



March

2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

We will spend the entire month of March in the penitential season of Lent. This is a time of repentance (and, by definition, actual repentance requires actual change). Repentance literally means “to turn around,” “to turn away,” or “to change your mind.” Repentance means seeing yourself different than you did before because the Holy Spirit working through the Word of God has changed you.

Historically, Lent is a time for “giving something up” like chocolate or alcohol or whatever would be something meaningful so that daily attention would be given to God. This would be done as a sign of devotion to God. We discipline our bodies to benefit our souls. There is obviously nothing wrong with giving something up. Luther states in the Small Catechism, “Fasting and bodily preparation are certainly fine outward training. But that person is truly worthy and well prepared who has faith in these words: ‘Given and shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.’”

However, instead of “giving something up,” I encourage you to “add something.” Add a morning or evening devotion to your routine. Take two or three minutes to read one of the six chief parts from Luther’s Small Catechism. Read a chapter of Scripture (I suggest starting with the Gospels). If you have not made a practice of coming to midweek services, add that to your Lenten preparation. Allow yourself to be in the Word of God. As Luther says, “It is in the Word and nowhere else that God permits Himself to be found.”

On a personal note, I would like to thank all of you for the prayers and extra help with supplying the needs of my family during our days of quarantine. Your kindness and generosity was overwhelming and greatly appreciated. We certainly did not feel as if we were going through those days alone. I am so thankful that God called me to be your pastor. The family of Our Redeemer has been a tremendous blessing to the Eden family.

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, 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

March News & Notes Notes

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.

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.

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.

Scrip Update - Looking for dinner options? We have McAllister's Deli, Panda Express, Dominoes (\$10), and many more! 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** Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay & pick up.

HELP NEEDED: We have a dear congregation member that needs someone to help run errands or get groceries from time to time. Please contact Pastor Eden or the office for more information.

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 ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment 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**.

LCMS Virtual Life Conference March 19-20 Cost: For \$20, you get access to the event live. For \$40, you get that, plus ongoing access to the recordings for another 90 days. Each participant must register individually: https://www.lcms-life.org/?r_done=1

March 12th is Elaine Leenerts-Hyer 's 85th birthday and since there is very limited visiting at Good Samaritan Home, her family has requested a card shower to help her celebrate. Please contact the office if you need the address. She will be thrilled to be thought of on her special day!

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: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#). On **KFUO.org**, hear sacred music for Lent on Joy! with Ron Klemm on **3/3 at 1 PM**, worship with us in Midweek Lenten Service and organ recital on **3/3 at 11 AM**, study Mark 10-11 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), and study Ephesians 4-6 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

March News & Notes (continued)

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

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>



2021 Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual fundraiser that provides both financial and food donations for our local food pantries in Quincy. This year the four food pantries participating are: **Open Hands at the Lutheran Church of St. John, Catholic Charities, Quanada, and Horizons.** We hope that you would collect food items and monetary donations. Once you have collected food items and/or monetary donations, you can drop them off at one of the participating food pantries. It would be best if you could **drop off your items at the Lutheran Church of St.**

John Open Hands pantry. We have created a GoFundMe page, making it even easier for individuals and organizations to donate. We will still take food donations or monetary donations this year. However, we created the GoFundMe page to make it easier to make a monetary donation and to limit contact with other individuals due to Covid. The GoFundMe page link is:

https://www.gofundme.com/souperbowlofcaringADAMSCO?pc=em_dn_contacts_r&rcid=r01-161107404966-669350b8a9484c03&member=8137218 All funds will be distributed evenly among the following four pantries in Quincy: **Quincy Catholic Charities, Open Hands Pantry at the Lutheran Church of St. John, Quanada, Horizons** Thank you for your support. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Steve Barteau, Open Hands Food Pantry - Lutheran Church of St. John

Christian Friends of New Americans COMING SOON ✨ VIRTUAL EVENTS VIA ZOOM

ENTERTAINMENT~~SILENT AUCTION~~TRIVIA BENEFIT Last November, we hosted our first virtual events. We had so much fun, we are doing it again! Invite your family and friends from around the world to play **Trivia April 9 or April 17**, or both nights, and bid on the fantastic auction items available all through the week, to support the work of CFNA. In 2020, CFNA served 407 new contacts – this almost doubled the new contacts served in 2019. Covid-19 brought many needy people and Covid-19 is still with us. Additionally, 2021 promises to bring countless new refugees to St. Louis. The opportunities to share Christ's love in Word and deed is immense. Let's raise funds for ministry among refugees and immigrants—so important in this Covid-19 crisis. "Welcome to CFNA" entertainment begins online **April 9 and April 17, 2021 at 6:20 pm CDT and Trivia Questions start at 6:45pm CDT. (check-in begins at 6:00) SAVE THE DATE!**



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.

