

## 2021 Newsletter

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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#### To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

I am very thankful that COVID is much less disruptive to the world than it was a year ago, and I pray the disruptions keep growing smaller in our rearview mirror. I am thankful that we have progressed as far as we have and that many things have returned to normal. As Fall arrived, I have been reminded that certain things are still disrupted. The COVID lockdown in Uganda caused Rev. Peter Maganda to have to postpone his journey to St. Louis where he was to attend a pastor's conference and continuing education seminar. I was looking forward to spending time with him and seeing our world through his eyes. It will have to wait.

Oddly enough, thinking about him made me think of Eratosthenes, the Greek scientist/mathematician living in Egypt around 240 BC. He is credited as being the first to scientifically prove what Aristotle had theorized over 100 years earlier – that the world was round. He proved it by measuring shadows cast by obelisks (tall stone monuments) on the summer and winter solstice in Alexandria and Syene (modern day Aswan) which is about 570 miles south of Alexandria. His journey back and forth would have taken him 3-4 weeks to sail up and down the Nile River. His final calculation for the circumference of the earth was short by less than 500 miles. The science understood by the ancients is quite impressive. When Christopher Columbus argued for a western route to India, he was about 9000 miles short on his estimate concerning the circumference of the earth. He should have listened to Eratosthenes like the panel of experts did who argued against Columbus' proposal and originally convinced King Ferdinand to turn down funding Columbus' journey. Every educated European knew that the earth was round. When you see quotes concerning Columbus or Magellan or Galileo on the internet stating that the church or representatives of the church thought that the earth was flat, those are all fabrications from haters of the church from the 1800's such as Robert Ingersoll or Washington Irving.

My mind wandered off in this direction thinking about these things because I am dreading our annual plunge into evening darkness with the loss of Daylight Savings Time and our journey toward the shortest day of the year at the Winter solstice. I thought of Rev. Maganda because he lives about 30 miles from the equator near Lake Victoria, which is the headwaters for the Nile River. All of his life, he has lived with 12 hours of sunshine every day (+/- about 10 minutes). The days are not noticeably longer in the summer nor shorter in the winter in Magamaga, Uganda.

As you can tell, I do have a mind that wanders around. Ever since Rev. Maganda told me that he would be coming to America, I find myself looking at the events of my life that seem common and imagining that he will see our lives as anything but mundane or ordinary. As we make plans for celebrating Thanksgiving, I encourage you to give thanks to God for the things which are easily taken for granted. Eratosthenes changed the understanding of the world because he didn't take the movement of shadows for granted. Dealing with COVID has taught us that very often the best days are days that simply feel normal, mundane, and ordinary. Give thanks to God for all the ordinary things which we easily take for granted.

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

# Pastoral Report

(September 1 – 30, 2021)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Hendrix James Mc Laughlin – Sunday, September 26, 2021

### First Communion

### Youth Confirmation

### Marriages

### Funerals

Helen Linneman – Tuesday, September 7, 2021

Matthew Dean McDowell – Monday, September 20, 2021

Michael L. "Mike" Weiss – Friday, September 24, 2021

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+1B, +0C]

#### Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Hendrix James Mc Laughlin – Sunday, September 26, 2021

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

#### Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

#### Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

### Losses [-2B, -2C]

#### Death [-2B, -2C]

Matthew Dean McDowell – Friday, September 3, 2021

Sharon Ann Vahle – Thursday, September 30, 2021

#### Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

#### Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	September 30, 2021
Baptized	574	+11	-4	581
Confirmed	447	+14	-4	457

## Upcoming Events

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

**November 3:** LWML Meeting

**November 7:** St. James School sings at ORLC with Marine Lab Bake Sale

**November 13:** Camp CILCA Work Day

**November 28:** Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen 3:30 – 7 PM

**December 3:** LWML Meeting

**December 7:** Pastors' Circuit Meeting – LCoSJ,

**February 6, 2022:** St. James School sings at LCoSJ

**March 5, 2022:** Spring Fling

**April 24, 2022:** St. James School sings at St. James

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

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

**September 25, 2022:** Bible Translation Sunday

## 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
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	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 - Recording	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Jeff Wolfmeyer (2nd term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Michele Schoch (2nd term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	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 <sup>rd</sup> term)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen ( 3 <sup>rd</sup> 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:

Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Elaine Hyer, 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.

Ethan & Krista Boester

801 Seminary Pl, St. Louis, MO 63105



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## 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

Substitutes – Monica Foster and Melanie Drescher (PK)

Grades 3 & 4 – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 5 & 6 – Cyndi Ott

Grades 7 & 8 – Cyndi Ott

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

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## November News & Notes

**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**

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

**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. Your caring and support has helped us in dealing with the profound ache of our loss. *Evelyn & Cameron McDowell*

**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 Out 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](http://planetgreenrecycle.com), print, and mail.

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

Unfortunately, the CID Youth Committee has decided to **cancel the CID Jr-High Lock-in**. The event was scheduled for November 12th-13th, 2021. We were disappointed that COVID is still affecting our planning of activities. We are looking into the possibility of adding another Jr-High event later in the school year.

**Dennis & Pat Baker want to thank everyone** for the prayers and thoughts, acts of kindness and uplifting calls and texts during Dennis' recovery. There have been good improvements in his health. God's hand has been involved in Dennis' recovery. We give thanks and honor to Him. Thank you for everything, *Dennis & Pat Baker*

The **junior high Sunday School class** would like to have a **Christmas tree decorated with Chrismons**. They have a tree, but need the Chrismons! If you would be interested making Chrismons for the Sunday School, please contact Cyndi Ott, Junior High SS teacher. Information about Chrismons, their meanings, as well as the patterns can be found on the lounge counter. It can also be emailed directly upon request.

**Please help the Evangelism Team** brighten the day of our shut-ins by helping deliver **"Thinking of You" gift bags** from our congregation. Please pick up a bag on the table in the Lounge. Shut-in names and addresses are on each attached tag.

