



2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As I spent a few days at Tablerock Lake celebrating Malinda's birthday with some family and friends, I was always the last to go to bed. Each night I would sit on the deck and enjoy the darkness undisturbed by anything but the sound of frogs and other nocturnal creatures creating a symphony of God's creative work.

It is only in the modern age of electricity creating light pollution that any pastor would have written about enjoying the darkness. Throughout most of human history, every night the reality of darkness ushered in justifiable fear. Even though electricity has allowed us to conquer the darkness of night, our world still deals with a deeper darkness.

The Bible offers numerous points of contrast between light and darkness. Christ is the Light of the world, but for far too many, the light of the Gospel remains unseen as it was to Job as he laments of the "land of gloom like thick darkness, like deep shadow without any order, where light is as thick darkness."

Martin Luther struggled with what today would most likely be classified as clinical depression. He wrote: "I myself have had considerable experience of this, for I know how I sometimes struggle in the hours of darkness. I know how often I suddenly lose sight of the rays of the Gospel and of grace, which have been obscured for me by thick, dark clouds" (AE 26:63-64). Rev. C.F.W Walther, the first president of the LCMS, suffered from depression. My good friend Rev. Todd Pepperkorn wrote of his lifelong bout with depression in "I Trust, Though Dark My Road" (which you can download for free at www.lcms.org).

Jesus says, "The eye is the lamp of the body . . . If then the light in you is darkness, how deep is that darkness." The only cure for darkness is light. When we are prevented from seeing the Light of Christ, how deep is that darkness. Rev. Pepperkorn writes of living life as if in a deep, dark fog. For a long time, it was a challenge for him to see the Light of the Gospel.

As we celebrate the Reformation at the end of October, what we are celebrating is the mercy of God bringing an end to darkness. The true Gospel, the reality that we are saved by grace alone through faith alone, and not by works, had been hidden from the people of God and had been replaced with the sacrament of penance (saying "Hail Mary's" or other works to make up for your sin) and the sale of indulgences where a person could buy their way into heaven.

Thankfully, the Sacraments of Baptism and Holy Communion were still available during those dark days before the Reformation. Peter tells us, "Baptism, now saves you" [1 Pt. 3:21]. Paul writes what Jesus revealed to him "[Jesus] said, 'This is my body which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant

in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes" [1 Cor. 11:24-26].

If the Light of the Gospel is being hidden from your eyes by the fog of darkness (whatever that may be), remember your Baptism and come to the Lord's Table. The mercy and grace of God offered in the sacraments sustained the church through the darkest of days. God, who is our mighty fortress, will sustain us today and fill us with the Light of Christ.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Pastoral Report (August 1 – 31, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms
First Communion
Youth Confirmation
Marriages
Funerals

Marjorie Ann Wear – August 2, 2021

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+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	August 31, 2021
Baptized	574	+10	-2	582
Confirmed	447	+14	-2	459

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Sep	12-Sep	19-Sep	3-Oct
Profit:	\$37.50	\$83.05	\$44.96	\$93.59
# orders:	1	13	9	10
Profit/Order:	\$37.50	\$6.39	\$5.00	\$9.36
Overall Profit:	\$2,935.55	\$3,018.60	\$3,063.56	\$3,213.86

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!

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (2nd term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Vice-President	Chris Knapp (2nd term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Secretary	Michele Urbon (2nd term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Treasurer	Josh Hennig (1st term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Financial Secretary	Melanie Zehnle (1st term) – Counters	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman (1st term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
Board of Elders		
	Bob Mehl (1st term) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Dennis Fleming (1st term) – Special Services	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Gene Bluhm (2nd term) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Mike Herschler (1st term) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Steve Schoch (2nd term) – Head Elder	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2nd term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Michele Schoch (2nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
Property Board	Gary Herman (1st term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Gary Hyer (2nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (2nd term)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Larry Ehmen (1st 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 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 with Gabriel

801 Seminary Pl, St. Louis, MO 63105.



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 – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 5 & 6 – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Grades 7 & 8 – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

October News & Notes

Pastor Eden and the Church Elders are requiring masks when entering the building to adhere with state guidelines. *Thank you for your understanding.*

LWML Rummage Sale is October 8 & 9. Set up starts Monday, October 4 at 8 AM. Please come help if you can! 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!!