March News

The National LWML Convention registration in Lexington, KY is now open!

Thanks to the many who supported our Soup and Bread Fundraiser! If you have a soup suggestion, please let one of our members know for possible inclusion next year!

Our 2021 Mission Projects are listed below! Your generosity has made it possible for us to meet these mission projects every year! So, thank you, again!

Our 2021 Missions Projects

National - Comfort Dogs, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Lutheran Bible Translators
Local - Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, ORLC Youth, Camp Cilca

2020 - 2021

LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #8 – Train up a Child – Teen Camp in Alaska - \$5,750 (partial)

Kattivik Bible Camp is located 60 miles north of the Arctic Circle in Alaska. Over the course of three weeks in the summer, the camp houses more than 80 middle and high school-aged children from various remote villages. The camp, under the leadership of the Lutheran Indian Ministries' staff and ministry partners, provides a safe and healthy environment for healing and recapturing culture, where these teens can work together and connect with their Creator. This grant would partially fund food expenses for the camp. **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

UPCOMING...

Mar. 4 – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Old Chapel

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

Apr. 23 & 24 – Rummage Sale ???

Apr. 29 – May 1 – LWML CID Convention, cancelled, maybe a virtual convention

May 5 – monthly mtg., 6:30pm, Fellowship Hall

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!!

Sri Lanka Multipurpose Building Construction, Office of International Mission - \$50,000

This Sri Lanka multipurpose building project will house a new sanctuary, a central office for the Ceylon Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC), seminary classrooms, dormitory space, and a preschool. Once completed, with assistance from this LWML mission grant, the LCMS and the CELC will be able to move forward in training local pastors, offer a welcoming worship area, and give the congregation a chance to reestablish their preschool program.

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 15th 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.

March Birthdays

1 Donna MacFadden	13 Joshua Weisenburger	21 Aaron Boerema
3 R.P. Schaller	14 Charlie Church	21 Daphnie Robertson
4 Jack Tronsgard	14 Kathy Ragsdale	22 Michele Austin
6 Layne Bent	14 David Reinburg	22 Don Blattner
7 David Drescher	14 Jessica Scharnhorst	22 Tiffany Hines
8 Rachel Boerema	14 Mary Tipton	22 Lauryn Sharrow
8 Christopher Schnack	17 Obediah Church	23 Clayton Hibbert
9 Brandon Hufendick	17 Ellen Hines	24 Anna Ehmen
9 Erin Humphrey	17 Mary Morse	24 Robert Mehl
9 Chad Manton	17 Katie Voepel	26 Kristin Humphrey
9 Brett Scharnhorst	17 Jeff Wolfmeyer	26 Glenna Nicholson
11 Bella Campbell	18 Ella Ehmen	26 Dick Reichert
12 Deanna Hibbert	18 Erin Fischer	27 Jerry Manton
12 Elaine Hyer	20 Ciera Clevenger	28 Evita Helm
12 Savannah O'Dell	20 Connor Clevenger	31 Arjee Weisheit

March Baptisms

1 Reva Ehmen	11 Emma Campbell	21 Phillip Baker
1 Brooke Gooding	11 Danielle Deeter	22 Sophia Brown
1 Maggie Nixon	11 Jason Klauser	22 Jane Voepel
7 Allison Smith	13 Rob Edwards	23 Layne Bent
8 Becky Lunt	13 Connor Smith	23 Daphnie Robertson
8 Jerry Manton	15 Mandy Creely	24 Isabelle Hillerts
9 Ruth Hall	15 Justin Harvey	24 Elise Luker
9 Brandon Hufendick	15 David Pellman	24 Jeff Wolfmeyer
9 Gary O'Dell	16 Elizabeth Burner	25 Ryne Lubben
9 Ellen Stockhecke	16 Gretchen Kemp	26 August Ott
10 Addison Buss	17 Emily Drescher	27 Matt Wepler
10 Jeremy Holtman	17 Marty Otto	28 Anthony Blickhan
10 Josh Holtman	17 Chad Purcell	28 Ella Ehmen
10 Randy Wolfmeyer	18 Amy Buss	28 Rod Hibbert
11 Amya Allensworth	18 Jan Mueller	29 Bonnie Hallerberg
11 Bella Campbell	19 Donna Haire	31 Jane Howlett
	20 Jessica Scharnhorst	

