



December 2018 Newsletter



Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

The season has changed, and the signs are all around us. I am not talking about the weather outside – although snow in the air is a big hint that winter is coming, the weather patterns of Illinois often blur the lines between the seasons. What seems like temperatures that belong in one season and not another tend to find their way across those lines.

The season of the church year has changed. We have completed the long season of Pentecost, and Advent is upon us. Advent marks the beginning of a new church year, and we get to tell the story of Christ from the beginning to the Last Day once again. The signs of this change are obvious as decorations and music fill the sights and sounds of this time of year. The beautiful fall decorations and recognition of the yearly harvest and final harvest are gone. The decorations in the church are filled with meaning and purpose. The Advent wreath has appeared and will now serve as a mini calendar of weeks leading to the celebration of the birth of Christ. The rest of the Christmas decorations are a clear indication that there is a new season upon us. However the themes of this time of year get a little blurry (and not just because there were Christmas decorations in the stores since October). Advent is a time of preparing for Christ to come. In this season is the theme of the journey to Bethlehem, and in this season is the theme of our journey toward the Last Day.

The signs of change are all around us. As we see this change happening, we anticipate what is coming. Christ is coming. During these weeks of Advent, in our Wednesday services, the theme will be "We Begin with the End." In regard to themes of the season, Advent is a season with blurred lines. The Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent is Jesus speaking of Judgment Day in Lk. 21:25-36. Advent begins with the End. The season has changed. The signs are all around us. Our task has not changed. Just like in the season of Pentecost, we are to watch and wait because Christ is coming.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE CALENDAR

December 5 Advent 1 Service 7:00 PM – Revelation 21-1-7 "Behold, I am Making All Things New"
December 12 Advent 2 Service 7:00 PM – Luke 3:1-22 "The Stump of Jesse"
December 19 Advent 3 Service 7:00 PM – II Corinthians 5:14-6:2 "Now is the Day of Salvation"
December 24 Children's Christmas Program 7:00PM
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service 10:30 PM
December 25 Christmas Day Divine Service 9:00 AM
December 29 **NO Saturday Evening Worship**
December 30 Christmas Musicale 9:00 AM (**NO Sunday School**)

October 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan – October '18</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	241,792.44	251,263.50	-9,475.06	96.2%
002 · 002 Together in Mission	7,115.00			
003 · 003 Loose Plate	6,012.55	5,828.34	184.21	103.2%
005 · Special	4,252.11			
005.41 VBS Meals	171.97			
006 · Bequest Income	356.09			
007 · Securities Income	3,321.72			
008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising	0.00	2,250.00	-2,250.00	0.0%
009 · 009 Building Fund	414.43			
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	17.77	41.66	-23.89	40.7%
013 · 013 Kleinsorge MMK Income Int.	109.32			
014 · 014 Building Fund MMK	550.00			
015 · 015 Kleinsorge Bequest Interest	356.09			
016 · 016 Memorial Fund Interest	155.72			
017 · 017 Memorial Fund MM	15,275.00			
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	7,000.00	5,833.34	1,166.66	120.0%
020 · Brackensick Bequeth	0.00	4,833.34	-4,833.34	0.0%
Total Income	286,900.11	270,304.18	16,595.93	106.1%
Expense				
Mission	18,789.00	14,166.66	4,622.34	132.6%
Personnel	158,531.27	165,535.22	-7,003.95	95.8%
Program	54,520.99	72,838.38	-18,317.39	74.9%
Property	31,846.97	28,974.98	2,871.99	109.9%
500 · Special Expenses	1,768.88			
600 · Building Fund Expense	10,266.00			
700 · Memorial Fund Expense	12,321.58			
800 · Endowment Fund Expense	4,194.00			
Total Expense	292,245.69	281,515.24	10,730.45	103.8%
Net Income	-5,345.58	-11,211.06	5,865.48	47.7%

December Puzzle Answer

(Puzzle on page 13)

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God, not of works, lest any man should boast. Ephesians 2: 8-9



Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Stan Yelton (2 nd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019
Vice-President	Chet Vahle (2 nd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019
Secretary	Barb Vahle (2 nd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019
Financial Secretary	Wanda Spohr (1 st term) – Counters	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Gretchen Wolfmeyer (3 rd term) – Registr. Slips	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	Ryan Vaughn (3 rd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
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
228-3127	Jerry Lunt (1 st term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
223-7949	Bill Haire (2 nd term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
440-3606	Steve Schoch (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
430-2460	Jeff Wolfmeyer (1 st term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Evangelism Board	Ruth Ann Snowden (2 nd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	Michele Balzer (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Property Board	Jeff Smith (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	Gary Hyer (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Stewardship Board	Larry Ehmen (3 rd term)	Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019
	David Pellman (3 rd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Youth Ministry	Jamie Louderback (2 nd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen (2 nd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020



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.

