

# February 2019 Newsletter



## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church - Missouri Synod

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### To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

I am overwhelmed at the response we have received in regard to the opportunity to serve meals to our less fortunate neighbors at Horizons. I was hoping to have enough volunteers to field one team of 12, but after having the sign-up sheet out for one week, we have enough for two teams. This brings me joy to see the generous spirit of our church family.

The goal is to begin serving meals by the first of March. Sometime soon, the staff at Horizons will be posting a schedule. Once I receive more information, I will share it. In the meantime, if you are a Thrivent member, please contact the church office so that we can use your \$250 Action Team benefits to offset the cost of food. That will also help us to know who is a Thrivent member when other opportunities arise. We plan on serving these meals once every two or three months, so there will be repeated opportunities to serve.

There is also an opportunity to serve here at Our Redeemer which requires a different skill set. We have been so richly blessed over the years to have Keith Urbon constructing and operating our entire technological system. He has devoted a great many hours to make it possible for us to have amplified audio for the worshipers in our sanctuary, and even more, we now have the capability of broadcasting our Sunday morning Divine Service on Facebook Live. Most videos end up being seen by 200-300 people. Obviously not everyone is watching the entirety of the service, but Facebook does allow us to see how the videos are being viewed and, for instance, the January 13 service had been watched for nearly 2000 minutes of viewing time in 10 days.

Because Keith is unable to be at church every week (we do allow him to go out of town every now and then), we are in need of people who would be willing to be trained on how to use the equipment. We are looking for people who have some familiarity with computers and/or social media. Please prayerfully consider how you may be of service. And for those of you whose understanding of a computer is limited, please "Like" and "Share" the videos of the worship services. Then your friends will see it and perhaps provide an opportunity for them to hear the Gospel. After all, that is upon what all of our work is focused – the hearing of the Gospel.

Give thanks that you have been blessed to be surrounded by God's Word of promise and have had the cross of Jesus and His empty grave held before your eyes. Give thanks that God has given you your daily bread and all that you need to support this body and life. Give thanks that you share in the opportunity to extend the blessings we have received to those who do not know the joy which we have.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

|                     |  | 1                      |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|
| President           | Stan Yelton (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)                         | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 |
| Vice-President      | Chet Vahle (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)                          | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 |
| Secretary           | Barb Vahle (2 <sup>nd</sup> term )                         | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 |
| Treasurer           | Michele Clevenger (1st term)                               | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 |
| Financial Secretary | Wanda Spohr (1st term) – Counters                          | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2019 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Education Board     | Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio                      | Appointed              |
|                     | Gretchen Wolfmeyer (3 <sup>rd</sup> term) – Registr. Slips | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
|                     | Ryan Vaughn (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)                         | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
| Board of Elders     |  |                        |
| 434-8708            | Larry Foster (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) – Communion Asst.      | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
| 617-7312            | Darrell Drescher (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) – Special Services | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
| 228-3127            | Jerry Lunt (1st term) – Sunday Ushers                      | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
| 223-7949            | Bill Haire (2 <sup>nd</sup> term) – Saturday Ushers        | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
| 440-3606            | Steve Schoch (1st term)                                    | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
| 430-2460            | Jeff Wolfmeyer (1st term) – Altar Care                     | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Evangelism Board    | Ruth Ann Snowden (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)                    | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
|                     | Michele Balzer (1st term)                                  | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Property Board      | Jeff Smith (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)                          | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
|                     | Gary Hyer (1st term)                                       | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Stewardship Board   | Larry Ehmen (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)                         | Oct. 2017 – Sept. 2019 |
|                     | David Pellman (3 <sup>rd</sup> term)                       | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Youth Ministry      | Jamie Louderback (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)                    | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |
|                     |  |                        |
| Endowment Chair     | Larry Ehmen (2 <sup>nd</sup> term)                         | Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020 |

## **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:

Wayne Buesking, Marcia Clevenger, Ralph Genenbacher, Don Green, Isabelle Hillerts, Mary Hurley, Elaine Hyer, Dolly Powers, Eleanor Schlegl, Kitty Schuckman, Michael & Missy Simminger 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



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



We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness"! Did you know that you can be a member of LWML without attending meetings? Please speak to one of our LWML members or call Colleen Westberg at 217-257-1481. To learn more about the mission and great history of the LWML, go to www.lwml.org.

