



2021 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Rev. Peter Maganda invited me to help lead a continuing education conference on December 13-14 for the pastors in the Eastern District of the Lutheran Church of Uganda. He originally wanted me to fly over for it, but that was not feasible on many fronts. I suggested that perhaps I could be involved via Zoom or some other means of video conferencing. So that is what we are going to do, and I am pleased that Rev. Mike Grieve of Golden and Rev. Jacob Hercamp of LaGrange will be leading sections also.

What I will be focusing on is the connection of Christ (the Second Person of the Trinity) with the body of Christ, that is, the church. If you go back and read recent sermons, you will see that this has been at the forefront of my mind.

As we enter into the Advent and Christmas seasons, I initially was thinking that working on preparing for many hours of presentation during this busy time of year would take away from my work at Our Redeemer as I strive to lead our focus on Christ and the Incarnation (Jesus coming in the flesh) which is the heart of what we celebrate this time of year. On the contrary, the focus of the subject matter for this conference has forced my attention even more directly to the Incarnation of our Lord and our very personal connection to the flesh and blood of the Son of God.

It is easy to get distracted this time of year as we fill our schedule with many and various events and opportunities for fellowship and celebration. I encourage you to find distractions and opportunities which keep your eyes on the flesh and blood of the Son of God. Every year, we hear the plea for the people of God to "Put Christ back into Christmas," and that is always good advice. However, as the focus of the season is on the Incarnation of the Son of God, it is also good advice to say, "Put the Mass back into Christmas."

Have a Blessed and Merry Christmas!!

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Pastoral Report

(October 1 – 31, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Marriages

Funerals

Sharon Ann Vahle – October 5, 2021

Ann Knoernschild – October 18, 2021

Membership Changes

Gains [+2B, +1C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Violet Anne Reinhart – October 23, 2021

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

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+1B, +1C]

Joshua Hennig – October 3, 2021

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Ann Knoernschild – October 9, 2021

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	October 31, 2021
Baptized	574	+13	-5	582
Confirmed	447	+15	-5	457

December Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on page 13)*

For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8-9

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Chet Vahle (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Vice-President	Chris Knapp (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Secretary	Michele Urbon (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Treasurer	Josh Hennig (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Financial Secretary	Melanie Zehnle (<i>1st term</i>) – Counters	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2022
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
Board of Elders		
	Bob Mehl (<i>1st term</i>) – Special Services	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Dennis Fleming (<i>1st term</i>) – Communion Asst.	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Gene Bluhm (<i>2nd term</i>) – Sunday Ushers	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Mike Herschler (<i>1st term</i>) – Saturday Ushers	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Steve Schoch (<i>2nd term</i>) – Head Elder - Recording	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	Jeff Wolfmeyer (<i>2nd term</i>) – Altar Care	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Evangelism Board	Michele Schoch (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
Property Board	Gary Herman (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Gary Hyer (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Larry Ehmen (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Youth Ministry	Jamie Louderback (<i>3rd term</i>)	Oct. 2020 – Sept. 2022
Endowment Chair	Larry Ehmen (<i>3rd term</i>)	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, 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 Wepler.



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:

James & Amanda Martin with Emilee and Joseph
6600 N Clinton St, PO Box 317, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Timothy & April Benzinger with Trent, Kaela, Jakob, and Hadassah
4153 Woodstock Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Elizabeth Fodor 6600 N Clinton St, PO Box 412, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

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



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

December News & Notes

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov
Profit:	\$171.07	\$102.48	\$77.32
# orders:	11	13	12
Profit/Order:	\$15.55	\$7.88	\$6.44
Overall Profit:	\$3,790.46	\$3,892.94	\$3,970.27

Please keep ORLC SCRIP in mind when buying gift cards for purchases or gifts! We have a variety of cards in stock, and a list of those that can be ordered! Just stop by the scrip table! You can also download the app, use our unique code, and buy e-gift cards online for your purchases! Here are some highlights of some cards we have in stock: ARBYS (\$25), BED, BATH & BEYOND (\$25), BUFFALO WILD WINGS (\$10), STEAK N SHAKE (\$10), SHELL (\$25, \$50.), KOHLS (\$25,) TCBY (\$10), MENARDS (\$25), HOME DEPOT, (\$25), LOWES (\$25), TARGET (\$25) and VISA (\$50, \$100.) We are SO close to having \$4,000 in overall scrip profit this year! ORLC SCRIP will write one more check by the end of the year for at least \$1,000! Thank you for your continued support! If you would like to start using scrip, just stop by the table and ask! We are glad to show you how it works!