**Kitchen Cabinet Labels:** We are noticing that some kitchen cabinet labels have gone missing. The labels keep disappearing and keep being replaced. These labels help all who use the kitchen so as not to have to waste time opening multiple drawers or cabinets and they have been approved by the church council. Thank you in advance for leaving the labels that are in the kitchen on the cabinets so that all our members can benefit from them.

The **FALL WORK DAY at Camp CILCA** has moved to **Saturday, November 13**. Volunteers are needed to help get the campgrounds ready for winter. Come anytime between **8:30am and 11:30am**. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

**Trivia Night – Saturday, November 13 at 6 PM** Come show off your smarts and experience a fun night with friends! Gather a team and compete for great prizes while enjoying a delicious appetizer buffet at Native Grill and Wings. The appetizer buffet is included with your ticket; beverages and additional food will be available for purchase. Limited free childcare is available during the event and all proceeds will support Lutheran Church of St. John with expenses for the National Youth Gathering in Texas 2022. Don't miss out on this night of trivia fun for a great cause!

**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.

## September 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan-Aug '21	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	245,489.61	230,663.55	14,826.06	106.4%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,478.70	3,749.99	-2,271.29	39.4%
Total Interest Income	3.97	11.25	-7.28	35.3%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,035.00	3,375.00	-340.00	89.9%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	300.00	450.00	-150.00	66.7%
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>250,307.28</b>	<b>238,249.79</b>	<b>12,057.49</b>	<b>105.1%</b>
<b>Expense</b>				
Mission	11,250.00	12,749.99	-1,499.99	88.2%
Personnel	153,495.16	154,236.71	-741.55	99.5%
Program	35,367.14	45,027.06	-9,659.92	78.5%
Property	38,253.49	38,992.53	-739.04	98.1%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>238,365.79</b>	<b>251,006.29</b>	<b>-12,640.50</b>	<b>95.0%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>11,941.49</b>	<b>-12,756.50</b>	<b>24,697.99</b>	<b>-93.6%</b>

## Assignments for November 2021

**Ushers:** (\*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Dennis Go*, Jeff Smith
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jerry Lunt*, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Chris Knapp*, Stee Hyer
Thanksgiving Eve, 7PM	Bill Haire

**Counters:** Larry Ehmen & Emily Becker

**Registration Slips:** Ellie Bowles

**Altar Care:** Laura Essington, Shelly Holtman, Ruth Ann Snowden

**Service Recording:** November 7 at 9 AM – All Saints Day - Gretchen  
November 14 at 9 AM - Keith  
November 21 at 9 AM - Keith  
November 24 at 7 PM - Thanksgiving Eve - Jeff  
November 28 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**

**CHAPEL** We are excited to announce that parents are invited back to attend Chapel. Every Wednesday morning at 8:45 am students and teachers assemble in the church sanctuary for a special worship service. We ask that parents wear a mask. Entry will be the main church doors on 16th Street. Parents are asked not to enter through school doors.

**PLEASE BE WATCHING FOR INFORMATION. Parent/Teacher Conferences** will be on **Monday, November 22nd and Tuesday, November 23rd**. Information will be sent home early November for sign-up.

**Weather Related School Closings** - We are getting close to winter time weather and if we have to close school for inclement weather below is our process. In the event of school delays or closures, radio and TV stations (WGEM and KHQA) will broadcast the information. Notification will also be sent on FastDirect of school closures. For inclement weather, St. James Lutheran School will follow the announcements made by the Quincy Public Schools: If they are closed, we will also be closed, unless otherwise notified. Please be sure to listen to your local broadcast stations for information.

**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 29<sup>th</sup> – Papa Murphy's December 27<sup>th</sup> – Papa Murphy's**

**St. James Fundraising days at Papa John's** 2nd Thursday of each month – **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.)

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



**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](http://www.lwml.org).

**Like our Facebook pages...** Lutheran Women in Mission - LWML and Lutheran Women's Missionary League – Central Illinois District.

### UPCOMING...

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

**Dec. 3** – Christmas Party  
6 pm, details TBA

**Dec. 18** – Meal served at St. James for the Blind

**2022 ---**

**Apr. 29 & 30** – CID Convention, Our Savior Lutheran, Springfield

### October News

Thanks to Renee Benedetto and Barb Vahle for hosting this month's meeting in the Old Chapel!

Final preparations were made for the rummage sale and set up was completed for the sale on the weekend, which was a huge success with over \$3,600 in donations for our missions!

We can't thank you enough for your wonderful item donations for selling and your purchasing of some fabulous treasures

### 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!!*

#### Thirst to Learn: Bible Books for Africa's Children, LHF - \$100,000

In parts of Africa, a big obstacle exists when introducing young ones to Jesus - there aren't enough Lutheran children's books in their own languages. And even if there were, books would be an unaffordable luxury for many parents who struggle to find enough food for the family table. "When you have something in your language, you own it. I want my people to own this faith!" said Rev. Nathaniel Bol, bishop of the South Sudan Evangelical Lutheran Church. The translation, printing, and distribution of Lutheran books for children by Lutheran Heritage Foundation guides children and their families to Jesus, their Savior.

For more information about this mission, go to [lwml.org](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> 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 payment 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.

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.



