

March 2018 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we journey through this Lenten Season, I want to draw your attention to a very old symbol: The sign of the cross. Many within our congregation make the sign of the cross after receiving Holy Communion. Others also join me when I make the sign at the Invocation, Benediction, and a few other points in the service. But why do we do this?

The following is an excerpt from the book "Ceremony and Celebration" by Paul H. D. Lang:

Making the sign of the cross is another ceremony that has come down to us from apostolic times. We employ it in blessing persons and things. In the Order of Holy Baptism we use it with the words, "Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the forehead and upon the breast, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified."

When the minister pronounces the Benediction, he blesses the people with the sign of the cross. In the Holy Communion Service, the celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the bread and the cup. . .

Crossing oneself was practiced by Christians from the earliest centuries and may go back to apostolic times. We know that it was already a common ceremony used daily in A.D. 200 for Tertullian writes: "In all our undertakings – when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down and read; before each new task – we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads." St. Augustine (A.D. 431) speaks of this Christian custom many times in his sermons and letters.

It is one of the traditional ceremonies that was most definitely retained by Luther and the Lutheran Church in the sixteenth-century Reformation. Luther prescribed in his Small Catechism under the heading, "How the Head of the Family Should Teach His Household to Bless Themselves in the Morning and in the Evening." He says, "In the morning when you rise (In the evening when you go to bed. . .) you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." . . . This ceremony is also still authorized in many of the present-day Lutheran service books.

Crossing oneself is done by putting the fingers of the right hand to the forehead, to the breast, and to the left and right shoulders, with the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." By doing this we profess our faith in the Triune God and in our redemption through Christ crucified. But it is more than a profession of faith; it is a prayer in action of thanksgiving or for blessing to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through our one and only Mediator, Jesus Christ. The sign of the cross may also be made from the right to the left shoulder. This is the older form which has been retained in the Eastern church.

In the church's worship it is a laudable custom to cross ourselves at the beginning and end of all services and at the following places in the Service or in the Order of Holy Communion Service: During the opening words, "In the name etc."; at the end of the Absolution; at the beginning of the Introit; at the end of the Gloria in Excelsis; when the Gospel is announced; at the end of the Creed; during the Sanctus at the words, "Blessed is He"; after the consecration at "The peace of the Lord"; when we receive the holy body and precious blood of Christ; when the minister says, "Depart in peace"; and at the end of the Benediction.

The holy cross is the symbol of our salvation. We were signed with it when we were baptized. It is the sign by which the church blesses people and things. By using it we become part of the wonderful history of our faith and companions in the company of the saints. It is right that we should make the sign of the cross frequently and to glory in it, saying with St. Paul, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (Gal. 6:4).

Here at Our Redeemer, we are a part of the historic Christian Church handed down through God's faithful since the days of the apostles. Since then, many traditions and customs have changed, but I believe that making the sign of the cross is a great tradition which has been under-used in Lutheran circles over the past few centuries. In Luther's Catechisms, we are encouraged to use it in our devotional life and not feel uncomfortable making the sign in our Lutheran churches because it seems too "Catholic." We are reminded that the Reformation was not an effort to get rid of anything hinting of Roman Catholicism. Luther only fought to get rid of the abuses. Making the sign of the cross as a daily affirmation and reminder of one's Baptism and Christ's sacrifice is certainly not something that should be avoided or put out of practice.

I personally did not regularly make use of the sign of the cross until I was ordained. While at the Seminary, there were certain classmates of mine who implied that making the sign of the cross should not be optional and looked down on those of us who did not do it. This is a personal character flaw of mine, but there was no way I was going to do something simply because someone told me to or was "guilting" me into doing it. Besides, on the occasions that I did make the sign of the cross at the Seminary, I found myself wondering who was watching rather than focusing on what that cross means.

Making the sign of the cross is meant to be a tool for personal edification of our faith. If you choose to implement this tool in your daily devotional or Sunday morning worship routine, do it because of the importance of Christ's cross in your life of faith. It is now something that brings me joy and has great meaning for me. Like all aspects of our worship life, it is not meant to be done for others to see but for God to see. Like prayer, whether done privately or within corporate worship, it is done with the focus on God.

