



2020 July Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

June 25 marked the 25th Anniversary of my ordination. When we reach certain milestones in life, people generally like to reflect and look back. When I ponder numbers, my mind looks for patterns and sequences. I am fascinated by Fibonacci numbers, the Pareto distribution, and the long-wave economic patterns identified by Russian economist Nicholai Kondratieff. I will not bore you with details about any of these numerical “rules” which seem to play out in most all walks of life.

Curiously, there are some physicists who argue that there is underlying mathematical code that has structured and given order to everything in the universe. It would make sense that God would give structure to His creation, and Paul tells us that God left clues of His creative work in creation itself which should be evident to all, but men choose to “suppress the truth . . . so they are without excuse” [Rom 1:18-23].

That being said, the numerical pattern which has gotten my attention lately comes from the world of finance. Historically the bond market, which is actually larger than the stock market, tends to shift from rising interest rates to lower interest rates and back to rising rates in roughly 17 year cycles (sometimes doing a double cycle before turning direction). I was thinking about this in regard to my life, as I am 51 years old. I have always loved the number 51 because it seems like it should be a prime number, but it isn't because it is divisible by 3 and 17.

At age 51, I see my life divisible by three sets of 17 years. When I was 17, I graduated from high school and started college. That cycle of my life from birth to leaving home was very different from what was to come. I entered into a time of life where I became an adult, finished my formal education, was married, ordained, started a family, and at age 34, Julianna was born. Those 17 years set the stage for what was to come next. Raising children and watching them become adults and move on has been a fascinating journey. I am now entering into the next 17 years of my life. Interestingly, barring any unforeseen health issue etc., the earliest I could retire is in 16 years.

As we eventually come out of this strange year, people say there will be a new normal. I would argue that this temporary life in this fallen world is always about adjusting to the new normal. I thank God daily I am not judged by the person I was at age 17. However, the one constant in all of these phases of life must be the firm foundation of Christ. He is unchangeable. There is no new normal. The tides of society and time are always shifting. We continually are forced to move into new phases of life. Whatever that new phase is, there is no need to fear so long as you keep your feet solidly planted on the firm foundation of Christ our Lord. Your life is not the result of random luck-of-the-draw, as if life were like the lottery. Your Father in heaven has counted the number of hairs on your head. He can certainly see you through a number like 17 or even 2020.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Stan Yelton (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020
Vice-President	Chet Vahle (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020
Secretary	Barb Vahle (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (2 nd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020
Financial Secretary	Wanda Spohr (2 nd term) – Counters	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2020
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Ryan Vaughn (3 rd term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Board of Elders		
319-572-9558	Larry Foster (3 rd term) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-617-7312	Darrell Drescher (3 rd term) – Special Services	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-257-6516	Gene Bluhm (1 st term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
217-223-7949	Bill Haire (2 nd term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
217-440-3606	Steve Schoch (1 st term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
217-430-2460	Jeff Wolfmeyer (1 st term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Evangelism Board	Ruth Ann Snowden (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Michele Schoch (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Property Board	Dennis Baker (1 st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Gary Hyer (1 st term)	Oct. 2018 – Sept. 2020
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (1 st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	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

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, Martha Canada, Steve Dunker, Jim Elliott, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Becki Jones, Kim Long, Meghan Meyer, Michael Morgan, Carl Muehring, Angela Osmundsen, Sutton Perry-Brockemeier, Michelle Reinberg-Page, David Rickey, Cole Schullian, Kory Tournear, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener, Jackson Weppler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Norma Begeman, Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Elaine Hyer, Dolly Powers, Eleanor Schlegl, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman, Michael Simminger.

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 & April Benzinger, Trent, Kaela, Jakob, and Hadassah

4153 Woodstock Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Ian & Sarah Heinze – on Vicarage

Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Highway, Lansing, MI 48917



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

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 Laurie Bronson at 217-617-7267. 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...

July Birthday Celebration meeting
– Date TBA

Aug. 6 – monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Aug. 21 & 22 – Annual Rummage Sale

Sept. 3 – Carry-in mtg., 6 pm @ the Ehmen’s

Sept. 15 – Quincy Zone Fall Rally, Golden

June News

A big thank you to Malinda and Pastor for hosting our annual picnic meeting carry-in! Everything was delicious, as usual!