## November Birthdays

1	Tory Hufendick	13	Renee Durst	23	Lori Post
3	Buddy Weisenburger Jr.	15	Dennis Fleming	24	Paul Weisheit
5	Steve Voepel	15	Cody Martin	24	Marjorie Baker
6	Karen Lohmeyer	16	John Church	24	Derek Ott
7	Bethany Fritz	16	Lori Klauser	25	Carolyn Cramlett
8	Bruce Burner	16	Andrew Allen	25	Rob Tipton
8	Ruth Graham	16	Evan Baker	27	Jeremy Holtman
9	Gail Church	19	John Baker	29	Adrian Zehnle
10	Frank Hanawalt Jr.	20	Jesse Schweitzer	30	Brandon McGartland
10	Michael Herschler	22	Matt Weppler	30	Rod Hibbert
12	Donna Johnson	22	Rod Allensworth	30	Stephanie Bush
13	Danielle Deeter	22	Heather Feinstein	30	Kristen Vahle
13	Mayce Bent	23	Dexter Goetz		

## November Baptisms

2	Piper Clevenger	9	Becky Lucas	24	Quinton Hibbert
3	Martin Eden	9	Autumn Lomax	24	Ethan Clevenger
4	Jerry Lunt	10	Bryan Baird	26	Ethan Sass
6	Ray Johnson	10	Danny Baker	27	Robert Gooding
6	Caleb Buss	10	Kensy McGartland	27	John Baker
7	Jeanette Wyatt	13	Alex Fitch	28	Erik Mix
8	Curt Spohr	13	Beth Lucas	28	Jan Colvin
8	Audrea Fitch	13	Eben Fischer	29	Karen Lohmeyer
8	William Schlegl	14	Tanner Clevenger	30	Nora Meyer
8	Nancy Bluhm	17	Lori Klauser	30	Erica Dedert
8	Hayley Harvey	19	Amy Killday	30	Pat Florey
9	Kriss Frink	22	Angie Nixon	30	Keaton Jones
9	Joann Reichert	23	Ace Weisenburger III	30	Kari Frink
		23	Dexter Goetz		

## November Anniversaries

5	Carl and Carol Muehring	66 years	20	Ryan and Tina Vaughn	17 years
6	Michael and Mary Herschler	50 years	22	Larry and Reva Ehmen	59 years
8	Gene and Nancy Bluhm	40 years	26	Harry and Barb Hall	46 years
14	Dylan and Autumn Lomax	1 year	26	Jim and Shelly Holtman	36 years
14	Steve and Amanda Spilker	12 years	28	Dennis and Patricia Baker	51 years

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

## November News & Notes

**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](mailto:openhands@lcosj.org)

***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>

**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.

**The Lutheran Church of St John** is **not** accepting any clothing or household or toy donations at this time. 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.

**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 [UIUCscholarship@betasigmapsi.org](mailto:UIUCscholarship@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/>

**Please let us know** We have **Hearing Devices** available to assist in listening to the Church services! Anyone who would like to use a device contact the Church Office for arrangements and one will be set up for you. Thank You.

**Birthright of Quincy (Virtual) Trivia Night 2021:** We are excited to announce that we will be having our 12th Annual Birthright Trivia Night on **Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm**. This is our largest fundraiser which helps us continue to serve the needs of mothers and babies right here in our community. People interested in playing our virtual trivia or sponsoring the event can go to [www.birthrightquincyil.org](http://www.birthrightquincyil.org) for all the details, or they may call the Birthright office at 217-2241277. Registration is \$125 for teams of up to 8 people, and the **deadline to register is Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm**. Each team will gather at a location of their choice, or even virtually with each other if they prefer, and simply follow along with the evening's events on Zoom while entering trivia answers on a separate mobile app provided – instructions will be provided on what to do. Because of the virtual platform, there will be more multiple choice questions than years past, and answer scores will be weighted on response time. We hope you will join us! This year's event will be held in honor and memory of the late Bill Adam and will include a short tribute to him for his unwavering support and contributions to the clients of Birthright of Quincy over the past 15 years.

## November News & Notes

**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](http://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.

**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.

**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.

**Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators** from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of September was **\$90.75**.

For the **week of November 7 on KFUE.org:** Hear a mental health topic on The Coffee Hour (11/8 at 9:00 a.m. CT), study Ezekiel 36-39 on Sharper Iron's "The Faithful Watchman" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), and study Ecclesiastes on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT). Hear our favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram or on the KFUE Radio App!

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	3-Oct	10-Oct	17-Oct	24-Oct
Profit:	\$93.59	\$77.50	\$139.45	\$71.64
# orders:	10	13	15	11
Profit/Order:	\$9.36	\$5.96	\$9.30	\$6.51
Overall Profit:	<b>\$3,213.86</b>	<b>\$3,291.36</b>	<b>\$3,430.80</b>	<b>\$3,502.45</b>

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!

~~November~~  
**October Puzzle Answer** (Puzzle on page 13)

Rejoice always, pray continually. Give thanks in all circumstances for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. 1 Thessalonians 5:16



# PUZZLE PAGE:

## REJOICE

By

William Schlegl

All our life we have been taught to rejoice in the Lord. Use the backward code to learn why we should rejoice in the Lord.

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(Answer Found on Page 11)

## Illinois Veterans' Home at Quincy

### Donations & Wish List Ideas

#### **Monetary Donations of any amount are always appreciated**

**Comfort/Personal Care Items** Men's & Women's Body Washes (*Old Spice, Dove, Dial, etc.*), Electric Toothbrushes, Aftershave, Nose/Ear hair trimmers (*battery operated*)

**Other:** Miniature/Fun Size Candy bars. ANY CHOCOLATE!, Non-Alcoholic Beer, Soda—mini cans or regular cans, Flavored Water or packets of crystal lite flavors, Individual bags of chips or cookies, Little Debbie snack cakes (*swiss cake rolls, star crunch, cupcakes, nutty buddies, Hostess powdered donuts, Ding Dongs*), Mixed Nuts & Other snacks (*cashews, salted peanuts*), Hard Candies (*Werthers, peppermints, root beer barrels, butterscotch, cinnamon discs, wintergreen or pepp-o-mint lifesavers*), Sugar Free Candies, Universal TV Remotes, TV Wireless Headphones (*Monster or Sony HDTV Wireless Headphones Kit with Bluetooth Audio Transmitter*), Wal-Mart or Amazon gift card, Gift Cards to McDonalds, Dairy Queen, Burger King, Wendy's, Hardees & Texas Roadhouse, Gift Cards to local pizza places (*Pizza Hut, Tower, Gem City, Dominoes, Cassano's*), Magazines—outdoor/animals, farming, cars, reminiscing, Good Old Days, Charcoal for grilling, Ice Cream (*butter pecan is their favorite! Ice Cream sandwiches, drumsticks, variety of novelties*), Isotoner slip on shoes (*close foot slipper for MEN*) or Slipper Socks (XXXL), Flannel shirts—any size, Small, Medium & Large white boards for communication tools with residents, Fresh Fruit to make fruit pizza (*strawberries, blueberries, kiwi, etc.*), 6-9 ft Christmas greenery for above door decorations, Command Hooks and Strips for hanging decorations—any sizes, Cookie Cutters and Jello Molds, Square Card Tables