If you feel making the sign of the cross would be beneficial to your life of devotion and worship, then I encourage you to use this ancient symbol. Like many parts of our worship life, it is a connection to the generations of faithful who have gone before us. But most importantly, it is a connection to the cross of Christ our Lord.

There is a good reason why our sanctuary has crosses throughout its architecture. We are "Easter people," but we are also people of the cross. As St. Paul says, "We preach Christ crucified" [I Cor. 1:23].

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

March Puzzle Answer
(Puzzle on page 13)

He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned.
Mark 16:16

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	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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

March 2018

February News –

At our monthly meeting, Soup & Bread fundraiser activities were finalized and the volunteer sheet for the year's activities went around to those not in attendance last month.

A big shout out... Many thanks to all of you who supported our Soup and Bread fundraiser! We can't wait to send out the first checks to our Mission project recipients!

---2018 Missions Projects---

The 'Good News' publication, Concordia Food Banks, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Orphan Grain Train, Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James School Endowment Fund, OAFC and St. John's Food Pantry.

Think you might like to be a part of the mission of LWML??? We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness!"



***"Featured"* LWML CID Mission Grant**

Nursing Students Serving with Mercy Medical Team...**\$3,000**

This grant will provide all expenses for a nursing student from Concordia University System's Nursing program to travel to the Lutheran Hospital in Antsirabe, Madagascar. Pray for this recipient as they spread God's Word and demonstrate God's love to all they minister to!

UPCOMING...

Mar. 1st – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

Apr. 5th – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

Apr. 27th & 28th – District Convention, Bloomington

May 3rd – monthly mtg., 6:30pm

May 4th & 5th – Annual Rummage Sale



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!!!

Lutheran Children's Books for Families Worldwide...\$100,000

In Thailand, China, and Mongolia, the Lutheran Church is growing among young believers eager to pass along their new faith to their children, but there are not enough Lutheran children's books in their own language. Through this mission grant, Lutheran Heritage Foundation is translating, publishing, and distributing 20,000 children's books that will assist in sharing the Bible stories. For more information about this mission, go to www.lwml.org and click on the Missions tab.

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, Marcia Clevenger, Ralph Genenbacher, Don Green, Isabelle Hillerts, Mary Hurley, Elaine Hyer, 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. (*Together in Missions*)

The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany

Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Waxhaw, North Carolina

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

Dr. Martin & Marie Dicke, Musical Specialist serving in Papua New Guinea (*Together in Missions*)

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 & Natalie Jording with Leah

601 Aladar Drive, O'Fallon, IL 62269



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

Sunday School Opening – Colleen Westberg

Grades 3 & 4 – Amy Killday

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

March News

"Come and See" is our theme this year at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. It is a message of invitation for those who do not know the joy we share to come and see Christ in action. Please invite friends and neighbors to "Come and See" what we are all about.

Candidates for Council Secretary Needed: We have a vacancy for the position of Church Council Secretary and are currently seeking candidates for the position. Anyone wishing to be considered for appointment should contact Stan Yelton as soon as possible. In accordance with Article IV.D.2. of the Bylaws, recommendation for the Secretary appointment will be proposed by the President (with Church Council consent) to the Voters Assembly for final approval.

LWML Bible Study will continue to be held on the 4th Thursday of the month **at the Troxel home at 6:30 PM**. It is open to all women. **Thursday, March 22nd** is the next scheduled one.

LWML Rummage Sale dates are set for **May 4 and 5**. Continue to gather items you no longer need or use for the sale. *(No TV's or electronics)* We will begin collecting items the week of **April 8**.
ALL MONEY GOES TO MISSIONS!!!

