



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 few weeks, watching in horror at the collapse of the government in Afghanistan, it brought back many memories from my youth. I remember watching the war footage from Vietnam every night on the evening news. I remember the fall of Saigon and the images of desperation as the people were attempting to flee on aircraft or boats. Those images were sterile to me at age six because that event had no tangible impact on my life. In April of 1975, we were living in rural Wisconsin which was about as far away from Saigon as you could physically or culturally be.

In 1978, the memory of those images became more real for me as our church in Louisville sponsored a Hmong family from Laos who were refugees. We had a little apartment in the back of our fellowship hall where they lived. They had a couple of boys about my age and I remember teaching them the rules of baseball as we watched the 1978 World Series on a little TV in that apartment. I remember the game because I was so impressed by the Yankees 3rd baseman who made a couple of fantastic defensive plays which have always stood out in my mind (even though I am not a Yankees fan).

When I attended Seneca High in Louisville, we had the English as a Second Language program at our school. The forwards on our soccer team were Nguyen Le, Vi Le, and Qui Tran. I considered Nguyen and Qui as good friends. Qui was a fixture within my social circle. Qui's father was a wealthy shipbuilder in Vietnam. When I first met Qui, his father was mowing lawns and caring for the grounds of the Catholic church which had sponsored their family. By the time we graduated, he was working for a car dealership.

When I saw the images coming out of Kabul Afghanistan, my first thought was that I dare not think of those images as being sterile. Living in Quincy, we are physically and culturally about as far away from Kabul as we could be. Those images we saw are images of people. Those are real children of God clinging to the side of the airplane. Pray especially for the Christians in Afghanistan as they will be hunted down by the Taliban. Pray for the women as they will be sold into slavery or forced into marriage. The horror of life for them does not end when the media has moved on to the next news story.

One of my favorite moments from the Olympics was seeing Suni Lee win her gold medal in gymnastics. She is of Hmong descent and her family came to America around the same time as the Hmong family our church sponsored along with my Vietnamese friends from high school.

In the months to come, we will most likely hear some frightening statistics coming out of Afghanistan. Pray for the people. Those people are not statistics. They are children of God and are in desperate need of the Gospel and our prayers. Pray that our brothers and sisters in Christ can find their way out from under tyranny and live and worship in freedom.

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:

Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hilferts, 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 with Gabriel – 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 –

Grades 3 & 4 –

Grades 5 & 6 –

Grades 7 & 8 –

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

September News & Notes



An Evening With Lauren Daigle Enjoy an exclusive private concert and discussion with GRAMMY® Award-winning artist, Lauren Daigle virtually on **Thursday, Sept 2 at 7:00 PM**. With a voice that is both smoky and sweet, Daigle has forged a unique sound that is reminiscent of soulful and vulnerable icons. Her ability to connect with her audience has captured critical acclaim, and recognition as the fastest selling new artist for her genre of the last decade. No products will be sold. For additional information, see [Thrivent.com/Social](https://thrivent.com/social).

The Camp CILCA Chicken Fry and Auction will be held **Sunday, September 5**. Dinner is served from **11:30-2:30**. Cost is \$8 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-12. The live auction begins at 1pm with a wide variety of items, including gift baskets, weeks of summer camp, a guided youth hunt, and more. Check out all the items at cilca.org/auction-items. If you would like to donate any items to the auction, please bring them to Camp CILCA by Friday, September 3 or contact Amy Weseloh at weselohamy@yahoo.com for more details.

Lutheran Laymen's League Retreat - Saturday September 11th Camp Cilca – 4124 Camp CILCA Road, Cantrall, IL. 9:00 am- 2:00 pm Doors Open at 8:00 am Topic: *How Critical Race Theory and Wokism Are Their Own Religion* Speaker: Dr. Russell Dawn – President Concordia University-Chicago \$15.00 per person includes Lunch (children are free) For Registration Information please reach out to Deloris Blessmann (deloriblessman@yahoo.com) or by phone 309.361.1461

Chaddock will honor Msgr Leo Enlow, pastor of St Peters Church in Quincy, with the prestigious 'Friend Of Children Award' at their annual Rose Tea on **Sunday, September 12 at 2pm**. Light refreshments, music, an art exhibit, good fellowship, and of course rose tea will be featured. No cost to attend, but donations are welcomed and reservations are strongly encouraged. Proceeds go to support Chaddock's many programs for area children and families. 217-592-0330 or at chaddock.org.

Church Picnic & New Member Dinner at Upper Moorman Park **Sunday, September 19th, 2021** Start at 4 PM (Eat at 5 PM) Please sign up by **Sunday, September 12** so we can provide enough food. Main Dishes & Table Settings provided. Please bring a side dish & dessert to share along with your own drinks, lawn chairs, and games! We are also asking for non-perishable food items for Open Hands Food Pantry.

