



2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Over the past year, the clear need for community has come into sharper focus. We all developed an even greater appreciation for front-line workers who served others even when so much about the COVID virus was unknown. We were all reminded that our wellbeing relies on others assisting us and providing what we cannot provide for ourselves. No one reading this makes their own toilet paper.

As our society took a pause this past year, it has given us an opportunity to reevaluate our schedules. For the previous ten years, I had the great pleasure of participating in our Vacation Bible School program. I have always thought that VBS was a blessing to the church but not just for the obvious reasons. Obviously, sharing the Word of God with our youth is always good. However, where I saw the greatest benefit to our congregation was in the opportunity it provided for our people of all ages to serve. Sixth graders and older children were helping adults shepherd the younger kids from station to station. We had a dedicated group of ladies serving meals and snacks. There were those who engaged in crafts, games, storytelling, and music. High school youth were leaders in the preschool class. Creativity was put on display in so many ways.

Throughout my ministry, I have looked for ways to break down generational segregation. Our youth today need to be around and learn from adults more than ever. Coming out of VBS week each year, the growth that I noticed most was with our volunteers, especially our youth volunteers.

This year we are turning the page and starting something new. June 6-10 will be ORLC Servant Days. Details will can be found on page 13 of this newsletter.

We are wanting to reach out and help our community and have chosen six different programs here in Quincy which are in need of some helpful and willing hands. You can get involved by volunteering items or by volunteering your time or both, each according to his or her own abilities. As St. Paul 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].

Watch for updates in the Sunday to Sunday. There will be signup sheets as we continue to get more detailed information from the different organizations we are helping this year.

We will get it started even before our official kickoff in June by once again participating in the baby bottle fundraiser for Care Net as they support babies in need. Bottles are picked up on Mother's Day and returned on Father's Day filled with your extra change. We will also have a baby shower so please watch for more information.

In this newsletter, you will find more information on all the other organizations we will be serving. We know our first year will be a learning process, but we are optimistic that these opportunities to serve others in our community will be a benefit both to them and us.

We are hopeful that in choosing six different causes you will find one or two that inspires you to say "Here am I, send me" [Is. 6:8].

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 Weppeler.



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, Warren Vahle.

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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May News & 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.

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**.

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 2nd. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 2nd. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund"

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

"Through the Old Testament in a Church Year"- audio resource by Issues, etc. with Ken Schurb Survey the Old Testament in a *church year*. This audio resource consists of a series of *Issues, etc.* interviews with CID staff member Ken Schurb during the 2020-2021 church year.. The interview recordings will be available on-demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive>

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Thank you to everyone for the cards and prayers while I had my surgery. I am now home recuperating.

Cindy Spohr

May News & Notes *(continued)*

Pastor Eden and the Elders have decided to move forward with gradually returning to pre-COVID practices. We ask for your grace and patience as we know that we are moving faster than some would like and slower than others would like. The following are the planned changes and when they will take place:

June 5 & 6: Traditional communion distribution style with individual and common cup. We will still be relatively socially distant with groups or individuals while lining up in the aisle and kneeling at the rail. At this time, the plan is for the pastor and communion assistants to wear masks during distribution

Step Up 4 Life is Luthereans for Life's first annual Walk For Life, and we hope you join us in raising awareness and funds 4 LIFE! Participation is simple: **On or after May 8**, head over to Charityfootprints.com/StepUp4Life and register to be part of LFL's campaign. After paying a one-time \$25 fee, you'll be asked to set personal fitness goals—goals you have eight weeks to accomplish! (Check out our family and student discounts online!) As you connect personal tracking devices or manually record your activities, you'll be counting steps toward raising awareness and funds for LFL. Invite others to get involved. Through our Step Up 4 Life site, you have the opportunity to share your participation on social media and invite others to sponsor your efforts. If walking and rolling aren't for you, you can become a sponsor and supporter through your prayers, encouragement, and donations. Give online at charityfootprints.com/StepUp4Life

On Pentecost, Sunday, May 23, a joint Circuit Convocation will be held at St. John Lutheran Church in Effingham from 3:00 to 6:00 p.m. The topic is church worker recruitment. Recruitment of pastors will be emphasized, but also including teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Deaconesses, and others. Here is a great opportunity for young people, even pre-teens, to come and learn about full-time church work, and for their parents to learn about the educational roads to such careers. The convocation also affords prospective second-career pastors a place to ask serious questions and get some answers.