**Other Ideas:** Cash for Virtual Bingo on Channel 2 (*\$100 lasts about a month*), Tickets for Avenue of Lights (*Christmas light tour in Quincy*), Sponsor a water balloon fight (*water balloon kit, large squirt guns/toys*), Sponsor a petting zoo day, Sponsor a fancy coffee/donut day (*Starbucks coffee with various creamers*) Sponsor a Root Beer Float Day  
Sponsor a Pie Day (*March 14*)  
Sponsor Campfire & Smore evening (*late summer*)  
Sponsor a New Year's Eve Bingo (*\$2 bills for prizes*) and Pizza or another special treat  
Sponsor a Hot Cocoa Bar (*winter months*) hot chocolate with toppings (*whipped cream, caramels, peppermints, sprinkles, toffee bits, hazelnut wafers, etc.*)  
Sponsor a Wine and Cheese Day (*no wine but fancy juices in the bottles are just as fun!*)  
Sponsor a carry-in meal/picnic  
Purchase Quincy Gems baseball tickets (*summer of 2022*)  
Game Ideas: Cornhole boards/bags, Plinko, Kerplunk

**Any questions, please call Sara Colgrove, Director of Volunteer Services & Activities at 217-640-2260**  
**Email: [sara.colgrove@illinois.gov](mailto:sara.colgrove@illinois.gov)**

Checks can be made out to: Quincy Benefit Fund

Please put in Memo what the donation is for

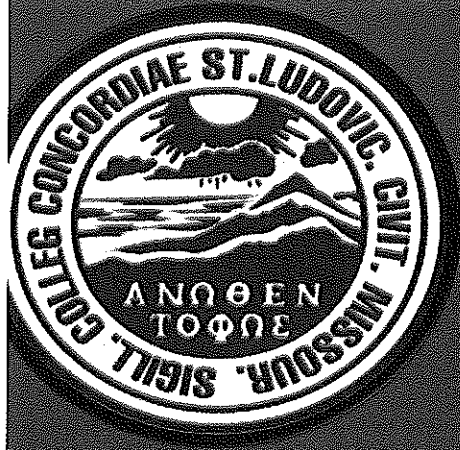
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Updated: 10-14-21



# The Boester Family Update!

Ethan and Krista Boester

## Our First Newsletter!

Hello and greetings in our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ! My name is Ethan Boester, and I am a first-year student here at Concordia Seminary St. Louis, living in the Woods Married Housing with my wife Krista. We are very blessed to be receiving your financial support and are extremely thankful for your generosity. We hope to keep up a wonderful conversation with you and keep you posted on the goings on of our life and studies here at the seminary!

This is the first time we have ever written a newsletter of any sorts so we can't promise that it'll be interesting every go around, but we will try!

## Some Introductions are in order...

First, I would love to tell you a little more about me and who I am. Just this last June, June 18<sup>th</sup>



to be exact, I got married to the beautiful Krista Ujcich, now Krista Boester. It was a wonderful wedding at Risen Savior Lutheran Church in Wisconsin, where a close friend, my pastor, Nate Wollenberg, drove up from Hoyleton

to officiate. Since that day, it has been a lot of hectic

moving around and even now we are just waiting for that one week where a schedule finally gets set in place. It seems that we may be waiting a while for any sort of normalcy, as I am sure you know that life doesn't wait!

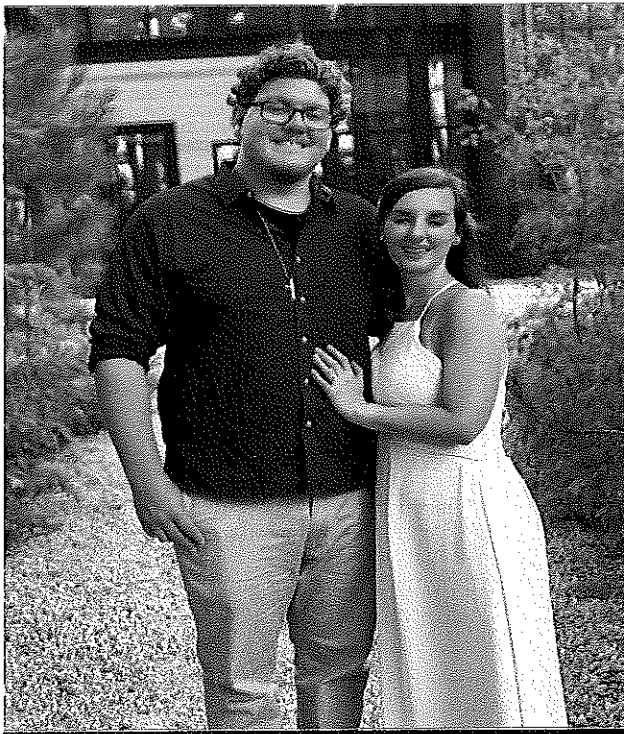
Krista and I both graduated from Concordia University Wisconsin in December of 2020. She graduated with a Bachelor's in Rehabilitation Science and a Minor in Psychology. I graduated with a Bachelor's in Biblical Languages for Missions and Translation with a Minor in Chemistry – and before you ask, yes, that is an odd combination. Krista is in school as well right now at the Community College in Forest Park finishing her Occupational Therapy Assistant degree.

