



2022 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

We are coming to the close of this year where our church marked the 175th Anniversary of the LCMS. Until the day comes when we enter into eternity and are no longer bound to this world of time, we continue to mark our lives with anniversaries. Anniversaries of important events (weddings, birthdays, confirmation, graduation, etc.) are important to us because they acknowledge our life and existence; they tell of a history or a relationship.

However, only remembering a person on their birthday or some random anniversary tells much about the relationship we have with that person. A best friend is not someone with whom your only contact is through a birthday card. Of course it is impossible to maintain close communication with the multitude of people that we know, so we make choices concerning with whom to remain in correspondence. We have our close family, our extended family, our close friends, and our casual acquaintances.

Our relationship with God is measured in this same way. The Church's calendar is filled with anniversaries. Even our pagan world marks time according to the birth of Christ. We are coming to the end of the year of our Lord 2022. The A.D. that typically follows the date is short for Anno Domini, which is Latin for "the year of our Lord." Each December 25th, the Western world celebrates the anniversary of the birth of Christ. However, the resurrection of our Lord is celebrated more than just on Easter Sunday. From the days of the apostles, the church has had a special worship service each Sunday to commemorate Christ's resurrection.

What does it say of our opinion of God when the weekly celebration of Christ's resurrection is considered unimportant? Some may say that it is celebrated so often that its meaning is diminished. But should not the resurrection of our Lord be the most exciting event each week? After all, the Bears, Rams, Chiefs, Cowboys, etc., play football every Sunday this time of year. They even added an extra 17th game this season. How many "football fans" would have no problem missing 2 or 3 weekends per month?

What does it say of our opinion of God when Christmas or Easter are the only times that one comes to celebrate an anniversary with the Lord. Is such a person "family" or merely a "casual acquaintance?" Christ our Lord tells us that we are God's children. I fear for all who treat their Father in heaven like a casual acquaintance.

Just like with your biological family, being part of a church family is not something other people do for you. Don't miss out on the good gifts your Father has given you. The family of God weeps for those who miss out on the best part of life. We long for all to share in the joy we have here in Christ's church on earth and the unspeakable joy of the Church Triumphant.

As most everyone takes time during the "Holiday Season" to spend time with family, take the time to celebrate with your church family also. Join us as we celebrate the birth of the Son of God. Celebrate the many anniversaries with the Lord. Join us as we celebrate and look forward to the day when we no longer need to mark time.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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| President | Chet Vahle (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023 |
| Vice-President | Chris Knapp (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023 |
| Secretary | Michele Urbon (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023 |
| Treasurer | Josh Hennig (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023 |
| Financial Secretary | Nancy Bluhm (<i>1st term</i>) – Counters | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2023 |
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| Education Board | Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio | Appointed |
| | Heidi Schlipman (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | VOLUNTEER NEEDED | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
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| Board of Elders | | |
| | Bob Mehl (<i>1st term</i>) – Saturday Services | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
| | Dennis Fleming (<i>1st term</i>) – Altar Care. | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
| | Gene Bluhm (<i>2nd term</i>) – Sunday Services | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
| | Mike Herschler (<i>2nd term</i>) – Special Services | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | Ted Hea (<i>1st term</i>) – Sound & Live Stream Help | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | Jeff Wolfmeyer (<i>3rd term</i>) – Head Elder | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Evangelism Board | Barb Vahle (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | VOLUNTEER NEEDED | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
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| Property Board | Gary Herman (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
| | Gary Hyer (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Stewardship Board | Hannah Ajdinovich (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023 |
| | Larry Ehmen (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Youth Ministry | Jamie Louderback (<i>4th term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Endowment Chair | Larry Foster (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |

Pastoral Report

(October 1 – 31, 2022)

Official Acts

Baptisms
First Communion
Youth Confirmation
Adult Confirmation
Marriages
Funerals

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

Requested Removal [-0B, -0C]

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

| Membership | January 1, 2022 | Gains | Losses | October 31, 2022 |
|------------|-----------------|-------|--------|------------------|
| Baptized | 584 | +14 | -6 | 592 |
| Confirmed | 458 | +16 | -6 | 468 |

December Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness but will have the light of life. John 8:23

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, Charles Wheeler.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS: Nick Austin, Sean Burner, 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, Marcia Clevenger, Jan Colvin, Shirley Dieringer, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Jan Mueller, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman

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, 8001 Hope Ln., Waxhaw, North Carolina 28173

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

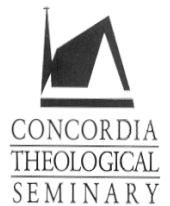
will be going to **Holy Cross** for vicarage 4107 21st Ave, Moline, IL 61265