Please help spread the word about the convocation! See the video at <https://youtu.be/gpHT0EcWpAU>

Please register for the convocation by May 7 at www.stjohnsLCMS.net/harvest

VBS Treasured: Discovering You're Priceless to God at Saint James Lutheran Church from **June 14-18, 2021** each day from **9 AM to Noon**. For more information, call 217-222-8447 or register via email churchoffice@stjamesqcy.org

March 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-Mar '21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	81,028.98	76,887.84	4,141.14	105.4%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	496.04	1,249.98	-753.94	39.7%
011 · 011 General Fund Interest	1.07	3.75	2.68	28.5%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	1,125.00	-1,125.00	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund & Designated	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total Income	81,526.09	79,416.57	2,109.52	102.7%
Expense				
Mission	2,750.00	4,249.98	-1,499.98	64.7%
Personnel	50,521.20	51,412.17	-890.97	98.3%
Program	13,038.63	15,009.12	-1,970.49	86.9%
Property	13,984.32	12,997.56	986.76	107.6%
Total Expense	80,294.15	83,668.83	-3,374.68	96.0%
Net Income	1,231.94	-4,252.26	5,484.20	-29.0%

May Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on page 12)*

But God demonstrates His own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8



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.

April News

The best news was announced that the LWML CID met and exceeded the mission goal set for \$105,000! Praise God!

We also, as a group, have paid our first quarter mission projects to K9 Comfort Dogs and Camp Callahan!

Dates were announced for the picnic in June and the meal we serve for the Blind Mission at St. James. Next month we will set our annual rummage sale date.

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

We continue to thank each and every one of you for supporting our fundraising for missions efforts!

As reported last month, the LWML CID's fiscal year was ending on March 31 and we were short of meeting our \$105,000 mission goal by \$30,000...not very encouraging, but with prayers and the generosity of many, God blessed us with a final total of **\$116,000!!!**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

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...

May 1 – LWML CID Virtual Convention

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

June 17 – LWML group picnic, 6 pm

June 24 - 27 – LWML National Convention, Lexington, KY

June 26 – Meal served at St. James for the Blind Mission

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!!

LCMS Deaconess Ministry...\$39,523

The LCMS Deaconess Ministry works both domestically and internationally. Deaconesses are women who are full-time professional church workers trained to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ through works of mercy, spiritual care, and teaching of the Christian faith. This grant will provide educational and financial support to the deaconess training programs to our partner churches in the Philippines, Latvia, Liberia, Indonesia, Malaysia, and India.

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.

May Birthdays

1 KayLynn Blickhan	9 Lynn Wombles	22 Carolyn Kaiser
1 Paul Clevenger	13 Henry Holtman	23 Lily Kuhn
1 Keagan Mercurio	14 Kayla Walker	23 Bradley Longcor III
1 Simon Nickelson	15 Hadley Harvey	25 Sandy Callahan
2 Thomas Killday	15 Dan Hendrian	26 Gretta Otto
2 Emsleigh Robertson	15 Jessie Huebner	26 Sherry Yelton
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	15 Chaz Robertson	27 David Bent
4 Quinton Hibbert	17 Dennis Baker	27 Dylan Martin
7 Tracy Bugh	18 Shanelle Douglas	28 Stacey Gruen
7 Barb Vahle	19 Ryan Vaughn	29 Nick Allen
8 Mike Vahle	21 Michele Clevenger	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Terry Lannerd	21 Joe Sharrow	31 Arianna Fischer
9 Hugh Sharrow	22 Leslie Bent	31 Alischia Langan
9 Wanda Spohr	22 Eric Fischer	

May Baptisms

1 Ann Nickelson	10 Josh Jefferson	19 Connor Ott
1 Lauryn Sharrow	12 Morgan Frohn	19 Derek Ott
2 Abigail Kemp	12 Emanuel Voepel	22 Thomas Killday
2 Hannah Kemp	14 Anna Ehmen	23 Ricky Goertz
2 Theodore Mayfield	14 Anderson Knapp	24 Bill Perry
2 Wade Pellman	14 Savannah O'Dell	24 Emma Showman
3 David Drescher	14 Stan Yelton	24 Katie Voepel
4 Shelby Gooding	15 Emsleigh Robertson	25 Obediah Church
4 Mary Morse	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	25 Hadley Harvey
4 Archer Ott	16 John Dicks	25 Terry Morse
5 Mayzie Parrish	16 Joseph Ott	25 Olivia Showman
5 Phillip Weisheit	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	26 Laura Essington
6 Aaron Boerema	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Craig Gooding
7 Debbie Manton	19 Kristin Humphrey	26 Christa Holtman
8 Glenna Nicholson	19 Angie Klauser	27 LeRoy Goodwin
9 Amanda Zehnle	19 Keagan Mercurio	31 Amy Edwards
10 Lennox Hines	19 Joseph Ohnemus	31 Wanda Spohr

May Anniversaries

3 Mark and Janice Voepel	24 years	21 Dustin and Jennifer Tournear	10 years
7 Trevor and Heather Feinstein	16 years	27 Mike and Jane Douglas	43 years
11 Brent and Linda Wingerter	36 years	28 LeRoy and Donna Goodwin	54 years
14 Darrell and Irene Drescher	55 years		

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

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. **CONTACTLESS DELIVERY** Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay & pick up.