The only real business discussed was setting the date for our Rummage Sale, which will be Aug. 21 & 22.

Our 2020 Missions Projects

National - Lutheran World Relief, Lutheran Hour Ministries, African Radio, Comfort Dogs

Local – Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, ORLC Youth, Camp Cilca

2019-2020

LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #2 – Operation Mercy in Danville - \$10,000

Operation Mercy is supporting Veterans by feeding their bodies, caring for their souls, and creating a community of fellow citizens and Christian believers at Cannon Place and the Danville Senior Apts.

This grant will help purchase food for the on-site food pantry and holiday dinners, and also continue the worship service, Bible studies, and Sunday school for the veterans and their families.

Please support this grant by donating to our LWML society mite fund!

Our CID mission goal is \$105,000, of which \$78,750 is for our grants and the remainder for our national mission 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 2019-2021

LWML has donated over \$100 million since 1942

Touching the Living Word...Lutheran Braille Workers (LBW) - \$100,000

The mission of LBW is to passionately reach out to people who are blind and visually impaired with the Good News of Jesus Christ as their Savior. A zinc plate is used to print pages for the Bibles and multiple plates are needed to produce one Bible. The mites raised for this grant will help LBW to purchase a new plate embossing device to make the zinc plates. With this new equipment and new technology, LBW will be able to better meet worldwide demand for Braille Bibles in multiple languages free of charge! For more information about this mission, go lwml.org, hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

July News & Notes

JULIANNA RAY EDEN'S GRADUATION 2020

PLEASE JOIN US IN CELEBRATING JULIANNA 07/12/20, 4:00 pm – 7:00 pm, 1516 Stone Creek Dr. We will be in Phase Four at that time in the state of Illinois. Parties of 50 or fewer are permitted. We will have all the attendees spread throughout the house – kitchen, basement, dining room, living room, patio etc. However, we understand if you are unable or uncomfortable in attending. We ask that you instead say a prayer for Julianna and her future endeavors. Because of the circumstances this year, we are asking that you **please RSVP** so that we have some idea on how much food to prepare. Home Phone: 217-224-3929 or Malinda's Cell: 217-779-4269 (*can leave a message or text me*)

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE at the Lutheran Church of Saint John

JULY 8, 1:00pm—6:00 pm Give the gift of life through blood donation. Sign-up at <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/donation-time> or by calling the Lutheran Church of Saint John office at 222-8579. You must pre-register.

Save for this year's LWML Rummage Sale which is being planned for August 21-22. Call Mary Morse with any Questions.

If you would like to attend worship, communion, or Bible study, please make sure you are letting the church office know at 217-223-1769 or signing up online.

Upcoming Events

August 21-22: Annual LWML Rummage Sale

September 12: Women's Conference at the Lutheran Church of Saint John

September 13: CID Scholarship Sunday

September 20: Church Picnic 4 PM

September 26 – October 4: Guatemala Mission Team

October 5-7: Central Illinois Pastors Conference at Our Saviors Lutheran Church, Springfield IL

July 9-13, 2022: National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

Pastor Edwin Blumenkamp will be celebrating his **65th Anniversary** in the ministry on **July 31st**. We will be recognizing this wonderful event by hosting a card shower (*or you may sign the card provided on the Narthex table*). If you choose to give him an individual card, please place it in the basket. We will deliver the cards along with a cake and balloons around the anniversary date. Thank you for helping us celebrate his special day!

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund - A New Matching Gift During the Corona Virus shut down, many activities came to a standstill. One of those activities was the work of the ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund committee. To help us get back to the work of raising funds for this endowment, a generous member of our church has offered a **\$5000.00 matching gift**, which will give us the opportunity to increase the fund by \$10,000.00. The **donor has agreed to match up to \$5000.00** of your donations to the Endowment Fund made during the remainder of this calendar year. Please consider a donation to this fund as we continue to prepare for the future of Christian education for our children who attend St. James School. *Please make checks payable to ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.*

Camp CILCA will be closed for overnight camps. It will be open for families or small groups of 10 or less to tent camp, hike or fish and to enjoy the campground. The Hog Roast which is one of our main fund raisers will transition from a physical event to a VIRTUAL EVENT. Donations may be mailed or made on-line.

