



February 2010 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Moses commanded the people: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates" [Dt. 6:6-8].

St. Paul reminded Timothy: "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" [II Tim. 3:14-17].

Basic biblical knowledge has been on the decline for quite some time. It used to be that God's people's lives revolved around the church's schedule on a daily, weekly, and seasonal basis. This is what gave a Christian community the sense of community. The earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" [Acts 2:42, 46-47].

Today, even for most church-going people, the Bible remains a closed, mysterious book; and the church is "something you do on Sunday." Scripture is not read in the home, the catechism is not taught to our youth, and the sins of our fathers are visited upon our children. I bear this guilt with everyone. The unstructured mayhem that our lives become often confuses our day, and time for our Lord is the first thing to get squeezed.

The Lord has given each of us 168 hours in the week. Allowing for working, (or school), sleeping, and eating, too few hours remain for the other activities which we want or need to accomplish. How we use those hours speaks volumes as to what is important in our lives. We all make choices to do first things first. The only question is: "What is first?" What do we place ahead of or even next to God in importance?

Among the ancient Israelites, it was common practice to fast on Tuesdays and Thursdays as an act of devotion to the Lord. These were days in the middle of the week for prayer and devotion – not that such activities weren't encouraged every day – however a devotional ritual and routine gave the Jewish community that sense of community and gave the people of God a regular and God-pleasing way of worshiping their Lord.

Since the Christians no longer celebrated the Sabbath on Saturday but rather the resurrection of Christ on Sunday, the fasting days were also moved ahead. Wednesday and Friday were set apart. Wednesday fasting and mid-week services were expected and fasting on Friday, or at least not eating meat, was for preparation to receive the Sacrament. The remnants of these traditions are seen in the Wednesday Advent and Lenten services and the Friday fish fry. Especially on these days in the middle of the week, the Christian community would make a point to gather for worship and prayer. They would "pray the hours." This was held over from

the Jewish worship practice. The priests were “to present burnt offerings to the Lord on the altar of burnt offering regularly, morning and evening, in accordance with everything written in the Law of the Lord” [I Chr. 16:40].

The irregular schedule of many employers does wreak havoc on the schedule of the church and family. However, I believe that if we really tracked our use of time, our schedules would offer opportunity for an active spiritual life during the week. Even if it is only five minutes to read Portals of Prayer or five minutes to read a chapter or so of Scripture, this could be accomplished within anyone’s schedule.

However, I do not advocate a minimalist approach to our life in Christ. I encourage you to have a regular devotional life. On our Confirmation retreat at Camp CILCA, I spoke about tithing your free time. If your schedule allows for an hour of TV or Internet, why not first spend six minute (which is 10% of the hour) in devotion. When watching three hours of prime time programming in the evening, turn off the TV and spend 18 minutes in Scripture or devotion. Also, I strongly encourage you to participate in Bible study (at church and in your home). Come and be a part of the Quincy Bible Institute this month – not only to be edified, but, as we are hosting, it will be good for others to see that ORLC is a vibrant and active community of believers. During this Lenten Season, I encourage you to make time for your Lord. The Wednesday evening services are an excellent opportunity to gather and participate with your church community. We also will be participating in a pulpit exchange with St. James and St. John’s, so you will have a chance to hear from the other four LCMS pastors. This year we will be focusing our attention on words from the prophet Amos. Please prayerfully consider including in your schedule a little extra time with the Lord. **In Christ,** *Pastor Eden*

Amos Restore the Roar!

Lenten Worship Schedule: All Lenten Services begin at 7:00 PM

Ash Wednesday Amos 1:1-2 – “Rescued from the Rubble” Rev. Eden
Divine Service with Holy Communion

Feb. 24 Amos 3:1-8 – “The Four R’s of Election” Rev. Rempfer

March 3 Amos 5:18-20 – “This is the Night the Lord has Made!” Rev. Eden

March 10 Amos 6:1-7 – “Grieving for Joseph” Rev. Bender

March 17 Amos 7:1-6 – “Locust Here, Locusts There, Locusts are Everywhere!” Rev. Latzke

