



ASH WEDNESDAY
First Day of Lent



2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

In January, in my newsletter article, I marveled at the generosity and charitable nature demonstrated by the Our Redeemer family throughout the year 2020. It is truly a blessing that in the face of economic turmoil and reduced opportunity or ability to join in worship, we were able to meet our financial needs. However, when I look at the stewardship of our congregation, by no means is it something reduced down to a reference to the giving of money.

When I think of my most precious commodity, I can think of nothing more valuable than time. Every moment of time is a gift from God. There is no greater gift that you can give than a portion of your time. I am a strong advocate of tithing your time. We speak of tithing, giving 10% of what we earn back to the Lord, but what about our most precious commodity.

The operative questions are, "How much time do I give to myself? And how much time do I give to the Living God?" Add up the time you spend this week watching TV, playing video games, looking at a computer, or perhaps it is the endless list of "projects" you take on over and above your regular work. Think about when we are back to social gatherings, going out to dinner, playing youth sports, engaging in a hobby, or other "fun" activities. The sad irony is that, under normal conditions, some people would be skipping church so that they can get ready for their Super Bowl party. Everyone gives time to a god. We have been talking about this in our Wednesday Bible class. How you spend your time speaks volumes about who your god really is.

The use of your talents has a similar theme. Just as God has not given you time simply for your own whim of pleasure, so also every gift and talent you have is not for your personal benefit. The blessings of your various talents have been given for the purpose of benefiting others in general and Christ's Church in particular. St. Paul speaks of the members of the body of Christ working together for the good of the body. He says, "Having gifts that differ according to the grace given to us, let us use them: if prophecy, in proportion to our faith; if service, in our serving; the one who teaches, in his teaching; the one who exhorts, in his exhortation; the one who contributes, in generosity; the one who leads, with zeal; the one who does acts of mercy, with cheerfulness" [Rom. 12:6-8].

Paul speaks of generosity, zeal, and cheerfulness. At Our Redeemer, we have been blessed with many who have demonstrated these characteristics in regard to their giving of time, talent, and treasure. Making this sacrifice has allowed the Gospel to faithfully be proclaimed for many years in this place. We are thankful for the greater sacrifice that God has made in sending His Son. There is no amount of time, talent, or treasure we could offer to the Lord which would sufficiently give thanks for what He has done. We give thanks that our salvation is not tied to our works. We show our thanks by acknowledging His grace and returning the first-fruits of all He has given.

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		
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
217-223-9207	Mike Herschler (1 st term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-440-3606	Steve Schoch (2 nd term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
217-430-2460	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 Weppeler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS:

Lynda Baker, Norma Begeman, Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Elaine Hyer, Ann Knoernschild, 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 Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga

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

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February 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 I you haven't pick yours up, PLEASE do so. 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.

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. Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. We now also have **Shutterfly \$25** in stock. 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.

A check for **\$3,700** was gifted back to ORLC for **2020 profits!** Thank you for your continued support of ORLC Scrip and Lutheran education at St. James.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	29-Nov	13 - Dec	20 - Dec
Profit:	\$58.86	\$126.43	\$168.70
# orders:	5	14	24
Avg Profit/Order:	\$9.81	\$9.03	
Overall Profit:	\$3,178.55	\$3,497.75	\$7.03

Thank you to the Redeemer family for the Christmas card and gift. That was so kind of you. Hope you have a wonderful new year. God Bless, *Erica Dedert and family*

Prayers & Christian Sympathy for the family & friends of **Pastor K. Michael Simminger** who went to his heavenly home on Friday, January 1. He was given a Christian burial on Wednesday, January 6.

February News & Notes (continued)

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.

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](#).

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.

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 FOR MORE INFORMATION.

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!

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>

February Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 16)

No man cometh unto the Father but by me. John 14:6



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...

Feb. 3 – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

Feb. 6 & 7 - Soup & Bread fundraiser

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

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

Apr. 29 – May 1 – LWML CID

January News

Thank you to our lovely hosts, Marilyn Lehenbauer and Renee Benedetto!

Plans were finalized for our Soup and Bread Fundraiser. A tentative date was set for the annual Rummage Sale. Watch for details!

We will be collecting gently used or new stuffed animals and fleece blankets to donate to the Police and Fire depts. to help with comforting children in trauma situations. A tote will be provided to drop off your donation.

Our 2020 ALL PAID!!! Projects
National, Lutheran World
Relief, Hour
Ministries, African Radio,
Comfort Dogs

2020 - 2021 LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #7 – Soldiers of the Cross (SOTC) - \$3,000

SOTC is an LCMS mercy program which helps pastors, teachers, military chaplains, church secretaries, and other servants of the church in financial or personal crisis.