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

#### **UPCOMING...**

**Feb. 2 & 3** – Soup & Bread fundraiser pickup

**Feb.** 7 – 6:30pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

Mar. 6 – Ash Wed., Lenten meal

**Mar.** 7 – 6:30pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

**Apr. 4** – 6:30pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

#### **January News**

Thanks to Renee Benedetto and Marilyn Lehenbauer for hosting.
The agenda included...

- "New Beginnings" devotion by Mary Morse.
- Final report of our Advent event, meal and Christmas party.
- Discussion of our Soup & Bread fundraiser, Lenten meals and future fundraisers.
- Laurie Bronson is our new Vice-President.

Because of your generous support and help we were able to send out over \$2,500 to mission projects in 2018! Many thanks to you!!!

#### **Our 2018 Missions Projects**

The 'Good News' publication, Concordia Food Banks, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Orphan Gal Flain, Camp Callarian,

FORCE St. James School Endowment Fund, OAFC and St. John's Food Pantry.

#### "Featured" 2018-2019 LWML CID Mission Grant

We are actively seeking LWML members who have a servant's heart, but are unable to attend official meetings!!!

As a member, you can receive the LWML's official publication, the Lutheran Woman's Quarterly, be involved with our servant events, and experience the joy that comes with seeing your mite donations in action!

Join us, won't you?

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

#### 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 Grants 2017-2019**

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

#### Reconnect to the Body of Christ...\$50,000

The US is the third largest mission field in the world and Rio Grande, TX is one of the poorest areas, most of which are immigrants and refugees who are unchurched and need help with English and with literacy, but mostly they need to hear about Jesus. Through the ministry of a trained church worker the entire circuit will benefit and new church workers will receive training to help and share the love of Jesus through ESL classes, literacy classes and Bible studies. For more information about our missions, go to www.lwml.org, then to Missions tab and click on Mission Grants.

## **February News & Notes**

**Altar Guild Brunch** will be held **Saturday**, **February 23 at 9:30 am**. All Altar Guild members are invited, but the **lead person from each month needs to be there** or at least one member from each group so that information can be passed on to others in the group. Please sign up in Narthex.

**March 29**<sup>th</sup> the last day to direct **Thrivent Choice Dollars** from 2018. Please use these funds to donate to your favorite ongoing project here at Our Redeemer Lutheran church.

**Briana Essington & Kody Linder** were married Friday, December 28, 2018 at Powell Gardens in Kingsville, MO. They will be living and working in Blue Springs, MO. Briana is completing her Master's Degree in Speech Language Pathology at the University of Central Missouri. Their new address is: 801 NE Sunnyside Lane, Apartment F, Blue Springs, MO 64014

**New Tuesday Morning Bible Class** started January 22 and will continue **Tuesdays through March 19** at **9:30 AM** in the Old Chapel. "Children of the Day" will study 1 & 2 Thessalonians.

**To Someone Special:** Thank you for the Christmas Gift. Keeping you in our prayers.

The Dreschers

**Members of ORLC**, Your generosity is unending. Your recent Cash donation to the Food Pantry is greatly appreciated. When we receive cash donations we are able to purchase food at the Central IL Food Bank at a great discount which allows us to provide even more for our clients. Happy New Year to all! *Melanie Covey*, The Lutheran Church of Saint John Food Pantry

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 and after the Saturday and Sunday services.

**LWML** will be holding a rummage sale again May 3 & 4, 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.

**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.

We have a generous donor who has committed to matching up to \$20,000.00 to the ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund. We are calling this drive the "2019 Match Challenge" and will be in effect during 2019 or until the \$20,000.00 match is made. This is a chance to give to the endowment and have your donation doubled.

Thank you for your support, Endowment Committee

**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.

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: <a href="mailto:cef@cidlcms">cef@cidlcms</a>) 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!