Thank you to Mike and Mary Herschler for the handcrafted Chrismon's. They are just beautiful! They will be used and treasured for years to come. We plan to take time to go over the meaning of each one this Christmas season. Thank you again for crafting the Chrismon's for the tree in the Junior High Sunday School classroom. You are a Blessing.

Cyndi Ott and the Junior High Sunday School class

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.

Youth that plan to attend the **National Youth Gathering** next summer will meet **Sunday, December 12 at 6:30 PM** at The Lutheran Church of Saint John.

GOOD NEWS UPDATE ON THE **\$5000 MATCHING CHALLENGE** Through the generosity of several donors, we have **collected \$4225** thus far and still have until the end of the year to meet the challenge. Your donation will effectively be doubled! Your check can be made out to: **Our Redeemer Endowment**.

We **need volunteer drivers** to assist church members in need of transportation for appointments, and shopping items! If you would be willing to help in this important service to our members please contact the church office to be included in our drivers list. Thank you!.

Youth Group, assisted by LWML, will be serving **meals before Advent church services from 5:45 to 6:30 PM**. So that sufficient food may be prepared, please indicate the number to meals to reserve for your family on the reservation list on the Narthex table. All donations will go to help fund the cost for 7 youth and 2 chaperones from ORLC to attend the National Youth Gathering in Houston next summer.

Serving our Community: Quincy Public Schools: Hats, socks, mittens, socks, underwear, sweatpants (especially smaller sizes) collection has started! We have been receiving homemade hats and scarves, and the schools will be starting to distribute those this month. The collection site is by the south entrance

The Church is in **need of an assistant** to help Malinda Eden in coordinating the **Funeral Dinners** for our members. This position is to assist in meal planning and to assign volunteers for meal prep and serving the dinners. It is important for the people of Our Redeemer to know that if Malinda is out of town or has a prior commitment the church will still be able to provide a funeral dinner. Please consider being a part of this very important service we provide for our Church members. Contact the Church office.

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of October was **\$103.00**

Thank you to the anonymous donors of grocery gift cards. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness and caring of our church family!

Evelyn & Cameron

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

We hope everyone had a blessed Thanksgiving break and took a moment to thank God for all the blessings he has bestowed upon each of us.

Parent/Teacher conferences went extremely well. Thank you all who attended. A special thank you to the PTL and all who donated to provide meals on Monday for faculty and staff. It was greatly appreciated.

These next three weeks between breaks, don't blink because the time will pass quickly. Read-a-thon wrapped up on the 30th, the online apparel store will be closing December 3rd, practices for the Christmas programs will be continuing, Ag in the Classroom is back, Christmas Programs will take place, and so much more in-between all of that!

Tell your friends... St. James offers quality Pre-Kindergarten classes featuring a Christian atmosphere for 3-year old and 4-year old children. PreK 3 has a 3-day or 5-day a week and Prek 4 is 5-days, both are 8:30am – 11:30am. Open enrollment throughout the year, as long as seats are available.

CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS PreK – Kindergarten Program **Tuesday, December 7th at 6:30 PM**

1st – 8th Grade Program **Thursday, December 9th at 6:30 PM** DOORS OPEN AT 6:15 PM Out of respect for others, please do not save a large number of seats.

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. **December 27th – Papa Murphy's** St. James Fundraising days at **Papa John's** 2nd Thursday of each month – **December 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.)

Mark Your Calendars, the **Winter Carnival** has been set for **January 15, 2022 from 5:00pm – 7:00pm**. This is a night of food, activities, and FUN! Similar to the Fall Festival, wristbands will be sold prior to and the night of the event.

Upcoming Events

December 3: LWML Meeting

December 7: Pastors' Circuit Meeting – LCoSJ,

December 7: PreK – Kindergarten Program at St James, 6:30PM

December 9: 1st – 8th Grade Program at St James, 6:30PM

December 15: Advent 3 Service 7 PM with meal before (5:45-6:30 PM) by the Youth Group with LWML

December 24: Christmas Eve Children's Service at 7 PM, Candlelight Service at 9:00 PM

December 25: Christmas Day 9 AM

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at Saint James, 6:30 PM

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

March 5, 2022: Spring Fling

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

May 4-7, 2022: ORLC Picture Directory Photos

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

For the **week of December 5:** on KFuo.org: Begin studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM), continue in "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), and hear Advent Midweek Service on 12/8 at 12 PM.