March 24 Amos 7:10-17 – “Lion Alert!” Rev. Mueller

Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

Maunder Thursday Amos 8:11-14 – “The Taste Test” Rev. Eden

Good Friday Amos 9:1-6 – “Buried!” Rev. Eden

Easter Schedule: Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday

Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM

Easter Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 AM

Easter Egg Hunt 9:00 AM Sunday School Video will follow

Divine Service: 10:15 AM

Easter Sermon Amos 9:11-15 – “Come to the Feast!” Rev. Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Larry Ehmen	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Vice-President	Bill Dicks	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Secretary	Wanda Spohr	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Treasurer	Carole Lannerd	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Financial Secretary	Janett Mueller	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Education Board	Becky Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Larry Foster	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Cynthia Ott, S. S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
	Hannah Ott, S. S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	appointed
Board of Elders	Jim Callahan	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Jerry Lunt	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Richard Reichert	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Ryan Vaughn	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Steve Schoch	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Terry Morse	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Evangelism Board	Rosie Meyer	Nov. 2009 – Sep. 2010
	Michelle Urbon	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Property Board	Steve Kaiser	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Bill Humphrey	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2010
Stewardship Board	Connie Louderback	Oct. 2009 - Sep. 2010
	Terry Lannerd	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
Youth Ministry Board	Jenna & Josh Crabtree	Oct. 2009 – Sep. 2011
	Melanie Zehnle	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010
	Carrie Fischer	Oct. 2008 – Sep. 2010

Remembering In Our Prayers

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



Mark and Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Aaron DeWerff, Cindy Flesner, Rick Flesner, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Jason Klauser, Jared Lunt, Tyler McCarty, Dan Meyer, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Ryan Thruston, Spencer Toner, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, Phillip Weisheit, and Patrick Weppler. Lt. Mark Adams left on July 24 for a tour of duty in Iraq.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS: Nick Austin, Warren Bingman, Sean Burner, Mary Butler, Joseph Hoebing, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Cole Schullian, Dean Schulte, Kory Tournear, Kurt and Alissa Ulmer and child, Jacob Weimer, Frank and Kay Weiss, and Vicki Wemhoener

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Norma Baird, Dolores Bruenger, Ben Clevenger, Chuck and Maxine Delven, Gloria Douglas, Barbara Ebel, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Ruth Holt, Merle Kuntemeier, Bob and Evelyn McGartland, Jacqueline Mickens, Mary Morgan, Marilyn Newman, Sue Patton, Patricia Powers, Dora Rodefeld, LaVora Scoggan, Ike Shaffer, Lucille Stuffing, Thea Suelman, Ida Utterback, Ann Viar, Robert Wemhoener, Wilma Wemhoener, Lucille Wiskirchen

Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

Dr. Zachary and Mrs. Erika Sommermeyer and son Eli in Ankara, Turkey,
Apple of His Eye Mission Society,
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia,
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K.,
The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany,
Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Liberia, West Africa,
Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea,
Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children in Papua New Guinea,
Dr. Steve and Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough.

Our Seminary Students

Concordia Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:



Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN:

Andrew Dierks, 6600 N. Clinton St. 189, Fort Wayne, IN 46825



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

BEARING one another's burden's as family

(Colossians 3:12-17)

News & Notes

3-Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For Campbell's labels & General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, County Market brand UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. They can't use the Betty Crocker or the Kool-Aid points though. Thanks!

2nd Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home used them to make things.

3rd Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps.

Food Bank: Do you know anyone from our church family or their families who needs the help of our Food Bank? If so contact Cindy Ott at 228-9354 or 430-0301.

2010 Religious Calendar's: from Hansen- Spear. There are still some on the table by the couch in the Front Entry Hall.

Thank you notes are STILL coming in for the knitted items and food which were donated to the Seminary. See the bulletin board in the Front Entrance Hallway. There are lots of nice ones.

Quilters: The quilters will resume meeting on the 2nd & 4th Thurs. Of the month from 9:00 -11:30 a.m.

Sunday School Report: In Jan. we will be collecting for the Our Redeemer Knitters.

Large Print Portals of Prayer: There are several copies available so please help yourself.

St. James Lutheran School News - The Board of Christian Education is working to compile an accurate list of alumni graduates of St. James Lutheran School. A listing of alumni students is provided in a binder located in our Narthex. Please check it out & add any info you know.

"Just For Fun" - Everyone is invited to Mary Tipton's Home at 4803 Chestnut on January 31 @ 5:00 p.m. for a light supper, games and a program on the trip to the seminary that several people took with Pastor Eden. You must access 48th & Chestnut off of 48th St., since Chestnut does not go through. Please join us for fun and fellowship! Sign up on the sheet in the Narthex so we know how much food to prepare.