New Member Class Pastor Eden will be holding classes for anyone desiring to become new members of Our Redeemer. Currently, the plan is to meet for five sessions on Monday evenings. We will determine the time to accommodate everyone's schedule. **September 20, 27, October 4, 11, and 18** are the planned dates. If you desire to attend these classes, please let Pastor Eden know you plan to attend, and if these dates or times conflict with your schedule, please contact Pastor Eden ASAP so that common times and dates may be found so as to accommodate everyone.

Whippoorwill Golfing Challenge Hickory Point, Forsyth, IL, **September 24**, Check-in at 11:30 AM, Shotgun start at 1 PM., Format: Scramble Register at revdms@gmail.com or call 309-335-1532 \$60.00 cover costs. Funds will go to Camp CILCA.

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**.

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

August 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-July '21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	192,578.21	179,404.97	13,173.24	107.3%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,277.44	2,916.65	-1,639.21	43.8%
Interest Income	2.77	8.75	-5.98	31.7%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	2,035.00	2,625.00	-590.00	77.5%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	300.00	350.00	-50.00	85.7%
Total Income	196,193.42	185,305.37	10,888.05	105.9%
Expense				
Mission	9,000.00	9,916.65	-916.65	90.8%
Personnel	117,215.19	119,961.85	-2,746.66	97.7%
Program	27,856.76	35,021.10	-7,164.34	79.5%
Property	30,155.94	30,327.55	-171.61	99.4%
Total Expense	184,227.89	195,227.15	-10,999.26	94.4%
Net Income	11,965.53	-9,921.78	21,887.31	-120.6%

Assignments for September 2021

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey, Steve Schoch *
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Gene Bluhm, Larry Ehmen*, Nathan Hoebing*

Counters: Rosie Meyer and Joann Reichert

Registration Slips: Rosie Meyer

Altar Care: Glenna Nicholson, Shirley Foster, Shelly Schoch

Service Recording:

September 5 at 9 AM - Gretchen

September 12 at 9 AM - Keith

September 19 at 9 AM - Keith

September 26 at 9 AM - Jeff

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

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL <https://www.stjamesquincyschool.org> 217-222-8267

On behalf of the entire faculty and staff, I hope that you have enjoyed a restful and relaxing summer! As I begin my fifteenth year at St. James, I am particularly grateful for the blessing of this community of staff, students and families in my life, and was so happy to see your families on the first day of school. The school board, the COVID committee and our faculty have worked hard to prepare for this school year. Many plans are made to insure our students and staff enters to a clean and sanitized school. Additional plans include identifying how we will continue to provide a quality Christian education in a healthy environment. We are proud and excited to launch the 2021-22 school year with our incredibly talented and dedicated teaching staff and your ongoing support and partnership

*The 2021-22 school year started with a half day on **Wednesday, August 18th**. This year we have a

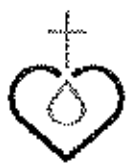
total of 120 students PreK – 8th grade, which is a 25% increase from the previous year.

*We held an Open house and Ice Cream event on **Monday, August 16th** for all students and had an overwhelming turnout.

*This week was a full week and began PMO band, Music, and PE. *Mr. Nate Landskroener*

August Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 13)

For He shall give His angels charge over thee to keep thee in all thy ways. Psalm 91:11



LWML
Lutheran Women in Mission

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...

Annual Rummage Sale date to be announced.

Sept. 1 – Carry-in mtg. at Reva's, 8 pm

Sept. 14 – Quincy Zone Rally, hosted by Holy Cross in Golden

Oct. 3 – LWML Sunday

Oct. 6 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

July News

Thanks to Jane Haschemeyer and Renee Benedetto for hosting this month's meeting!

The rummage sale has been postponed due to the rise in COVID, but we are still wanting your donated items, so please bring them to the church and put them in the Sunday School Opening room, which is to the left as you get off the elevator in the Fellowship Hall.

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

2021 - 2022 LWML CID Mission Grants

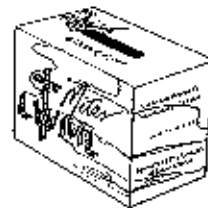
Grant #3, Expanding Access at Camp CILCA - \$16,000

Camp CILCA reinforces the work of pastors and congregations in teaching the faith to young people, adults, and families. These funds will be used to purchase materials and labor for heating and cooling in two large cabins at the camp. These updated cabins will attract more campers and families to Camp CILCA to hear the Gospel of Jesus Christ and enjoy God's creation throughout the whole year.

Please support our mission grants by donating to our LWML group mite fund! Every donation is so appreciated!

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 2021-2023

LWML has donated over \$125 million since 1942!!

Deaconess Ministry Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch - \$81,680

The mission of Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch is to help at-risk children and their families succeed in the name of Christ. The Ranch provides unparalleled care, expertise, and presence in the name of Christ to keep today's troubled kids from becoming tomorrow's troubled adults. By using an LCMS Deaconess they are bridging many of the gaps that often hinder a child's healing since nearly all of the female residents and many of the male residents have been traumatized at the hands of a male figure.