November News

Thanks to Renee Benedetto and Barb Vahle for hosting our meeting. The agenda included...

- Final report of LWML Sunday
- Plans discussed for our Advent event and Advent dinner
- Shut-in bags for Christmas
- Christmas party plans

The quilts we will be providing for the 2019 CID Convention were shown and the gift bags for the Transitions choir members, who will be performing at our Dec. 2 Advent evening, were assembled.

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, OAF and St. John's Food Pantry.

“Featured” 2018-2019 LWML CID Mission Grant

We will resume posting our Central Illinois District Mission Grants in January! In the meantime, how can you help to fund these Mission Grants...

Support your LWML Evening Ladies Aid society by continuing to fill a mite box and giving it to Renée Benedetto or dropping your change and/or \$'s into the large acrylic mite box on the table in the Narthex! We so appreciate your generous support!

Our mission goal for this year is \$95,000, of which \$23,750 is sent to fund National Grants.

UPCOMING...

Dec. 2nd – ‘Preparing Our Hearts for Advent’ evening

Dec. 7th – Christmas Party

Dec. 12th – Midweek Advent Dinner, before the service

Dec. 15th – serving of meal at the bible study for the Blind & Visually Impaired ministry at St. James

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



National Mission Grant Bulletin Bytes

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

Sharing Jesus with People with Disabilities...\$100,000

There are many barriers for people with disabilities to becoming full members of the body of Christ. Bethesda works to break down those barriers for people with intellectual disabilities so that they can become part of their church body, and these ministry consultants work to ensure these individuals are welcomed in the Word and Sacrament. This mission grant will provide funding for faith-filled services for our brothers and sisters in Christ with intellectual disabilities. For more information about our missions, 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, 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:

Marcia Clevenger, Ralph Genenbacher, Don Green, Isabelle Hillerts, Mary Hurley, Elaine Hyer, Dolly Powers, Kitty Schuckman, 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 – on Vicarage

926 East 1000 North Road, Melvin, IL 60952

Timothy Benzinger – new seminary student



Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Mr. Ian M. Heinze, Campus Post Office Box, 801 Seminary Place, Saint Louis, MO 63105

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 – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 1 & 2 – Gina Eickelschulte

Sunday School Opening – Colleen Westberg

Grades 3 & 4 – Amy Killday

Grades 5 & 6 – Donna Haire

Grades 7 & 8 – Donna Haire

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

December News & Notes

Our Evangelism Team is looking for project helpers. Please contact Ruth Ann Snowden or Shelly Balzer if you can help serve!

If you are a member of Thrivent and desire to have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to the ORLC's 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.

The Lutherans for Life of Illinois Executive Board is excited to announce a new life-affirming project for Lutheran families in the state of Illinois. Adoption is an expensive endeavor and due to the high costs many couples do not consider adoption as an option in growing their families. The LFL of IL Board would like to work to meet this need for families who have a desire to adopt. We are partnering with Lifesong For Orphans ministry to create an adoption fund to be made available to LCMS families in Illinois who need financial assistance as they go through the adoption process. We are asking for churches/Lutheran schools of the CID to prayerfully consider helping us financially to build this fund as well. Once the fund has grown to \$8,000, we would open the fund up for LCMS families to use as they go through the adoption process. Families will be able to submit an application for an adoption grant and Lifesong will review the application. Then Lifesong will give the LFL of IL a recommendation of the amount that could be granted to the adoptive family according to their financial needs. Here is a video link with more information about Lifesong for Orphans: <https://vimeo.com/139492632> (password is *lifesong*). Our hope is to make this fund available by the end of 2018. If you have any questions or are interested in helping in this project, contact Valerie Boehne, at 309-210-4747.