## Ethan's Story

I was born and raised in small town Nashville, Illinois surrounded by smaller towns. My dad was a bit of a businessman and sat on different school boards, our family store was the local shoe repair shop. My mom was a Lutheran school teacher and is now a principal at Trinity Lutheran School in Hoffman, IL. I was raised LCMS Lutheran and attended Trinity St. John Lutheran School in Nashville. I went to Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in Centralia, IL. Concordia University Wisconsin is where I attended college and now, I am at Concordia Seminary St. Louis. I am truly a product of the Lutheran school system.

When I was in grade school, I began participating in Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ, an LCMS youth evangelism group. Throughout my 7 years in OAFB, I helped lead our local Southern Illinois group, went on two mission trips to Cambodia and Mongolia, worked on the Board of Directors, and for 2 years was the chairman of the Board of Directors and, in lieu of an executive director, led all of OAFB and planned a few national events.

At Concordia University I was a member and then student leader of our Youth Ministry Group. This is where I met Krista and many of my close friends to this day. I was also the daily chapel coordinator for a time, helping in the behind-the-scenes work of making sure daily chapel was ready to happen every day. It was also during the summers of my college years where I worked at Camp Wartburg in Waterloo, IL.



I originally wanted to be a pastor after a Sunday School teacher of mine suggested that it might be a good fit and encouraged me in my faith. OAFB continued to grow this calling in me and support me on this path and my time at CUW helped me to grow in faith and knowledge. With my

upbringing, the sharing of the Gospel has always been a large priority of mine, and this is something I hope to continue in my life as a pastor.

## Krista's Story

I met Ethan in a Youth group at Concordia and it's been history ever since. I grew up in a suburban town in Muskego, WI where I have lived my entire life. That was up until Ethan and I got married in June. I graduated Concordia with a minor in Psychology, but I got my Bachelor's degree in Rehabilitation Science which is a commonly used for other medical careers such as Occupational Therapy or Physical therapy. As of now, I am in the Occupational Therapy Assistant program at St. Louis Community College at Forest Park and am enjoying it immensely. I look forward to the many opportunities the school has to offer and am so excited to start anew.

## Looking Ahead

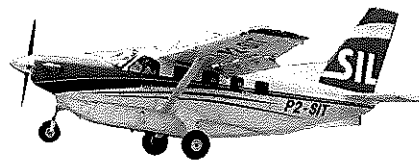
As we look ahead, Reading Week is coming up for me and I have a lot of hope for this needed break from constant classes. Krista will continue in her classes and her field work has just begun. Overall, we are working on settling in here at school and in our new life together and we would once again like to thank you for all the support you are providing us. We are truly blessed to have Christian supporters like you. As we continue with schooling, we would love to hear from you as well and we look forward to keeping in contact. If you wish to send us any letters, our address is 3A Founders Way, Clayton, MO 63105.

God's Blessings on you as you continue to live your life in Christ and in the hope of His promises for us all!

In Christ,  
Ethan & Krista  
Boester



# Federwitz Flyer



*Serving Bible Translation in Papua New Guinea through Aviation*

*October 2021*

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*Editors: Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz*

## Carrie's summer in the US

As we mentioned in our last prayer letter, Carrie made a trip back to the US to be there for her brother, Eric's, wedding. Carrie left Ukarumpa on June 11th and returned on July 27th, going straight into a mandatory 14-day quarantine in the house across the street from our house. We praise God that in the midst of all the uncertainties with travels these days, Carrie's travels were fairly uneventful.

During her time in the US, Carrie was able to spend a lot of time with family, friends and some partners. The day of the wedding was a beautiful day and Carrie is so thankful she could be there for this special occasion. What a blessing it was to witness the wedding of Eric and her new sister-in-law, Tracey!



*Leah, Carrie, Eric, Tracey, Nathan & Sarah at the wedding*

## Jonathan's new role

Jonathan took on the role of Director of Aviation at the beginning of May. These past few months have been busy for him in this administrative role. He does still do an occasional flight, which was not the original plan when he became director. However, the aviation department is short on pilots so he is helping to fill that need. Jonathan is hoping to be able to spend more time in the cockpit in the last few months before we leave next year.

## Leaving PNG Next Year

We have been serving in Papua New Guinea (PNG) for 22 years (having first arrived in August 1999). Next year (June 2022) we are planning to leave PNG for a new assignment at the JAARS mission aviation headquarters in Waxhaw, NC. JAARS is needing field experienced pilots to

train new pilots heading to the mission field – a role that Jonathan is very interested in filling. In that new role, we will continue to be missionaries with Wycliffe and LBT and will continue to need your prayer and financial partnership.

One of the reasons for taking a reassignment in the USA is to be near Rachel during her college years since her siblings will all be done with college. Another reason is to be near our aging parents and available to help them as needed. And, since JAARS needs field experienced pilots, that is a good fit as well.

## Nathan and Sarah

Nathan graduated from the School of Missionary Aviation Technology (SMAT) in Ionia, MI, on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. Nathan is now a fully licensed commercial pilot with an instrument rating and also has his aviation maintenance license from last year. After graduation, Nathan and Sarah moved to Fort Wayne, IN, where Sarah is finishing her schooling in the deaconess program at Concordia Theological Seminary. Nathan is hoping to find a flying job in the area to build his flight hours.

## Prayer and Praise

- ✈ Praise the Lord that Carrie's trip to the US was filled with good times of reconnecting with family and friends.

### Kids' Korner

Nathan and Sarah celebrated their first anniversary on July 25th. They sent out their first newsletter last month. Contact them at their email address below if you are interested in receiving their newsletters.

Julia has started her second year of teaching 1st grade here. This was her first time to start a school year as we were delayed in returning to PNG last year after Nathan's wedding. Julia has 14 students this year and is looking forward to seeing the progress that her students make during the school year. She is an amazing teacher and loves what she's doing! She is also co-leading a 9th grade girls Bible Study one night a week.