Timothy & April Benzinger with Trent, Kaela, Jakob, and Hadassah

4153 Woodstock Drive, Fort Wayne, IN 46815

Elizabeth & Quest Dobbelaire

2316 Anchor Way Apt.A Fort Wayne, IN 46825



Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

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

Opening – Howard & Ruth Ann Snowden

Pre-School 3, 4 & Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte

Grades 1 - 4 – **VOLUNTEER NEEDED**

Grades 5-8 – Cyndi Ott

Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Substitutes – Monica Foster

December News & Notes

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

Church members, students, families, and friends please join us for **Caroling on Sunday, December 18th at 5:30 pm**. Grab your coats and your family; we want to gift our neighbors with some Christmas Caroling. You don't have to have the voice of Frank Sinatra to join us for a fun-filled family event. Meet in the cafeteria.

Our Christmas programs were held this week and went amazingly. A big thank you to Mrs. Bowles, 5th/6th-grade teacher, for directing the 1st – 8th-grade program and to Mrs. Sherry Strackeljahn for directing the PreK – K program. This year we also added a new role, that of student director, Miss Paysli Dieterle, 5th grade who did an outstanding job. Also, thank you to Mr. Dale Strackeljahn for running sound and technology.

Each **Wednesday** we have all school **Chapel beginning at 8:45 am**. Chapel themes this year are tied to over 2022-23 Yearly Theme – Making Disciples for Life. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and guests are welcome to join us every Wednesday.

Upcoming Events

December 24: Children's Christmas Eve Service at 7 PM

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at 9 PM

December 25: Christmas Day Musicales Holy Communion Service at 9 AM

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 5 PM

February 19-20: Camp CILCA Confirmation Retreat - Life's Big Questions

February 26: St. James School sings at Our Redeemer at 9 AM

April 9: Easter

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund – History/Update In September of 2016, the ORLC congregation approved the creation of an endowment fund. The objective of this fund was to raise enough money to be able to pay the full tuition for children of our membership to attend St. James School and thus receive a superior education in a Christian environment. The ORLC Endowment Fund currently has investments with the LCMS Foundation. At this time, assets total approximately \$230,000. The Endowment Fund Committee continues in its mission to increase the Fund's investments. Over the years, several members of our church have generously donated money for "matching challenges." If you are interested in doing this, or including the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, or remembering a loved one with a memorial, or simply making a personal gift to the Fund, contact anyone on the Endowment committee. Also, if you have investments that require RMD (required monthly distribution), those can be donated to the Endowment Fund tax-free **until December 31**. Larry Foster – fosterm15@gmail.com Larry Ehmen – ehmen@adams.net Marty Otto – haspersmo@gmail.com

For the week of December 11: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Hear the history and theology of Advent Hymnody on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Exodus 23-27 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and hear Advent midweek worship from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, MO, on **12/14 at 12 PM**. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

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Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of November were **\$147.00**.

Thank you for the card and generous gift. It was unexpected but greatly appreciated. We love our church family. Hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Love, The Dedert Family

Opportunities To Serve:

Gloves, Hats, and Mittens Collection: We are going to start collecting socks, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. for the community. All sizes are welcome. We will distribute first to local schools, Quincy Neighborhood Federation, and then local food pantries and mini food pantries as our donations and supplies allow. Items may be left in the collection bin near the south entrance.

College Care Packages Update Finals Week: Two sets of care packages have successfully been sent out to our college students and the next shipment is scheduled to be sent out in time for their semester finals week. There are individual cards for the students located on the table in the Narthex for you to sign and/or write a note of encouragement which will be especially appreciated during finals week! The students have expressed their gratitude in receiving these boxes from their home congregation and truly enjoy the thoughtful notes and well wishes. The following is a list of our young people participating at this time: Elizabeth Dobbelaire (Fodor), Julianna Eden, Ella Ehmen, Maddi Ehmen, Kate Foster, Harrison Knapp, and Alayna Schlipman.

If you are interested in being on the substitute teacher list for Sunday School, please contact Melissa Knapp at 217-653-9501. You can list what classes you prefer: lower grades (PreK to 2nd) class, the Junior High class (currently 3rd through 8th) and/or the High School class.

Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild for March, June, July, and December. If anyone is interested in volunteering to please contact Dennis Fleming at 217-242-7598. Thank 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 **Evening Ladies Aid LWML** are **collecting 80 pkgs. of diapers or Pull-ups** to go to Care Net in honor of LWML's 80th anniversary. If you would like to help, please bring your package of diapers to church and give to any LWML member by Nov. 6th. Thanks so much for your generosity and support of our on-going mission opportunities!