Thrivent Online Events: For more information visit [Thrivent.com/Social](https://www.thrivent.com/Social)

Transferring Property Across Generations You worked hard for your family farm, cabin or small business.

This workshop will help attendees gain a basic understanding of how to identify and overcome transition obstacles, protect assets, and develop a strategy to smoothly transition their cherished place to maintain family harmony. **December 9, 2021, 6:30 PM**

For the **week of December 12:** Hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12 PM on 12/15, and continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). Hear sacred music for Advent and Christmas through January 6 and find your favorite programs on demand at [kfu.org](https://www.kfu.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 church (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.

Announcing the **2022** Central Illinois District LC-MS **Youth Bible Bowl** topic: **Romans and 1 Corinthians**. We heard requests for the Bible Bowl to cover Luther's Small Catechism. This year's topic is as close to that as it comes. St. Paul discusses the Ten Commandments, the doctrine of God, Christ's atonement, and the work of the Holy Spirit. Paul deals with the church and proclaims the forgiveness of sins (justification by faith), the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Office of the Keys are explained. And prayer is interspersed with these basic Christian doctrines. Date (**Spring 2022**) and location for the District Bible Bowl will be announced later. But now is the time to study these important epistles of the Bible with your youth and to talk within your circuit about holding a circuit Bible Bowl in preparation for the District Bible Bowl. Each circuit may send two teams to Springfield. For more information on how you can hold a Bible Bowl in your circuit, contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Ill. (zionlcms@juno.com).

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. 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/> There are scholarship opportunities our organization has to offer Lutheran high school seniors. If you'd like to learn more about our organization, please check out: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/>. The Beta Sigma Psi National Educational Foundation offers scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarships for incoming freshmen in Fall 2022 are available at: any accredited 4-year College or University in the United States; Indiana University; Iowa State University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; University of Illinois; University of Missouri; University of Nebraska. These opportunities can be found here: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>

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

October 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan-Oct '21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	280,350.74	256,292.84	24,057.90	109.4%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,636.75	4,166.66	-2,529.91	39.3%
Total Interest Income	4.46	12.50	-8.04	35.7%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,035.00	3,750.00	-715.00	80.9%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	<u>300.00</u>	<u>500.00</u>	<u>-200.00</u>	<u>60.0%</u>
Total Income	285,326.95	264,722.00	20,604.95	107.8%
Expense				
Mission	13,250.00	14,166.66	-916.66	93.5%
Personnel	169,717.73	171,374.14	-1,656.41	99.0%
Program	45,614.41	50,030.04	-4,415.63	91.2%
Property	<u>42,575.98</u>	<u>43,325.02</u>	<u>-749.04</u>	<u>98.3%</u>
Total Expense	271,158.12	278,895.86	-7,737.74	97.2%
Net Income	<u>14,168.83</u>	<u>-14,173.86</u>	<u>28,342.69</u>	<u>-100.0%</u>

Assignments for December 2021

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Bob Mehl
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Nathan Hoebing*, Barb Vahle, Darrell Drescher
Advent 12/1 at 7:00 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer, Jerry Manton
Advent 12/8 at 7:00 PM	Darrell Drescher, Larry Ehmen
Advent 12/15 at 7:00 PM	Dennis Baker, Stan Yelton
Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Larry Foster
Christmas Eve at 9:00 PM	Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Jerry Lunt
Christmas Day at 9 AM	Larry Foster*, Chris Clevenger

Counters: Glenna Nicholson

Registration Slips: Marilyn Lehenbauer

Altar Care: Mona Fischer, Amy Killday, Wanda Spohr

Service Recording:

December 1 Advent Midweek at 7 PM -	Jeff
December 5 at 9 AM -	Keith
December 8 Advent Midweek at 7 PM -	Larry
December 12 at 9 AM -	Gretchen
December 15 Advent Midweek at 7 PM -	Larry
December 19 at 9 AM -	Keith
December 24 Children's Service at 7 PM -	Gretchen
December 24 Christmas Eve at 9 PM -	Jeff
December 25 Christmas Day at 9 AM -	Larry
December 26 at 9 AM -	Keith

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

December News & Notes

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.

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.

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>



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...

Dec. 3 – Christmas Party 6 pm, details TBA

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

2022 ---

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

Feb. 3 - 6:30 pm, Monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

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

October News

November News

Thanks to Laurie Bronson and Shelley Schoch for hosting this month's meeting!