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.

Concordia Food Bank is no longer accepting clipped coupons.

September Birthdays

2 Lucas Anderson	11 Malinda Eden	21 Heath Heitman
2 Ava Langan	12 Avery Anderson	21 Rhonda Hummel
3 Amanda Schweitzer	12 Nichole Blickhan	22 Jerry Lunt
4 Piper Clevenger	13 Chance Clevenger	22 Gretchen Kemp
4 Sharon Vaughn	14 Becky Lucas	23 Ace Weisenburger III
4 Sharon Vahle	14 Autumn Lomax	24 Nancy Bluhm
5 Debbie Baird	15 Brandon Voepel	25 Kayzley Parrish
6 Reagan Spilker	15 Amelia Knapp	27 Marilyn Schroeder
7 Kent Knoernschild	15 Jamison Knapp	27 Alexander Smith
8 Olivia Hoebing	16 David Pellman	28 Maxine Fink
8 Debbie Brassfield	17 Curt Spohr	28 Ethan Clevenger
8 Roger McGartland	17 William Schlegl	29 Brent Wingerter
9 Brad Ehmen	18 Stan Yelton	29 Emily Weppler
10 Susan Weiss	19 Alex Fitch	29 Ginger Heitman
10 Harry Hall Jr.	19 Vicki Wemhoener	29 Denys Stark
10 Howard Snowden	19 Mark Vahle	29 Jessica Hibbert
10 Janice Voepel	20 Piper Kuhn	30 Carl Muehring
11 Lynda Hinkamper	21 Rosie Meyer	

September Baptisms

1 Lori Allen	14 Matt McDowell	24 Bruce Burner
2 Hugh Sharrow	15 Cindy Spohr	24 Melissa Smith
4 Jessica Showman	18 Sam Killday	25 Phyllis Ashby
4 Arjee Weisheit	18 KayLynn Blickhan	25 Ryan Vaughn
4 Jack Ajdinovich	18 Melanie Drescher	26 Brad Ehmen
4 Austin Jones	19 Nathan Hoebing	26 Larry Bugh
4 Rachel Foster	20 Gabriel Vaughn	26 Steve Hyer
6 Alex Schlipman	20 Gene Bluhm	26 Cameron Casanova
9 Ava Nickelson	22 Janice Voepel	27 Renee Benedetto
9 Lauren Mueller	22 Pat Weppler	27 Lori Post
10 Shelly Hoftman	23 Frank Baird	30 Debbie Brassfield
10 Audrey Howell	23 Roger McGartland	30 Caroline Weisenburger
14 Elizabeth Mix	24 Jayme Jefferson	

September Anniversaries

1 Steve and Carolyn Kaiser	59 years	17 William and Kristin Humphrey	44 years
1 Terry and Mary Morse	53 years	18 Pat and Leila Weppler	17 years
1 Jon and Kim Pracht	2 years	19 Anthony and Nichole Blickhan	12 years
1 Terry and Sharon Vaughn	48 years	19 Jerry and Becky Lunt	40 years
2 Jerry and Colleen Westberg	49 years	26 Jeffrey and Allison Smith	12 years
7 Steve and Mary-Ann Hyer	8 years	27 Jim and Carmeli Fitch	35 years
7 Greg and Melanie Zehnle	30 years	27 Roger and Doreen McGartland	13 years
13 Eric and Danielle Deeter	7 years	27 Randy and Gretchen Wolfmeyer	24 years
13 Don and Cindy Stegeman	41 years	29 Clint and Michele Gooding	3 years
14 Emanuel and Jane Voepel	58 years		

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

This page is a list of dates that are missing or incomplete in our system. If you know any of them please call or email the church office and let us know! We DO NOT publish ages anymore unless requested!

Unknown Birthdays

Ashley Badamo
Michael Badamo
Rick Boerema
Charles Bowles
Claudia Brown
Sophia Brown
Mary Church
Shanon Church
Chrissy Dietrich
Jeffrey Goetz
Jessica Goetz
Shelby Gooding
Joann Harvey
Leslie Henricks
Eric Hensley

Billy Hindbough
Bennie Hines Jr.
Lennox Hines
Christa Holtman
Kat Kittrell
Pete Knowles
Teresa Kruzan
Jim Leathers
Linda Leathers
Randy Luker
Julie Martin
Taylor Mayfield
Aaron Mohr
John Morgan
Reese Muse

Joseph Nickelson
Erica Parrish
Mayzie Parrish
Betty Pracht
Megan Schweitzer
Susan Schweitzer
Harold Shaw
Nick Stark
Tanner Tanner
Aaron Tronsgard
Janice Tronsgard
Kaisley Turner
Jeanette Wyatt