Calling All Women: You are invited to Evening Ladies Aid Bunco Night in the Fellowship Hall on February 11th at 7:00 p.m. Come join the fun, fellowship and snacks!

Thrivent Financial members invited to join in \$3 million Helping Haiti effort Thrivent Financial for Lutherans members who want to make a financial contribution to support disaster response efforts in Haiti can have their donations to one of the Lutheran relief agencies multiplied by the fraternal benefit society. To participate, visit www.thrivent.com/helpinghaiti and make a contribution to one of the following:

- Lutheran World Relief
- ELCA Disaster Response
- LCMS World Relief/Human Care
- WELS Committee on Relief

Thrivent Financial will add \$1 to every \$2 its members donate, up to a total Thrivent Financial contribution of \$1 million. That means a potential of \$3 million or more to support relief efforts: \$2 million + from its members and \$1 million added by Thrivent Financial.

For questions or alternative ways to donate through this program, please call 800-236-3736. When promoted, say "directory" and enter ext. 83003.

GREETING CARDS (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the wide variety of assorted greeting cards. You will find birthday (for men, women, and children!), wedding, sympathy, thinking of you, etc. Each card is only 50 cents.



You never know what winter will bring and this January has been no exception. Our first monthly meeting of the year was postponed due to a lovely storm, but we were able to move it to the next Thursday, on the 14th.

It was hosted by Renee Benedetto and Marilyn Lehenbauer, who served up some really delicious ice cream desserts! They got rave reviews. The meeting started off with part one of a bible study out of our winter "Lutheran Women's Quarterly" entitled – "Heart" Matters: A Look at Mary. It tied in quite nicely since we just celebrated Jesus' birth and also with some of Pastor Eden's sermons during the Advent Wednesday night services. We look forward to finishing up with it at our Feb. 4th meeting.

New business discussed – We paid our 4th quarter mission projects, which were Orphan Grain Train and Lutheran Bible Translators. All totaled for 2009, we paid out over \$1300 to various mission projects, not including the mites that we sent to the Central Illinois District LWML. Way to go, Our Redeemer! We thank you for your generosity in helping us to accomplish our goals.

A date of Feb. 11th was set for a Bunko night. It was such a hit last year that we are doing it again. All the ladies of Our Redeemer will be invited, so save the date and be looking for your invitation in the mail.

If you are an LWML member reading this, but weren't at the meeting, bring with you to the Feb. 4th meeting your favorite missions and a fundraiser idea, so that we can get plans in place for dates of the fundraisers and who the money will be sent to. We want to fund local and national missions this year.

A Lenten date of March 24th was also set for either serving up a meal or dessert for that particular Wed. night service. Hopefully, we'll hear from church council soon what they have decided we do. All groups please contact Renee @ 224-2098 to reserve your Wed. during the Lenten season.

*Lutheran Women
in Mission*

Please make plans to attend one of our meetings and check us out! Our group has grown to 24 members and we are truly blessed with the many gifts, talents and resources of all the ladies and we welcome you to join us in "serving the Lord with gladness"!

If you would like more information about our Evening Ladies Aid Society, please contact any LWML member, Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 or m.l.clevenger@comcast.net or check out the LWML on the World Wide Web at www.lwmlcid.org or www.lwml.org.

Voter's Meeting - January 24, 2010

32 present for a quorum. No new members.

From the Boards:

Education board has chosen Concordia Publishing House VBS program "Planet Zoom" for this year's June VBS.

Using donated equipment, the Sunday School now has an A/V cart for each classroom (a TV and VCR).

Elders - May 2 will be Confirmation Sunday.

David Rohe will present his program on estate planning some time in April.

Bible Institute will be 3 Sundays in February.

Feb. 14th, Rev. Michael Mohr will speak, followed by a carry-in dinner.

Feb 21 will be separate sessions by Pastor Eden, Pastor Bender, and Pastor Troxel.

Feb 28 will be Bible Bowl and Pastor Troxel's session .

Lent begins Feb. 17, Ash Wednesday. The last Wednesday service will be the service of Corporate Confession and Absolution.

There will be desserts after each service hosted by various groups.

Property - work days will be scheduled as soon as possible to refinish the wood work and rails in the sanctuary. Volunteers will be needed.

Evangelism - The website is up and running and we can now see Pastor's sermons, the monthly calendar, the Sunday to Sunday news.