The funds will be used to help support church workers with a serious illness and unable to work or are affected by a natural and/or man-made disaster.

Transitional financial support is provided when no other avenue of support for necessities is available or limited.

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!!

Making Jesus Known in the US Ethnic Communities, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis - \$100,000

Across the country, in both rural and urban areas, there are passionately devoted first-generation immigrants serving in full-time ministry positions who share the Gospel among their immigrant/ethnic communities. A number of these dedicated church workers are students enrolled in two Concordia Seminary, St. Louis, programs: the Center for Hispanic Studies (CHS) and the Ethnic Immigrant Institute of Theology (EIIT). This grant will give financial assistance to meet their tuition needs.

For more information about this mission, go to lwml.org, hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

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.

February Birthdays

1	Randy Ellerbrock	11	Farren Campbell	19	Amy Buss
5	Sheldon Foulk	11	Reva Ehmen	21	Jason Klauser
5	Clint Gooding	11	Elise Luker	21	Marty Otto
5	Dan Hufendick	11	Ellen Stockhecke	23	Ricky Goertz
5	Jeffrey Smith	12	Donna Eisenbeiss	23	Theodore Mayfield
6	Archer Ott	12	Jaela Vaughn	24	Phillip Baker
7	Becky Lunt	13	Jennifer Tournear	24	Levi Cook
9	Rob Edwards	16	Darren Fink	25	Mike Douglas
9	John Frohn Jr.	16	Annalisa Thewis	25	Kara Mercurio
9	Aaron Goodwin	16	Conall Wolfmeyer	26	Shelly Holtman
9	Randy Wolfmeyer	17	Isabelle Hillerts	27	Gary Cramlett
10	Ben Knoernschild	17	Ryne Lubben	29	Laura Essington
		17	Kim Pracht		

February Baptisms

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

February Anniversaries

5	Rob and Naomi Tipton	15 years
8	Charlie and Pam Church	18 years
13	Jason and Stephanie Bush	15 years

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

December 2020 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-Dec '20	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	312,411.64	301,521.00	10,890.64	103.6%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	2,912.07	6,000.00	-3,087.93	48.5%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	15.73	50.00	-34.27	31.5%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,700.00	5,500.00	-1,800.00	67.3%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designated	3,817.31	6,216.00	-2,398.69	61.4%
Total Income	286,360.12	319,287.00	3,569.75	101.1%
Expense				
Mission	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Personnel	194,473.26	197,337.00	-2,899.74	98.5%
Program	54,967.01	64,461.00	-9,493.99	85.3%
Property	45,921.14	53,310.00	-7,388.86	86.1%
Total Expense	312,325.41	332,108.00	-19,782.59	94.0%
Net Income	10,531.34	-12,821.00	23,352.34	-82.1%

Upcoming Events

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

May 13, 2021: Ascension Day Service

May 15: Spring Fling

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

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. Strackeljohn. 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.**



Lutheran Education Week is March 1st

Please note the change in date for Spring Pictures: Tuesday, April 13

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 February 2021

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Tom Killday & Sam Killday
Ash Wednesday 7:00 PM	Mile Herschler & Ryan Vaughn
2/24 Lent 1 7:00 PM	Chet Vahle

Counters: Renee Benedetto & Shelly Holtman

Altar Care: Kathy & Gary Hyer, Michele Clevenger, Renee Benedetto, Mary Ann & Steve Hyer

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

Pastoral Report
December 1 – 31, 2020)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Emily Drescher	12/29
Robert Gooding	12/28
Alexa Hibbert	12/28
Anderson Knapp	12/26
Elizabeth Lucas	12/21
Grace Vaughn	12/30

Marriages

Funerals

Dolly Powers	12/4
Kenny Wiesmann	12/18
Lynda Baker	12/29

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +6C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +6C]

Emily Drescher	12/29
Anna Ehmen	
Robert Gooding	12/28
Alexa Hibbert	12/28
Anderson Knapp	12/26
Elizabeth Lucas	12/21
Edwin Murphy	
Grace Vaughn	12/30

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-3B, -3C]

Death [-3B, -3C]

Dolly Powers	12/1
Kenny Wiesmann	12/13
Lynda Baker	12/23

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2020	Gains	Losses	Dec. 31, 2020
Baptized	568	+13	-7	574
Confirmed	440	+14	-7	447

Pastoral Year End Report (January 1 – December 31, 2020)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Henry Holtman	July 25, 2020
Greyson Schweitzer	August 22, 2020
Easton Schweitzer	August 22, 2020
Allie Nicole Hastings	August 29, 2020