Unknown Baptisms

Hannah Ajdinovich
Rod Allensworth 2018
Michele Austin
Ashley Badamo
Michael Badamo
Cindy Baird
Debbie Baird
Jim Bangert
David Bent
Leslie Bent
Bonnie Blattner
Don Blattner
Jeff Blattner
Nichole Blickhan
Rick Boerema
Laurie Bronson
Claudia Brown
Jennifer Burner
Lynnette Carpenter
Mary Church
Shanon Church
Angie Clevenger
Cameron Clevenger
Chris Clevenger
Michele Clevenger
Paul Clevenger
Chrissy Dietrich
Al Ebel

Missy Ebel
Malinda Eden
Karol Ehmen
Jean Ennen
Sky Fischer Jun 9
Carmell Fitch
Sheldon Foulk
Dana Frohn
John Frohn
John Frohn Jr.
Matt Frohn
Dennis Go
Jeffrey Goetz
Jessica Goetz
Clint Gooding
Ruth Graham
Bill Haire
John Hallerberg
Ginger Heitman
Evita Helm
Dan Hendrian
Darlene Herman
Gary Herman
Ellen Hines
Thom Hurley
Elaine Hyer
Kat Kittrell 2017
Cindy Klingele
Linda Knowles
Pete Knowles

Kris Kutcher
Alischia Langan
Carole Lannerd
Terry Lannerd
Morgan Longcor
Randy Luker
Cody Martin
Dylan Martin
Julie Martin
Darylene Mix
John Morgan
Carol Muehring
Becki Murphy
Mike Murphy
Cheryl Newbrough
Carol Nunn
Bernie Ott
Cyndi Ott
Jim Ott
Erica Parrish
Sandra Peters
Mike Pettit 1957
Bev Post
Betty Pracht
David Reinburg
Kathryn Ripper
(Perrine)
Bill Schlipman Jr.
Steve Schoch
Amanda Schweitzer

Jesse Schweitzer
Megan Schweitzer
Susan Schweitzer
Joe Sharrow
Jeffrey Smith
Howard Snowden
Nick Stark
Cindy Stegeman
Annalisa Thewis
Naomi Tipton
Aaron Tronsgard
Jack Tronsgard
Michele Urbon
Barb Vahle
Sharon Vaughn
Terry Vaughn
Joan Walbring
Susan Weiss
Jeff Wemhoener
Joshua Wemhoener
Rhoda Wemhoener
Tom Wemhoener
Jerry Westberg
Brent Wingerter
Linda Wingerter
Anita Wolfmeyer
Stephanie Yates

September News & Notes

LWML Rummage Sale has been postponed to September or October. We are accepting items for the rummage sale. Please use the Sunday School opening area for your items. **Please do not put anything in the Fellowship Hall.** Once the opening room is full, you can put items at the end of the hall in the Sunday School room area. **No TVs.** Thanks to everyone who have helped us raise over \$13,000 in the last six years. All of this for missions! Thanks again. Let's keep up the Lord's work!!

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>

Please remove items from your back pockets (*keys, money clips, etc.*) We have a few pews that have been damaged on the right side of the church.

Please use your offering envelopes- Not only does it save time for the counters but it helps us keep our records accurate for you.

Coming soon: Thanksgiving cards on the rack and Christian Christmas cards by the card or by the box!

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of **August** was **\$96.00.**

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

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.

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, please let the office know and we would be happy to get them in touch with their local campus Pastor.

SENIOR (OLDER ADULT) RETREAT Southern Illinois District and the Missouri District will hold the retreat on **October 20 (Wednesday) and October 21 (Thursday)** at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton, IL. The theme is "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision" ("Cross Eyed" simply means that our **Eyes** are focused on the **Cross** of Christ!) Dr. Rich Bimler and Professor, Rev. Dr. Jeff Gibbs, will be speakers.

Each day features an Opening Devotion, followed by 8 one-hour workshops, which seniors may choose 2 each day. Wednesday dinner will be followed by Musical Entertainment from "The 60's Chicks", performing popular songs from the 1960's. During the Retreat you will also have time to relax, enjoy the sight, and fellowship.

The Retreat cost is \$100/per person for both days, \$75 for Wednesday only, & \$50 for Thursday only. Meals included are Lunch & Dinner on Wednesday, Breakfast & Lunch on Thursday. The cost for Lodging, however, is **NOT** included. Make your room reservations by calling the Lodge at 618-786-2331 Tell them your reservation is for "Lutheran Older Adult Retreat" at a rate of \$99 for a single or double, plus 11% tax. **This rate is good until 10/06/21.** The Retreat Brochure/Registration Form can be found at www.sidloms.org. Click on Forms/Registration. You will need to download and print the Registration Form and mail it. Each district congregation has been mailed a copy too. If you have questions call Margo Wolf at 618-979-3376.

