



2022 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! Malinda, the girls, and I wish to extend greetings to all our family in Christ during this Christmas Season. During this time of year, we tend to reminisce about the past and look forward to the future. Milestones in life tend to cause us to wax nostalgic. This year, the year of our Lord 2022, is quite a milestone. This year marks the 175th Anniversary of the formation of the Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod.

In 1847, C.F.W Walther and eleven other pastors serving 14 congregations in Missouri, Illinois, Indiana, Ohio, Michigan, and New York formed a coalition of Confessional Lutheran churches (that is, churches who are faithful to the teachings of Scripture as the biblical teachings are presented in the Augsburg Confession and the other confessional writings found in the Book of Concord).

The original name of this Synod was The German Evangelical Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio, and other states (even though Indiana had five of the original churches, which is as many as Missouri (2) and Ohio (3) combined). I don't mean to sound bitter, even though I was baptized in one of those original Indiana churches which simply got lumped in with the "other states." Please hear this as spoken in a joking manner. I just find it amusing.

I pray that, by God's grace, we are able to focus our energy in celebrating the rich heritage of the Gospel being proclaimed and generations of faithful being raised up as the children of God within our churches. Yet, at the same time, I pray, we fix our eyes on the future and recognize our need to raise up the next generation in a manner which gives them the same fullness of the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

The generations before us took risks and made sacrifices looking to the future. They chose to "walk down the road together" which is what the word "Synod" means. Strength in numbers does provide more opportunities. It also means that more people are counting on you. These past 175 years could not have seen the 14 congregations grow to over 6000 without risk and sacrifice.

Over this next year, we are going to make the extra effort to remember our past. Then, at the same time, we are going to celebrate the many opportunities to share the Gospel in the here and now and into the future. We are blessed to celebrate 175 years of active participation as the people of God walking together with our brothers and sisters in the faith. We are also blessed to have a bright future in front of our church family.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

Pastoral Report

(November 1 – 30, 2021)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Emilia Irene Manton – November 7, 2021

First Communion

Caleb Michael Buss – November 20, 2021

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Kenneth Reinhart– November 7, 2021

Ted Hea – November 7, 2021

Marriages

Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+3B, +2C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Emilia Irene Manton – November 7, 2021

Adult Confirmations & Baptisms [+2B, +2C]

Kenneth Reinhart – November 7, 2021

Ted Hea – November 7, 2021

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Rev. Edwin W. Blumenkamp – November 15, 2021

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2021	Gains	Losses	November 30, 2021
Baptized	574	+16	-6	584
Confirmed	447	+17	-6	458

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 Weppler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada, Marcia Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, 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 – **HELP NEEDED**

Substitutes – Monica Foster and Melanie Drescher (*PK*)

Grades 3 & 4 – **HELP NEEDED**

Grades 5 & 6 – Cyndi Ott

Grades 7 & 8 – Cyndi Ott

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

January News & Notes Notes

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.

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!.

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.

Thank you to everyone for your continued support and generosity. We really appreciate the thoughtfulness and caring of our church family! *Evelyn & Cameron McDowell*

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

More free Thrivent t-shirts are available on the scrip table. Youth sizes also.

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.

Bible Class & Sunday School will not be held on January 2nd. Classes **resume January 9th**.

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher for 1st to 4th grade students to start in January. Please see Melissa Knapp.

Thank you to all who donated to the **ORLC St. James Tuition Endowment Fund**. We **met and surpassed the \$5000 matching grant**.

Thanks to the donor who gave the **fabric steamer** to the **banner committee**.

Shirley Dieringer has a **new address**. Please call or email the church office for that information so you can send her a card.

Please keep Pastor Harold Bender and family in your prayers. His mother died on 12/7.
<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/centennial-co/margaret-bender-10481653>

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Nov	21-Nov	28-Nov	12-Dec
Profit:	\$171.07	\$102.48	\$77.32	\$147.93
# orders:	11	13	12	19
Profit/Order:	\$15.55	\$7.88	\$6.44	\$7.79
Overall Profit:	\$3,790.46	\$3,892.94	\$3,970.27	\$4,292.29

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 egift cards online for your purchases! ***We even have some \$5 cards currently in stock for PANERA, STARBUCKS, TCBY, AND TACO BELL! 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 have reached over \$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!