Announcing 'WITNESS': The 2019 National LCMS Campus Ministry Conference January 2-5, 2019, Fort Wayne, Ind. Participants will gain a familiarity with the *Every One His Witness*® Lutheran evangelism program and will also have opportunities to explore witnessing in various areas of most interest to them in their collegiate contexts. **Registration closes November 1st.**

ORLC TOTE BAG FUNDRAISER for Parents of Lutheran Students (PLuS)

These bags are perfect for carrying your Bible Study Materials or whatever you'd like! **Cost is \$10 per tote bag.** They are available before & after the Saturday and Sunday services.

LWML will be holding a rummage sale again in the Spring of 2019. Please save all your unwanted or no longer needed items for the sales. All proceeds go to missions. Thanks for your continued support of LWML and their work for missions.

The Western Illinois Dream Factory is a non-profit organization which fulfills the dreams of critically and cronicallly ill children. Quincy is home to one of the 30 chapters nationwide. They operate completely by Volunteers and are asking for support by groups or anyone interested in doing community service. Call Karla Hildebrad at 217-779-3961 for more info or a presentation.

Meals Plus for Seniors Your community needs volunteers to help deliver Meals on Wheels to homebound seniors and persons with disabilities who count on the meals to remain at home and out of institutions. Please consider donating an hour of your time once a day, a week or a month. Call 217-224-5031 and ask for Scott. Thanks for any amount of your valuable time you can give.

Pastor Marty Karre last Spring developed serious medical problems. He had to have daily MRI's to monitor healing of a brain bleed. He is still dealing with blod clots form that event. Medical bills have really mounted and his small church is taking donations to help with their medical bills. They are funneling them through the church, so there are no tax problems for the family. Any checks for the family should be made out to the W. Kootenai Conmmuniy Church with his name on the memo line. Drop them in our offering and we will send them in mass to his church for you.



Senior Singles Lunch will meet again **Tuesday, December 4th** at Sproutds at 11:30 AM. Please sign up in Narthex.

More December News & Notes

LCMS Life Conference: Joy:fully Alive – Alive > Body & Soul, **January 17-19, 2019**, Alexandria Va. See the flyer on the Narthex table. You are invited to join the LCMS Life Conference to learn to live in Christ's love amidst a culture of death. LCMS Life Ministry will also participate in the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., on Friday, Jan. 18. Even if you cannot attend the Life Conference, you are invited to [join the LCMS at the march](#)

Good News! Six members of Our ORLC Youth Group have registered for the National Youth Gathering. They will be accompanied by 2 adults from our congregation and traveling to Minneapolis, MN with the youth from St. John's and St. James. The ORLC Youth Group will be working toward funding this experience with a variety of fundraisers. They will be serving a delicious **Free-will Offering meal** from 5:30 - 6:45 PM, before the December 5th Advent Church Service. They are planning a "for a donation" **Christmas Cookie and Candy Bake Sale** the weekend of December 15 & 16. Some fundraisers like an "Arty Party" and "Pancakes at Applebees" are in the planning stages for next year. Thanks in advance for supporting the Youth Group.

Scout Camp Cards REDUCED to \$4 PER CARD. The cub scout pack had a large number of cards left in stock that they had to purchase. We are trying to help sell them in order to recoup those funds. These are still good the remainder of the year. The HYVEE \$5 off \$50 one time deal is probably the BEST deal if you are a HYVEE shopper! All are good thru 12/31/18, except the Dick's one time use is good thru 1/3/19. Make Checks payable to PACK #2. To view all of the "deals," please see the display on the scrip table.

The Drainage Project on the East side of the building is completed. We will let the ground settle over the winter and will be landscaping in the Spring.



Save the Date Christmas Caroling to our Shut-in on **Dec. 9th** from **2-4 PM**. Everyone is welcome. The more we have, the more shut-ins we can entertain.

Thanks to All who supported the Thrivent Bake Sale for the Seminary Food Bank: Whether it was by working, baking or buying the goodies or donating cash, it was appreciated, and we are sending over \$700 to the food bank.

Many people make their final donations at the **end of the year**. If you plan to make some **donations** yet in 2018, please consider the **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**.