Unknown Anniversaries

Michael and Ashley Badamo
 Frank and Debbie Baird
 Jeff and Renee Blattner
 Rick and Rita Boerema
 Lynnette and Mark Carpenter
 Randy and Laura Ellerbrock
 John and Dana Frohn

Dennis and Linda Go
 Jeffrey and Jessica Goetz
 Bennie and Ellen Hines
 Tyler and Audrey Howell
 Jason and Kami Klauser
 Jeff and Cindy Klingele
 Chris and Stacy Kuhn
 Don and Julie Martin

Joseph and Kelsey Ott
 David and Carol Pellman
 Wade and Katie Pellman
 Jeff and Debbie Wemhoener
 Tom and Rhoda Wemhoener
 Matt and Carrie Weppeler
 Charlie and Jeanette Wyatt

Pastoral Report (July 1 – 31, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms
First Communion
Youth Confirmation

Anna Bergen Ehmen – Psalm 46:1 – July 13, 2021

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."

Edwin Andrew Murphy – John 14:6 – July 13, 2021

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life.

No one comes to the Father except through me."

Marriages
Funerals

Celebration of Life for **Clifford C. Hemmann** – July 17, 2021

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +2C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +2C]

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Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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Death [-0B, -0C]

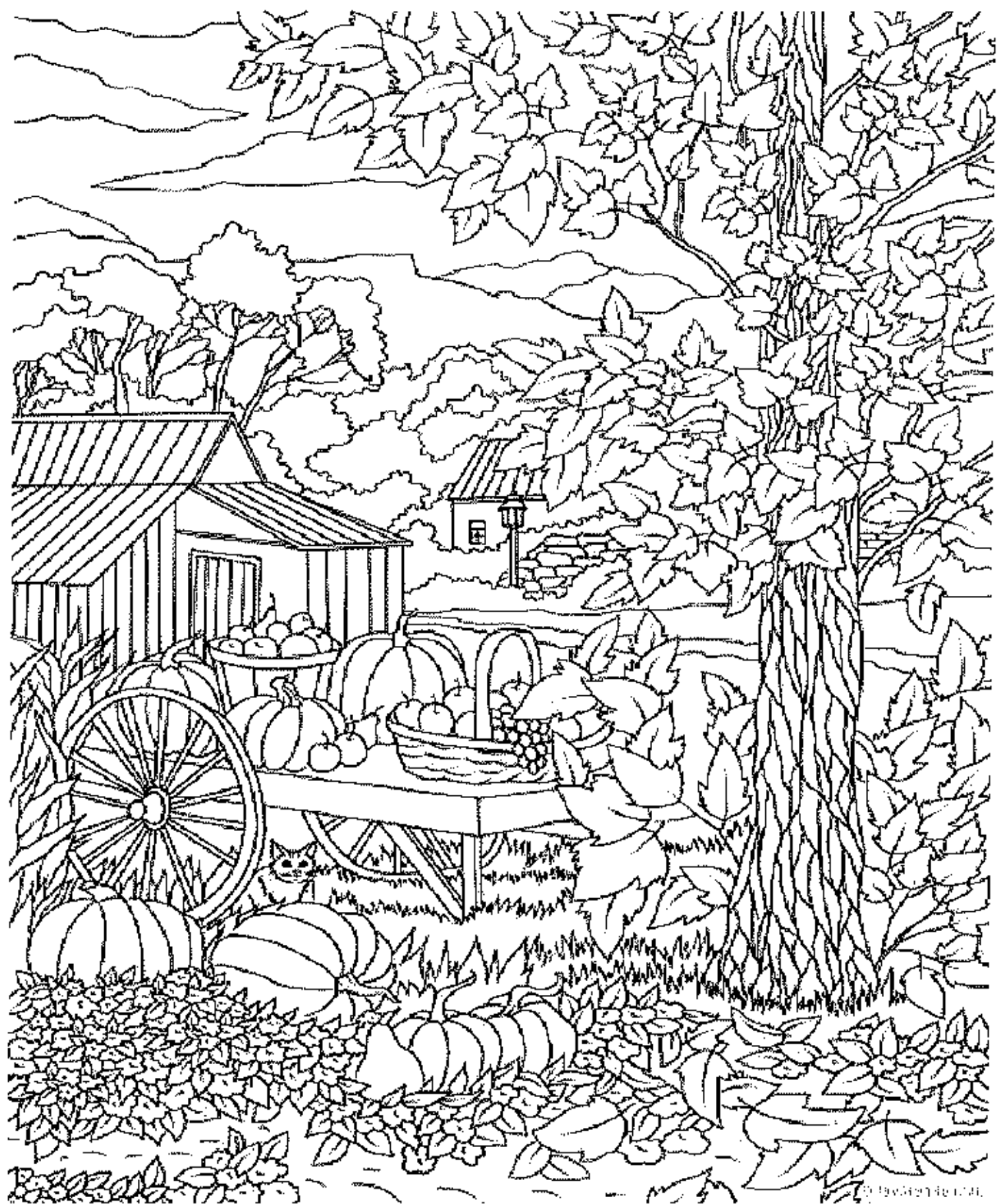
Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	Jan. 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	July 31, 2021
Baptized	574	+10	-2	582
Confirmed	447	+14	-2	459

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ANGELS by Bill Schlegl

What directions did God give to His angels?