Week ending:	7-Mar	14-Mar	21-Mar	28-Mar	31-Mar	11-Apr
Profit:	\$95.09	\$45.74	\$103.10	\$62.81	\$42.75	\$152.67
# orders:	10	7	12	12	3	22
Profit/Order:	\$9.51	\$6.53	\$8.59	\$5.23	\$14.25	\$6.94
Overall Profit:	\$684.25	\$729.99	\$833.09	\$895.91	\$938.66	\$1,091.33

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: **May 13**

Upcoming Events

May 5: LWML 6:30 PM

May 13: Quilters 9 AM

May 13: Ascension Day Service 6 PM

May 15: *Spring Fling*

May 19: Church Council 7 PM

May 23: *Serve at Horizons Food Pantry*

May 27: Quilters 9 AM

June 14-18: *Treasured VBS at Saint James*

July 11-13: *CID District Convention*

September 14: *Quincy Zone Rally*

September 14: *Pastors' Conference*

September 26: Bible Translation Sunday

September 26: Voters' Meeting

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

DOGWOOD Activities BLOCK PARTY Friday, April 30th at 6 pm St. James will be hosting an annual block party with a ribbon cutting starting off the festivities with the Quincy Area Chamber of Commerce.

Participants will be treated to a Fish Fry, Shaved Ice, Face Painting, Fellowship, and more...

Public invited & welcome! The event will take place on the playground area of the school.

PARADE Saturday, May 1st St James will be participating in the Dogwood Parade this year!! We would love to have families, students, church members, anyone who would like to walk. 9 am – all children must have a parent/guardian with them from the beginning to end of parade. More details online up will be coming. We are also asking for candy donations. If you are able to help, please drop off in the school office!!

Friday, May 21st; 11:30 am Dismissal Last Day of School Extended Care will be available.

Thursday, May 20th at 7 pm 8th Grade Graduation

Assignments for May 2021

Ushers:

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Jeff Smith
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Barb Vahle and Chet Vahle
Ascension Day 6:00 PM	Mike Herschler, Darrell Drescher, Bob Mehl

Counters: Rosie Meyer, Joanne Reichert

Altar Care: Wanda Spohr, Marty Otto, Getchen Wolfmeyer, Anita Wolfmeyer

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

Pastoral Report

(March 1 – 31, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Dexter Dean Goetz – March 13, 2021
Allie Nicole Hastings – March 13, 2021
Addison Grace Kuhn – March 13, 2021
Sarah Denise Lucas – March 13, 2021
Reese Taytom Muse – March 13, 2021
Lauryn Cecelia Sharrow – March 13, 2021
Gabriel Faith Vaughn – March 13, 2021

Youth Confirmation

Quinton Robert Hibbert – *Luke 11:28* – March 28, 2021
Bradley Lee Longcor III – *Acts 16:31* – March 28, 2021
Cameron J.J. McDowell – *John 14:6* – March 28, 2021
Evan James Sass – *Matthew 6:33* – March 28, 2021
Hugh Joseph Sharrow – *Matthew 21:22* – March 28, 2021

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +5C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +5C]

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Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2021
Baptized	574	+6	-1	579
Confirmed	447	+11	-1	457

Coloring Page:

HAPPY
Mother's
Day



PUZZLE PAGE:

GOD'S LOVE

By
Bill Schlegl

Use the number code to learn of God's great love for us.

(A = 1, E = 5, I = 9, O = 15, U = 21)

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Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 2nd. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 2nd. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2021-2022 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who are qualified to serve to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

Servant Week Opportunities

Our Redeemer Lutheran members will be helping our community in various ways **during the first week of June**. Some of that work will begin now!

CARE NET BABY SHOWER: We will be having a BABY SHOWER for CARE NET!

