

May 2018 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

March 1st was not a particularly noteworthy day as far as the world was concerned, but it was for me. The Lord opened my eyes to see that I was wasting a significant gift he had given me – time. I have always been somewhat of a news junkie. I inherited that trait from my father. When Malinda and I were dating, I was the guy tuning in to watch congressional hearings on CSPAN – she married me anyway. In the summer of 2016, I discovered that I could get news faster on Twitter – and I could even tell my dad things that he didn't know about yet.

For more than a year, I was more “in-the-know” than at any point in my life. However, you know there is a problem when your teenage daughters are telling you to get off your phone. So, on March 1st, I deleted Twitter from my phone and opened up the ESV Bible app I had downloaded a few days earlier. I opened the app and read all of Philippians that night. I didn't read it all at once. It was just that when I had the urge to look at my phone and read something, I would read a chapter of the Bible. Philippians is only four chapters long.

The next day, I decided to do something which I have never done before. I was going to start with Genesis and read the Bible cover to cover (even though the Bible on my phone doesn't technically have a cover). I didn't set aside special time for this. I simply used the moments when I was spending five minutes here or ten minutes there reading news on my phone. An average chapter of the Old Testament I have found takes about five minutes to read. I found myself reading about ten chapters per day (and this was without setting aside special time for it). It was simply time waiting for an oil change, or a moment to clear my mind in between tasks, or while using the restroom facilities, or anytime that I otherwise would have been on social media.

As of writing this letter, I am on day 47 of trading in Twitter for the ESV Bible and I am almost finished with 1 Kings. At home and in my office, I have my “reading Bibles” where for years I would flip-flop back and forth from reading an Old Testament book then a New Testament book with a Psalm each day. But “scheduling” that reading time felt more like work than what I am currently doing. I think part of it is that the Bible app does not have any footnotes or even verse numbers. There are only chapter breaks. I have always read the footnotes along with the actual text because my main goal when reading anything has been to learn something. With the Bible on my phone, I just read the Word of God for the sake of hearing the Word of God.

I have to say that these past seven weeks have been very enjoyable and productive. Throughout my ministry, I have always tried to work ahead, but these past weeks, I found myself being able to get my work done even more efficiently. So much so, that I was able to take off Monday of Holy Week and go to St. Louis with my family (I, of course, sinfully gloated about this with my brother pastors).

I still try and find out what is happening in the world, and I still go back and read Study Bible footnotes when I come across something needing further clarification, and I still have my “reading Bibles” with sticky notes marking my progress in reading the OT, NT, and the Psalms. But I have never been as excited about the prospect of sitting in a waiting room while getting an oil change as I have been the past seven weeks.

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	Barb Vahle (1 st term replacement)	Feb. 2018 – 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 Asst.	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	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...

May 3rd – monthly meeting 6:30pm

May 4th & 5th – Annual Rummage Sale

May 19th – Quincy Zone, flower planting at Timber Point

June 14th – 6pm, carry-in picnic meeting at Wavering Park

May 2018

Delegates for the upcoming District Convention and work schedules for the rummage sale were finalized at our April meeting.

The last day to drop off donations for the rummage sale is April 30th! We would appreciate everyone abiding by this deadline and thank you all for your generous donations! We welcome anyone who would like to help us set up!
Please contact Mary Morse!

Our 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.

"Featured"

LWML CID Mission Grant

Books for Papua New Guinea (Enga Province) School...**\$2,650**

This partial grant will be used to purchase and ship Lutheran books and study materials that are in constant shortage to the teachers and students in the seminaries and schools of the Good News Lutheran Church in the Enga Province of Papua New Guinea.

Pray that these books strengthen the faith of all who receive these materials so 'The Great Commission' of making disciples of all nations is fulfilled.

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness"!

Please contact any LWML member or Colleen Westberg at 217-257-1481 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!!!

Hearts for the Hungry, Homeless, and Hurting...\$100,000

We all remember Hurricane Katrina, but most of us don't know that there are many people still suffering with homelessness and lacking the basic necessities of life. Six pastors have banded together to reach out to their neighbors and friends with food, shelter, medical assistance and care in some of the poorest areas of New Orleans. NOLA 4H is the acronym for this grant. These pastors are sharing the love of Jesus "...we love because he first loved us." For more information about this mission, go to www.lwml.org, then to Missions tab and click on Mission Grants.

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES:

Mark & 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

May News & Notes

Senior Singles Lunch will meet again **Tues., May 1st** at Sprouts 11:30AM. Sign up in Narthex.