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

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From: **maganda peter** <magandamp@yahoo.co.uk>

Date: Sat, Aug 21, 2021 at 1:08 AM

Subject: Food distribution

Food distribution at Magamaga- Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda.

On behalf of our church and the entire community of Magamaga, I would like to extend a warm appreciation to the saints and brothers at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church ILLINOIS USA for the great support towards the feeding of people here.



The funds you supported us with to buy the food greatly helped us to reach 150 families each getting 20kgs though some got less depending on the sizes of their families. It was a great opportunity for OSLC to also share the love of Jesus to mostly Muslims because of the fact that Magamaga is highly concentrated with Muslims. Out of the 150 families 54 were for Muslims. As food was being distributed we also gave a printed passage from Matthew 25:34-40

"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'"

We could read some who couldn't read Lusoga our language as well.

On a happy note, the inter-District travels are open. People can now go to work.

The Churches are still in doors. But we are reaching out to our communities through worship on radio.

The schools are still closed and we have encouraged our people to have home schooling for the children though the majority can't afford.

We are once again thankful for the support and partnership.

Rev. Peter

OSLC- Magamaga Uganda

Thank You A most humble and profound Thank You for all your prayers, cards, encouragement, and support during the past month and more as I underwent surgery at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City. Recovery seems to be going well. Soon I will begin 33 radiation treatments, 5 days/week. That should cover all of September and a good part of October. God has been faithful and gracious through all of this. He will continue to do so. Donna and I praise Him for all He has done, especially by providing the excellent team of surgeons, residents, students, nurses, and others at Iowa City. Thanks be to God for the warm fellowship of His people throughout the church, and that means YOU!

Rev. Larry D. Troxel

Scrip Update Scrip Update:

Week ending:	7-Aug	15-Aug	22-Aug
Profit:	\$35.00	\$204.37	\$80.14
# orders:	1	24	9
Profit/Order:	\$35.00	\$8.52	\$8.90
Overall Profit:	\$2,471.16	\$2,675.53	\$2,755.67

On the Raise Right (*Shop with Scrip app.*) you can purchase e gift cards with our unique code. Thank you to those who utilize this option!

Upcoming Events

September 8: Junior High Youth Night (5th – 8th Grade) LCoSJ

September 9: Quilters

September 11: LLL Retreat at Camp CILCA

September 12: Sunday School Rally Day

September 14: Quincy Zone Rally at Holy Cross in Golden, IL

~~**September 14:** Pastors' Conference~~

September 14: Girls Youth Group (2nd – 5th Grade) at LCoSJ

~~**September 16:** CareNet Crab Fest~~

September 19: Church Picnic

September 21: Pastors' Circuit Meeting – St. James, Quincy

September 23: Quilters

September 26: Bible Translation Sunday

September 26: Voters' Meeting

October 1-2: Jr & Sr High Catechetical Retreat: Camp CILCA

October 3: LWML Sunday

October 5: Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Holy Cross, Golden, IL

October 6: LWML Meeting

October 10: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey Sunday

November 2: Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Concordia, Warsaw, IL

November 3: LWML Meeting

November 12-13: CID Junior High Lock in Five Points –Washington, IL

December 3: LWML Meeting

December 7: Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Lutheran Church of Saint John, Quincy, IL

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

July 17- 19, 2022: CID District Convention Crowne Plaza –Springfield, IL

For churches outside the St. Louis area for the **week of September 5: KFUE Radio**, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Begin studying Zephaniah on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study Psalm 142-144 and 9-10 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear stories about vocation and living boldly Lutheran on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m. CT). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on our KFUE Radio app!

LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS - SEPTEMBER 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR

1 Pray for good communication between partner Bible translation organizations at the Language Programs Coordination Forum (Nigeria).

2 Pray for travel mercies for Amy Formella as she returns to Sierra Leone.

3 Pray that God will continue to bless Paul & Al Federwitz as they serve faithfully in Ghana.

4 Praise God for Kelsey Grulke's work with the Shekgalagari and Wayeyi teams in Botswana.

5 Praise God for the time of spiritual retreat for the literature centers with the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon.

6 Pray for Rev. Chnuck Tessaro as he attends a virtual seminar to multiply mentoring efforts (Nigeria).

7 Pray that the planned literacy workshops will bring greater awareness and connections for Khwe communities (Botswana).

8 Pray for discernment for the Dowayo translation and literacy program as they select three translators to serve on the team (Cameroon).