Hunter Thewis and Annalisa Eden will be married on Friday, June 22, 2018 at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Mellen, WI. The Eden family extends an invitation to our church family at Our Redeemer to join us on this special day. We understand that 10 hours is a great distance to travel. We will be hosting a reception for Annalisa and Hunter at Our Redeemer either before or after the wedding depending on their schedules. If you would like to come to the wedding, please contact Malinda Eden 224-3929 for your RSVP and hotel information.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund – At the Voters meeting, we were unable to report on the balance of the ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund since we had not received our quarterly report from LCMS Foundation for the fund. Now we would like to report to the congregation that our balance as of 12-31-17 was **\$131,232.67**. Please put your donation in an envelope that is clearly marked for the tuition endowment fund and make checks out to St. James Tuition Endowment Fund. Thank for your generous contributions!

On March 17 at St John Luth Church, 509 S. Mattis, Champaign at 10:30, two respected speakers from the church and political arenas will discuss "The Two Kingdoms and the Role of a Christian in the Political Process". Former Lutheran Hour speaker Reverend Gregory Seltz and Congressman John Shimkus will team up to help citizens discover the challenges and opportunities of being God's people in the Culture today. Together they will talk about the unique challenges that modern culture and politics are presenting to the church and how God's people can respond. The meeting includes lunch. Registration fee of \$12/ per person should be sent to Bob Kassel, 20 Fairlane Drive, Altamont, IL 62411. Call Pastor Caithamer at 217 359 1123 for more info.

2018 Issues, Etc. "Making the Case" Conference on Friday, June 8 and Saturday, June 9 in Collinsville, IL, about 15 miles east of St. Louis. You can meet and hear teachings from some of your favorite guests.

Hank Hanegraaff of "The Bible Answer Man"

Making the Case against the Prosperity Gospel, Making the Case against Islam

Rev. Hans Fiene of "Lutheran Satire"

Making the Case for the Centrality of Justification

Scott Klusendorf of Life Training Institute

Making the Case for Life

Rev. Will Weedon of LCMS Worship

Making the Case for Godliness

Dr. Angus Menuge of Concordia University Wisconsin

Making the Case against Scientism

Craig Parton and **Rev. Jonathan Fisk** will also join us for live interviews from the conference! Early bird registration is \$110 per person and includes three meals. Child care is free. Conference attendance is limited to 400. If you have any questions, please send an email to lynn@issuesetc.org.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20th of each month**. Please let the church office know about any changes or errors

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 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.

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

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.

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March Birthdays

1	Donna MacFadden	12	Savannah O'Dell	22	Lauryn Sharrow
1	Jesse Kolb	13	Joshua Weisenburger	22	Michele Austin
3	Evie Ott	14	Charlie Church	22	Tiffany Hines
3	Matt Kemp	14	David Reinburg Jr.	23	Clayton Hibbert
3	R.P. Schaller	14	Jessica Scharnhorst	24	Anna Ehmen
6	Kara Vahle	14	Kathy Ragsdale	26	Dick Reichert
6	Layne Bent	14	Mary Tipton	26	Glenna Nicholson
7	David Drescher	17	Ellen Hines	26	Kristin Humphrey
8	Christopher Schnack	17	Jeff Wolfmeyer	27	Jerry Manton
8	Rachel Boerema	17	Katie Voepel	27	Mark Voepel
9	Brandon Hufendick	17	Mary Morse	28	Eleanor Schlegl
9	Brett Scharnhorst	17	Obediah Church	28	Evita Helm
9	Chad Manton	18	Ella Ehmen	29	Andrew Fodor
9	Erin Humphrey	18	Erin Fischer	29	Cynthia Fonck
11	Bella Campbell	20	Ciera Clevenger	29	Julia Troxel
11	Logan Frink	20	Connor Clevenger	30	Jim Holtman
11	Pam Church	21	Aaron Boerema	31	Arjee Weisheit
12	Deanna Hibbert	21	Isabelle Markert	31	Kimberly Spohr
12	Elaine Hyer	22	Chris Kuhn		
12	Jared Lunt	22	Don Blattner		