Leah is completing her final semester at Concordia University Wisconsin by doing her student teaching at Hales Corners Lutheran School. She will graduate in December. After she graduates, Leah is planning to come to PNG for our last five months here to teach at our school.

Rachel has started her senior year of high school. She is staying busy with school (including three AP classes), babysitting, helping to organize her class's senior retreat in December, and spending time with her friends before they all leave for different places in the world at the end of the school year.

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Rachel: [rachel.federwitz@gmail.com](mailto:rachel.federwitz@gmail.com)

- ✈ Pray for Carrie's brother, Eric, and his wife, Tracey, as they begin their married life.
- ✈ Pray for Julia in her second year of teaching 1st grade and as she takes on an additional role of youth Bible Study leader.
- ✈ Pray for Sarah's studies at Concordia in Fort Wayne and for Nathan as he tries to find a job.
- ✈ Pray for Leah as she completes her student teaching in WI this semester and prepares to graduate in December.

Your Partners in Christ,

*Jonathan & Carrie*

Jonathan and Carrie  
Nathan and Sarah,  
Julia, Leah and Rachel



Sarah and Captain Nathan

Financial gifts may be sent to one of the addresses at the right with a note stating your "Preference for the Wycliffe Ministry of Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz."

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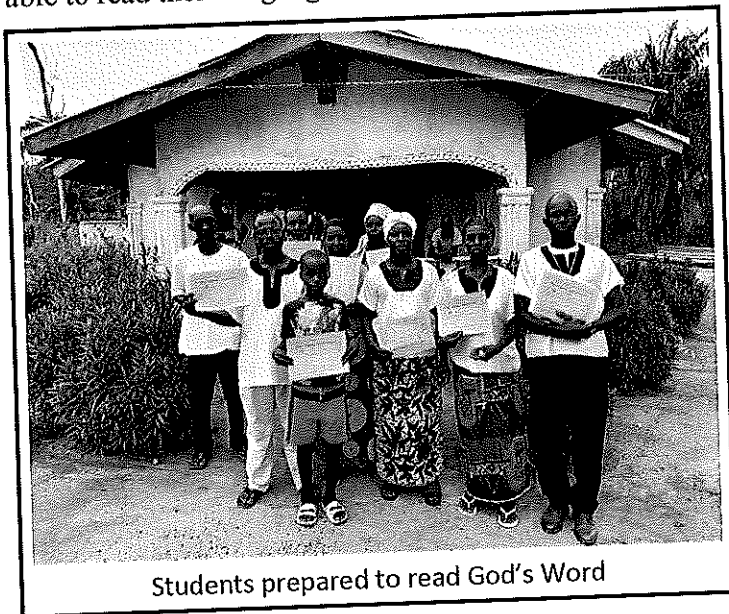
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# FEDERWITZ UPDATE

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## Insider Report on Liberia

Just as the Apostle Paul was happy to hear news about the churches he had established (Phil 2:19), I was very happy to hear about the progress of ongoing Bible translation and Scripture Use in Liberia. Son David was in rural Liberia earlier this year and he visited 22 language communities in the Mann and Dan areas and found over 1,500 people of all ages able to read their language. I was thrilled to hear that



Students prepared to read God's Word

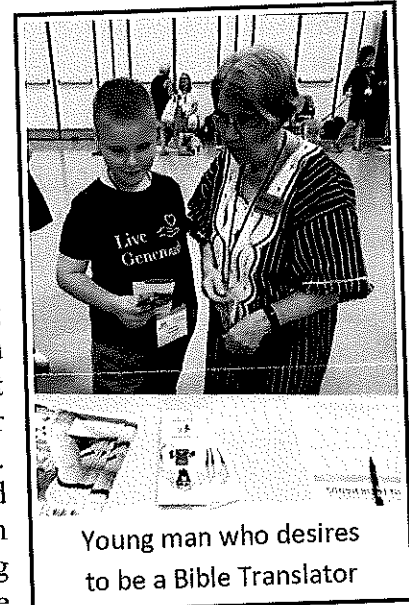
community leaders are begging for the staff from LIBTRALO to come and train their people – staff whom I had been privileged to train how to teach in mother tongue. Praise God that the Old and New Testament will be completed in both of these languages in the next 2 years.

## Graduation / Cameroon

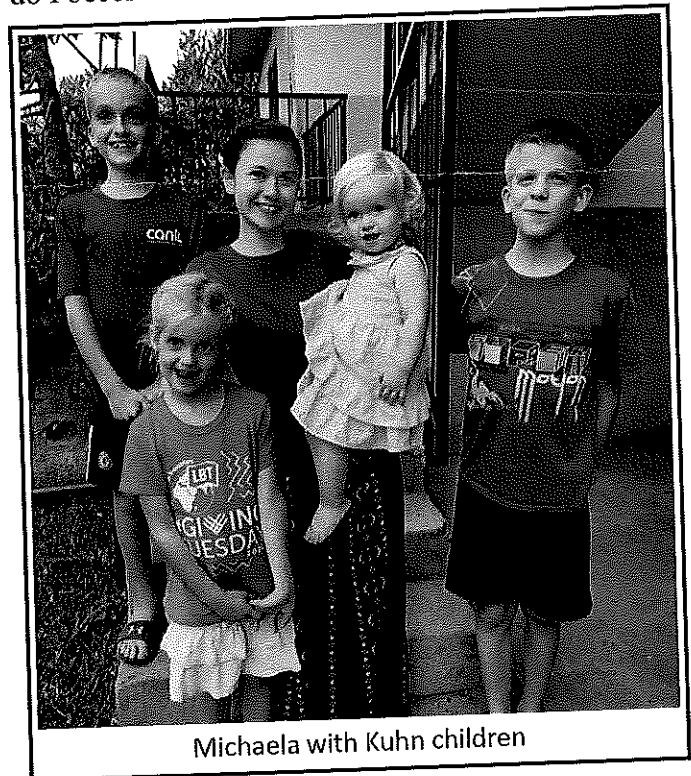
In May I was in Concordia, MO, to witness the graduation of granddaughter, Michaela Federwitz, from St. Paul Lutheran High School. She has chosen to take a gap year and serve as a nanny for Rev. Mike and Kara Kuhn in Cameroon. Michaela will be helping Kara with their 4 small children ranging in age 1-10 while Mike travels to facilitate Bible translation in other parts of Cameroon. Africa is not new to her, however, needing to speak French is. She has already learned to check every egg carefully before using, as 1/3 of her first flat of eggs was rotten.