9 Pray for God's blessings of hope and knowledge to students of all ages as they begin their school year.

10 Pray for the Ipli team as they explore what Scripture engagement programs will integrate well with the community and translated passages (Papua New Guinea).

11 Pray that God will provide LBT's Executive Development Officer Dr. Brent Smith fruitful conversations as he meets people around the U.S.

12 Praise God for Melissa Schweigert's five-year anniversary serving as LBT's Human Resource Manager (U.S.).

13 Pray for God's direction to be upon the Nizaa translation team as they review the Gospel of Luke (Cameroon).

14 Pray for God's blessings upon Tiffany Smith in her training at Mootlands Christian College (UK).

15 Pray for perseverance for the Mekane Yesus Seminary students as they begin their final year in the Bible translation training program (Ethiopia).

16 Pray for good connections and clarity for Rhoda Houge as she serves as Development Assistant (U.S.).

17 Pray for God's direction and wisdom upon Aramaic Bible Translation language teams as they translate the Old Testament.

18 Pray that God will bless Dr. Tiahun Mlendedo as he connects with the people of Redeemer Lutheran in Peoria, IL.

19 Pray for joy and perseverance for the students and staff of the Linguistics and Bible Translation department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria.

20 Pray for God's blessings upon the SOAR Fall Seminar in Colorado as they share about the Bandi Old Testament translation program.

11 Pray for Partner Technology Support Coordinator Josh Wagner as he encourages and supports partners in their technology for translation, Scripture engagement, and administration.

12 Pray for God's joy and grace to be upon Kaylee Petty as she walks with Him (U.S.).

13 Pray that the Kerewe team may have a united vision and focus in translating God's Word (Tanzania).

14 Pray for wisdom and clarity for LBT's Board of Directors as they meet in Colorado Springs.

15 Praise God for His blessings of creativity and talent for Caleb Rodewald as he serves in graphic design (U.S.).

16 Praise God for the congregations celebrating Bible Translation Sunday today!

17 Pray for Scripture Engagement Coordinator Rob Veith as he serves to create dialogue and share resources within LBT (U.S.).

18 Pray for God's joy and strength as August Luefjen celebrates his 10th birthday (U.S.).

19 Pray that God will bless Rev. Carl & Kelsey Grulke and their family as they share His love with people in Botswana.

30 Pray for good discussions and problem solving at the Forum of Bible Translation Consultants in Nigeria.

Martin and Marie Dicke—Missionaries Serving the Lord in Asia and PNG



Presentations and Lecture/Demonstration Recitals in Taiwan

By Martin Dicke

The road back to Papua New Guinea still remains very difficult. For entry into the country PNG is now requiring that travelers be vaccinated and also quarantined for three weeks at an approved hotel with Covid tests at the end of each week, all at the traveler's expense. Australia, our usual path to PNG, is still in panic/lockdown mode and beginning to employ totalitarian tactics to enforce vaccinations and their health declarations. So it is very difficult if not impossible to travel through Australia.



LCMS Asia Regional Office in Chiayi, Taiwan.

LCMS Asia Regional Director Pastor Charles Ferry, has changed the focus of my service and asked me to serve the Asia Region as a Music Specialist. I will be based in the US working remotely on worship/music resource projects, and travel overseas as opportunities arise and travel restrictions allow.

Most recently I was in Taiwan for three months at the Asia Regional Office in Chiayi (see picture below left) to work with the China Evangelical Lutheran Church. After much difficulty, I was able to secure a 90 day work visa for Taiwan. Travel was not allowed in February, but restrictions were lifted in March. I was therefore able to spend April-June in Taiwan.

After two weeks of quarantine, I worked with Barbara Rebenisch making final preparations for nine different workshops and lecture/demonstration recitals on worship and music. That was quite intense and difficult because Chinese is such a difficult language. Mandarin Chinese is a tonal language so words must be spoken with the precise

tone or they are meaningless or become completely different words. Just as we were to begin traveling, the country offering the presentations, a lockdown was issued because of an increase in Covid cases in Taipei. It was then decided to use the recording studio at the Asia Regional Office to offer the presentations online via Zoom and YouTube.

Altogether I offered 10 presentations and lecture / demonstration recitals to the China Evangelical Lutheran Church (CELC). They are available on the CELC YouTube page. Below is a list of the presentations that were given and some information about them. On the back are some more pictures from my visit to Taiwan.

Taiwan Lectures, Seminars, and Workshops

1. May 22—Proclaiming God's Grace and Mercy in Song: The Living Legacy of Lutheran Hymnody

An introduction to Martin Luther's hymns and the great legacy of song that followed. The stories and theology of 13

hymns from the new *Chinese Lutheran Service Book* were discussed and then sung in Chinese by Pastor Alex Wu and his wife Ruth. The CELC was also encouraged to follow Luther's example and write their own.