## **February News & Notes** (continued)

Thank You LWML for the lovely Christmas Basket. God Bless You all! Elaine Hyer

<u>Lutheran Summer Music (LSM)</u> is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students. *LSM 2019 will take place June 23-July 21 at Valparaiso University* 

**HOMEMADE SOUP AND BREAD** (LWML FUNDRAISER) Take it easy and enjoy a night off from cooking by letting the LWML ladies do the cooking for you! Preorder a quart of Chili, Chicken Noodle or Cheesy Vegetable soup and a 4 oz. loaf of bread for only \$8! Oyster is \$9. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex or you can call the church office. Orders will be taken until January 27th. Your **soup and bread will be ready for pickup on February 2nd and 3rd** after each church service. Delivery is available upon request. Payment is made at the time of pickup or delivery. Thanks for your help in supporting our mission projects!

**Help is Needed** with the Newsletter on **Wednesday, February 27** at **10:30 AM**. We need five to six volunteers and with enough help, we are usually done within 90 minutes. Please sign-up in the Narthex to help.

**SCRIP NEWS**: Thank you for your support of the ORLC Scrip program. Overall, we saw an increase in # of orders in the past month. Please continue to consider purchasing scrip as you plan your purchases each month. As always, if you have any questions about how to use the program, stop by the scrip table!

| Week ending:      | 23-Dec     | 30-Dec     | 6-Jan    | 13-Jan   | 20-Jan   |
|-------------------|------------|------------|----------|----------|----------|
| Profit:           | \$205.68   | \$69.37    | \$174.50 | \$103.75 | \$98.66  |
| # orders:         | 30         | 14         | 19       | 12       | 13       |
| Avg Profit/order: | \$6.86     | \$4.95     | \$174.50 | \$103.75 | \$98.66  |
| Overall Profit:   | \$4,977.72 | \$5,047.09 | \$174.50 | \$278.25 | \$376.91 |

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.

**Rev. Steve Southward**, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Pittsfield, has been conducting prison ministry for many years. The funding for prison ministry from the Central Illinois District has been reduced. The churches of the Quincy Circuit are working together to raise \$2000 for the continuation of his ministry in 2019. We will be collecting funds and any funds collected over the \$2000 threshold will be donated to the Campus Ministry in Macomb, as their funding has been reduced also.

A Word of Gratitude from Taylorville, Illinois Thank you all for the prayers and the support given on our behalf in the Name of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We truly appreciate it. To those who offered assistance through monetary gifts or labor thank you. As I go throughout the city of Taylorville, I hear, "Tell those Lutherans, thank you. They did a wonderful job." So, thank you to LERT and Lutheran Church Charities and all the volunteers that came last Saturday to help move debris to the curb side. One cannot underestimate the help given. What seemed to be an overwhelming task now seems manageable. God bless you all and may He reward you all a hundredfold for your generosity of time and service in His Name.

Rev. Rodney Blomquist

**Confirmation Class is in need of snacks** to get them through 90 minutes of class during suppertime.

**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.

**Thank You Everyone!** The 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Alumni & Friends Drive for St. James School was a success!!! Our goal was \$25,000 and the **total donated as of 12/13/18** was **\$26,005**. Woo-Hoo!!

**Healthy Food Distribution Saturday, February 23, 2019**, Quincy Senior & Family Center, 629 York, 10AM – Noon, brought to you by Central Illinois Food Bank And Horizons Social Services

## **February News & Notes** (continued)

Youth Group News! Thanks to the congregation for the generous response to fundraising for those that are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering this summer. We are currently a little more than three-fourths of the way to achieving our goal of \$9300. The next event is National Youth Gathering Team bonding time at St. John's on February 17, 2019, 6:00 – 7:00. Other fundraising events being planned are some meals before Wednesday night Lenten services, pancake breakfast at Apple Bee's on April 13, and Easter breakfast after sunrise service. The youth appreciate your continued support.

5th Winter Women's Retreat, March 15th and 16th, "The God of Restoration" Joel 2:25 – Guest Speaker, Deborah Lein at Quincy Quality Inn, Cost \$10.00 plus Hotel Room if you want to spend the night. Pick up reservation sheets on the Narthex table. Special room rates are available.

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.

**Tiller:** If anyone in the Congregation has a tiller that they would be willing to use for the East Side Lanscaping Project in the Spring, Please Contact Gary Hyer at 217-257-2437



**Horizons:** We are looking for people who are interested in making up a team to prep and serve a Sunday night meal at Horizons. This would happen on a rotating basis with other churches who are also willing to take on this service to the homeless. If you interested in helping please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex. For more information see Gretchen

or Pastor. We would need about 10-12 people to take on this responsibility.

## ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

WELCOME EXTENDED CARE WORKER - "Miss Vicki" Ferby is our new morning and afternoon (1st-8th grade students) Extended Care worker. Welcome, Miss Vicki, to our St. James family!

**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!

BLESSING BOX - St. James now has a Blessing Box! It is located just south of the church entrance driveway. This box will be used as a small, free neighborhood pantry for church members, school families, and neighbors in need. We will need your help to keep it stocked. Items that will be best are canned goods, shelf stable pantry items, even household cleaning products. Gently used hats, scarves, and gloves would be great for winter and when school starts again school supplies will be a great addition! Thank you for helping us to bear good fruit and better our community!

**COMING EVENTS** – **Friday**, **February 8th** One Hundredth Day of School Sunday, February 10th Kindergarten through Eighth Grade sing at 10:30am service at the Lutheran Church of St. John

#### **Miscellaneous Constant Information**

#### Newsletter & Calendar Deadline -

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 20**<sup>th</sup> **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 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!

#### **Drawer Cart by the Office Steps**

*Top Drawer:* For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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.)

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 <a href="www.lifelinkadoption.org">www.lifelinkadoption.org</a> or contact us at 630-521-8281 or <a href="mailto:international Adoption">international Adoption</a> is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

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.

#### **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.

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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.

**Concordia Food Bank** is no longer accepting clipped coupons.

## **February Birthdays**

| Randy Ellerbrock | 11  | Reva Ehmen   | 19   | Amy Buss   |
|------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Sheldon Foulk 60 | 11  | Elise Luker  | 19   | Kenny Wiesemann  |
| Clint Gooding    | 11  | Ellen Stockhecke   | 21   | Jason Klauser  |
| Dan Hufendick    | 12  | Donna Eisenbeiss   | 21   | Marty Otto   |
| Jeffrey Smith    | 12  | Jaela Vaughn   | 23   | Ricky Goertz   |
| Becky Lunt 60    | 13  | Jennifer Tournear  | 24   | Phillip Baker  |
| Rob Edwards      | 16  | Darren Fink  | 24   | Levi Cook  |
| John Frohn Jr.   | 16  | Annalisa Thewis 20   | 25   | Mike Douglas   |
| Aaron Goodwin    | 16  | Conall Wolfmeyer   | 25   | Kara Mercurio  |
| Randy Wolfmeyer  | 17  | Kim Gooding  | 26   | Shelly Holtman   |
| Ben Knoernschild | 17  | Isabelle Hillerts 90   | 27   | Gary Cramlett  |
| Farren Campbell  | 17  | Ryne Lubben  | 29   | Laura Essington  |
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## **February Baptisms**

| 1 | James Jones II   | 11 | Don Fink           | 16 | Randy Ellerbrock |
|---|------------------|----|--------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Jim Lucas        | 11 | Mary Lazzeri       | 16 | John Go          |
| 2 | Monica Foster    | 12 | Larry Ehmen        | 17 | Cameron McDowell |
| 3 | Darrell Drescher | 12 | Larry Foster       | 18 | Billy Hindbough  |
| 3 | Barb Hall        | 12 | Stacey Gruen       | 20 | Bennie Hines Jr. |
| 3 | Luke McElfresh   | 12 | Harry Hall Jr.     | 21 | Charles Bowles   |
| 5 | Kirk Vahle       | 13 | Nathaniel Hurley   | 22 | Ellie Bowles     |
| 6 | Melanie Zehnle   | 14 | Bob Frink          | 27 | Jessica Campbell |
| 8 | Eric Fischer     | 14 | Shanna Wemhoener   | 28 | Brian Burner     |
| 9 | Rebecca Jones    | 15 | Tad Douglas        | 28 | Judi Burner      |
| 1 | Renee Durst      | 15 | Brandon McGartland | 28 | Austin Fischer   |

## **February Anniversaries**

| 5  | Rob and Naomi Tipton     | 13 years |
|----|--------------------------|----------|
| 8  | Charlie and Pam Church   | 16 years |
| 13 | Jason and Stephanie Bush | 13 years |

**Have a Heart for Health:** Every Saturday, Salem Church has a lunch that is free of charge to those in the community. Once a month they also hand out toiletries and personal care items to those in need. Each week in February they will be collecting different items to fulfill these needs.