Adopt a Lutheran School Student This fund is to help the families of children that are currently attending St. James school. If making a donation, please specify if it is for our children in need or for the tuition Endowment Fund which we are building to help the church and families with tuition in the future.

There are GOOD NEWS magazines available in the Narthex for only **\$3.00 each**. These are a great way to witness to your neighbors, friends, and family. Thank you – The Evangelism Committee

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.

July News & Notes (continued)

Open Hands Food Pantry at The Lutheran Church of Saint John is searching for volunteers to help our pantry run smoothly! We need people to help take patrons through the pantry, help stock shelves and portion items. Please consider giving your time to help this ministry that supports so many. We are also in need of personal care products & baby diapers. These items are rarely donated and a significant expense to those already having trouble financially.

Please consider donating to the Matege Family Fund which Pastor Eden talked about in his last newsletter article and announcements. Please see the Narthex bulletin board for more information.

Did you recently have someone or a new family move to your neighborhood? The Evangelism Committee has a Welcome basket that you can give them while introducing yourself and inviting them to our church. Baskets are downstairs on the table as you enter the basement.

SCRIP NEWS! You can help earn rebates for the ORLC Scrip Fund that will benefit the education of children attending St. James Lutheran School. As you plan your weekly and monthly purchases, keep SCRIP in mind! Go to: shopwithscrip.com for a complete list. We are happy to help you learn how to use scrip!

Scrip Update

Week ending:	30-May	21-June	28-June
Profit:	\$118.24	\$172.78	\$118.57
# orders:	13	20	12
Avg Profit/Order:	\$9.10	\$8.64	\$9.88
Overall Profit:	\$1,475.07	\$1,647.86	\$1,766.43

Seminarian Ian Heinze is now Vicar Ian Heinze. He will be serving at Our Savior Lutheran Church, 7910 E. St. Joe Highway, Lansing, MI 48917. His spouse is Sarah.

2020 Guatemala Mission Team Consider joining a week of service in Guatemala from **Sept. 26-Oct. 4, 2020**. Help lead a daily Bible lesson for children, visit with people in their homes, and support the work of the missionaries from Groundwork Guatemala. No experience is necessary and this is a wonderful opportunity to experience mission work in another country. Monthly team meetings start **Mar. 9**. Contact LCoSJ, 222-8579 or pastor@lcosj.org for more info.

Women's Conference at Lutheran Church of Saint John Now September 12th Visit <http://www.lcosj.org/home> to register! Please spend the day with us as guest speaker, Jill Savage helps us accept the imperfect and embrace real life! This event is certain to touch your heart and leave you encouraged and inspired! Jill is an author and speaker who is passionate about relationships. Lunch will be provided. Join us on **September 12, 2020, 9 am to 3 pm**. Seating is limited, tickets must be purchased in advance.

CPH FaithCourse: Paul's Missionary Journeys

Concordia Publishing House plans to make available online the above-named six lesson video Bible study, taught by Pastor Ken Schurb, one lesson a week starting on May 4. Every weekday a new short section of the week's lesson will be released. People can participate wherever they are. To join this free study, go to <https://cphfaithcourses.com/dailypmj/>

He will also host Facebook live sessions, 9:30 to 10 a.m. CDT on Saturdays, starting May 9, to cap each week's learning. To access these events on Facebook:

1. Log in to your Facebook account.
2. Search "CID LCMS" or "Central Illinois District LCMS"
3. "Like" our page so you get updates.
4. On the left side of the screen, choose Events tab.
5. In Events tab, find "Paul's Missionary Journey" event and choose "Attending/Interested" or "Maybe" to receive updates for the event. If you choose "Not Going/Not Interested" you will not receive additional information.
6. Check the page and the event for the most up-to-date information.