## LWML National Convention

In June, I was an LBT exhibitor at the LWML National Convention in Lexington, KY. The exhibit hall was always filled with happy chatter all around. Connecting with so many of you who have been part of my ministry over the years was great. The joy-filled atmosphere, warm hugs and inspiring presentations made this an event to long remember. LWMLers again showed their support for missions in so many unique ways. I connected with several young people who are interested in one day serving with LBT. However, what touched me deeply was when a young man walked up to our exhibit and said, "How do I become a Bible translator?"



Young man who desires to be a Bible Translator



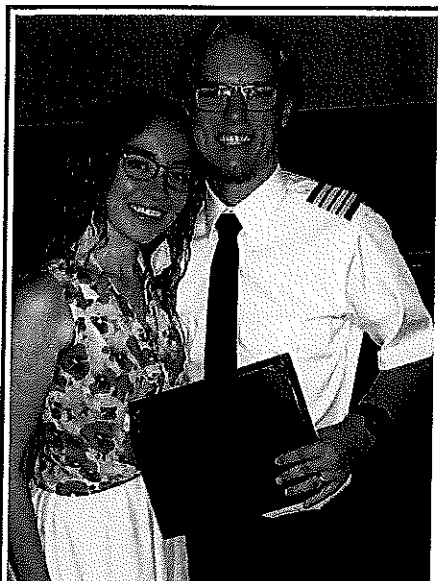
Michaela with Kuhn children

## Captain Nathan Federwitz

In July I was privileged to host grandson, Nathan, and his male colleagues from the School of Missionary Aviation Technology [SMAT]. They were in the area to become familiar with JAARS, the organization that provides missionary pilots for Bible translation organizations. They were also here for their mountain flying experience. SMAT provides mission-driven students with FAA-certified training in aircraft maintenance and flight curriculum. I learned from Nathan's colleagues, who have gone to different flight training schools, that SMAT is an extremely challenging program, but the caring and professional instructors is what keeps them focused on doing well at SMAT.

In August, Nathan graduated and earned his stripes to become Captain Federwitz, like his father. He is

presently working on getting his required flight hours before joining JAARS. His wife, Sarah, is completing her deaconess training at Concordia Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN. Your prayers for them are greatly appreciated.

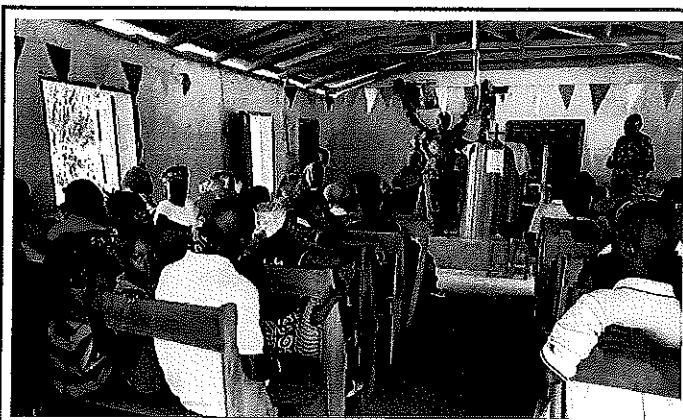


Captain Nathan and Sarah Federwitz



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## Thinking Ahead to Christmas



Liberians carry on the work of  
Bible Translation and Scripture use

With Fall in the air, I know Christmas is right around the corner. For me it's time to prepare Christmas greetings for Liberians that continue the work I began almost 50 years ago. Most of them have so little financially but are doing their best so that those who still do not have or are not able to read God's Word have that opportunity. With our translation consultant, I send the only Christmas card they receive, with words of encouragement and a little gift tucked inside. I share this as you won't get a card from me this year, as the highlights of my year are in this letter. However, know that I am always thrilled to hear from you at Christmas and see how God has been working in your lives. May God grant each of you a meaningful and joy filled Christmas!

If you would like to support nationals doing Bible translation and Scripture Use you can send a gift to LBT for "International Development Fund."

### Correspondence:

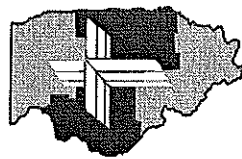
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# CENTRAL ILLINOIS DISTRICT

of the Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

November 2021

## News You Can Use

### Evangelism and the End Times

Years ago, a famous evangelist made an odd decision. He determined, for once, not to say anything to anyone about Jesus on a stagecoach trip he was taking. Things turned out terribly, he recalled. He had no cross to bear or take up, and soon he went to sleep.

Jesus said: "Be alert, since you don't know when the master of the house is coming. . . . Otherwise, when he comes suddenly he might find you sleeping. And what I say to you, I say to everyone: be alert!" (Mark 13:35-37).

Speaking the Gospel serves as a constant reminder of the eternal life-and-death import of faith or unbelief. This is not only for other people, but also for ourselves.

When we tell someone else the Good News about Jesus, we also have the opportunity to "eavesdrop" on it, hearing it all over again for our own life in the Lord. If we encounter pushback from others, we finally have nowhere to turn except to the returning Christ. In all these ways, we act as wide-awake, alert, and forgiven disciples of the crucified but now exalted and returning Jesus.