If you wish to help you may drop items off at Salem (M-Th 8am-4pm, F 8am-noon) or our church office.

February 3 Shampoo/Conditioner, feminine products, hand and body lotion

February 10 Detergent, Dish Soap

February 17 Liquid Body Wash, Razors, Deodorant

February 24 Toilet Tissue, Tissues, Paper towels

### **February Puzzle Answer**

(Puzzle on page 13)



For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your Heavenly father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14

## **Assignments for February 2019**

#### **Communion Assistants:**

| Saturday, February 2 at 5 PM  | Bob Frink    |              |
|-------------------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Sunday, February 3 at 9 AM    | Larry Foster | Jerry Lunt   |
| Saturday, February 9 at 5 PM  | Bob Frink    |              |
| Sunday, February 10 at 9 AM   | Steve Kaiser | Chet Vahle   |
| Saturday, February 16 at 5 PM | Bob Frink    |              |
| Sunday, February 17 at 9 AM   | Gary Hyer    | Stan Yelton  |
| Saturday, February 23 at 5 PM | Bob Frink    |              |
| Sunday, February 24 at 9 AM   | Chris Knapp  | Steve Kaiser |

#### **Ushers:**

| Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Dennis Baker   |
|----------------------|--|
| Sundays at 9:00 AM   | Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer, Clayton Hibbert,<br>Larry Ehmen, Brad Ehmen |

**Counters:** Renee Benedetto and Shelly Holtman

Registration Slips: Help Needed

Altar Care: Kathy Hyer, Gary Hyer, Michele Clevenger, Renee Benedetto,

Steve Hyer, Mary-Ann Hyer

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

Save the Date: October 27, 2019, Immanuel Lutheran in West Ely, MO 150th Anniversary Celebration.

**Upcoming LERT CHAINSAW training** on **March 9**<sup>th</sup> in Auburn, Illinois. Cost is \$35.00. Sign-up at <a href="http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Chainsaw.Auburn.March2019.pdf">http://www.cidlcms.org/LERT.Chainsaw.Auburn.March2019.pdf</a>

The Alpha Alumni Chapter of Beta Sigma Psi - National Lutheran Fraternity is offering a \$1,500 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2019. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500. Our scholarship application may be found online at <a href="https://goo.gl/forms/c8b8X0HY3Pd7qD3t1">https://goo.gl/forms/c8b8X0HY3Pd7qD3t1</a> or their us a form in your church office that may be submitted to our PO box. All applications are due March 2nd, 2019.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarship and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found.here <a href="http://wp.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/">http://wp.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/</a> Page 10

### **Pastoral Report**

(December 1 – December 31, 2018)

#### **Official Acts**

**Baptisms** 

Adian Alexander Gooding - December 16, 2018

First Communion Adult Confirmation Youth Confirmation Marriages

**Funerals** 

Thomas V. Klauser - December 22, 2018

#### **Membership Changes**

Gains [+1B, +0C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Adian Alexander Gooding - December 16, 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 [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-1B, -1C]

Suzanne Troxel – December 5, 2018 Requested transfer to Trinity Lutheran Church in Des Moines, IA.

Requested Removal [-1B, -1C]

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

| Membership | Jan. 1, 2018 | Gains | Losses | Dec. 31, 2018 |
|------------|--------------|-------|--------|---------------|
| Baptized   | 569          | +11   | -19    | 561           |
| Confirmed  | 438          | +14   | -16    | 436           |