NOTE: *If you do not have a Facebook account, you will not be able to watch the Saturday videos live.* After each Saturday video session, however, we will post a link to the recording of it on our CID website. You will be able to view it at your leisure. Look for the link at <http://www.cidlcms.org/news.html>

July News & Notes *(continued)*

CID Endowment Fund CID scholarship funding for the 2019-20 academic year was the first year CID knew in advance what would be received from the Endowment Fund. The CID received in excess of \$44,000 to fund scholarships. The Endowment Fund Board of Trustees has indicated to the CID the continued proactive funding for each academic year equal to 4% of fund assets at the end of each calendar year. The amount will be determined at the February board meeting, with the amount communicated to the CID at that time for their planning purposes. In 2019 the board provided one half of the funds in July and half in November to coordinate with CID's disbursements of funds for students.

We are all experiencing hardship during this COVID-19 outbreak. Like many of you, our staff are working primarily from their homes. One group particularly hard hit are new Americans; those immigrant and refugee families that are learning the ways of our country, the language and the nuances of being an American. Most of them have entry level jobs and several have been laid off or had had their hours significantly reduced. Additionally, many have been relying on the school system to feed their children breakfast and lunch and are now trying to keep up with rising food bills. Our partners in ministry, Christian Friends of New Americans, are reaching out to these distressed families through congregations to provide much needed help and assistance. And they need our help. Recently through the generosity of some donors, CFNA is matching your financial gifts dollar for dollar up to \$10,000. Also, if you are a new donor, your gift will be matched two dollars for every dollar donated. Click on their website cfna-stl.org, then on "Give Now" and then the DONATE button. Thank you and God Bless!

CID Updates: Due to the stipulations put into place to reduce the size of gatherings, many events of the Central Illinois District have been postponed or canceled. Please note that we update the website (www.cidlcms.org) regularly and often so information is current.

- LERT training: Scheduled at St. John's, East Moline has been postponed. Not re scheduled yet.
- Pre-Retirement Workshop: has been indefinitely postponed.

Unfortunately, Vacation Bible School is cancelled for this year. We look forward to VBS in June 2021!

Tell Mr. Rodgers a Bible Story! Our Central Illinois District "neighborhood" has a Mr. Rodgers. He is Mr. Trip Rodgers, who works out of the District office in the areas of Education and Congregational Life. Mr. Rodgers has a bit of a problem, with schools being closed for the moment. He's a little bored. The rest of us in the office are trying to give him some of our work to do, but that only makes him sad! Here's a way to put a smile on Mr. Rodgers' face: tell him a Bible story. Submit a video in which you tell Mr. Rodgers a Bible story. Tell a story of your choosing from the Bible. Tell it straight and true, and be as inventive as you can be in the way you tell it. Kids in every Central Illinois District church can do this project, family by family. Preschoolers can do it, as can those in kindergarten, early grades (1-2), higher grades (3-5), middle school (6-8), even high school! Get your parents to help, if you want and they are willing. Wouldn't it be great if Mr. Rodgers receives so many Bible story videos that it will be hard for him to watch them all? But he *will* watch them, and he will post the best ones so everyone can see them too. Just think: maybe a video that YOU do! Check the CID website, www.cidlcms.org Send your Bible story video to Mr. Rodgers at trodgers@cidlcms.org

CID Endowment Fund: The CID Endowment Fund Board of Trustees is elected at the Endowment Fund convention every three years at the CID District convention. Current board members are, Rev. Martin Eden, Rev. Karl Eckhoff, Mr. Richard McMullen, Ms. Cheryl Neal, and Mr. John Rodenburg. The board meets four times each year to oversee the operations of the fund, review investments and related returns, and administer funds distribution to the CID for scholarships. Non-voting Trustees are CID President Miller, CID Treasurer Mr. Dale Dirks. The board normally meets in February, May, August and November each year. Recently the board decided to hold the May and November meetings via phone conference to reduce expenses. In the coming weeks, we will share more information with you on our investment history and results.

We are excited to share with you that the CID Facebook page has officially launched! Please "like" the page if you are on Facebook and share with your congregation! We currently have devotions and other content we will be bringing to you in the coming weeks! https://www.facebook.com/cidlcms/?modal=admin_todo_tour

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 something 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.

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.).

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.

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.

Saint John's Food Pantry has enough egg cartons at this time. Thanks for all your help!

Concordia Food Bank is no longer accepting clipped coupons.