PLuS Group - Had two successful fundraisers with the pancake and sausage breakfast last week and the lunch today.

Youth - 2 more young people plan to go with the group to Montana this summer.

Old Business: The voters approved up to \$11,000 to replace the flooring in the sanctuary, the narthex, the lounge, and Pastor's study.

New Business: The group heard about a possible way to make some money to help pay for St. James tuition costs: we will be looking into a "scripts" program (gift cards) for area businesses. More details to come.

We will be establishing a closer relationship with our sister church in England. They would like to keep in touch more frequently so we can get to know each other better.

Wanda Spohr, Secretary.

Lost & Found: A silver bracelet with different colored beads was found in the pew last Sunday. The beads have a white and black dots in the center of them. Please claim it from the secretary's desk in her office.

Annual Chili Supper: You are invited to the 2nd annual Chili Supper Saturday, February 6th sponsored by the father's of St. James School children. Tickets are available in our church office. They are \$7.00 ea. or \$20.00 per family.

Women's Bible Study: There is still time to join the Monday Morning 10-week Bible Study by Beth Moore on the Book of Esther. "It's Tough Being a Women!" starts Feb. 1 from 9 -11a.m.

We are looking for new men interested in becoming **Communion Assistants?** With all services having communion, we need more people. If you are interested in helping call Ryan Vaughn (221-9854), Pastor Eden (224-3929) or the church secretary (223-1769).

February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	13 Jennifer Hibbert	20 Brittany Bouchez
5 Richelle Anderson	13 Loren Schnack	20 Kelsey Valentine
5 Robert Cookson	13 Ola Wellman	21 Jason Klauser
5 Clinton Gooding	14 Valerie Howerton	21 Martha Otto
5 Colin Stegeman	14 Lindsey Howlett	22 Ruth Caldwell
6 Doris Lunt	16 River Bugh	23 Ricky Goertz
7 Rebecca Lunt	16 Adam Buss	23 Florence Lavery
9 John Frohn II	16 Annalisa Eden	24 Phillip Baker
9 Aaron Goodwin	16 Darren Fink	24 Alejandro Casanova
9 Cynthia Ott	17 Kimberly Gooding	24 Levi Cook
10 Ben Knoernschild	17 Ryne Lubben	25 Michael Douglas
11 Reva Ehmen	17 Sarah Meyer	25 Kara Mercurio
11 Ellen Stockhecke	17 Kenneth Wiesemann	25 Arron Ohnemus
12 Doreetha Elliott	19 Amy Buss	26 Shelly Holtman
12 Louise Gibson	19 Raymond Miklius	27 Gary Cramlett
12 Jaela Vaughn	19 William Schanbacher	27 Mark Key

February Anniversaries

2 James & Helen Bangert	11 Robert & Ruth Essington
7 Loren & Sarama Schnack	13 Jason & Stephanie Bush
8 Charles & Pamela Church	14 Gary & Shelia McElfresh

February Baptisms

2 Monica Foster	11 Ruth Holt	16 Randy Ellerbrock
3 Darrell Drescher	12 Larry Ehmen	17 Cameron McDowell
3 Barbara Hall	12 Larry Foster	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Lucas McElfresh	12 Harry Hall Jr.	21 Dora Rodefild
6 Kyle Frink	12 Christine Schwartz	24 Dorothy Lavery
6 Melanie Zehnle	13 Nathaniel Hurley	26 Loren Schnack
8 Ayden Doran	14 Adam Miklius	27 Jessica Hines
8 Eric Fischer	14 Peter Miklius	28 Brian Burner
11 Renee Durst	14 Shanna Wemhoener	28 Judith Burner
11 Donald Fink	15 Thaddeus Douglas	28 Austin Fischer
11 Lauryn Hinthorne	15 Brandon McGartland	

The Altar Committee's Annual Breakfast will be held Saturday, February 6, 2010, at 9:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall of ORLC. Anyone in the congregation who is interested in setting up for Holy Communion is invited to this gathering. Men, women, or couples are welcome. We encourage those who are already on the 2010 calendar for Communion set up to come.

We will have a wonderful breakfast, fellowship, & visiting. We plan a short devotion. Then, we discuss anything that has been a need or question during the year. This is also a time for "trading" a time that may or may not work out for you. We usually meet for about 1- 1 1/2 hours. We are very informal and have a grand time. We look forward to seeing YOU there. Please RSVP by Thursday, February 4 to: Eleanor Schlegl @ 223 7845 or eschlegl@yahoo.com, or Donna Troxel @ 224-9000 or dmtlnc@adams.net.