New Member Class Pastor Eden will be holding classes for anyone desiring to become new members of Our Redeemer. The plan is to meet for five sessions on **Tuesday evenings**. If you desire to attend these classes, please let Pastor Eden know.

St. James Fundraising days at Papa John's 2nd Thursday of each month - **Oct 14, Nov. 11, Dec 9, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, Apr 14, and May 12.** If you present a flyer when ordering, then St. James will receive 20% of the sales. (You can even order online, and then bring the flyer when you pick up from the store.)

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: The Junior High Sunday School class is in need of a teacher. There are currently four students enrolled in this class. **If you are interested in being a full time teacher, co-teacher (where we could rotate weekly duties,) or a substitute teacher for the junior high class, please contact Melissa Knapp, SS Supt.**

A heartfelt THANK You to all of you who called, sent cards or texts, or brought meals to Cameron & I during our quarantine and the loss of my son & his dad, Matthew. You're caring and support has helped us in dealing with the profound ache of our loss.
Evelyn & Cameron McDowell

Sunday School Offerings: For October, the Sunday School offerings will be designated for the Open Hands Food Pantry at the Lutheran Church of St. John. In addition to any monetary donations, we will also collect food pantry items, as well as personal care items. Please see the list below for ideas.

Serving our Community for October Open Hands Food Pantry In addition to food items that are always welcome, the following items are needed by those guests utilizing the Open Hands food pantry at the Lutheran Church of St. John. Many of these are personal care items that cannot be purchased with food stamps and can be expensive for many to purchase. Donated items may be brought to the collection site by the south entrance at Our Redeemer. We will deliver the items to the Open Hands food pantry at the end of October

toothbrushes	baby wipes
toothpaste	diapers (<i>especially size 1 and 3 right now</i>)
hair brushes/combs	dish and laundry detergent
shampoo	cough drops
shampoo for ethnic hair	band aids (<i>various sizes</i>)
soap	(<i>Any items you may find in a first aid kit</i>)
feminine hygiene products	hand operated can openers
toilet paper	

If want to volunteer at the Open Hands Food Pantry, please contact Erica Perry-Broekemeier, Director at 217.222.8579 or openhands@lcosj.org

Recycling ink cartridges will benefit Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda. Rev. Peter Maganda and the members of Our Savior are buying and distributing food to those in the area. Please help by: 1. Either dropping off your used inkjet cartridges at Our Redeemer, 2701 College, (where we will gather and then mail a combined shipment to Planet Green,) 2. **Mailing your used empty inkjet cartridges by following these steps;** Gather 4 or more ink cartridges. Retrieve **FREE USPS** label by using our Program ID Code **31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com, print, and mail.

Good News for the St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund An anonymous donor has offered to **match up to \$5,000.00** in donations so whatever you contribute will effectively be doubled! This matching challenge will run until the end of the year. If you are not familiar with this endowment or have any question about it, please check with any of the committee members. **Checks should be made out to: ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**

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

August 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan-Aug '21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	222,394.72	205,034.26	17,360.46	108.5%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,388.70	3,333.32	-1,944.62	41.7%
Total Interest Income	3.34	10.00	-6.66	33.4%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	2,035.00	3,000.00	-965.00	67.8%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	<u>300.00</u>	<u>400.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>75.0%</u>
Total Income	226,121.76	211,777.58	14,344.18	106.8%
Expense				
Mission	9,500.00	11,333.32	-1,833.32	83.8%
Personnel	133,916.99	137,099.28	-3,182.29	97.7%
Program	28,357.54	40,024.08	-11,666.54	70.9%
Property	<u>33,951.22</u>	<u>34,660.04</u>	<u>-708.82</u>	<u>98.0%</u>
Total Expense	205,725.75	223,116.72	-17,390.97	92.2%
Net Income	20,396.01	-11,339.14	31,735.15	179.9%