March Anniversaries

17	Michael and Susan Weiss	37 years
28	Al and Missy Ebel	43 years

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

The last two months, we have had a great turn out at our Papa John's fundraising days. Those proceeds will go to the school library for the purchase of additional books to add to the wonderful collection available to students. The rescheduled Marine Lab Trip to Florida is set for summer 2021 with proceeds from the fundraising days to help offset the cost. **Order from Papa Johns on 2nd Thursday of the month and 20% of the order will be donated to the ST. JAMES SCHOOL** to help offset the cost of the **MARINE LAB Trip!** Order online at papajohns.com OR in-store! When PLACING YOUR ORDER, either TURN IN the flyer, SHOW the online flyer, or MENTION ST. JAMES so that the school will receive the credit. Mark your calendar: **March 11, April 8, May 13**

Reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars Thrivent Financial members have **until March 31** to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire!** Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help with the Thrivent site, contact the office.

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Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl (April 2021) Introducing the 2021 Central Illinois District Youth Bible Bowl: The Exodus. As, God willing, we have our own exodus from home confinement to meeting together as God's church in our various congregations, we seek God's guidance for our exodus by studying the historical portions of the biblical book of Exodus (chapters 1-20, 24, 32-34, & 40). We are working on developing an "online" Bible Bowl for this year. Contact Pastor Mark Eddy at zionlcms@juno.com if you would like more information about how your congregation's youth might participate in this year's Bible Bowl.

Upcoming Events

March 1: *Lutheran Education Week*

March 13: First Communion

March 23: Elders 6 PM

March 24: Church Council 6 PM

March 28: Palm Sunday 8 AM

March 28: Confirmation 10:15 AM

April 4: Easter 6:30 AM & 9 AM

April 18: "Here I Stand" Sunday

May 13: Ascension Day Service 6 PM

May 15: *Spring Fling*

July 11-13: *CID District Convention*

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

2021 CID LLL District Annual Meeting As more people are spending time at home and with their households due to the pandemic, the Lutheran Hour® is touching families using the newest technologies connecting with them on their preferred media source. Along with the Households of Faith materials, LHM is still sharing the Gospel and equipping the laity to strengthen the spiritual vibrancy of their homes as they reach out in the community in spiritual conversations. This is the last chance to register for the Central Illinois LLL District Annual Convention held at the St. John Lutheran Church, 901 W Jefferson Ave in Effingham on **Saturday, March 6**. Our guest speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of the Lutheran Hour®, will provide us with updates in a virtual presentation along with representatives from the CID LCMS and LWML and Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty. Registration is \$15 per person, with students and children free. Included in your registration cost is a catered lunch and refreshments. Register today – check the church office for a registration information or contact Deloris Blessman, by phone (309)361-1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com. For more information you can contact <church ambassador/CID LLL VP Dale Wetherall by phone 217-259-4728 or by email dalewet51@gmail.com.

Week in Review - Brrrr, this week has reminded us that it is definitely winter! Due to the frigid temperatures we continue to have indoors recess and P.E. Please make sure children have the appropriate winter wear; gloves, hats, scarves, etc...

Current families we ask that you take a brief moment, log into FastDirect, and follow the re-enrollment process for the 2021-22 academic year. This will take only a few brief minutes, to tell us whether you plan on returning or not. August may seem far away, however, plans for the next academic year are already underway. We appreciate your attention to this matter.

We celebrated our 100th day of school last Tuesday. Originally it was scheduled for Monday; however, a snow day pushed it back. Our students enjoyed various activities within their classrooms.

Job availability - we are looking for a before school Extended Care Worker, 6:45am - 8:30am. If you, or you know someone, who is interested please contact the school office for a job description. 217-222-8267.

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 March 2021

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bob Mehl
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Steve Schoch and Jeff Wolfmeyer
3/03 Wed. Lent 2 7:00 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer
3/10 Wed. Lent 3 7:00 PM	Dennis Baker
3/17 Wed. Lent 4 7:00 PM	Larry Foster
3/24 Wed. Lent 5 7:00 PM	Darrell Drescher
Palm Sunday 8:00 AM	Larry Foster and Jeff Wolfmeyer
Palm Sunday 10:15 AM	Steve Schoch and Chet Vahle

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Barb Ellerbrock

Altar Care: Laurie Bronson, Kari Foulk, Carolyn Cramlett, and Rosie Meyer

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

Pastoral Report

January 1 – 31, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Rev. K Michael Simminger January 8, 2021

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	Jan. 31, 2021
Baptized	574	+0	-1	573
Confirmed	447	+0	-1	446

Lenten Schedule

Come join in the journey through the mountains of Holy Scripture this Lenten Season as we move forward with our eyes fixed on the cross of Mt. Calvary.