Assignments for February 2009

Communion Assistants:

Sat., February 6 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., February 7 at 8:00 a.m.	Chris Knapp	Clint Gooding
Sun., February 7 at 10:15 a.m.	Ryan Vaughn	Terry Morse
Sat., February 13 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., February 14 at 8:00 a.m.	Bob Frink	?
Sun., February 14 at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Humphrey	Steve Schoch
Ash Wed., Feb. 17 at 7:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sat., February 20 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., February 21 at 8:00 a.m.	Roger Hyer	Larry Foster
Sun., February 21 at 10:15 a.m.	Jeff Wolfmeyer	Chet Vahle
Sat., February 27 at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Haire	
Sun., February 28 at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen	Bob Jording
Sun., February 28 at 10:15 a.m.	Gary Hyer	Stan Yelton

Ushers:

Saturday at 5:00 p.m.	Bill Schanbacher
Sunday at 8:00 a.m.	Larry Ehmen, Clint Gooding, Gary O'Dell & Warren Vahle
Sunday at 10:15 a.m.	Bill Dicks, Ray, Alex & Maddie Miklius

Parish Nurse: Mrs. Ehmen

Altar Care: Kathy Hyer, Michelle Clevenger, Ellie Bowles & Renee Benedetto

Counters: Rosie Meyer & Marilyn Lehenbauer

Registration Slips: Eleanor Schlegl

Van Driver: Steve Hyer

Nursery Workers: No one has signed up!

If you wish to help in one of these areas, please contact the church office at 223-1769 or by email: secretary@orlc-quincy.com, and we'll help you contact the appropriate person.

Pastoral Report

(December 1 - 31, 2009)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Anthony Michael Myers 12/27/09

Funerals

James Schuckman 12/08/09

Membership Changes

Gains [+3B, +2C]

Baptisms [+1B,+0C]

Anthony Michael Myers [+1B,+0C] 12/27/09

Transfers In [+2B, +2C]

Mr. & Mrs. William Schanbacher [+2B, +2C]
(from Zion Luth., Palmyra, MO) 12/15/09

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Mr. James Schuckman [-1B, -1C] 12/08/09

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2009	Gains	Losses	Dec. 31, 2009
Baptized	591	+28	-26	593
Confirmed	464	+20	-24	460

Answer to Salvation Puzzle on Page 16:

"Grace is God's undeserved love."

Summarized Pastoral Report

(January 1 – December 31, 2008)

Official Acts

Baptisms	
Children	11
Adults	0
Confirmations	
Junior	4
Adults	0
Weddings	2
Funerals	9

Membership Changes

	<u>Baptized</u>	<u>Confirmed</u>
Gains	<u>18</u>	<u>10</u>
Baptism	10	00
Confirmation	02	04
Transfer (from other LCMS)	05	05
Received (from other Lutheran denominations)	01	01
Profession of Faith (from other Lutheran)	00	00
Reinstatements	00	00
 Losses	 <u>62</u>	 <u>58</u>
Death	08	08
Transfer (to other LCMS)	19	19
Peaceful release (to other Lutheran)	00	00
Joined Elsewhere	20	17
Removed	15	15
Inactive List (moved without transfer)	00	00
Self-Exclusion & Excommunication	00	00
 Statistical Adjustment	 00	 00

Membership	Jan. 1, 2008	Gains	Losses	Dec. 31, 2008
Baptized	635	+18	-62	591
Confirmed	512	+10	-58	464

Treasurer's Report

(January 1 — Dec. 31, 2009)

Account Balances

Fund	January 1, 2009	December 31, 2009
Building Fund	59,279.99	61,100.85
Endowment Funds	27,269.05	25,202.94
General Fund	148.65	5,874.10
Kleinsorge Income	0.00	4,695.64
Kleinsorge Bequest	105,794.23	74,835.55
Memorial Fund	20,424.82	24,796.01
Ministry Fund	50,961.39	0.00
Total All Funds	263,878.13	197,505.09