LWML Rummage Sale Friday, May 4 from 4 pm – 7pm and Saturday, May 5 from 8 am – 2 pm. We would love to see church members help us set up for the sale. We will be working **Monday, April 30 from 8 am to 8 pm** and **Tuesday and Wednesday from 8 am to 4 pm**. Any and all help will be very much appreciated in making this mission project a success. Thanks for your donations and volunteer help. **ORLC Youth Group** will be operating a snack bar **Saturday, May 5** at the LWML garage sale. Anyone who can help out is asked to sign-up in the Narthex.

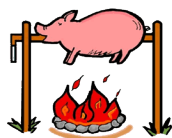
Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 6th. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other full-time church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 6th. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2018-2019 school year or be designated "CID Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be sent to the Central Illinois District LC-MS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID semina-rians or church worker students in your estate plan-ning or through a life insurance policy, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or colander@cidlcms.org for assistance. Thank you. **Envelopes for this are on the Narthex table.**



SUNDAY, MAY 6TH, 6 pm-8 pm, Music Mayhem A fiesta of music!! Enjoy listening to the Lutheran Church of St. John's One Voice singers, One Voice Junior singers, join in an Everyone Sing-along, and all children can join in a Children's Sing-along. You will hear a variety of Christian Songs, some of your favorites or

some new to you. Doors open at 5 pm, Music begins at 6 pm. Concessions available to purchase at the Walking Tacos & Nacho Bar beginning at 5 pm and throughout the evening. Gift Baskets - Silent Auction & Raffle. Share the event on Facebook; invite your friends and neighbors. Donations will go toward the purchase of new music and audio equipment for LCOSJ. **If you can RSVP, there is a signup sheet on the LCOSJ information center, or call 222-8579, this will help with food planning. Reservations not required. We would love you to join us singing praises to God!**

Our Redeemer will host this year's **Ascension Day** Holy Communion Service on **Thursday, May 10th at 7 PM**. Please join us as we celebrate Christ's ascension into heaven. Don't miss it!
<https://blogs.lcms.org/2010/the-forgotten-holiday-5-2010/>



Camp CILCA HOG ROAST Sunday, May 27, 11:30am-2:30pm, Adults: \$8, Children 4-12: \$5, 3 & Under: **FREE** Camp out for the whole Memorial Day weekend and help CILCA kick off the summer camping season. Eat, swim, play, sing, and worship. Check out cilca.org/hog-roast.html for the whole weekend schedule. **THANK YOU** to the 20+ volunteers who came out for the Camp CILCA

Work Day. The gracious donation of your valuable time is truly appreciated!

VOM conference coming soon! Many Christians around the world today are persecuted because of their faith in Christ, yet they continue to advance the gospel through their lives and words. At the VOM Advance Conference you will meet persecuted Christians and hear their inspirational testimonies. There is no charge to attend the VOM Advance Conference. Register online today and bring a friend! Please join us **Saturday, June 9, 9AM - 4PM**, for the VOM Advance Conference. Grace Church, 1325 East Jefferson St. Morton, IL 61550 Doors open at 8 a.m. for registration, resource-center access and prayer. Lunch will be on your own from 12 p.m. to 1:15 p.m. at area restaurants. **Register online** or by phone at 800-747-0085.



Camp CILCA is looking for **one more male counselor** for the 2018 season. If you know of a young man who is a confirmed member of an LCMS congregation, has completed one year of college, and would enjoy teaching children about Jesus Christ in an outdoor setting, encourage him to contact Pastor Joshua Theilen by calling 217-487-7497, or emailing camp@cilca.org.

May News & Notes *(continued)*

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 email to lynn@issuesetc.org.



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 info.

Camp CILCA Registration is OPEN www.cilca.org for the Camp CILCA summer program. There is programming for everyone from 3 years old through high school. Don't miss this exciting opportunity to unplug from technology, study God's word out in His creation, and make friends from across the United States. ORLC is offering **\$100 summer Camp CILCA scholarships for ORLC member children**. See the church office for details.

ORLC Totebags will be available soon. For more information, contact the church office or ask a **PLuS Member** about this great fundraiser!

Youth Group: Gina Eickelschulte is gathering contact for the Youth Group. Please text, phone, or email her with information & questions. 217-257-1394 sassyge64@yahoo.com

In Tuesday Morning Bible Study we are studying Esther with Beth Moore's "It's Tough Being a Woman." Come Join us at 9:30 AM!

If you are a member of Thrivent and desire to have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to the ORLC St. James Tuition Endow. Fund, you will have to use the following process. Inform your Thrivent representative to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Then you must notify Gretchen of the amount which you want to be put in to the Endowment account. She will make sure it gets transferred to that account.