Assignments for October 2021

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Darrell Drescher, mike Herschler*, Larry Foster*, Josh Hennig*

Counters: Gina Eickelshulte and Don Fink

Registration Slips: Barb Ellerbrock

Altar Care: Becky Lunt, Barb Ellerbrock, Sherry Yelton, Jane Haschemeyer

Service Recording:

October 3 at 9 AM -	Larry
October 10 at 9 AM -	Keith
October 17 at 9 AM -	Keith
October 24 at 9 AM -	Jeff
October 31 Reformation Day at 9 AM -	Larry

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

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

PTL held the first meeting of the academic year and had a good turnout. Thank you for everyone who attended. The **next meeting is October 5th** and we'd love to see you there.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS... Fall Festival is **Saturday, October 16th** and is a wonderful opportunity for everyone in PreK through grade 8 and their families to enjoy many great activities that the fall season brings our way. More information will be forthcoming.

Spring Fling, is set for Saturday, March 5th. Mark your calendars now for this big event. The Spring Fling is a dinner, silent auction, and live auction, and is the one major yearly fundraiser for St. James Lutheran School. It is organized by members of the PTL and helps the school fund a variety of items. Examples of what the Spring Fling funds include: classroom fund for each teacher for supplies each year, technology upgrades, manipulatives for classrooms, and updates for classrooms/facilities/playground.

Food and Fundraising - eat at these restaurants on the specific date and a portion of sales will be given back to St. James School. Make sure to mention St. James Lutheran School. **November 29th – Papa Murphy's**
December 27th – Papa Murphy's

Church Singing Dates Sunday, November 7th; Our Redeemer; 9:00am with Bake Sale for Marine Lab Trip, Sunday, February 6th; St. Johns; 10:30am, Sunday, April 24th; St. James; 10:30am

Wanted Substitutes: Have you thought about becoming a substitute for St. James Lutheran School, or know someone who would? Substitute teachers have always been an integral part of our school. If you love inspiring students, we need you! Contact the school office today!



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...

Oct. 3 – LWML Sunday

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

Oct. 8 – Annual Rummage Sale, 3 - 7 pm, Fellowship Hall

Oct. 9 – Annual Rummage Sale, 8 - noon, Fellowship Hall

Nov. 3 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

September News

Thanks to Reva Ehmen and Sandy Callahan for hosting this month's carry-in meeting! It was all delicious and the fellowship is always fabulous!!!

The rummage sale date has been set for Oct. 8 and 9! Look for the announcement about donations in the Sunday to Sunday.

We would love your help in funding our missions, so please take an LWML mite box and bring it back with your collection of coin on LWML Sunday, Oct. 3!

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 #4, Filling Haitian Tummies – Trinity HOPE - \$5,000

Trinity HOPE is a feeding program in Haiti to assist Haitian Lutheran Churches in spreading the Gospel to the hungry children who attend their Christian schools by providing a daily nutritious meal. It makes the children healthier, increases their energy, and enables them to be more receptive to the Work of the Lord. These funds will provide for 110 hungry children for an entire school year

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

Our CID mission goal is \$105,000, of which \$78,750 is for our grants and the remainder for our national

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!!

Healing the Invisible Wounds of War through Horses Spirit Warrior, Central Maine - \$95,000

Many veterans and service members want to connect with God. Spirit Warrior horses and a deaconess are ministering to returning soldiers who often experience a conflict between their moral standards and the orders they had to carry out while in uniform. Theological discussions, as well as hearing of the love of Christ, take place while caring for the horses.