2. May 29—The Eternal Song: The Songs and Music of the Bible

Provided an overview of the Biblical theology of music, the Songs of the Bible, and what they mean for us.

3. June 5—Handel's *Messiah*: Biblical, Christological, and Eschatological

An overview of one of the greatest musical works of all time, one that tells the entire salvation story.

4. June 6—An Overview of the Book of Psalms: Understanding the Song Jesus Sang

The psalms of the Old Testament are very important. They shape our worship and our theology. Jesus sang them with His disciples and used them to battle Satan and endure the pain of the cross. Ways of singing the psalms were demonstrated.

5. June 12—The Story of Anna Magdalena Bach: Faithful Wife and Mother

A lecture/demonstration recital which interspersed music from the famous Anna Magdalena's notebooks with the story of her life and the Bach family. It covered their life, music, tragedies, joys, and faith.

6. June 13—Singing the Music of the Angels: The Great Hymns of Christmas and Easter

Provided background on the Good News and Biblical basis of the great hymns of Christmas and Easter that proclaim it.

7. June 19—The Lasting Legacy of the Great Lutheran Composers

This presentation was a practical history of the great Lutheran heritage of music featuring the music of Johann Walter, musical adviser to Martin Luther; Michael Praetorius; Johann Pachelbel; Georg Frideric Handel; Johann Sebastian Bach; and Felix Mendelssohn among others.

8. June 20—The Tabernacle: Jesus is Our High Priest

What does God say about worship? Beginning with Hebrews 9:10, Isaiah 6, and Zechariah 3, this presentation provided an overview God's instructions for the Tabernacle of the Children of Israel and in so doing a deeper of understanding of the Divine Service.

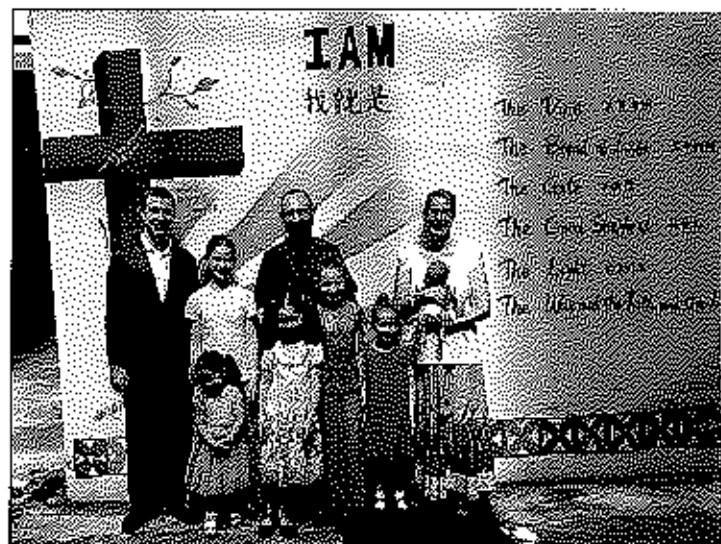
9. June 26—Piano Workshop for Church Musicians

Pianos are the main instrument for churches in Taiwan. This workshop provided some music and practical suggestions for church pianists.

10. June 27—Question and Answer Session

I also provided music for the regular worship services at the Asia Regional Office, worked daily with the children, and gave some private lessons. In discussions with the musicians of the CPIC we also identified projects that we can work on going forward to provide resources for their musicians and train their children.

Soli Deo Gloria!



*Top: Pastor Charles Ferry and his family at Salvation Lutheran Middle Strategy meeting
Bottom: Getting ready for a recording session in the Recording Studio at the Asia Regional Office.*



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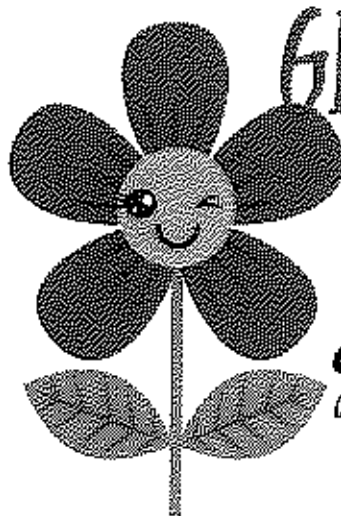
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GIRLS YOUTH GROUP

2ND - 5TH GRADE

*growing together
in christ*

Join us at the Lutheran Church Of St. John's for a Girls Youth Group. Our kickoff party will be September 14th. 6-7pm. After that we will meet the second Tuesday of each month through May. For our first study we will be using the Bible Belle books series. If you have any questions please contact Melissa Baker at 217-653-9963



Join us at the Lutheran Church of St. John's for Junior High Youth Night. We meet the second Wednesday of each month, now through May. From 6:30pm-8pm. We start the evening with a fun game/activity followed by a devotion time. All kids 5th-8th grade are invited to join us. Bring a friend and you and your friend will get a candy bar.

If you have any questions please contact
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