ORLC Quilters say THANK YOU to the members of the congregation who have made purchases or have donated material & used sheets for them to use in their quilts. Recently they sent 45 quilts to Lutheran World relief for global mission outreach.

Earn a Return and Help Our LCMS Churches! – The Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF) provides resources to churches in our Central Illinois District that wish to grow God's ministry through building or expansion. We are able to do this because of conscientious LCMS members like you who support our churches by investing in the CID-CEF - we need *your* continued support and investments! As an added blessing for your investment, we are now offering a 24-Month SPECIAL RATE of 2.35% (minimum investment \$500) to you as well as our church organizations to support the LCMS ministry. Please contact Chris Anderson or Susan Short at the CID-CEF (phone: 217-793-1802, email: cef@cidlcms.org) or visit our website (www.cidlcms.org, see link in lower left corner) for this special interest rate and other recent rate increases for our investment options. Thank you for investing in the future of our LCMS!

Lutheran Older Adult Retreat 'Growing In Christ XVIII', **Wednesday & Thursday, May 1-2, 2019**. Pere Marquette Lodge, Grafton, IL See the Narthex table for more information.

More December News & Notes

Trash Tuesday - December 4 - We are planning a year-end clean out of the church building. Place items that you would like to have thrown out or recycled in the hallway in front of the basement restrooms by **9 AM on December 4**. Please put a green dot sticker on the bag to clearly identify the items to be removed. Green dot stickers and trash bags are available in the main office.

Festive Popcorn and Homemade Bread!

Hmmmm, remember that delicious Merry Market Munch that looked so festive with red and green sprinkles on white chocolate covered popcorn?

Does a slice of homemade Amish bread sound good for your toast in the morning, or for your lunch time sandwich? How about a piece of crusty artisan bread with your dinner? You can place an order for all of these items! All donations will benefit the ORLC Youth Group trip to the National Youth Gathering! Place your order by Thursday, November 29th on the sheet in the Narthex. Bread will be baked fresh the morning of **December 1st**. Items will then be ready for pick up at the **December 1st and December 2nd** services. Sponsored by more friends of the Youth Group.

Roger Morrison has died if anyone would like to send Carol and family condolences, their address is 5302 Flatts Mill CT, Columbia, MO 65203. He and his family were active members here for many years before they moved away.

Grace Lutheran Church 711 South Main Street, Paris, IL, is hosting our first Christmas Season Concert **December 5th, 2018 at 6:30 pm**. Seating is limited, and the cost is \$5.00 per ticket with all proceeds going to support the Grace Lutheran Child Development Center. There will be a time of fellowship following with German treats to enjoy. Call our church office between 9 am and noon for tickets and information. We hope to see you at the concert.

Help Needed – ORLC SCRIP Program Coordinator volunteer position is now open. Please contact President Stan Yelton for details.

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Orphan Grain Train are ready to provide for the needs of those ravished by hurricane Florence & Michael as they did last year in Houston. Thrivent has made it possible for you to double your gifts in support of them, by offering to match up to \$1,000,000. To receive these Matching Funds, go to Thrivent.com and click on the red "Help Now" button. Scroll down to "Hurricane Florence" and click on the "+" sign. Then scroll down to where you see 8 charities listed and click on Orphan grain Train. This will then ask for your information to make the gift. You DO NOT have to be a Thrivent member to have your donation matched by them.



Saturday - December 1 starting at 9:00AM We will be decorating the church for Christmas. Anyone who is willing and able to come and help is invited to join us. The more hands, the quicker done.

December 2 at 5 PM "Preparing Our Hearts for Advent" sponsored by the LWML.

The Youth Choir needs additional voices. Members should like to sing and be able to read. Rehearsal are held on **Wednesday afternoons from 4:15 to 4:45 PM**. They sing about once a month.

Youth Group Good News! Thank you to the volunteers that helped make the Thanksgiving desserts and to those that donated so generously for the goodies. We were able to put \$1100 in the bank toward reaching our goal of \$9000 to send six youth and two adults to the National Youth Gathering next summer.

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 needed changes

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 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 is no longer accepting clipped coupons, since the students are using digital ones now.

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. *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

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.)

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! *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

"Come & 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 & See" us. .

