



2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As we turn the page of the calendar away from 2020 to a new year, the overwhelming sentiment seems to be a sense of relief that this most challenging year has come to a close. However, there is also good reason to look back and give thanks. I personally would like to give thanks to our wonderful family of believers at Our Redeemer. Your ongoing support for the spread of the Gospel and your generosity during this pandemic has been tremendous. Your generosity in your tithes and offerings for the work of the church actually increased from 2019, and we were able to pay for all our budgeted items through the money received in our weekly giving, and we were able to increase our charitable giving for local families in need and mission work overseas.

Even when all of this is over and we return to normalcy, the elders and I agree that we will continue collecting the offering as we are right now rather than “passing the plate.” Jesus said, “do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, so that your giving may be in secret” [Mt. 6:3-4]. We are also looking to make electronic transactions more available as that has become an increasingly popular method for all monetary transactions.

How we give to the Lord rather than simply what we give to the Lord is clearly the concern as offerings to the Lord are addressed throughout Scripture. All the way back to Cain and Abel, “the Lord had regard for Abel and his offering” [Gen. 4:4] because Abel’s offering was thoughtful and deliberate. He gave “the firstborn of his flock and of their fat portions.” Setting up a monthly, quarterly, or annual gift allows you to be deliberate with your giving and demonstrates a plan to “give of your first fruits.”

When I look back on the year 2020, I think of the generosity of the family of Our Redeemer. I think of all those who offered to get groceries for our more vulnerable members who definitely should not be out in public in the midst of a pandemic. I think of the anonymous gifts which were given for the benefit of our members most in need and for mission work here in Quincy, at St. James School, and around the world (particularly in your support for Our Savior Lutheran Church – Magamaga in Uganda).

Like everyone else, I am looking forward to a new year, and I pray we are able to soon gather in large numbers and be together. Families are meant to be together. I give thanks for the family of our church and for all you have done to not only make 2020 bearable, but you helped to make this past year a platform or launching pad for further mission endeavors locally and around the world. I am very excited about what is possible in the new year.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Vice-President	Chris Knapp (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Secretary	Michele Urbon (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Financial Secretary	Wanda Spohr (3 rd term) – Counters	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2021
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Heidi Schlipman (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Board of Elders		
	Larry Foster (3 rd term) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Darrell Drescher (3 rd term) – Special Services	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Gene Bluhm (1 st term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Mike Herschler (1 st term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Steve Schoch (2 nd term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2 nd term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Ruth Ann Snowden (3 rd term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Michele Schoch (2 nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Property Board	Dennis Baker (1 st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Gary Hyer (2 nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (1 st term)	Oct. 2019 – Sept. 2021
	Larry Ehmen (1 st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Youth Ministry	Jamie Louderback (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen (3 rd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022

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, Ann Knoernschild, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman

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

Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough

Dr. Martin & Marie Dicke, Musical Specialist serving in Papua New Guinea (*Together in Missions*)

Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga

Our Seminary Students

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN:

Tyler Arends – on Vicarage

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

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Ian & Sarah Heinze – on Vicarage



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

January News & Notes

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund The committee continues to look for new ways to raise money. As we look forward to fundraising in the future, there are two sources of monies that we ask you to keep in mind. One, we would ask each of you to consider including the St. James School Tuition Fund in your will. Secondly, consider the Endowment Fund when making a decision about memorials for a loved one. We have been successful with matching grants if anyone is interested doing one, let us know. Checks should be made to **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**.

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 Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle or Cheesy Vegetable soup and a 4 oz. loaf of bread for only \$8.00. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex or you can call the church office. Orders will be taken **until January 31**. Your soup and bread will be ready for **pickup on February 6 and 7** 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!**

2021 Envelopes are now available on the table by the stairs. Please let the office know if you would like **Together in Mission** envelopes.

Help Needed: A few families are needing **Rides to church on Sunday**. If you can help, please contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

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.

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.

Please consider donating to Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda which Pastor Eden has talked about previously. Please contact Pastor Eden or the church office for more information.