Bethesda: A gracious donor has provided a \$50,000 matching gift challenge during the Easter Season. This is a tremendous blessing and we need your help to make **TWICE** the impact in helping adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities live the best life possible. Every dollar you donate will be matched for **DOUBLE** the impact! Bethesda Lutheran Communities, 600 Hoffmann Drive, Watertown, WI 53094

Lutheran Hour Ministries: Help LHM Sustain Vital Ministry Efforts Through a \$100,000 MATCHING GRANT Opportunity. When you make a gift today, it will be doubled. Each week on **The Lutheran Hour®**, we boldly proclaim the Good News to **one million listeners**. Lutheran Hour Ministries carries the Gospel into **50 nations** via direct contact and emerging technology ... but only with your help. Will you stand with us in this critical hour?

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

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



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!

3^d 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.)

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.

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!

"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.

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.



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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May Birthdays

1	Keagan Mercurio	9	Lynn Wombles	23	Lily Kuhn
1	Paul Clevenger	14	Kayla Walker	23	Bradley Longcor III
1	Simon Nickelson	15	Hadley Harvey	25	Sandy Callahan
2	Thomas Killday	15	Dan Hendrian	26	Gretta Otto
3	Thalia Wolfmeyer	15	Jessie Huebner	26	Sherry Yelton
4	Quinton Hibbert	17	Peggy Wiesemann	27	David Bent
7	Tracy Bugh	18	Shanelle Douglas	27	Dylan Martin
7	Barb Vahle	19	Ryan Vaughn	28	Stacey Gruen
8	Mike Vahle	21	Michele Clevenger	29	Nick Allen
9	Terry Lannerd	21	Joe Sharrow	30	Taylor Frink
9	Wanda Spohr	22	Leslie Bent	30	Melanie Drescher
9	Hugh Sharrow	22	Eric Fischer	31	Alischia Langan
9	Nerissa Vahle	22	Carolyn Kaiser	31	Arianna Fischer

May Baptisms

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

May Anniversaries

3	Mark & Janice Voepel	14	Darrell & Irene Drescher (52)
5	David & Leslie Bent	21	Dustin & Jennifer Tournear
7	Trevor & Heather Feinstein	27	Mike & Jane Douglas (40)
11	Brent & Linda Wingerter	28	LeRoy & Donna Goodwin (51)

Assignments for May 2018

Communion Assistants:

Sunday, May 5 at 5:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, May 6 at 9:00 a.m.	Steve Schoch	Randy Wolfmeyer
Thursday May 10 at 7:00 p.m.	Larry Ehmen	Terry Morse
Saturday, May 12 at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, May 13 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Foster	Jerry Lunt
Saturday, May 19 at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Alex Schlipman
Saturday, May 26 at 5:00 p.m.	Bob Frink	
Sunday, May 27 at 9:00 a.m.	Brad Ehmen	Stan Yelton

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Rob Edwards
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Steve Hyer, Larry Post, Nathan Hoebing, Mike Murphy, Eddie Murphy
Thursday, May 10, 7 PM - Ascension	Jerry Lunt, Darrell Drescher, Larry Foster

Counters: Rosie Meyer & Joann Reichert

Registration Slips: Shirley Foster

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

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

ST. JAMES EAGLES VISION:

EVERYONE deserves our respect **ACT** with kindness **GOD'S LOVE** is our greatest strength **LOVE** one another **EVERYDAY** live for Jesus **SHOW OTHERS** we are Christians

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.

TWO TEACHING POSITIONS AVAILABLE – St. James is currently searching for a full-time 7th/8th grade teacher and a part-time PreK-3 teacher for the 2018-2019 school year. If interested or know of someone who might be, please contact Principal Landskroener.

E.I.E.I. OOPS is the title of the Spring musical being performed by our PreK–3rd grade students on **Tuesday, May 1st at 6:30 pm** in the gym. There is no charge, however there will be an opportunity for a free-will donation. Please come and join us.