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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December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	7 Suzanne Troxel	17 Ron Bowles
1 Larry Foster	8 Lillian Cramlett	20 Alison Zehnle
1 Harrison Knapp	8 Elizabeth Fodor	22 Kari Adams
1 Max Showman	8 Amie Hoebing	22 Emma Fischer
1 Kayla Terstriep	8 Chad Purcell	22 Bev Post
2 Cheri Holtman	9 Emily Drescher	23 Darrell Drescher
2 Brian Manton	9 Nathaniel Hurley	23 Carole Lannerd
3 Tad Douglas	9 Bill Perry	23 Kaiden Weisheit
3 Morgan Longcor	9 Heidi Schlipman	24 Ann Knoernschild
3 Cheryl Newbrough	9 Eldon Schoch 90	25 Briana Robertson
3 Carol O'Dell	11 Valerie Spillman	26 Charla Weisenburger
3 Jeff Wemhoener	13 Jonah Tronsgard	27 Donna White
4 Phyllis Cook	13 Tim Westberg	29 Emma Campbell
4 Cindy Klingele	14 Anne Schanbacher 80	29 Monica Foster
4 Allan Murphy	14 Shanna Wemhoener	29 John Frohn
6 Tony Bowles	15 Sean Burner	29 Mary Lazzeri
6 Barb Ellerbrock	15 Eric Fischer	30 Elizabeth Burner
7 Linda Go 70	15 Merinda Jones	31 Savannah Edwards
7 Olivia Showman	16 John Hallerberg	31 Jane Howlett

December Baptisms

3 Donna Johnson	11 Rob Tipton	24 Andrew Allen
3 Jaela Vaughn	11 Charla Weisenburger	25 Kainalu Klauser
3 Emily Weppler	12 Mayce Bent	25 Paul Weisheit
4 Alexis Hibbert	12 Mike Schoch	26 Anne Schanbacher
4 Clayton Hibbert	15 Piper Kuhn	26 Brandon Voepel
6 Sarah Lucas	16 Sean Burner	27 Carolyn Cramlett
7 Brady Essington	16 Suzanne Troxel	27 Irene Drescher
7 Heather Feinstein	16 Colleen Westberg	27 Kristen Vahle
8 Olivia Badamo	17 Carol O'Dell	28 Barb Ellerbrock
8 Olive Cook	17 Adrian Zehnle	28 Heidi Schlipman
8 Elizabeth Fodor	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	29 Bethany Foster
8 Olivia Hoebing	20 Shirley Foster	30 Charlie Church
10 Rita Boerema	20 Ryan Schnack	30 Donna Church
10 Steve Voepel	22 David Ott	30 Gail Church
11 Kelle Baird		30 John Church

December Anniversaries

4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri 47	19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer 54
5 Bob and Kriss Frink 48	23 Brad and Karol Ehmen 18
11 Kirk and Sharon Vahle 42	23 Steve and Li Voepel 23
15 Steven and Cheryl Newbrough 23	26 Don and Bonnie Blattner 54
17 Jonathon and Jessica Campbell 9	

Assignments for December 2018

Communion Assistants:

Saturday, December 1 at 5 PM	Bob Frink	
Sunday, December 2 at 9 AM	Steve Kaiser	Randy Wolfmeyer
Saturday, December 8 at 5 PM	Bob Frink	
Sunday, December 9 at 9 AM	Terry Morse	Larry Foster
Saturday, December 15 at 5 PM	Bob Frink	
Sunday, December 16 at 9 AM	Nathan Hoebing	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Saturday, December 22 at 5 PM	Bob Frink	
Sunday, December 23 at 9 AM	Gary Hyer	Chris Knapp
Tuesday, December 25 at 9 AM	Larry Foster	Larry Ehmen
Saturday, December 29 at 5 PM	Bob Frink	
Sunday, December 30 at 9 AM	Larry Foster	Brad Ehmen

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle, Gary Hyer, Jerry Manton, Ryan Vaughn
Wednesday, December 5 at 7:00 PM	Don Blattner, Jerry Manton, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer
Wednesday, December 12 at 7:00 PM	Larry Ehmen, Darrell Drescher, Clint Gooding, Craig Gooding
Wednesday, December 19 at 7:00 PM	Steve Hyer, Stan Yelton, Bill Haire
Children's Christmas Eve, December 24, at 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Larry Post, Gary O'Dell
Candlelight Christmas Eve, December 24, at 10:30 PM	Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Darrell Drescher
Christmas Day, December 25, at 9:00 AM	Chris Clevenger, Michele Clevenger, Larry Foster, Monica Foster