Mountains of the Bible

Our Redeemer Schedule

Mar 3 Mt. Sinai – Pastor Rempfer
Mar 10 Mt. Pisgah – Pastor Eden
Mar 17 Mt. Zion – Pastor Rempfer
Mar 24 Mt. Gerazim – Pastor Eden
April 1 Mt. Olivet – Pastor Eden
April 2 Mt. Calvary – Pastor Eden

Saint James Schedule

Mt. Moriah – Pastor Eden
Mt. Pisgah – Pastor Rempfer
Mt. Gerazim – Pastor Eden
Mt. Zion – Pastor Rempfer
Mt. Olivet – Pastor Rempfer
Mt. Calvary – Pastor Rempfer

March 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

Upcoming blood drive Lutheran Church of St John, 3340 State ST, Quincy, IL 62301 **Tuesday, March 2, 2021 from 1:00 PM to 6:00 PM** For members that received the COVID vaccine, here is the **COVID-19 Vaccine and Blood Donor Eligibility Information** The Red Cross is following FDA blood donation eligibility guidance for those who receive a COVID-19 vaccination, and deferral times may vary depending on the type of vaccine an individual receives. If you've received a COVID-19 vaccine, you'll need to provide the manufacturer name when you come to donate. Upon vaccination, you should receive a card or printout indicating what COVID-19 vaccine was received, and we encourage you to bring that card with you to your next donation. In most cases, there is no deferral time for individuals who received a COVID-19 vaccine as long as they are symptom free and feeling well at the time of donation. The following eligibility guidelines apply to each COVID-19 vaccine received, including boosters: -There is no deferral time for eligible blood donors who are vaccinated with an inactivated or RNA based COVID-19 vaccine manufactured by AstraZeneca, Janssen/J&J, Moderna, Novavax, or Pfizer. -Eligible blood donors who received a live attenuated COVID-19 vaccine or do not know what type of COVID-19 vaccine they received must wait two weeks before giving blood. -If you have an appointment scheduled and need to change your donation date based on the above guidance, [click here](#). -If you have further eligibility questions, please call 1-800-RED CROSS (1-800-733-2767). *Please note: The Red Cross, as an organization, is not a healthcare provider and is not administering COVID-19 vaccinations in the U.S. However, Red Cross volunteers who are medical professionals may work with local authorities to help give vaccinations if their state licenses permit them to do so. In addition, Red Cross teams are currently helping to vaccinate U.S. service members on bases around the world.*

March Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on page 14)*

I have given you an example to follow. Do as I have done to you. John 13:15

Coloring Page:



ON THE ROAD TO EASTER WORD SEARCH



Ash	Holy Week	Palm Branch
Wednesday	Holy Thursday	Forty Days
Sacrifice	Good Friday	Jesus
Almsgiving	Holy Saturday	Passover
Prayer	Easter	Foot Washing
Fasting	Palm Sunday	Resurrection
Lent	Purple	Love



PUZZLE PAGE:

EXAMPLE

By

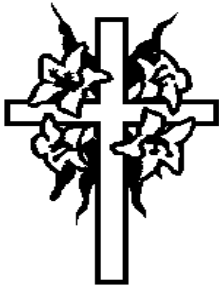
Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn the best example for us to follow.

A B C D E F G H I J K L M
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N

<u>R</u>	<u>SZEV</u>	<u>TREVM</u>	<u>BLF</u>	<u>ZM</u>	
<u>VCZNKOV</u>	<u>GL</u>	<u>ULOOLD</u>	<u>WL</u>		
<u>ZH</u>	<u>R</u>	<u>SZEV</u>	<u>WLMV</u>	<u>GL</u>	<u>BLF</u>

(Answer Found on Page 12)



Easter Lilies

For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel.

You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank-offering for God's blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available at a cost of **\$7.00** each. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the 9 AM service on Easter. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

All orders must be received at the church office on or before Sunday, March 28th.

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor _____ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

☐ in loving memory of _____

☐ in honor of _____

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

☐ to the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____
(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)