Don't fall asleep! Lift up your head, your voice too. Your redemption draws near.

Rev. Dr. Ken Schurb Assistant to the President for Evangelism & Missions, Stewardship, Human Care

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District. "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."** Our Lord Jesus said, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into the harvest." Please remember in your prayers all our CID campus ministries, especially Rev. William Jensen and Wittenberg Lutheran Center in Normal, serving students, faculty, and staff of Illinois State University and other institutions. And pray for the "Keeping Christ on Campus" campaign, building endowments to help CID support our campus ministries.

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### CAMP CILCA INFORMATION

The FALL WORKDAY at Camp CILCA is Saturday, November 13. Volunteers are needed to help get the campgrounds ready for winter. Come anytime between 8:30am and 11:30am. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers.

### THE 2021 CID JR. HIGH LOCK IN HAS BEEN CANCELLED

Unfortunately, the CID Youth Committee has decided to cancel the CID Jr-High Lock-in. The event was scheduled for November 12th-13th, 2021. We were disappointed that COVID is still affecting our planning of activities.

### NOVEMBERFEST AND A GOTTESDIENST CONFERENCE

St. John's - Mattoon, and Immanuel - Tuscola  
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"

REGISTRATION: \$50 per person — includes picnic, lunch, pizza dinner, and Gemütlichkeit. Log on at [www.gottesdienst.org](http://www.gottesdienst.org) (November 1)

### Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty November thoughts

+ Veteran Day- we remembered all those who serve and have served in the US military to insure our freedoms. The first freedom mentioned in the Bill of Rights is Freedom of Religion. Dr. Seltz is an advocate for this freedom as he works to make sure all can practice their unique religion free from outside pressure.

+ Soon we will pause to commemorate the first Thanksgiving, a time to reflect on the blessings God has granted our nation.

+ Black Friday, Cyber Monday, Christmas Sales abound — how blessed we are! As we look forward to the season of giving, you are invited to support the work of the LCRL with your prayers and finances. Thank you for your consideration.

LCRL The Center provides input, education, advice, advocacy, and resources in the areas of life, marriage and religious liberty and seeks to engage in discussions in Washington, D.C., to establish partnerships and resources in our nation's Capital for the sake of our churches, schools, universities, and seminaries. See [www.LCRLfreedom.org](http://www.LCRLfreedom.org) for more information

# NOVEMBER 2021 PRAYER CALENDAR - LUTHERAN BIBLE TRANSLATORS

- 1** Join us in thanksgiving to God for the good health for those involved in Bible translation and Scripture engagement work.
- 2** Praise God for Rebecca Rudowske as she grows in her knowledge and trust in Him (U.S.).
- 3** Thank God for the students and staff in the Linguistics and Bible Translation Department at the Theological College of Northern Nigeria as they prepare for exams.
- 4** Raise up prayers of thanks for the Obudu cluster workshop for translation checking (Nigeria).
- 5** Praise God for His guidance upon the General Synod of the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Botswana as they elect a new bishop.
- 6** Join us in thanksgiving for Dr. Chris & Janine Pluger as they continue their Amharic language study in Ethiopia.
- 7** Praise God for Dr. Becky Grossmann and the Nizaa translation team as they meet together (Cameroon).
- 8** Give thanks to God for His guidance at the Every Tribe Every Nation (ETEN) summit (U.S.).
- 9** Thank God for Rev. Keabetswe Mogapele as he leads the advisory committee for the Shekgalagari translation program and their planning for the launch and distribution of the New Testament (Botswana).
- 10** Praise God for Marshall Schulz as he serves as chaplain at the International Linguistics Center in Dallas, Texas.
- 11** Raise prayers of thanksgiving for Bible translation programs in Liberia as they work with Don Slager for consultant checking.
- 12** Give thanks to God for Dr. Brent Smith's opportunity to share with groups around the U.S. about the need for Bible translation.
- 13** Praise God for His faithfulness to Michaela Federwitz as she provides childcare for the Kuhn family in Cameroon.
- 14** Give thanks to God for the progress made in the translation programs in Nigeria this year.
- 15** Thank God for His continued faithfulness and provision for the Mekane Yesus Seminary and partners in Ethiopia.
- 16** Raise up prayers of thanksgiving for God's presence and provision in Amy Gerdt's life.
- 17** Praise God for the campus of Saint Paul Lutheran High School and the students who hear the Good News of Christ for the first time.
- 18** Give thanks to God for the Kukele language program and the church leaders facilitating seminars and further support (Nigeria).
- 19** Thank God for the opportunity for Rev. Rich Rudowske and Dr. Nathan Esala to attend the Society for Biblical Literature annual meetings (U.S.).
- 20** Join us in thanking God for Dr. Michael Megahan and Sarah Esala as they prepare to travel to Tanzania to meet with the Kerewe translation team.
- 21** Praise God for His continued protection for Rev. Linus Otronyi as he travels to meet with program leaders (Nigeria).
- 22** Thank God for His wisdom and guidance for Rob Hilbert as he leads Aramaic Bible Translation.
- 23** Give thanks to God for His provision for childcare for the Kuhn children and pray He will raise up someone to serve in the summer of 2022.
- 24** Join us in prayers of thanksgiving for the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Cameroon as they install Dr. Baiguélé Jean and Rev. Garga Zizi Enoch.
- 25** Thank God for His wisdom and discernment for the Lutheran Church of Nigeria as they elect new leaders.
- 26** Praise God for the service of Amy Formella as she partners with the Mende language community in Sierra Leone.
- 27** Thank God for His blessings of joy upon the Olson family as they serve in Tanzania.
- 28** Raise up prayers of thanksgiving for Joanna Otronyi as she grows each day in God's grace (Nigeria).
- 29** Give thanks to the Lord for His guidance for Regional Director Sarah Esala (U.S.).
- 30** Praise God for the faithful prayer and financial partners supporting Aramaic Bible Translation today (Giving Tuesday).