March Baptisms

1	Reva Ehmen	11	Bella Campbell	21	Phillip Baker
1	Barbara Glasscock	11	Emma Campbell	22	Sophia Brown
1	Brooke Gooding	11	Danielle Deeter	22	Jane Voepel
1	Maggie Nixon	13	Rob Edwards	23	Layne Bent
4	Cynthia Fonck	13	Connor Smith	24	Isabelle Hillerts
7	Allison Smith	15	Mandy Creely	24	Elise Luker
7	Arjee Weisheit	15	Justin Harvey	24	Jeff Wolfmeyer
8	Becky Lunt	15	David Pellman	25	Ryne Lubben
8	Jerry Manton	16	Elizabeth Burner	26	August Ott
9	Ruth Hall	16	Gretchen Kemp	27	Matt Weppeler
9	Brandon Hufendick	17	Emily Drescher	28	Anthony Blickhan
9	Gary O'Dell	17	Marty Otto	28	Ella Ehmen
9	Ellen Stockhecke	17	Chad Purcell	28	Rod Hibbert
10	Addison Buss	18	Amy Buss	29	Andrew Fodor
10	Jeremy Holtman	18	Jan Mueller	29	Bonnie Hallerberg
10	Josh Holtman	19	Donna Haire	31	Jane Howlett
10	Randy Wolfmeyer	20	Jessica Scharnhorst		

March Anniversaries

28 Al & Missy Ebel Celebrating 40 Years of Marriage

Assignments for March 2018

Communion Assistants:

Saturday, March 3 at 5 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sunday March 4 at 9 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, March 10 at 5 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sunday, March 11 at 9 a.m.	Larry Foster	Jerry Lunt
Saturday, March 17 at 5 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Sunday, March 18 at 9 a.m.	Steve Kaiser	Chet Vahle
Saturday, March 24 at 5 p.m.	Dennis Go	
Palm Sunday, March 25 at 8 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Nathan Hoebing
Palm Sunday, March 25 at 10:15	Brad Ehmen	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Maundy Thurs., Mar. 29 at 7 p.m.	Larry Ehmen	Larry Foster
Saturday, March 25 at 5 p.m.	Dennis Go	

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Gary McElfresh
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Ryan Vaughn, Alex Schlipman, Jeff Smith, Darrell Drescher, Gary Cramlett
Wednesday, Mar. 7 at 7:00 PM	Darrell Drescher, Steve Hyer, Stan Yelton, Gary McElfresh
Wednesday, Mar. 14 at 7:00 PM	Chris Clevenger, Michele Clevenger, Gary Hyer, Kathy Hyer
Wednesday, Mar. 21 at 7:00 PM	Nathan Hoebing, Chris Knapp, Sonny Voepel, Darrell Drescher
Maundy Thurs., Mar. 29 at 7:00 PM	Brad Ehmen, Jerry Manton, Clint Gooding, Crag Gooding
Good Friday, March 30 at 7:00 PM	Gary McElfresh, Mike Murphy, Allan Murphy
Easter Vigil, Mar, 31 at 5:00 PM	Gary McElfresh, Bob Frink, Darrell Drescher

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Barb Ellerbrock

Registration Slips: VOLUNTEER NEEDED

Altar Care: Kriss Frink, Kari Foulk, Carolyn Cramlett, Rosie Meyer

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

Pastoral Report
(January 1 – January 31, 2018)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Savannah Grace Edwards – January 13, 2018

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Cory Gene Herschler – January 17, 2018

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +0C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Savannah Grace Edwards – January 13, 2018

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Marilyn Jean Newman – January 28, 2018

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2018	Gains	Losses	Jan. 31, 2018
Baptized	569	+1	-1	569
Confirmed	438	+0	-1	437



CONGRATULATIONS!

Since 2010, over \$370 million has been distributed to thousands of churches, schools, and other nonprofits just like yours through Thrivent Choice®. Through this program, eligible members can recommend where Thrivent donates millions of charitable outreach dollars each year.

We are excited to share, based on member recommendations, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church received \$2,698 in charitable outreach funding in 2017. We hope this gift helped to further support your incredible work.

All 2017 Choice Dollars® have been made available for members to direct. As a reminder, 2017 Choice Dollars expire 2018. on March 31,



ORLC members who went on the Ark Tour last Fall.