Quilters - Thank you to everyone for your support on their projects. Quilters normally meet every 2nd & 4th Thursday at 9 AM. They are always in need of sheets (flat and fitted, *even with stains or holes*) and pillowcases in cotton or cotton blend, flannel, or microfiber fabric.

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.

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.

Hearing Devices are 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.



Free Piano – Please contact Becky Lunt if interested. It needs to be tuned!



December News & Notes *(continued)*

SUNSET HOME 2022 CHRISTMAS RESIDENT GIFT WISH LIST - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" God Bless you this holiday season.

Dear Family and Friends,

Once again, it's that time of year when we rely on the generosity of our community to help make the holiday season joyful for our residents.

Please send your gift or cash donations to purchase gifts to Sunset Home, 418 Washington, Quincy, IL 62301. We would like to have all **donations by Monday, December 19, 2022**. Donations can be dropped off at the front door without coming into the building during the pandemic. Thank you for making our resident's Christmas special. We deeply appreciate your kindness and are thankful to have family and friends like you during this Christmas season.

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Kleenex | <input type="checkbox"/> Seek 'n Find Word Search Books –Large Print |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Brushes & Picks | <input type="checkbox"/> Jewelry |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Adult Coloring Books | <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Body Wash |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Colored Pencils | <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion — Scented & Unscented |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 2023 Wall Calendars | <input type="checkbox"/> Women & Men's Gripper Socks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Hand Soap | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies and Men's Pajamas: Size S-XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Small Trinkets | <input type="checkbox"/> Men's & Women Undershirts Size M-XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gift Items | <input type="checkbox"/> Ladies Shirts: Size S-XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Throw Blankets | <input type="checkbox"/> Women & Men's Sweatshirts & Pants |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Wall/Door Hangings | <input type="checkbox"/> Size S-XXL |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Perfume/Body Sprays/Cologne | <input type="checkbox"/> Candy, Soda Pop, Snacks, etc. |

Registration for Camp CILCA's summer program is up and running under the theme "Roots Down, Fruit Up" based on Isaiah 37:31. **Register before December 31 to receive a 15% discount off the price of each week.** If there are families who need financial assistance, CILCA has a well-funded "campership" program that can help. Please contact Camp CILCA Director Joshua Theilen at director@cilca.org

A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet Join Tanner Olson, Heidi Goehmann, and Blake Flattley, for a night of poetry, music, and tools for meeting our mental health with hope. This event connects people to resources that help them breach stigma, rest in God, and build strength to love themselves and those around them well, no matter the challenge. Join us at Trinity, Auburn, for this **event geared toward high school youth and adults on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 2 pm- 6 pm**. Please contact the church office for more information and reach out to Trinity, Auburn at tlcauburnil@gmail.com with questions.

Announcing the 2023 Central Illinois District LCMS Youth Bible Bowl: "Judges and Ruth." In the best way you know how, study these two biblical books about a difficult period of history for God's people. And talk within your circuit about holding your Circuit Bible Bowl in the weeks before the District Bible Bowl scheduled for **Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Camp Cilca**. The Bible Bowl provides an opportunity for our youth (6th-12th grade) to be involved in Scripture study and thus to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and to deepen their faith. Each circuit gets to send its top two teams to Springfield. For more information on how you can hold a Bible Bowl in your circuit, please contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois.

Celebrate the history and work of the LCMS Considering a trip to St. Louis? We invite you to join us **April 27–29, 2023**, for Lutheran Days STL, a celebration of the history and work of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod. Explore St. Louis — a city rich in the history and present work of your church — and participate in activities and learning opportunities at area Lutheran sites and institutions, including the LCMS International Center. Designed for student groups, youth and adults, this event will have something for everyone! At the end of Lutheran Days STL, join fellow Lutherans in standing for life at the annual March to the Arch life march on Saturday, April 29, in St. Louis. As plans are finalized, more information will be posted on the LCMS.org event page.

Scrip Update:

| Week ending: | 13-Nov | 14-Nov | 20-Nov | 27-Nov | 4-Dec |
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| Profit: | \$103.69 | \$35.50 | \$40.72 | \$80.13 | \$107.25 |
| # orders: | 11 | 1 | 9 | 9 | 8 |
| Profit/Order: | \$9.43 | \$35.50 | \$4.52 | \$8.90 | \$13.41 |
| Overall Profit: | \$3,678.92 | \$3,714.42 | \$3,755.15 | \$3,835.27 | \$3,942.52 |

We now have MCDONALDS gift cards in stock in \$10 and \$25 amounts!!!