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 would like to thank everyone who helped make our rummage sale possible. Everything was free will and we received \$1952 for missions. So thankful that we will be able to meet our 3rd and 4th quarter mission commitments. For those of you who were not able to bring your donations, we apologize and hope we can resume our rummage sale next spring.

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.

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.

Women's Conference at the Lutheran Church of Saint John postponed until September 11, 2021.

Guatemala Mission Team Postponed until July 2021

January News & Notes (continued)

SCRIP NEWS! Looking for dinner options? We have **McAllister's Deli**, **Panda Express**, **IHOP**, and many more! There are a variety of \$5 and \$10 gift cards available including **FIVE BELOW**. Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. Planning ahead? Place your order with payment, and will have them ready the following week! **CONTACTLESS DELIVERY is now available!** Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay and pick up.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	13 - Dec
Profit:	\$126.43
# orders:	14
Avg Profit/Order:	\$9.03
Overall Profit:	\$3,497.75

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the **week of January 31:**

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

This week on KFUE.org, dive into a curious theological topic on Cross Defense (2/1 at 2:00 p.m. CT), learn how our Lutheran Confessions intersect our vocations on Concord Matters (2/2 at 2:00 p.m. CT), and study Mark 4-6 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

Space is filling up fast for the following upcoming events hosted by the **Thrivent Member Network**. Reserve your spot today and feel free to share them with a friend! **Atomic Habits Featuring Author James Clear** How can you see dramatic improvement in your personal and professional life? The natural impulse is to attempt big steps to improve. However, taking big steps often results in failure or only temporary gains. You rarely see the permanent results you want. The key to successful change is in small habits. In this entertaining talk, James Clear focuses on the science of small habits, how they work, and how their effects compound and multiply over time. Through research and personal stories, audiences will not only be entertained but also come away with practical strategies they can immediately apply in their personal and professional lives during this one-hour event. [Tuesday, January 26, 24-hour access on-demand Thursday, January 28, 24-hour access on-demand](#) Visit our [website](#) to view more upcoming events hosted by the Thrivent member network.

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 by signing up online. We are asking that everyone wear masks so that we may continue to have in-person services. Please continue to wear a mask and wash your hands regularly and thoroughly. Our church sanctuary is cleaned and sanitized after every service (four times a week). We will continue to be diligent with this practice to help keep God's house safe for all who gather together. Please make sure you sign the sheet in the Narthex. It is recommended that you let us know when you attend in the event contact tracing is necessary when someone contracts COVID-19. You can also sign up online or call the church office.

Updates from the CID Church Extension Fund: Christine Anderson put together a short video. To view the information via the links mentioned in the video click here: <https://linktr.ee/cidlcms> You can view the video in one of THREE places! Facebook: www.facebook.com/cidlcms YouTube: <https://youtu.be/x3CGkNo0W28> Instagram: @cidlcms

Quilters have shipped 93 quilts! Thank you to all those that helped them.

Dear Our Redeemer Members: One of our own, Cindy Spohr, has been diagnosed with a brain tumor. Her medical bills have been mounting and no insurance until the first of next year. The Evangelism Committee is sponsoring a bakeless bake sale to help her during this difficult time. Please consider donating cash or a check payable to Cindy Spohr and placing it in the tall jar on the Narthex table. Your prayers and generosity are greatly appreciated.

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.

January Birthdays Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	14	Norma Begeman	24	Connor Smith
3	Judi Burner	14	Donna Haire	25	Steve Kaiser
3	Michele Urbon	14	Melanie Zehnle	26	Don Fink
5	Brady Essington	15	Brett Baird	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Phyllis Ashby	16	Larry Ehmen	27	Christina Kaltenbach
6	Addison Buss	16	Thom Hurley	27	Jim Lucas
6	Linda Knowles	17	Luke McElfresh	28	Angie Clevenger
7	Ruth Hall	17	August Ott	28	Phillip Weisheit
7	David Showman	18	Sky Fischer	29	Brooke Gooding
11	Gary O'Dell	18	Kirk Vahle	29	Lauren Mueller
12	Brian Burner	21	Ellie Bowles	30	Jane Voepel
12	Bradly Essington	23	Kris Kutcher	31	Matt Frohn
13	Hannah Mixer	24	Lynnette Carpenter	31	Josh Jefferson
13	Grace Vaughn	24	Kathy Hyer		