Counters: Barb Ellerbrock and Glenna Nicholson

Registration Slips: Marilyn Lehenbauer

Altar Care: **Mona Fischer**, Wanda Spohr, Amy Killday, Maxine Fink, Ruth Snowden, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

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

Pastoral Report
(October 1 – October 31, 2018)

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 [-4B, -4C]

Death [-0B, -C]

Transfers Out [-4B, -4C]

Luke & Morgan McElfresh – July 2, 2018 (*Morgan not a member.*)
Transferred to Heritage Lutheran Church, Valparaiso, IN

Kyle Frink – October 9, 2018
Transferred to Union United Methodist Church, Quincy, IL

Gary & Shelia McElfresh – October 31, 2018
Transferred to Trinity Lutheran Church, Lowell, IN

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2018	Gains	Losses	Oct. 31, 2018
Baptized	569	+9	-14	564
Confirmed	438	+13	-14	437

PUZZLE PAGE

SALVATION

by

Bill Schlegl

Use the number code to learn the only way to salvation.

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

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ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

CHALLENGE – Getting ready for the next school year is approaching very quickly. Enrollment will begin in mid-January. Word of mouth has proven to be a highly successful marketing tool. Therefore, while seeing many people over the holidays, please participate in a challenge to tell five different families about St. James Lutheran School and the awesome opportunity that lies before them for a strong Christian education along with rigorous academics. Let me know how this goes. If you need further information or just want to talk about it, please contact the school office.

Principal Landskroener

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS - Our PreK – Kindergarten program will be **Tuesday, December 11** and our 1st – 8th grade program, *The Christmas Carol Special Report!* will be **Thursday, December 13**. Both programs begin at **6:30 pm**. Please come and join us as our students deliver the message of salvation through the birth of our Savior.

BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS – Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Hy-Vee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels throughout the school year. They help support our school library! Thank you!

COLLECTING LIDS – We are again in the business of collecting lids to purchase a hallway bench. (The current bench will find its permanent home on the playground.) We will collect lids until we have enough to get the bench (200 pounds). You can bring them into the church or school office. The lids must be clean!! **Unacceptable caps** include metal lids or trash, soap/lotion pumps, grocery bags, K-Cups, straws, fast food drink lids, plastic pieces that are not a lid. **Acceptable caps** include caps from medicine bottles, milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouch, drink bottle (soda, water, juice, sport drinks), flip-top (ketchup), spout (mustard), spray paint, ointment tube, baby food, shampoo/conditioner, cottage cheese container, mayonnaise jar, yogurt, peanut butter jar, ice cream bucket (under 8 inches), Cool Whip container, coffee can, cream cheese container, butter container and Pringles lids. Remember, the lids must be clean! Thank you for helping us purchase another bench!



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with by “sponsoring” one 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 poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available at a cost of \$7.00 each. You will be able to take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Musicales on December 30th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I would like to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