Discussion was held about our meeting format going forward into 2022. We are excited to see what some possible changes might bring.

The first item of business for 2022 will be our annual Soup and Bread fundraiser for Super Bowl weekend!

Our 2021 Missions Projects

National - Comfort Dogs, Lutheran Hour Ministries, Dakota Air Force Boys Ranch, Lutheran Bible Translators

Local – Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, ORLC Youth, Camp Cilca

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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!!

Making the Next Generation of Disciples for Life, LCMS Life Ministry - \$92,000

The goal of this mission is for millions of children to understand God formed each of them in their mother's womb (Jeremiah 1:5) and that He is the author and creator of life, marriage, and the family. The grant will provide funding to develop resources to create an awareness and respect for life and the family as God designed it. These resources will provide education to children that will have a lasting effect on their choices as they grow and mature.

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.

December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	8 Elizabeth Fodor	20 Joan Walbring
1 Max Showman	8 Lillian Cramlett	20 Alison Zehnle
1 Kayla Terstriep	8 Amie Hoebing	22 Emma Fischer
1 Harrison Knapp	8 Chad Purcell	22 Bev Post
1 Larry Foster	9 Eldon Schoch	22 Kari Vahle-Adams
2 Brian Manton	9 Nathaniel Hurley	23 Kaiden Weisheit
3 Morgan Longcor	9 Heidi Schlipman	23 Carole Lannerd
3 Cheryl Newbrough	9 Emily Drescher	23 Darrell Drescher
3 Jeff Wemhoener	9 Bill Perry	25 Briana Robertson
3 Tad Douglas	11 Valerie Spillman	26 Charla Weisenburger
3 Carol O'Dell	13 Jonah Tronsgard	27 Donna White
4 Phyllis Cook	13 Tim Westberg	29 Emma Campbell
4 Allan Murphy	14 Shanna Wemhoener	29 Mary Lazzeri
4 Cindy Klingele	15 Eric Fischer	29 Monica Foster
6 Barb Ellerbrock	15 Merinda Jones	29 John Frohn
6 Tony Bowles	15 Adelina Goetz	30 Savannah Edwards
7 Olivia Showman	15 Sean Burner	30 Elizabeth Burner
7 Linda Go	16 John Hallerberg	31 Jane Howlett
	17 Ron Bowles	

December Baptisms

3 Jaela Vaughn	10 Rita Boerema	24 Andrew Allen
3 Emily Weppler	11 Charla Weisenburger	25 Paul Weisheit
3 Michael Herschler	11 Kelle Baird	25 Kainalu Klauser
3 Donna Johnson	11 Rob Tipton	26 Brandon Voepel
4 Janice Tronsgard	12 Mayce Bent	27 Carolyn Cramlett
4 Alexis Hibbert	12 Mike Schoch	27 Irene Drescher
4 Clayton Hibbert	15 Piper Kuhn	27 Kristen Vahle
6 Sarah Lucas	15 Adelina Goetz	28 Heidi Schlipman
7 Brady Essington	16 Sean Burner	28 Barb Ellerbrock
7 Heather Feinstein	17 Carol O'Dell	29 Bethany Fritz
8 Elizabeth Fodor	17 Adrian Zehnle	30 John Church
8 Olivia Hoebing	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	30 Charlie Church
8 Olivia Badamo	20 Shirley Foster	30 Donna Church
10 Steve Voepel	20 Ryan Schnack	30 Gail Church
	22 David Ott	

November Anniversaries

4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri	50 years	19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer	57 years
5 Bob and Kriss Frink	51 years	23 Brad and Karol Ehmen	21 years
11 Lewis and Joan Walbring	56 years	26 Don and Bonnie Blattner	57 years
15 Steven and Cheryl Newbrough	26 years	28 Kody and Briana Linder	3 years
17 Jonathon and Jessica Campbell	12 years	30 Aaron and Janice Tronsgard	15 years

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

on Holy Night



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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

Checks can be made out to: Quincy Benefit Fund

Please put in Memo what the donation is for

Mail to: Sara Colgrove, Activities

Illinois Veterans Home

1707 N. 12th Street

Quincy, IL 62301

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Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available at a cost of \$7.50 each. You will be able to take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Musicales on December 26th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I would like to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

☐ in loving memory of _____

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

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

Name: _____

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)
(All orders must be received by Sunday, December 19th.)*