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.

October Birthdays

1 Jeff Blattner	14 James Jones III	20 Olivia Badamo
1 Donna Church	14 Dana Frohn	22 Chris Knapp
2 Tara Walker-Moffitt	15 Darylene Mix	22 Martin Eden
3 Bryan Baird	15 Joann Reichert	23 Ann Nickelson
4 Angie Nixon	16 Jim Ott	23 Myley Longcor
6 Amy Killday	17 Coby Klauser	23 Kriss Frink
6 Rebecca Jones	17 Gary Herman	24 Rita Boerema
7 Steve Schoch	17 Maggie Nixon	24 Anthony Blickhan
7 Kensey McGartland	18 Erik Mix	24 Jennifer Burner
8 Bob Frink	18 Ashley Brown	24 Kari Frink
9 Jan Mueller	18 Sarah Lucas	25 Carol Nunn
9 Teresa Allensworth	19 Edwin Murphy	25 Ryan Schnack
11 Eben Fischer	19 David Ott	26 Connor Ott
12 Jessica Campbell	19 Pat Florey	26 Danny Baker
13 Shirley Foster	20 Cindy Baird	29 Eric Sass
13 Beth Lucas	20 Jan Colvin	29 Erica Dedert
14 Nora Meyer	20 Anita Wolfmeyer	30 Josh Holtman
	20 Robert Gooding	

October Baptisms

1 Donna Eisenbeiss	14 Scott Baird	19 Kayzley Parrish
2 Denise Lucas	15 Lynda Hinkamper	20 Jimmy Perry
3 Christopher Schnack	15 Heath Heitman	22 Joseph Nickelson
4 Cristine Purcell	15 Rhonda Hummel	24 Kayla Terstriep
5 Sharon Vahle	16 Royal Bugh	24 Janelle Healy
7 Abby Fischer	18 Jim Dice	26 Rosie Meyer
7 Shirley Dieringer	18 Lily Hayes	26 Alexander Smith
10 Gary Gooding	18 Phoebe Hayes	27 Nick Allen
11 Steve Kaiser	18 Denys Stark	27 Chris Allen
13 Maxine Fink	19 Amelia Knapp	29 Ada Miller
13 Abby Hibbert	19 Jamison Knapp	

October Anniversaries

1 Eric and Christina Kaltenbach	24 years	17 Matt and Valerie Frohn	17 years
3 Bernie and Cyndi Ott	35 years	17 Bill and Donna Haire	40 years
5 Bryan and Heather Meyer	8 years	18 Terry and Carole Lannerd	52 years
10 Zachary and Kayla Terstriep	6 years	18 Adam and Stephanie Yates	19 years
12 Rod and Deanna Hibbert	41 years	21 Stan and Sherry Yelton	43 years
13 Chris and Michele Clevenger	31 years	24 Don and Maxine Fink	51 years
13 Bradley and Erica Parrish	3 years	24 Thomas and Janelle Healy	1 year
15 Larry and Monica Foster	33 years	24 Kent and Nora Schnack	29 years
15 Nick and Denys Stark	10 years		

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

October News & Notes Notes

Please **help the LWML** with their mission work, **grab a mite box** from the Narthex table and fill it with your donation. Please return the boxes to LWML. Thank you for your support! These funds will be used for missions within the community and all around the world.

Open Hands Food Pantry at the Lutheran Church of St. John will be collecting the following items to give to pantry patrons for **Thanksgiving**:

boxed stuffing (Stove Top) QTY 100
instant mashed potatoes QTY 100
gravy mix packets QTY 100
cream of mushroom soup QTY 100
french fried onions QTY 100
canned corn or green beans QTY 200
cornbread mix QTY 100
dessert mix (cake mix, brownie mix, muffin mix, pudding pie mix, etc) QTY 100

These things will be **handed out in November**. All items must be non-perishable. Please see Erica Perry-Broekemeier with any questions, 217-222-8579 or openhands@lcosj.org

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.sidlcms.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.