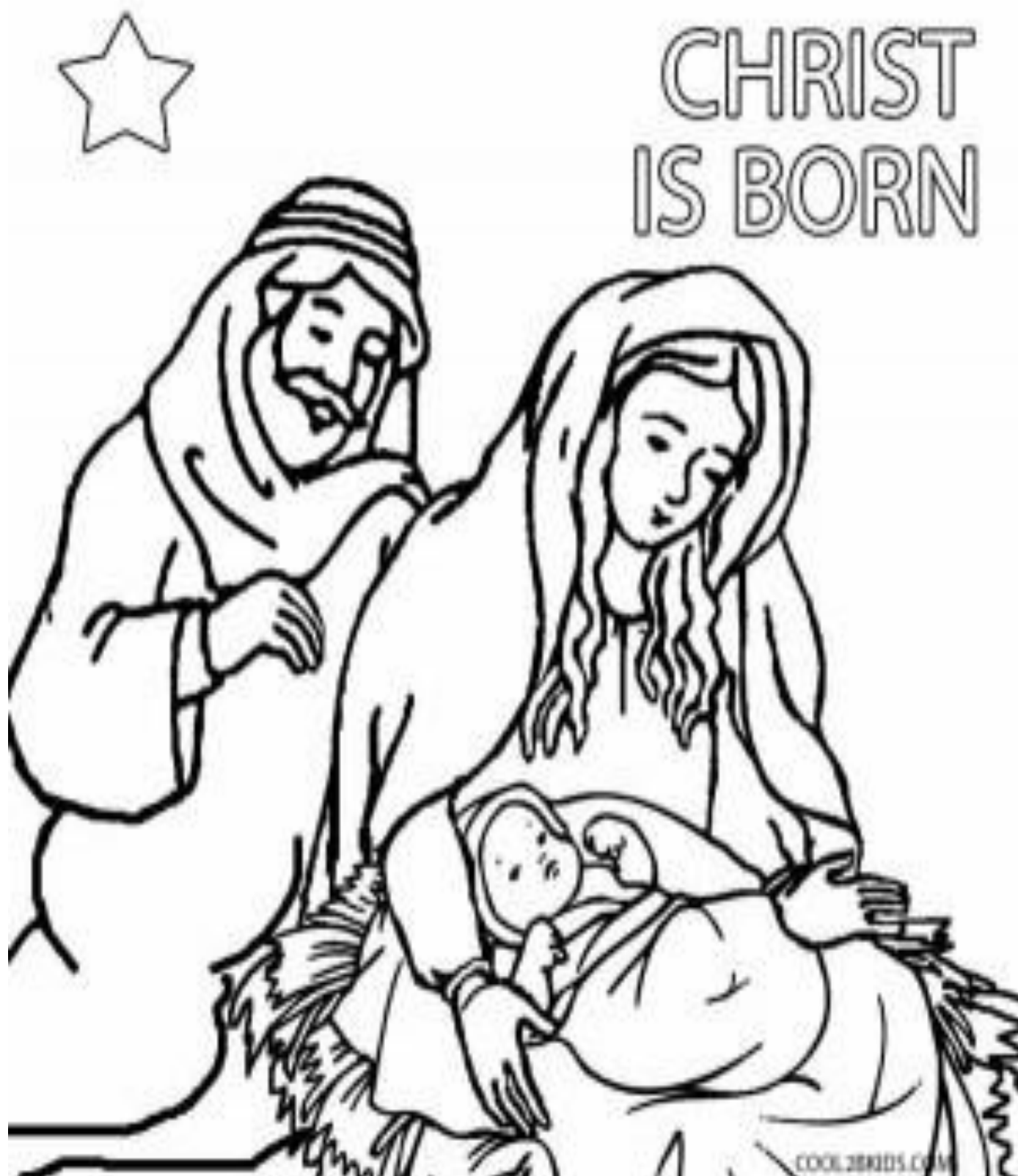
[] in loving memory of _____

[] in thanksgiving for blessings received

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

Name: _____

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)
(All orders must be received by Monday, December 17th.)*





If you have the perfect Christmas gift in mind for someone, or you have a list of presents to check off for your kids, just purchase gifts with scrip.

If you prefer to give a scrip card to someone you love this Christmas, then we can help you with that, too!

Either way, you can help earn rebates for the ORLC Scrip Fund that will benefit the education of children attending St. James Lutheran School. Stop by the scrip table for a full list of retailers, or download the retailer list at www.shopwithscrip.com.

Amazon.com	Dressbarn	Macy's
AMC	Dunham's Sports	Nordstrom / Nordstrom Rack
American Girl	Fandango	Old Navy
Barnes & Noble	Farm and Home Supply	OshKosh
Bass Pro Shops	Finish Line	Pier 1 Imports
Bath & Body Works	GameStop	Pottery Barn
Bed, Bath, & Beyond	Hallmark	REI
Best Buy	Home Depot	Scheels
Build-A-Bear	iTunes	ShopKo
Cabela's	JCPenney	T.J. Maxx / Marshall's / HomeGoods
Carter's	J. Crew	Target
Children's Place	Jo-Ann Fabrics	ULTA
Container Store	Kohl's Department Store	Under Armour
Crate & Barrel	Land's End	WalMart/Sam's Club
Dick's Sporting Goods	L.L. Bean	White Barn Candle Co.
Disney	Lowe's	