## December 2018 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

| Income                          | Jan – Dec. '18 | Budget     | \$ Over Budget   | % of Budget |
|---------------------------------|----------------|------------|------------------|-------------|
| 001 · 001 General Offerings     | 298,586.07     | 301,521.00 | -2,934.93        | 99.0%       |
| 003 · 003 Loose Plate           | 7,731.76       | 6,994.00   | 737.76           | 110.5%      |
| 008 · 008 PLuS Fund-Raising     | 1,000.00       | 3,000.00   | -2,000.00        | 33.3%       |
| 011 · 011 General Fund Interest | 22.48          | 50.00      | -27.52           | 45.0%       |
| 019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund       | 11,000.00      | 7,000.00   | 4,000.00         | 157.1%      |
| 020 · Brackensick Bequeth       | 0.00           | 5,800.00   | <u>-5,800.00</u> | 0.0%        |
| Total Income                    | 318,340.31     | 324,365.00 | -6,024.69        | 98.1%       |
| Expense                         |                |            |                  |             |
| Mission                         | 25,355.00      | 17,000.00  | 8,355.00         | 149.1%      |
| Personnel                       | 188,544.10     | 198,642.26 | -10,098.16       | 94.9%       |
| Program                         | 72,233.31      | 87,406.00  | -15,172.69       | 82.6%       |
| Property                        | 39,523.21      | 34,770.00  | 4,753.21         | 113.7%      |
| 800. Endowment Fund Expense     | 4,194.00       |            |                  |             |
| Total Expense                   | 329,849.62     | 337,818.26 | -7,968.64        | 97.6%       |
| Net Income                      | -11,509.31     | -13,453.26 | 1,943.95         | 85.6%       |

## **Coloring Page:**



# **PUZZLE PAGE**

# **REWARD**

by

## **Bill Schlegl**

Use the number code to learn the reward you will receive for forgiving others.

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

| <del>06</del> <del>15</del> <del>18</del>               | <del>09</del> <del>06</del> | <b>25 05</b>                                  | <del>06</del> <del>15</del> <del>18</del> | 07 09                       | $\overline{22}\overline{05}$                              |
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| <del>13 05 14</del>                                     | 20 08 05 09                 | <del>1</del> 9 <del>2</del>                   | 0 18 05 19                                | <del>16</del> <del>01</del> | <del>19</del> <del>19</del> <del>05</del> <del>19</del> ' |
| <del>25</del> <del>15</del> <del>21</del> <del>18</del> | 08 05 01                    | 22 05 14                                      | 12 25                                     | <del></del>                 | 20 08 05 18   |
| <del>23</del> <del>09</del> <del>12</del> <del>12</del> | 01 12 19                    | $\overline{0}$ $\overline{15}$ $\overline{0}$ | 6 15 18 <b>07</b>                         | <del>09</del> <del>22</del> | <del>05</del>   |

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## 5th Winter Women's retreat - March 15th and 16th 2019 THE GOD OF RESTORATION

"I will restore" Joel 2:25 Presented by Deborah Lein

For our 5th Annual Winter Women's Retreat, we are excited to present Deborah Lein, as our guest speaker. From sharing Scriptures around the world for half a century, to walking alongside her mom as they navigate the adventuresome journey of her father's Alzheimer's, Deborah's true love is always The Word (Jesus Christ). And His Word (the Bible). Her greatest enjoyment is discovering the riches of both with others. Please join us as we uncover the riches of God's Restoration.

The retreat is an opportunity for women to get into God's word and spend time together in fellowship. The tentative agenda for the retreat is as follows:

Friday March 15<sup>th</sup>: 6:30-9:00pm - Bible study/Conference held in conference room at the Inn; Saturday March 16<sup>th</sup> Morning prayer, breakfast and fellowship.

Cost of the retreat is \$10 per person. (to cover conference room and distributed materials). If you do not wish to stay overnight, please check the box for Friday only. This \$10 fee will still apply.

A block of rooms has been reserved under Lutheran Women's Retreat and reservations for rooms will need to be made and paid for separately. To make your reservation, call 217-222-2666. Checkin on Friday is 3pm and check-out on Saturday is 11am. Quality Inn offers 2 queen beds for those wanting to share a room.

Please return the bottom half of this form and \$10 to Malinda Eden by February 17<sup>th</sup> 2019.

St James-Angela Fieberkorn LCOSJ-Melanie Schertel Our Redeemer-Malinda Eden

| Women's Retreat Registration Card      | I   |
|--|---|
| Church Name                            |   |
| Last Name                              | First Name  |
| Address                                | Email Address                                       |
|  |   |
| City                                   | State Zip Code                                      |
| Home Phone                             | Preferred way to receive information (if other than |
| email)                                 |   |
| Estimated cost per person, (please ch  | eck one)  |
| 1 person per room \$90                 | 2 person per room \$50                              |
| 3-4 person per room \$30 -\$40 j       | per person Friday night only \$10                   |
| If you know who you are planning to re | oom with please list here:                          |