July Birthdays

1	Gabriel Vaughn	13	Kelle Baird	20	Rachel Foster
2	Becki Murphy	14	Justin Harvey	20	Jane Haschemeyer
5	Cameron Casanova	14	Kainalu Klauser	22	Edwin Blumenkamp
5	Jayne Jefferson	15	Nathan Hoebing	22	LeRoy Goodwin
7	Ethan Sass	15	Kathryn Ripper	22	Bill Haire
8	Pat Weppler	16	Jack Ajdinovich	23	Mary Herschler
9	Anthony Ebel	16	Denise Lucas	23	Alex Schlipman
10	Elizabeth Mix	16	Alayna Schlipman	26	Madelynn Jones
11	Abigail Kemp	16	Jessica Showman	27	Stacy Luker
11	Hannah Kemp	17	Madison Frohn	28	Stacy Kuhn
11	Briana Linder	18	Chet Vahle 70	29	Lynda Baker
11	Warren Vahle	20	Emily Becker	29	Zoey Klauser
12	Ava Nickelson	20	Missy Ebel	30	Mandy Creely 40
12	Linda Waterkotte	20	Julianna Eden	30	Ray Johnson

July Baptisms

1	Dennis Fleming	12	Carolyn Kaiser	22	Brenda Fleming
1	Melissa Knapp	13	Jamie Louderback	23	Evan Sass
1	Kayla Walker	14	Arianna Fischer	24	Sandy Callahan
3	Brenda Fleming	14	Craig Wiesemann	24	Ev McDowell
3	Todd Shackelford	16	Marilyn Lehenbauer	27	Emily Becker
5	Simon Nickelson	16	Avery Schlipman	27	Briana Linder
6	Connie Louderback	18	Ciera Clevenger	27	Brad Scharnhorst
8	Madeline Ehmen	18	Connor Clevenger	29	Lynn Sharrow
10	Allan Murphy	18	Trent Douglas	30	Brett Baird
10	Amanda Spilker	20	Cailin Clevenger	30	Madison Frohn
10	Allan Struve-Murphy	21	Bradley Longcor III	30	Donna Goodwin
11	Betty Blumenkamp	21	Bradley Longcor Jr.		

July Anniversaries

1	Gary and Carolyn Cramlett	42 years	15	Mike and Emily Vahle	14 years
2	Bruce and Judi Burner	53 years	16	Justin and Hayley Harvey	9 years
3	Rob and Amy Edwards	10 years	16	William and Eleanor Schlegl	60 years
4	Kirk and Vicki Wemhoener	29 years	26	Jeff and Heather Wolfmeyer	17 years
6	Steve and Shelly Schoch	1 year	27	Kent and Karen Knoernschild	35 years
9	Martin and Malinda Eden	26 years	28	Sheldon and Kari Foulk	8 years
10	Matt and Jessie Huebner	9 years	31	Bill and Linda Waterkotte	13 years
12	Chris and Melissa Knapp	17 years			

June News & Notes (continued)

The Church Extension Fund doesn't want your first fruits! We ask that you offer your first fruits to your local church by continuing with your regular contributions so that your church has the means to support your brothers and sisters in Christ during these difficult times. *You are their lifeline.* But where God has provided you with additional financial blessings, we do want to offer you an opportunity that will benefit both you and the churches and schools in the Central Illinois District. The Church Extension Fund has several investment opportunities available to LCMS members and to our local churches, schools, and organizations that provide returns which are more than competitive with other financial institutions during this economic downturn. Minimum investment is only \$500. Our interest rates and terms are listed below:

Interest	
<u>Term</u>	<u>Rate</u>
24-month	1.90% <i>Special Rate – Limited Time Offer</i>
60-month	1.75%
36-month	1.50%
12-month	1.00%
6-month	.50%

If you are interested, you can find our application on the District website (www.cidlcms.org) – click on the Church Extension Fund box in the left-hand column, or email us at cef@cidlcms.org or call our office at 217-793-1802 and ask for Susan or Chris. *All your investment dollars stay in the Central Illinois District and support the churches and schools within the District.*

We at Redeemer, Harlow send our loving greetings and prayers that each and everyone of your congregation are keeping safe and well. We hope that Covid-19 has passed you all by but if not, that those who have been infected are recovering well.

We at Redeemer thank God, that so far, we have escaped this dreadful pandemic and trust that that will continue for the future.