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>

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.

The Lutheran Church of St John is **not** accepting any clothing or household or toy donations at this time. Our storage is still beyond capacity and we've had a small amount of people asking for clothing. If any friends ask you about dropping off donations, please tell them thank you, but not right now. Please do not leave items outside the doors as our dumpster is small. If you or someone you know has items to donate, you might call Ladies of Charity at 217-222-6359. Thank you.

October News & Notes Notes

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

Respect Life Dinner, October 21, 2021 Deadline for reservations: Monday, October 11 Right to Life of Adams County again offers you the opportunity to hear a great speaker and to support the pro-life cause. The 2021 annual Respect Life Dinner will feature Josh Brahm, who has worked in the pro-life movement since he was 18. After 12 years of full-time pro-life work, he launched Equal Rights Institute (<https://equalrightsinstitute.com/>). Josh's primary passion is helping pro-life people think clearly, reason honestly, and be more persuasive when they communicate with pro-choice people. That means avoiding faulty rhetoric and tactics and embracing arguments that hold up under philosophical scrutiny. According to David Bereit, the National Director of 40 Days for Life, "Josh Brahm is one of the brightest, most articulate, and innovative people in the pro-life movement." Please invite your family, friends, and church members to join you and fellow pro-lifers for a motivating evening. Date: Thursday, October 21, 2021 Time: Reception, 5:30 p.m.; Dinner, 6:00 p.m.; Guest speaker, following dinner Location: Holiday Inn 4821 Oak Street, Quincy IL Price: \$25 per person; \$40, 2 persons; \$130, table of 8 By reservation only; no tickets available at the door. Reservations must be made by Monday, Oct. 11. Call Lyn Schlipmann, 217-653-0075 for reservations and information. You are invited to hear the speaker at approximately 7 pm if you are unable to attend the dinner.

Beta Sigma Psi - Alpha Chapter offers a \$3,000 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2022. Digital application forms may be found online at: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students>. The application is due by **March 5th at 11:59PM**. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500 awards. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. If you have any questions please email UUCScholarship@betasigmapsi.org. The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found here <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>

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. 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.

Women's Conference Postponed **Women's Conference with Jill Savage** has been postponed. Spring of 2022 date is to be determined. You may contact Erica to receive a refund at 217--316-1454 or eperryx@yahoo.com

Thrivent tshirts are available on the Scrip Table near the south entrance. Please help yourself .

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.

October Puzzle Answer (*Puzzle on page 15*)

My Father's house has many rooms: If that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you. John 14:2

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St. John's German Meal You are invited to the annual German Meal at St. John's Lutheran Church of rural Bath (10844 N Co Rd 1400E, Bath, IL 62617) being held on **Monday, October 11 from 4:30-7:00**. Funds raised at this meal will go toward the support of Deaf Missions in the Central Illinois and especially at Christ for the Deaf Lutheran Church of Jacksonville, IL. The menu will include: Schnitzel, Spaetzle, Bratwurst, German Potato Salad, Red Cabbage, Sauerkraut and a great assortment of desserts. This will be a "dine in" or "to go" meal for a donation of your choice. For more information call the church at (309) 546-2434 or text Pastor Lesemann at (309) 256-6514.

Join us as we celebrate the impact that **Thrivent** has made in our local communities in 2021 and participate in a **virtual service project** that can make a difference in your own local community. Father Leo, Catholic Priest and Celebrity Chef, will lead attendees through making two delicious freezer meals-- one to keep and one to give away to someone in the community that could use a helping hand. The first 100 people to register can opt-in to receive a special event box with helpful kitchen tools to use as you cook and additional goodies to help you package up your gifted meal. **Thursday, October 7 at 6:30 p.m.** Online Webinar

Check out **more great upcoming events** hosted by the Thrivent Member Network and use the links to reserve your spot!