May Puzzle Answer

(Puzzle on page 14)

Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. 2 Corinthians 9:7

Pastoral Report
(March 1 – March 31, 2018)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Helen L. "Lum" Bestman – March 2, 2018

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +7C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +6C]

Ella Bradley Ehmen – *Ecclesiastes 3:1* – March 25, 2018

Harrison Christopher Knapp – *Revelation 2:10* – March 25, 2018

Clayton Eugene Hibbert – *I Corinthians 6:20* – March 25, 2018

Gary Robert Gooding – *Joshua 1:9* – March 25, 2018

Melanie Ann Drescher – *John 14:27* – March 25, 2018

Ethan Michael Sass – *Psalms 27:1* – March 25, 2018

Transfers In [+1B, +1C]

Michele (Shelly) Balzer - transfer from St. Paul's Lutheran, Wildwood, MO – March 11, 2018

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	Jan. 1, 2018	Gains	Losses	Mar. 31, 2018
Baptized	569	+2	-2	569
Confirmed	438	+7	-2	443

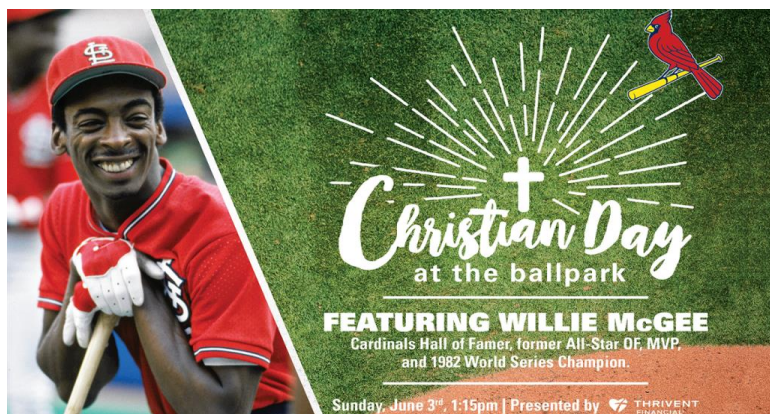
March 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan – Mar '18	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	77,271.83	75,380.25	1,891.58	102.5%
002 · 002 Together in Mission	2,650.00			
003 · 003 Loose Plate	2,541.93	1,748.53	792.50	145.3%
005 · Special	1,691.40			
008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
009 · 009 Building Fund Interest	204.34			
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	6.30	12.47	-6.17	50.5%
013 · 013 KleinsorgeMMK Income...	36.31			
015 · 015Kleinsorge Bequest Interest	356.09			
016 · 016 Memorial Fund Interest	35.68			
017 · 017 Memorial Fund Money M...	20.00			
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	7,000.00	1,750.03	5,249.97	400.0%
020 · Brackensick Bequeth	0.00	1,450.03	-1,450.03	0.0%
Total Income	91,812.98	81,091.31	10,721.67	113.2%
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Net Income	15,891.02	-3,363.36	19,254.48	-472.5%

Still more News & Notes

LERT Volunteer Training Event To be held at: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 West Jackson Street, Auburn, Illinois 62615, **Saturday, May 5, 2018, 8 am to 4:30 pm** (sign-in begins 8:00 am, sessions begin 8:30 am)
The registration fee (\$35.00) includes your disaster response training manual, disaster response vest, Certificate of Completion, I.D. badge, breakfast, and lunch. Please register at least one week before the event, if at all possible. Walk-ins are welcome. Please pay with check made out to the host church. *See the office for a registration form and send it to: Trinity Lutheran Church, 1201 West Jackson St., Auburn IL 62615*

The Thrivent Member Network



Special Ticket Offer: Thrivent Financial is proud to present the 2018 Christian Day at the Ballpark on **Sunday, June 3rd** when the Cardinals face the Pittsburgh Pirates at **1:00 PM**. Purchase tickets at Cardinals.com/Thrivent to receive tickets in the Left Field Pavilion for just \$17! These special tickets include a complimentary jumbo hotdog and soda and an invitation to the Thrivent Financial Pregame Party inside the stadium which includes refreshments, a service project, a meet and greet with former players, take pictures in a photo booth, enjoy snacks and more!

Be sure to stick around after the game for the Christian Day Program which features keynote speaker, Willie McGee, and current Cardinals players and Manager Mike Matheny.

Wendysue Fluegge – Acclaimed LCMS singer/songwriter

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church

120 E Hickory St – Watseka, IL 60970

May 12, 2018 – 6 PM service May 13, 2018 – 9 AM service

Concerts to follow each service – Freewill offering



Wisconsin based touring artist, professional singer/song-writer, and worship leader Wendysue Fluegge will be coming to Calvary Lutheran Church. Calvary will host Wendysue on May 12-13, 2018 where she will participate in the worship services and perform a concert of stories and songs following each service. She plays piano and guitar, and her music style is adult contemporary with a smattering of pop, rock, blues, and country. The services & concerts will be spiritually focused, entertaining, and include music for all ages.

We welcome you to come be inspired in faith and warmed by fellowship! For more information you can find Wendysue on Youtube, Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, LinkedIn and @ www.wendysue.com.