Front Row: Irene Drescher, Donna Johnson, Mary Morse, Wanda Spohr
Back Row: Darrell Drescher, Ray Johnson, Terry Morse, Mike Herschler, Mary Herschler

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

SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: We are in the process of enrolling students at St. James for the 2018-2019 schoolyear. Pass the word! Satisfied customers are our best advertisement for our school. If you are pleased with our school, please tell others. If not, please contact Principal Landskroener.

LUTHERAN SCHOOLS' WEEK & SPRING FLING – Lutheran Schools' Week begins tomorrow with many activities planned for the students. We are thankful that St. James Lutheran School has been a staple for Christian education in the Quincy community for 167 years. Celebrate with us and plan to attend our **Spring Fling Celebration** this coming **Saturday, March 3rd**. (Doors open and silent auction begin at **5:00 pm**, dinner served at 6:30 pm and live auction begins at 7:45 pm. Good food, great auction items and (best of all) fantastic fellowship with each other as we celebrate the many ways God continues to bless our school. You are part of this tremendous school and we hope you will celebrate with us Saturday evening.

PREKINDERGARTEN/KINDERGARTEN OPEN HOUSE will be held **Tuesday, March 20th**. Come any time between **6:00 – 7:15 pm**. Children who will turn 3, 4 or 5 before September 1st are eligible to enroll in the PreK3, PreK4 or Kindergarten class for the 2018-2019 schoolyear. Tell you friends, neighbors, relatives and enemies! We would love to see them all!

"THERE IS A REDEEMER" – Our Kindergarten – 8th grade students will sing next at St. James at the **8:00 am** service on **March 11th**.

January 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan 18</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	32,421.00	25,126.75	7,294.25	129.0%
002 · 002 Together in Mission	1,190.00			
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,107.91	582.87	525.04	190.1%
005 · Special	269.72			
008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising	0.00	250.00	-250.00	0.0%
009 · 009 Building Fund Interest	76.57			
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	0.00	4.16	-4.16	0.0%
016 · 016 Memorial Fund Interest	0.53			
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	<u>7,000.00</u>	<u>583.37</u>	<u>6,416.34</u>	<u>1,199.9%</u>
Total Income	42,078.89	27,030.49	15,048.40	155.7%
Expense				
Mission	500.00	1,416.63	-916.63	35.3%
Personnel	16,383.46	16,553.54	-170.08	99.0%
Program	862.29	7,284.09	-6,421.80	11.8%
Property	2,835.18	2,897.39	-62.21	97.9%
500 · Special Expenses	<u>495.88</u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total Expense	21,076.81	28,151.65	-7,074.84	74.9%
Net Income	21,002.08	-1,121.16	22,123.24	-1,873.2%

PUZZLE PAGE

FINAL DESTINY

by

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What are the only two choices we have for our eternal life?

(A = 26, E = 22, I = 18, O = 12, U = 6)

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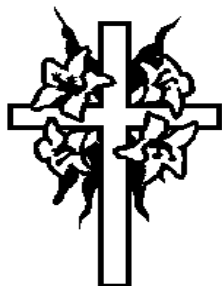
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LERT Training: The next training session is Saturday, March 3, 2018
Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 4107 21st Avenue, Moline, Illinois 61265
8:00 am to 4:30 ppm <http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Moline.3.3.2018.pdf>

Lutheran Hour Ministries has FREE online outreach courses available:
<https://www.lhm.org/learn/> These online courses are faith-strengthening and use an array of multimedia elements to help you gain a hearing for the Gospel message. **Psalms of Thanks I** In this course, we will explore a major thread of meaning through the Book of Psalms—the psalms of thanks. **Silent Witnesses** In this course, we consider the objects, animals and places that played a part during key moments of Jesus’ suffering, death and resurrection. We find them in the pages of the Gospels as well.

Greenmount Cemetery will have its Annual Cleanup from March 12-16. All items must be removed from the grave sites, except the Shepherd’s staffs, by March 11 and may not be returned until March 17th.

Easter Lilies



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank-offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available at a cost of **\$7.00** each. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the 9:00 AM service on Easter. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

All orders must be received at the church office on or before Friday, March 23rd.

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor _____ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

[] in loving memory of _____

[] in thanksgiving for blessings received

[] to the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)