We are now in the process of slowly resuming some semblance of normal life and are beginning to plan how best to restart our church services. There is much to consider especially the fact that we will not be able to sing, which will be hard, as we all love to sing to the Lord.

Our Pastor Samiec has been brilliant in keeping four congregations joined in worship on a Sunday by Zoom and a weekly bible study also. We are all getting to be familiar with more advanced methods of computing and are grateful that this technology has kept us all together.

Life is nowhere back to normal, but we are all gradually and sensibly taking steps into the outside world for shopping and hopefully soon, haircuts for us ladies.

We keep you all in our prayers and hope before too long we may resume our worship services with gusto. Until then. Keep well and safe from your family here at Redeemer. On behalf of Redeemer, Pam

May 2020 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan-May '20</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	129,747.54	125,633.76	4,113.79	103.3%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,274.07	2,500.00	-1,225.93	51.0%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	5.50	20.81	-14.31	31.2%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	2,291.69	-2,291.69	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designated	<u>1,509.30</u>	<u>2,590.00</u>	<u>-1,080.70</u>	<u>58.3%</u>
Total Income	132,537.41	133,036.25	-498.84	96.6%
Expense				
Mission	5,250.00	7,083.31	-1,833.31	74.1%
Personnel	81,190.43	82,223.68	-1,033.25	98.7%
Program	34,255.67	26,858.82	7,396.85	127.5%
Property	<u>16,021.63</u>	<u>22,212.43</u>	<u>-6,190.80</u>	<u>72.1%</u>
Total Expense	136,717.73	138,378.24	-1,660.51	98.8%
Net Income	-4,180.32	-5,341.99	1,161.67	78.3%

July Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 14)

And this is the confidence that we have in him, that,
if we ask anything according to his wish, he heareth us. 1 John 5:14

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

WHAT A YEAR! – Never in our wildest dreams would anyone have thought that we would experience the type of school year we just finished. Students, parents, and teachers were in uncharted waters. We all experienced the same storm, even though we may have been in different boats. Our 2020 upcoming St. James graduates include: **Anna Ehmen, Xavier Hawkins, Lily Hayes, Phoebe Hayes, Landon Hill, Anderson Knapp, Ethan Mohr, Tristan Mohr, Edwin Murphy, Hutson Vander Ley, and Grace Vaughn.** We will have a graduation service at a later date. Additional information will be upcoming. **Congratulations Class of 2020!**

GET THE WORD OUT! – St. James Lutheran School has served the Quincy community since 1851 with quality Christian education. We are thankful that the Lord has blessed the efforts of many people for these many years. We pray for God's continued blessings as we begin preparing for the 2020-2021 school year. Tell your friends and neighbors about St. James and encourage them contact the school or give their contact information to Principal Landskroener. The process for registering for the upcoming school year has been simplified this year. Go to <http://www.fastdir.com/stjamesqcy/>. Have any questions? Call the school office!

FAMILY IN NEED – St. James School has a family really struggling with paying their tuition since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic. Any financial help you could possibly provide for this family would be greatly appreciated. Contact Principal Landskroener if you have any questions.

BOXTOPS FOR EDUCATION – Thank you and keep saving those labels!

EAGLE VISION

EVERYONE deserves our respect

ACT with kindness

GOD'S LOVE is our greatest strength

LOVE one another

EVERY DAY live for Jesus

SHOW OTHERS we are Christian

Assignments for July 2020

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bob Mehl
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle, Mike Herschler, Stan Yelton, Jerry Manton

Counters: Wanda Spohr and Becky Lunt

Altar Care: Mary Lazzeri, Laurie Bronson, Anita Wolfmeyer, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

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

If anyone does not feel comfortable doing their assigned jobs yet please let the person in charge of your job know so a replacement can be found if needed.

Pastoral Report (May 1 – 31, 2020)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation & Baptism

Theodore Darale Mayfield – May 2, 2020

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +0C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Theodore Darale Mayfield – May 2, 2020

Adult Confirmations & Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2020	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2020
Baptized	568	+4	-0	572
Confirmed	440	+3	-0	43

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PUZZLE PAGE

PRAYER

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn an important lesson about prayer.

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(Answer Found on Page 11)