January Baptisms

1	Ben Knoernschild	11	Lily Kuhn	24	James Jones III
1	Stacy Luker	11	Ava Langan	25	Rachel Boerema
1	Kent Schnack	13	Savannah Edwards	25	Harrison Knapp
1	Mary Tipton	15	Kent Knoernschild	26	Bradly Essington
1	Tim Westberg	18	Amie Hoebing	26	Valerie Spillman
3	Jessica Hibbert	18	Briana Robertson	28	Chris Knapp
5	Ann Knoernschild	18	Gage Scharnhorst	29	David Rickey
6	Myley Longcor	19	Tory Hufendick	29	Eric Sass
8	Tony Bowles	19	Jonah Tronsgard	29	Warren Vahle
9	Mark Vahle	19	Alison Zehnle	29	Tara Walker-Moffitt
11	Kari Adams	20	Eldon Schoch	30	Merinda Jones
11	Marjorie Baker	21	Norma Begeman	30	Hannah Mixer
11	William Humphrey	22	Donna White		

January Anniversaries

3	Gary and Kathy Hyer	46 years
3	Dustin and Ann Nickelson	17 years
3	Chet and Barb Vahle	45 years
8	Tony and Susan Bowles	36 years
30	Chaz and Briana Robertson	11 years

*Congratulations and Best Wishes
to you all!!!*

September 2020 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-Nov '20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	279,711.39	276,394.25	3,317.93	101.2%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	2,817.07	5,500.00	-2,682.93	51.2%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	14.35	45.83	-31.48	31.3%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	5,041.67	-5,041.67	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designated	3,817.31	5,698.00	-1,880.69	67.0%
Total Income	286,360.12	292,679.75	-10,755.08	97.8%
Expense				
Mission	15,000.00	15,583.33	-583.33	96.3%
Personnel	176,447.93	180,892.24	-4,444.31	97.5%
Program	50,313.23	59,089.26	-8,776.03	85.1%
Property	41,785.29	48,867.49	-7,082.20	85.5%
Total Expense	283,546.45	304,432.32	-21,885.87	93.1%
Net Income	2,813.67	-11,752.57	14,566.24	-23.9%

Upcoming Events

January 3, 2021: Take down Christmas Decorations

February 21, 2021: Horizons Meal Prep 3:30 – 7PM

May 13, 2021: Ascension Day Service

July 11-13, 2021: CID District Convention

July 2021: LCoSJ Guatemala Mission

September 11, 2021: Women's Conference

October 2021: Central Ill. Pastors Conference

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

CID News You Can Use:

We may have been hoping that the COVID-19 pandemic would be over by now. But many of us are still experiencing its affects. Even if we aren't sick, we may be feeling COVID FATIGUE, which may include weariness, loneliness, frustration, fear, anger, and grief.

Yet, in Christ we can still have hope, joy, and peace. Martha Washington was quoted as saying, "The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our disposition and not on our circumstances." We do not always have the power to change our circumstances. But we do have the power to change our attitude or outlook. We can adjust our disposition by doing the following:

Remember that just as God has gotten us through difficulties in the past, He can do so again. He has provided and will continue to provide the resources and support we need.

Believe that eventually, according to his timing, God will change our circumstances. We are told that a number of COVID vaccines will soon be available. We can trust that eventually this pandemic will end.

Think positive. Norman Vincent Peale wrote "Change your thoughts and you change your world." St. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 "Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about these things."

Trust that God works through all situations for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purposes (Romans 8:28). He gives us peace that passes understanding, hope that doesn't fail us, and strength in Christ. God may be working through our difficulties to help us grow, to rearrange our priorities, or to fashion us for better things.

Trust that God is with us always. David said to his son Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28:20, "Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."

Jesus said in John 10:10, "I have come that they may have life and have it to the full." He gives us a full life of hope, joy, peace, strength, and contentment even when the world seems to be trying to take these blessings away. Jesus assures us in John 16:33, "In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."

