hannah Mixer	24 Kathy Hyer	
13 Grace Vaughn	24 Lynnette Carpenter	

January Baptisms

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

January Anniversaries

3 Gary & Kathy Hyer	8 Tony & Susan Bowles
3 Chet & Barb Vahle	30 Chaz & Briana Robertson
3 Ann & Dustin Nickelson	

Pastoral Report

(November 1 – 30, 2017)

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, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2017	Gains	Losses	November 30, 2017
Baptized	581	+4	-17	568
Confirmed	445	+5	-13	437

Assignments for January 2018

Communion Assistants:

Saturday, January 6 at 5 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 7 at 9 a.m.	Jeff Wolfmeyer	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, January 13 at 5 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 14 at 9 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Saturday, January 20 at 5 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 21 at 9 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Alex Schlipman
Saturday, January 27 at 5 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, January 28 at 9 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Nathan Hoebing

Ushers:

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

Registration Slips: Cindy Spohr

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

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



PUZZLE PAGE

DID YOU KNOW

by

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn something wonderful about our Lord.

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(Answer Found on Page 6)