Read-a-Thon - Drum Roll please, we are so excited to announce that students participating in the Read-a-Thon for the month of November raised \$3,246.00! The total minutes read was 25,177, WOW! The top 5 readers were:

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| 1. Landon Robertson 1521 minutes | 4. Elijah Manock 1300 minutes |
| 2. Adelise Collins 1510 minutes | 5. Gabi Vaughn 1235 minutes |
| 3. William Schneider 1320 minutes | |

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. St. James Fundraising days at **Papa John's** 2nd Thursday of each month – **January 13**, February 10, March 10, April 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

January 9, 2022 National Youth Gathering Meeting 6:30 PM at 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

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

A big kick-off to a bright future You're invited to join us and celebrate our bright future as **Bethesda officially becomes AbleLight**, where we believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities reach their full potential. Multi-platinum Grammy winner **Michael W. Smith** will be on hand to help us celebrate our history and our future, and help shine a light on people with developmental disabilities across the country. This free concert is sure to be a delightful evening of music, faith and community. We hope you'll join us for this historic, one time only event. Please sign up on our website to attend the **virtual concert**, and please feel free to share with your friends and family. All are welcome! We hope to see you on **Tuesday, January 11th at 7 p.m.**

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social:

@KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. **For the week of January 2:** CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear special "Twelve Days of Christmas" programming of sacred music, scripture, prayer, and Christmas greetings through January 6. Daily Chapel resumes January 3 at 10:00 a.m. CT and all other regular programming resume January 7, including the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (8:00 a.m. CT) and continuing in the Gospel of Matthew on Thy Strong Word (11:00 a.m. CT). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

Serving our Community:

Quincy Public Schools: Thank you for your continued donations of hats, mittens, underwear, sweatpants, and socks for QPS. We have passed along donations, and they have already given them all out to children as we have had some cold days! They appreciate the ongoing support and are happy to share your donations with the children. Collection of items will continue through the end of January.

The next **National Youth Gathering meeting** is **Sunday, January 9, 6:30 PM** at The Lutheran Church of St. John. Those youth already signed up for the National Youth Gathering should attend.

Thank you from the Youth Group to all who attended and supported the Advent evening meals. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

January News & Notes Notes (continued)

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 UUCScholarship@betasigmapsi.org. The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found here <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/> 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/>

Junior High Scholastic Bowl coming soon!! Scholastic Bowl is a quiz-based competition that tests players on a wide variety of academic subjects, including some non-academic questions, as well. The anticipated start date for Junior High Scholastic Bowl will be **Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm** at Our Redeemer. See the flyer or talk to Melissa Knapp for more information. Text Mrs. Knapp at 217.653.9501 to register.

LERT Team Members: As you are all aware, the tornadoes in Kentucky created a path of destruction destroying hundreds of homes and killing at least 74 individuals. Currently, there are 100 individuals still missing. LERT has activated a deployment operation for Kentucky. All operations for LERT will be needed; debris clean-up, counselors, chainsaw crews, and food handlers. Information is on the www.lcms-lerc.org website for responses to the Bowling Green, KY tornadoes from December 17 through December 28, with some days not scheduled. Here is the link: [Trainings & Deployments | LCMS Disaster Response \(lcms-lerc.org\)](http://www.lcms-lerc.org) There are two deployment options, depending on whether you need lodging. Following FEMA and LCMS guidelines, there will be a background check prior to deploying. The background check is part of the registration process on the website, so allow some time.

LERT volunteers are deploying to the Bowling Green, KY area and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. If you are interested, willing & able to go to help, follow the Trainings & Deployments link. Then click on View Details on either the 1st or 2nd Deployment line, depending if you will need lodging at the church or if you are just going for one 8 hour day. They have 28 remaining slots with lodging and 20 without. You must pre-register in order to participate.

January Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on page 13)

Jesus answered: I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. John 14:6

November 2021 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan-Nov '21</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	304,893.63	281,922.13	22,971.50	108.1%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,963.75	4,583.33	-2,619.58	42.8%
Total Interest Income	4.96	13.75	-8.79	36.1%
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>550.00</u>	<u>-250.00</u>	<u>54.5%</u>
Total Income	310,197.34	291,194.21	19,003.13	106.5%
Expense				
Mission	13,750.00	15,583.33	-1,833.33	88.2%
Personnel	185,933.89	188,511.57	-2,577.68	98.6%
Program	46,898.01	55,033.02	-8,135.01	85.2%
Property	<u>47,294.55</u>	<u>47,657.51</u>	<u>-362.96</u>	<u>99.2%</u>
Total Expense	293,876.45	306,785.43	-12,908.98	95.8%
Net Income	<u>16,320.89</u>	<u>-15,591.22</u>	<u>31,912.11</u>	<u>-104.7%</u>