Adult Baptism

Ronnie Lee Chestnutt	July 8, 2020
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First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Tafone Mayfield	March 15, 2020
Theodore Darale Mayfield	May 2, 2020

Youth Confirmation

Emily Drescher	December 29, 2020
Robert Gooding	December 28, 2020
Alexa Hibbert	December 28, 2020
Anderson Knapp	December 26, 2020
Elizabeth Lucas	December 21, 2020
Grace Vaughn	December 30, 2020

Marriages

Lomax - Lucas Wedding	November 14, 2020
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Funerals

Robert E. Gilker	February 21, 2020
Frank E. Hanawalt	February 27, 2020
David Nicholson	June 6, 2020
Mary Hurley	July 3, 2020
Eleanor Schlegl	July 25, 2020
Olive Cook –	August 3, 2020
David Wombles	November 21, 2020
Dolly Powers	December 4, 2020
Kenny Wiesmann	December 18, 2020
Lynda Baker	December 29, 2020

Membership Changes

Gains [+13B, +16C]

Baptisms [+5B, +0C]

Theodore Darale Mayfield	May 2, 2020
Henry Holtman	July 25, 2020
Greyson Schweitzer	August 22, 2020
Easton Schweitzer	August 22, 2020
Allie Nicole Hastings	August 29, 2020

Adult Confirmations [+1B, +1C]

Tafone Mayfield	March 15, 2020
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Youth Confirmations [+0B, +6C]

Emily Drescher	December 29, 2020
Robert Gooding	December 28, 2020
Alexa Hibbert	December 28, 2020
Anderson Knapp	December 26, 2020
Elizabeth Lucas	December 21, 2020
Grace Vaughn	December 30, 2020

Transfers In [+2B, +2C]

Lewis Walbring	March 15, 2020	(from St. James)
Joan Walbring	March 15, 2020	(from St. James)

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+5B, +5C]

Megan Schweitzer	July 5, 2020
Gary Herman	July 12, 2020
Darlene Herman	July 12, 2020
Harold Shaw	November 1, 2020
Teresa Kruzan	November 1, 2020

Losses [-7B, -7C]

Death [-7B, -7C]

Mary Hurley	June 27, 2020
Eleanor Schlegl	July 22, 2020
Olive Cook	July 29, 2020
David Wombles	November 10, 2020
Dolly Powers	December 1, 2020
Kenny Wiesmann	December 13, 2020
Lynda Baker	December 23, 2020

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2020	Gains	Losses	Dec. 31, 2020
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February News & Notes *(continued)*

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

College Students: If anyone knows of any students attending college this semester, please let the office know and we would be happy to get them in touch with their local campus Pastor.

Lenten Schedule

Mountains of the Bible

	ORLC	St. James
Feb 17	Mt. Ararat – Pastor Eden	Mt. Ararat – Pastor Rempfer
Feb 24	Mt. Moriah – Pastor Eden	Mt. Sinai – Pastor Rempfer
Mar 3	Mt. Sinai – Pastor Rempfer	Mt. Moriah – Pastor Eden
Mar 10	Mt. Pisgah – Pastor Eden	Mt. Pisgah – Pastor Rempfer
Mar 17	Mt. Zion – Pastor Rempfer	Mt. Gerazim – Pastor Eden
Mar 24	Mt. Gerazim – Pastor Eden	Mt. Zion – Pastor Rempfer
April 1	Mt. Olivet – Pastor Eden	Mt. Olivet – Pastor Rempfer
April 2	Mt. Calvary – Pastor Eden	Mt. Calvary – Pastor Rempfer

Coloring Page:



Groundhog Day

Find each word in the search.

Words go ↑, →, and ↘.

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b	o	f	m	s	v	d	F	x	o
e	u	o	p	h	n	j	e	k	u
r	o	r	p	a	e	d	b	s	n
n	o	e	r	d	i	w	r	p	d
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groundhog	shadow
winter	spring
forecast	weather
hibernate	six
predict	February
Phil	burrow



PUZZLE PAGE:

FINDING CHRIST

By

Bill Schlegl

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What did Jesus say that makes it important for us to tell others of him?

A $12 + 16 =$ _____ B $51 + 25 =$ _____ C $34 + 24 =$ _____

E $56 + 43 =$ _____ F $48 + 14 =$ _____ H $52 + 17 =$ _____

M $28 + 15 =$ _____ N $63 + 31 =$ _____ O $41 + 46 =$ _____

R $47 + 35 =$ _____ T $18 + 19 =$ _____ U $12 + 11 =$ _____

Y $29 + 36 =$ _____

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