At any time, you are welcome to bring suggested items to church. (*Care Net appreciates all donations. Below are suggested items.*) We will have a designated area to collect items such as:

- Baby wipes
- Diapers: especially sizes 4, 5, and 6
- Clothing: 9 months and up
- Small toys
- Baby bottles
- Baby towels and wash cloths
- Blankets
- Baby lotion
- Baby soap
- Rattles, chew toys, teething rings

We will continue to **collect BABY SHOWER items Until June 6th**. We will then have a team deliver those items to CARE NET during the Servant Week.

CARE NET BABY BOTTLES will be **available on Mother's Day** at the church. They can be filled with spare change and then **returned to church on Father's Day!**

ILLINOIS VETERANS HOME: Wednesday, June 9th, 9 to 12 (*In case of rain, Thursday, June 10th, 9 to 12*)

There will an opportunity to wash and vacuum the Vets home busses and vehicles!

QUINCY NEIGHBORHOOD FEDERATION: Volunteers will have the opportunity to help at various park and playground sites by pulling weeds and picking up trash. More info to come!

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of May 2: **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](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **This week on KFUO.org**, begin studying 2 Peter on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), hear about 1 Kings 8-10 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10 AM. Find your favorite podcasts on demand at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

Me? Church Work? Our Lord said, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (*Matthew 9:37-38*). These words remain as applicable today as when Jesus first spoke them. *Ora et labora!* We pray, and we work too. CID's Shelby, Effingham, and Altamont Circuits are doing just that. On Pentecost, **Sunday, May 23**, they will hold a joint Circuit Convocation at St. John Lutheran Church in Effingham from **3:00 to 6:00 p.m.** The topic is church worker recruitment. Recruitment of pastors will be emphasized, but also including teachers, Directors of Christian Education, Deaconesses, and others. The convocation's keynote speaker will be Dr. Dale Meyer, former Lutheran Hour Speaker and recently retired President of Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Representatives will be present from our Synod's two seminaries and from the Concordia Universities in Chicago and Mequon, Wisconsin. Chaplain Craig Muehler from LCMS Ministry to the Armed Forces and Pastor Josh Theilen from Camp CILCA will provide information on specialized ministries.

Here is a great opportunity for young people, even pre-teens, to come and learn about full-time church work, and for their parents to learn about the educational roads to such careers. The convocation also affords prospective second-career pastors a place to ask serious questions and get some answers. Please help spread the word about the convocation! See the video at <https://youtu.be/gpHT0EcWpAU> Please **register** for the convocation **by May 7** at www.stjohnsLCMS.net/harvest



Lutheran Child and
Family Services of Illinois

— Celebrating —
Foster Care Awareness
— Month —



Help Spread the Word about Supporting Local Foster Children

This May, Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois would like your congregation to join us in celebrating National Foster Care Month. Nearly 150 years ago, LCFS was formed because several Lutheran churches felt called to help children in need reach their God-given potential.

Today, as the second largest private child welfare agency in Illinois with more than **2,100 children** in foster care, we still need your help. **LCFS is one of the few faith-based organizations still providing foster care in Illinois**, partnering with foster parents to provide safe, loving, temporary homes for children. At the same time, LCFS works with the children's families to get them the support they need.

Your congregation and community can help us by raising awareness about the need to invest in the lives of children, youth and families in the foster care system. We've found that some of our best foster parents and volunteers have stepped up because of their faith and feeling called to help others.

Here are a few simple ways that you and your congregation can get involved in helping to protect children, strengthen families and build futures:

1. Raise awareness about foster care and the need for more loving foster parents by sharing our series of bulletin blurbs during Foster Care Month this May. [Click here to download.](#)
2. Learn more about the mission of LCFS directly from those we serve by attending one of our upcoming Virtual See the Change Tour presentations via Zoom on **April 29** or **May 27** at 6 pm. Click on the date to register.
3. Invite LCFS to share our mission and impact with your congregation. Contact Leslie Lopez at 630-470-0942 or leslie_lopez@lcfs.org to learn more.

Thank you for your partnership in nurturing and strengthening children and families in need.



Support your Sem on Give STL Day
Special matching gift will double your impact today!

Your partnership with Concordia Seminary in preparing the church's future pastors, deaconesses, missionaries and leaders makes all the difference for a mission that is vitally needed today more than ever!

Early giving for #GiveSTLDay is now open through the day of the event, May 6. Thanks to a matching gift from a generous benefactor, **gifts will be doubled dollar for dollar up to the first \$11,000 raised.** Your gift today will go twice as far in support of the Seminary's mission to prepare our church's future ministry leaders.

Spread the word by sharing the hashtags #GiveSTL and #GiveCSL on social media.
Thank you for your support.