Savvy Tax Strategies Looking to understand how taxes can affect your retirement? Join us as Mike Fuehrmeyer shares insights from his 39-year Thrivent career about the critical tax question you must answer before retirement, as well as how to avoid the Social Security "tax trap" and other mistakes. **Wednesday, October 5th, 12:00 PM CT**

What Women Want with Personal Finance Expert Jean Chatzky Longtime NBC Today show financial editor, Jean Chatzky, shares her insights in Women And Money: Create The Joyful, Less Stressed, Purposeful (And, Yes, Rich) Life You Deserve. Women are different in their goals and expectations surrounding money. Learn Jean's plan for understanding your relationship with money and how to use it to accomplish the thing you want most. **Thursday, October 14th, 7:00 PM CT**

Savvy Social Security Careful planning can help you get the most out of your Social Security benefits. Join us as John Estes uses his more than 34 years with Thrivent to help attendees determine the ideal time to apply and ways to maximize Social Security benefits while minimizing taxes on those benefits. **Wednesday, October 20th, 12:00 PM CT and 6:30 PM CT**

No products will be sold. For more information visit [Thrivent.com/Social](https://www.thrivent.com/Social)

Announcing! Novemberfest and a Gottesdienst Conference St. John's Lutheran Church, Mattoon, Illinois Sunday evening and Monday, November 14-15, 2021 Conference theme: Reactions to Persecution In an age of mounting animosity toward the Christian Church in our society, this conference aims to get pastors and laypeople thinking about how we might respond appropriately to such things.

For the seminar we are pleased to welcome the Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz, Assistant Professor at Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, Indiana as our keynote speaker. Dr. Koontz was recently added to our ranks as a Gottesdienst blogger. He'll be speaking on "Reactions to Persecution in the Early Church."

We'll also hear from Rev. Jason Braaten, our editor known for producing The Gottesdienst Crowd, our weekly podcast. Pastor Braaten will speak on "Temptations amid Persecution: Distraction and Indifference"

The day-long seminar on Monday will open with Divine Service at 9:00 a.m. at St. John's.

BONUS: This Conference will be sandwiched between two evenings of Novemberfest: starting Sunday night, when Gottesdienst will be hosting a Picnic, Biergarten, and Gemütlichkeit under a heated tent at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Tuscola, a half hour up the road from St. John's, beginning at 5ish. And then on Monday after Vespers we'll have a pizza party followed by more of the Biergarten and Gemütlichkeit.

Here's a chance to spend some quality time with fellow Lutherans and pastors who have been missing District Conferences for up to two years. So join us for some good times! Lodging: Hampton Inn 1416 Broadway Ave East, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217) 234-4267, Comfort Suites 1408 Broadway Ave, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217) 619-0480, Holiday Inn Express & Suites 121 Swords Dr, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217) 235-2060, Quality Inn & Suites 4922 Paradise Rd, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217) 295-2190, Super 8 by Wyndham 205 McFall Rd, Mattoon, IL 61938 (217) 610-8264, REGISTRATION: \$50 per person — includes picnic, lunch, pizza dinner, and Gemütlichkeit. Log on at www.gottesdienst.org (you can pay with a major credit card) or send in this form with your check. Mail to St. Paul's Ev. Lutheran Church, 109 S. Elm St., Kewanee, IL 61443.

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Upcoming Events

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

October 3: LWML Sunday

October 6: LWML Meeting

October 10: Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch Honey Sunday

October 12: *Pastors' Circuit Meeting – Holy Cross, Golden, IL*

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 the **week of October 3:** 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: Study Ezekiel 15-18 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT, study Leviticus 17-22 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and hear special guests on Midday Moments at 12:30 p.m. CT! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

For the **week of October 10:** 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: Study Ezekiel 19-21 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), hear Mental Health Monday on The Coffee Hour (10/11 at 9:00 a.m. CT), finish studying Leviticus on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio App.