Budget Summary for Jan. 1 — Sept. 30, 2009

General Fund only	Actual	Budget	Difference
Income	266,064.64	257,167.0068	8,897.67
Expenses			
Missions	27,603.18	27,265.00	-338.18
Personnel	171,132.67	170,074.00	-1,058.67
Program			
Education	70,671.18		73,063.00
Elders	5,530.10	6,946.00	1,415.90
Evangelism	661.50	1,425.00	763.50
Stewardship	9,270.89	11,290.00	2,019.11
Youth Ministry	3,000.00	1,000.00	-2,000.00
Total Program	89,133.67	93,724.00	4,590.33
Property	32,419.35	33,595.00	1,175.65
Total Expenses	320,288.87	324,658.00	4,369.13
Income – Expenses	-54,224.23	-67,491.00	13,266.77

Dear Christian friend,

Please help us spread the word about an urgent need for medical volunteers to serve on Mercy Medical Teams!

LCMS World Relief and Human Care offers medical professionals opportunities to volunteer abroad in underserved regions. We are in desperate need of doctors, nurses, pharmacists, and other medical professionals to work with Lutherans who share Christ's mercy. Pastors also are needed to serve as team chaplains. Teams work in conjunction with LCMS partner churches and local clinics to care for both body and soul.

Since 2006, Mercy Medical Teams have provided free medical care to more than 10,000 people in some of the world's most vulnerable communities. Teams care for people suffering with HIV/AIDS, malnutrition, parasites, dysentery, serious wounds, infections, malaria and other tropical diseases, and illnesses associated with unhealthy drinking water and sanitation. We treat both adults and children (including many youngsters orphaned by AIDS) and provide our own pharmacy for dispensing free medications. Please take a minute to watch a brief Mercy Medical Team video at: <http://www.lcms.org/?16362>

Today, our most desperate need is for a physician to volunteer with our Mercy Medical Team that will serve March 11-21 in Haiti. If you know of physicians interested in short-term missionary medical service, please touch base with me immediately, using my contact information listed below.

Whether you have medical skills or a sincere heart for service, please consider becoming a Mercy Medical Team volunteer. Learn more at <http://www.lcms.org/mercyteams>. For a leader's perspective, log on to the Mercy Medical Team blog at <http://mercyandmedical.blogspot.com>. Please e-mail me at mercyteams@lcms.org or call toll-free (800) 248-1930, ext. 1278.

In Christ, Jacob Fiene, Manager of Medical and Material Resources, LCMS World Relief and Human Care

P.S. Please forward this message to friends, congregation members, and coworkers, especially those who are pharmacists and clergy. Thank you on behalf of so many people who need medical care – and mercy!

VITA Program - Get your basic taxes prepared for free if you are considered low income or limited income. Call 217-577-1996 for more info. They are located at John Wood Com. College.

St. James LWML is having a Winter Garage Sale on Sat. Feb. 13, 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Lunch will be available. Proceeds go toward Mission Projects. There will be bargains galore and hidden treasures to find.

PLuS Group will sponsor a Valentine's Day Pancake and Sausage Breakfast on February 14th. On February 25th, they will have a Meeting @ 7:00 p.m.

Mark your Calendars for this year's Spring Fling. This is the major money making project for St. James School. There will be a delicious meal and a silent auction. Cost is \$30.00 per ticket and the date is Sat., March 13th.

ORLC Sunday School, Wow! Thanks for the very generous donation of hats & gloves. They are **so** appreciated. God Bless you! *Donna Sanders*, Washington School Nurse

Quincy Bible Institute

(Feb. 14, 21 & 28, 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m.)

Feb. 14

Carry-in Dinner

Who Am I? - What the Resurrection of the Body Means for Everyday Life" -

The Rev. Michael Mohr

"I believe... in the resurrection of the body..." Have you ever stopped to consider what this means for you here and now? "Who Am I? - What the Resurrection of the Body Means for Everyday Life" will explore this often overlooked phrase of the creeds, how our culture denies this doctrine, and how this unique perspective of Christianity changes how we live.

Feb. 21

Profanity and the Name of God – the use and misuse of power words.

The Rev. Martin Eden

Jesus says, "For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks" [Mt. 12:34]. What is the state of our heart when we allow God's Name to be dragged through the dirtiest gutter of conversations? How can the Name of the Almighty be of so little importance that it can be thrown into any meaningless conversation or any moment of surprise or disgust? God's Name is the ultimate power word. It must never be considered cheap or common. The ability to communicate is a gift from God. The fact that we do not "moo" like cattle is a demonstration of His love for us. From the overflow of our hearts our mouths speak, worship, sing praise, and offer prayers. He has promised that He is always listening. Our prayer is Christ's prayer, "Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name."