Martin and Marie Dicke—Missionaries Serving the Lord in Papua New Guinea A Year of Ministry in Review as Lutheran Church Musicians



"Hepi Ista!" ("Happy Easter!") as they say in Papua New Guinea. It has been exactly a year to this day when we landed at Jacksons International Airport in Port Moresby to begin serving as missionaries here (see pic at right for our first view of PNG). To celebrate the anniversary of our ministry here, this expanded newsletter includes pictures that we haven't placed in our newsletters or on our Facebook page (link below). While preparing to come, we discovered that many wondered how musicians could be missionaries. In one sense, the answer is quite simple: Musician missionaries join God's people in celebrating and proclaiming what God has done, especially the mercy He showed through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. What we do is nothing new at all. We are simply following the example of the musicians in the Bible, and there were a LOT of them. Music is used throughout the Bible to celebrate God's deeds and proclaim His mercy. In fact, the Book of Job reveals that right after the world was created, the angels were so delighted with what God had done that they formed the first choir and sang for joy (Job 38:7). The Book of Revelation reveals that the Saints and angels sing eternally (Revelation 5 and 15 et al.). There is an ongoing Eternal Song to God and to the "Pikinini Sipsip Bilong God" ("the Lamb of God") and we Christians have the joy and privilege of singing this song.

Martin Luther's many comments about music reveal that he understood this. Of course, he knew his Bible so well. For more of my own ideas about music and worship, visit my blog at JubalsLyre.com. Some were apparently also concerned that a Lutheran church musician serving as a missionary would simply impose "his" music upon others. First, trying to impose anything never works. In addition, the first task of a Lutheran church musician is to proclaim Jesus Christ and help God's people do the same. Yes, people must have their own song, so a Lutheran church musician must encourage them and help them do that, just as Martin Luther did. But we must understand that our song is enriched immeasurably when we are aware of and sing the songs of the Bible as well as the songs of Christians throughout the ages and throughout the world. Our experience has been that the Christians here want to know these songs and are eager to learn about, hear, and sing them. The needs here are so great that besides serving as musicians, we help in many other ways. Every day is busy and we have already put 15,000 kilometers on our vehicle visiting churches and schools up and down the valley. We were privileged to help the Gutnius Lutheran Church celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation (see p. 3). We could learn a lot from the people here on celebrating the Good News of Jesus Christ.

It has been a privilege and joy to sing the Eternal Song with the people here who sing it with such passion! We look forward to another year of doing the same. Join us in this prayer: O Almighty and eternal God, who through the death of Your Son destroyed sin and death, and by His rising to life again restored innocence and everlasting life, that being delivered from the power of the devil, we might live under You in Your kingdom, grant that we may be forever comforted by true faith in the resurrection of Your dear Son. Guide us with Your holy counsel and when we die, give us the Crown of Life, that with all the holy angels and the Saints we may praise and glorify You eternally. Amen.

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Devotional Thought: Missions and the Gospel

Some in the Enga Province scoff at the faithful saying, "Bilong wanem yu ritim Baibel? Em i olpela buk. Em i expire pinis! Nau yu mas harim Spirit tasol." ("Why do you read the Bible? It is an old book. It has expired! Now you must listen to the Spirit only." Dealing with movements and schisms can be difficult. We found the following devotional thought to be very helpful for our work here. It explains what has happened here and why a missionary presence is still needed. It explains why we have a responsibility as a church body to remain here and do what we can to assist the church we helped establish.

The Pure Gospel "The light is among you for a little while longer. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you." John 12:35 The preaching of the Gospel is not an eternal, lasting, and continuing teaching, but rather is like a traveling rain shower, which moves on. What it hits, it hits, and what it misses, it misses. It does not return, it does not stand still, but the sun and the heat follow and lick it up. Experience shows that in no place in the world has the Gospel remained clear and pure beyond one man's memory. Rather, as long as those who introduced it remained, it continued and increased. When they were gone, the light was also gone, and soon schismatic spirits and false teachers followed. . . . So also now, we have the pure Gospel and it is the time of grace and salvation and favorable days (2 Corinthians 6:2), but this will soon be over, if the world stands longer. . . . Be careful to receive the Gospel with thanks and fear. Martin Luther From the Church Postil, Sermon for Lent 1 on 2 Corinthians 6:1-10 (Luther's Works 76:356-57). Taken from Martin Luther Day by Day (CPH).

PUZZLE PAGE

PIHSDRAWETS

by

Bill Schlegl

The title word of this activity is written backwards. God does not want us to work backwards in our spiritual life. Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn how to be good stewards in your life.

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(Answer Found on Page 9)