UPCOMING SEMINAR: Dr. Joel Biermann of Concordia Seminary St. Louis will be coming to Christ Lutheran, Normal, IL the weekend of **October 9th & 10th**. He will be preaching at the services and teaching Adult Bible Class. On **Saturday, October 9th**, Dr. Biermann will be leading an all-day seminar, **9am-3:15pm**, in the Parish Hall on "Men, Women, and Marriage". \$10 Registration fee includes light breakfast, lunch, and drinks.

Register by Tuesday, October 5th, 2021 at this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSerqnOJdUPTaZpKEy3ywYD3eU7Ka_JrwKSVv6RKLS5yDNW3w/viewform?usp=sf_link

Wallace Schulz to preach in CID Rev. Dr. Wallace Schulz a former associate speaker of the Lutheran Hour, will be the guest preacher at a special service on **Reformation Sunday, October 31, 2021, at 3:30PM** at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 80 Chestnut St., Varna, IL. Pastor Schulz, a native of South Dakota, has served in various capacities within the LCMS, including as a vice-president of the Synod, a missionary to Russia and other places, and a leader of the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. He is best known for his service to the Lutheran Hour Ministries, where he served as associate speaker from 1977-2002. Today he is the editor of the Good News Journal, a regular publication which instructs laypeople in the basics of the Lutheran faith. A supper is planned for after the events. Everyone is invited! Come and join us as we give thanks to God for His many gifts to us.

2021 CID JR. HIGH LOCK IN - FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 12 - AT 9 PM! AT FIVE POINTS IN WASHINGTON, ILLINOIS. GREAT FELLOWSHIP AND FUN – SAVE THE DATE GET YOUR GROUP TOGETHER – SEE YOU AT FIVE POINTS Please note that Five Points Washington will be following the guidelines announced by the Governor of Illinois along with guidance from the CDC and the IDPH. Five Points WILL NOT ask or require proof of vaccination; however, we do encourage you to continue to use your best judgement to continue to protect your health and that of others. CID Youth Lock in Information at <https://cidyouth.weebly.com/> Page 13

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A SPECIAL PLACE

by

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn something special about Heaven for yourself.

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The Camp CILCA Lowdown

October, 2021

217-487-7497 / camp@cilca.org

4124 Camp Cilca Rd.
Cantrall, IL 62625

Calling All Vendors: Oct 23

CILCA is seeking vendors to set up shop at the 2021 Homecoming. 11am-2pm have access to G.R.I.T. runners and Homecoming participants. \$15 per table. Contact director@cilca.org to reserve your spot.

Fall Work Day: Oct 30

As the camping season ends, help is needed putting items in storage and getting the grounds ready for a long winter's nap. Work will be done from 8:30am-11:30am with lunch served afterward for all volunteers.

HELP NEEDED!

Do you enjoy cooking and need some extra income? Camp CILCA is seeking to fill the position of **Assistant Cook**: \$14/hr, part-time, mostly weekends in the Fall-Spring. For more information contact the camp office today!



G.R.I.T. Run 5K CILCA HOMECOMING 2021

Saturday, October 23, 2021

10:00am

\$30 per runner. Runners age 6-18 run for \$10. Children under 6 run for free!

**Trails, creek beds, mud, steep hills, sand, stairs, and scenic views. You will get wet! An alternate route will be available for anyone who does not wish to climb through the creek bed.

Register On-Line at www.cilca.org/homecoming

(Each race participant will receive a Camp CILCA backpack. Awards will be given to the top three finishers in each age category, and to the top male and female finishers will receive a CILCA hoodie.)

Homecoming to follow

11:00am-1:30pm ~ Food, drinks, music, games, bonfire, and "German Beverages".

Contact Camp CILCA at any time for more information.

Office: 217-487-7497 / director@cilca.org

Camp CILCA exists to strengthen and foster faith in Jesus Christ and relationships with others in a unique outdoor setting.