What's Going on in Christ's Church?

The Rev. Harold Bender

We have heard about things in the news that can be quite upsetting. There was the situation involving Catholic Priests several years ago. Now, some churches are performing same-sex marriages and others are even confirming practicing homosexuals in positions of leadership in Christ's Church. How do we respond? How do we deal with the heartache? What do we say when the issue comes up? What is the sincere Christian response to these things? These questions and others will be discussed and answered in a forthright discussion of these serious matters of doctrine, repentance, and faith.

Pope, Pastor, or People - Who Decides? - Part 1

The Rev. Larry D. Troxel, retired pastor

How do Christians receive pastors? How is the Church organized, structured, and governed? Who has authority in the Church, from what source, and why? In the summer of 2010, the LCMS in convention will discuss and possibly decide on a major re-organization of the national church body. In the meantime, voters assemblies in congregations will make decisions regarding budgets, calling of professional church workers, maintenance and furnishing of buildings, operations of school, etc. Some denominations have bishops and other aspects of ecclesiastical authority while others do not. Who decides, and on what basis are decisions made? Using Holy Scripture and the Treatise on the Power and Primacy of the Pope (one of our official Lutheran Confessions) we will study the subject of authority in the Church.

Feb. 28 - Bible Bowl

Pope, Pastor, or People - Who Decides? - Part 2

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Our Redeemer Joint Youth Group Activities

for 5th grade to 8th grade

A Jr. High youth fun night at Gem City Gymnastics and Tumbling is being planned for February 13th from 7-9:30 p.m.

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ

February 26-28, 2010 Calvary, Watseka, IL (NOTE this is a longer trip.)

March 19-21, 2010 Christ Lutheran Church, Peoria, IL

April 23-25, 2010 Mt. Calvery, Galesburg, IL

May 21-23, 2010 St. Paul, Lexington, IL

June 15-21, 2010 Summer Training, Rochester, MN

June 21-30, 2010 Travel Teams

July 9-11, 2010 Christ, Normal, IL

July 17-21, 2010 National Youth Gathering, New Orleans

August 20-22, 2010, Faith, Kewanee, IL

September 10-12, 2010, Good Shepherd, Clayton, IL

October 8-10, 2010, Concordia, Geneseo, IL

November 6-8, 2010, Trinity, Coal Valley, IL

December TBA later

PLEASE REMEMBER TO bring your medical release forms. You never know when something can happen. You can find the form online at www.OAFC.org.

DRESS CODE: Please read this Prayerfully and plan/pack accordingly. We ask that...

All clothing be MODEST and in GOOD TASTE - - to the GLORY OF GOD - - drawing attention to your face, not your body. Sloppy clothing not be worn. Shorts, culottes, skorts, skirts and dresses be knee length or longer. Improper clothing such as excessively worn shoes, low-cut tops, crop tops, halter tops, and tank tops not be worn. Jeans be Dress Jeans only - with no holes, patches, rips, writing on them, not tight fitting or visibly worn. Sunglasses not be worn as they prevent others from reading the expression in our eyes and hinder getting acquainted.

Males not wear earrings. Clothing not be too tight and should not show a bare midriff under normal activity. Swimwear be modest, one-piece attire. Appropriate shoes be worn at all times (please...no flip flops).

May God Bless each of you. Please invite your family, friends, and church members.

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PUZZLE PAGE

GRACE

by
Bill Schlegl

The Bible speaks quite often about the *Grace of God*. Follow the directions below to learn more about the *Grace of God*.

Fill in the correct letters on the right and read what it says from top to bottom.

What letter is in this word

GONE
TEAR
READ
CRATE
FATE

SAID
PEST

GIFT
POET
DONE
MAST

SHOUT
HAND
DOT
SEAT
SEVEN
BEAR
TORE
SEVEN
HEAT
TEND

TELL
TOOT
VOTE
CODE

But not in this word

ONE _____
TEA _____
RED _____
RATE _____
FAT _____

SAD _____
PET _____

FIT _____
PET _____
ONE _____
MAT _____

SHOT _____
HAD _____
TO _____
SAT _____
SEEN _____
BAR _____
TOE _____
EVEN _____
HAT _____
TEN _____

LET _____
TOT _____
TOE _____
COD _____