Rev. Jeffrey Harter

Week in Review - Last week was our first full week back from the holiday break and we loved seeing the classes full with students. We had an interesting week and owe a huge thank you to Mr. Strackeljahn. Our servers went down and going without internet and technology for almost two days had us scrambling. A lesson learned is that we often forget about giving thanks for the things we have, until we don't have them for a while. Also, great job to faculty for their quick thinking and rearranging plans. Pizza sales were completed with the pick-up on Monday and Thursday last week. We would like to thank Megan Schweitzer (Easton & Grayson's mom) for leading this new fundraiser. We are pleased to announce that we sold 617 pizzas and made \$4,183.00, wow! Thank you to all the families who sold pizzas. We hope to continue this fundraiser next academic year.

Spring Fling Date Set - The Spring Fling is a dinner, silent auction, and live auction, and is the one major yearly fundraiser for St. James Lutheran School. It is organized by members of the PTL and helps the school fund a variety of items. Examples of what the Spring Fling funds include: classroom fund for each teacher for supplies each year, technology upgrades, manipulatives for classrooms, and updates for classrooms/facilities/playground. **Mark Your Calendar Saturday, May 15, 2021 Open your camera; take a pic of the QR Code to see a short video of past Spring Flings.**



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 January 2021

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Larry Ehmen, Mike Herchler

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Anita Wolfmeyer

Altar Care: Ruth Snowden, Sharon Vaughn, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

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

ACROSS OUR DISTRICT

***"Through the Old Testament in a Church Year"*- audio resource by Issues, etc. with Ken Schurb**

You can find resources that survey the Old Testament in a year. Here, however, is one that does so in a *church year*. This audio resource will consist of a series of *Issues, etc.* interviews with CID staff member Ken Schurb during the 2020-2021 church year. The typical interview will run about 25 minutes, closer to 20 minutes if listeners fast-forward through various announcements. The interview recordings will be available on-demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive>

The series commenced on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, with an hour-long premiere that will highlight the biblical teachings of Creation (appropriate for Thanksgiving) and of the Fall and the first prophecy of the coming Deliverer (for the First Sunday in Advent)

Pastoral Report
November 1 – 30, 2020)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Baptism

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Lomax - Lucas Wedding 11/14

Funerals

David Wombles 11/21

Membership Changes

Gains [+2B, +2C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+2B, +2C]

Harold Shaw 11/1
Teresa Krusan 11/1

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

David Wombles 11/10

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2020	Gains	Losses	Nov. 30, 2020
Baptized	568	+13	-4	577
Confirmed	440	+8	-4	444

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Praise to ORLC Members: THANK YOU for sharing your gifts from God with CINDY SPOHR.
Evangelism Committee

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated to help me. I'm grateful and humbled by your generosity. *Cindy Spahr*

ACROSS OUR DISTRICT YouthLead Training February 25-28, 2021 – St. Louis, MO YouthLead (formerly Lutheran Youth Fellowship) has equipped teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. The Synodical annual leadership training event in St. Louis is led by our teen Executive Team and gives teens the tools they need to mature in their faith, become leaders in their congregations, and reach out to their peers with the love of Christ. **Who is Invited** Any high school youth who is an active member of an LCMS congregation can join us. We encourage you to contact your district before you register as some districts have supports for those attending this training. (CID has budgeted limited scholarship funds). We prefer teens attend with an adult leader from their congregation. Arrangements can be made for them to come unaccompanied. **Registration** for youth and adults is \$375. This covers your food, housing, supplies and a shirt during the whole training. You will need to also cover your transportation to and from St. Louis. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW. GO TO [LCMS.ORG/YOUTHLEAD](https://www.lcms.org/youthlead) FOR MORE INFORMATION.

January Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 13)

But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:8

Responding to Idols- Book Discussion (Zoom format)

Starting on Thursday, January 14, at 3:00 pm

The book *The Unholy Trinity: Martin Luther against the Idol of Me, Myself, and I* by Michael Lockwood (CPH, 2016) lays out Luther's multi-faceted case against idolatry and for the one saving God. This book applies the reformer's biblical insights to our times today.

CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will conduct one-hour Zoom discussions of this book every other week, with a break in February.

These conversations are open to all members of CID churches. Pastors and other rostered church workers are especially encouraged to participate. Send an e-mail (kschurb@cidlcms.org) expressing interest. We will take that as your registration and reply with the appropriate Zoom link. The sessions will be recorded. If you cannot participate live, you can view the session later. There is no cost for the sessions.

Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

- † We give thanks for the gift of our Savior's birth and pray for the adherents of various world religions who do not believe that in Jesus Christ the Word became flesh for the salvation of all people. We ask the Lord to shine His saving Gospel light through us to everyone!

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO SHARE

Stewardship Speakers: Invite President Mark Miller or Stewardship Executive Ken Schurb to your church to preach and teach on Stewardship some Sunday in 2021. They are both making themselves available as much as possible for this, as part of the CID "Bring Giving Home" initiative.

Coloring Page:



* <http://www.scribd.com/doc/82622627>

PUZZLE PAGE: PROPER GROWTH By Bill Schlegl

What is the best way for all people to grow in their daily lives? Write the letter that follows each letter given to learn of this wonderful way.

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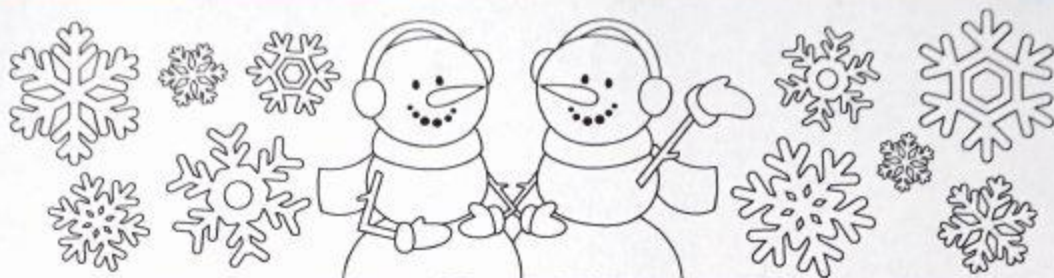
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Lutherans For Life 2021 Illinois Essay Contest Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents For students in Grades 6 through 12 Any Lutheran student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation e.g. confirmation class, youth group when validated by a pastor or teacher. Contest Guidelines Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: God Chose You with the bible verse: "You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit". (John 15:16)

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia etc.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Teachers are encouraged to consult the rubric (see Gretchen) and submit qualified entries.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end. Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words.
5. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to by April 1, 2021 to cathy.benning.os@gmail.com
6. There will be a \$100 first place award & a \$50 second place award for each of the two. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email the address above with questions.
7. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2021 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel.
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: lutheransforlife.org

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund

The current \$5,000.00 match challenge has been met and surpassed by \$1,135.00. This takes us up another level in our work to develop an endowment that will provide future tuition assistance to St. James School for members of our congregation.

A committee started the research on creating this fund on 1-31-16 and had meetings throughout that year. We presented our recommendation to the Voters and it was approved with the adoption of the Endowment Fund By-Laws on 9-25-16.

Late December 2016, we started collecting funds with a \$10,000.00 matching challenge. We also voted to have the LCMS Foundation invest and manage the fund for us.

As of 11-30-20 we have a balance of \$231,733.00 with the LCMS Foundation and \$5,094.00 on deposit at 1st Bankers Trust giving us a total of \$236,827.00 as of December of 2020.

As we look forward to fundraising in the future, there are two sources of monies that we ask you to keep in mind. One, we would ask each of you to consider including the St. James School Tuition Fund in your will. Secondly, consider the Endowment Fund when making a decision about memorials for a loved one.

Of course, we will always accept matching funds challenges! Since we started the Endowment Fund, we have had four major matching challenges: one for \$10,000, two for \$5,000 and one for \$20,000. All have been met.

The Endowment Fund committee sincerely thanks you for your contributions over the past three years!