Assignments for January 2021

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Darrell Drescher, Steve Schoch*, Bill Humphrey*
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Larry Ehmen*, Mike Herscler*, Chris Knapp*, Gene Bluhm

Counters: Mary Lazzeri, Anita Wolfmeyer

Registration Slips: Cindy Spohr

Altar Care: Ruth Snowden, Sharon Vaughn, Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Mary Herschler

Service Recording: January 2 at 9 AM - Elizabeth
January 9 at 9 AM - Keith
January 16 at 9 AM - Keith
January 26 at 9 AM - Jeff
January 30 at 9 AM - Larry

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

January News & Notes Notes (continued)

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.



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...

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

December News

Many thanks to Malinda for putting together a plan for our Christmas Party! It was a fabulous evening spent at Sprout's Inn!

There was no official meeting, so no news to report.

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

Our 2021 Missions Projects

National - Comfort Dogs,
Lutheran Hour Ministries,
Dakota Birth & Boys Ranch,
Lutheran Bible Translators

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

All Paid!!!

2021 - 2022 LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #5, Resourcing and Restructuring CID Prison Ministry - \$10,000

The Central Illinois District LCMS will expand its Gospel outreach to incarcerated men and women in Central Illinois through a three-year project. The grant funds will be used to provide printed materials to inmates and to develop, recruit, and train volunteers to continue and expand Gospel outreach to our incarcerated men and women.

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 mission grants.

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!!

Helping Hand for Lutheran Deaf Outreach - \$50,000

Lutheran Deaf Outreach has a passion for teaching others to share Jesus with deaf people. Over 98 percent of deaf and hard-of-hearing individuals do not know Jesus or attend a Christian church. Lutheran Deaf Outreach is equipping both deaf and hearing people with Gospel materials so the saving message of Jesus can be shared with the deaf community.

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.

January Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	13	Hannah Mixer	24	Kathy Hyer
3	Michele Urbon	14	Donna Haire	24	Lynnette Carpenter
3	Jane Voepel	14	Melanie Zehnle	25	Steve Kaiser
5	Brady Essington	15	Brett Baird	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Phyllis Ashby	16	Thom Hurley	26	Don Fink
6	Addison Buss	16	Larry Ehmen	27	Jim Lucas
6	Linda Knowles	17	Luke McElfresh	27	Christina Kaltenbach
7	David Showman Jr.	17	August Ott	28	Phillip Weisheit
7	Ruth Hall	18	Sky Fischer	28	Angie Clevenger
9	Judi Burner	18	Kirk Vahle	29	Lauren Mueller
11	Gary O'Dell	21	Ellie Bowles	29	Brooke Gooding
12	Bradly Essington	22	Mayzie Parrish	31	Josh Jefferson
12	Brian Burner	23	Kris Kutcher	31	Matt Frohn
13	Grace Vaughn	24	Connor Smith		

January Baptisms

1	Ben Knoernschild	11	Marjorie Baker	24	James Jones III
1	Kent Schnack	11	Kari Vahle-Adams	25	Rachel Boerema
1	Mary Tipton	13	Savannah Edwards	25	Harrison Knapp
1	Tim Westberg	15	Kent Knoernschild	26	Valerie Spillman
1	Stacy Luker	18	Amie Hoebing	26	Bradly Essington
3	Jessica Hibbert	18	Briana Robertson	28	Chris Knapp
6	Myley Longcor	18	Gage Scharnhorst	29	Tara Walker-Moffitt
8	Tony Bowles	19	Jonah Tronsgard	29	Eric Sass
9	Mark Vahle	19	Tory Hufendick	29	Warren Vahle
11	Ava Langan	19	Alison Zehnle	29	David Rickey
11	Lily Kuhn	20	Eldon Schoch	30	Merinda Jones
11	William Humphrey	22	Donna White	30	Hannah Mixer

January Anniversaries

3	Gary and Kathy Hyer	47 years
3	Dustin and Ann Nickelson	18 years
3	Chet and Barb Vahle	46 years
8	Tony and Susan Bowles	37 years
30	Chaz and Briana Robertson	12 years

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

Have a Happy & Blessed New Year!!

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SHARING

By

Bill, Schlegl

The Bible tells us to share the good news of Jesus with all people. Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given to learn why this is so important.

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