2022 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

| Income | <u>Oct. '22</u> | <u>Budget</u> | <u>\$ Over Budget</u> | <u>% of Budget</u> |
|--------------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---------------------|
| 001 - 001 General Offerings | 283,643.87 | 275,000.00 | 8,643.87 | 103.1% |
| 003 - 003 Loose Plate | 5,564.02 | 2,083.34 | 3,480.68 | 267.1% |
| Total Interest Income | 5.43 | 4.16 | 1.27 | 130.5% |
| 019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund | 3,564.55 | 3,750.00 | -185.45 | 95.1% |
| 020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated | 0.00 | 500.00 | -500.00 | 0.0% |
| Total Income | 292,777.87 | 281,337.50 | 11,440.37 | 104.1% |
| Mission | 14,833.33 | 16,250.00 | -1,416.67 | 91.3% |
| Personnel | 172,866.11 | 179,945.83 | -7,079.72 | 96.1% |
| Program | 53,605.74 | 65,509.20 | -11,903.46 | 81.8% |
| Property | 51,149.90 | 46,161.66 | 4,988.24 | 110.8% |
| Total Expense | 292,455.08 | 307,866.69 | -15,411.61 | 95.0% |
| Net Income | <u>322.79</u> | <u>-26,529.19</u> | <u>26,851.98</u> | <u>-1.2%</u> |

Assignments for December 2022

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

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| Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Brad Essington, Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vahn* |
| Sundays at 9:00 AM | Darrell Drescher, Larry Foster*, Chet Vahle*, Barb Vahle |
| 12/07 Advent 2 at 7:00 PM | Darrell Drescher |
| 12/14 Advent 3 at 7:00 PM | Dennis Baker |
| 12/24 Children's at 7:00 PM | Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Gary O'Dell |
| 12/24 Candlelight at 9 PM | Nathan Hoebing, Steve Schoch, Jerry Lunt |
| 12/25 Christmas Day at 9 AM | Chris Clevengerm Larry Foster |

Counters: Glenda Nicholson, Barb Ellerbrock

Registration Slips: HELP NEEDED

Altar Care: Mona Fischer, Amy Killday, Wanda Spohr

Service Recording:

December 4 at 9 AM – Gretchen

December 18 at 9 AM – Keith

December 7 at 7 PM – Larry

December 24 at 7 PM & 9 PM -- Jeff & Gretchen

December 11 at 9 AM – Keith

December 25 at 9 AM – Larry

December 14 at 7 PM – Larry

December 31 at PM – New Years Eve – Keith -

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



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 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...

December 17th –Serve the meal for the blind at St. James

2023

January 5th – monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

June 22 – 25 - National LWML Convention, Milwaukee, WI

News

Through your generous support on LWML Sunday, we collected almost \$500 for our grant recipients! THANK YOU!

Also, no words can express our thanks to all who donated, helped set up and tear down, and buy at the rummage sale! We now have \$3,200 to support our National and Local Mission projects along with many others as we see a need! God is good!

Thanks, also, to Susan's friend, Roberta, for sharing about the mission of Sterling Lutheran Church in Alaska at our meeting! It's so wonderful to see our mission dollars at work!

Our 2022 Missions Projects

National - Lutheran Hour Ministries, Concordia Seminary Food Banks, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Lutheran Bible Translators

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

2021 - 2022 LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #3, Orphan Grain Train, Supplies, St. Louis - \$8,100

St. Louis based Orphan Grain Train distributes food and household items to area LCMS congregational pantries who then distribute to the needy in their communities. This grant would be used to replenish these items and also cover some of the operational and utility costs at the St. Louis location.

Pray that God continues to use Orphan Grain Train shipments to ease distressed people worldwide. Support this grant by donating to your church's LWML group mite fund!

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!!

“Ends of Earth” Scholarships, MOST Ministries - \$50,000

MOST Ministries prepares and sends mission teams, usually nine individuals, in response to requests by our LCMS missionaries in the mission field and the national church leaders. For 32 years, MOST Ministries has responded to needs in the United States and 52 foreign countries. In the past five years, due to increasing travel costs, volunteers struggle to raise needed funds and planned trips have been canceled. This mission grant will provide scholarship aid to mission team participants.

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.

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.

December Birthdays

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| 1 Kaitlyn Fischer | 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire | 17 Ron Bowles |
| 1 Max Showman | 8 Lillian Cramlett | 20 Joan Walbring |
| 1 Kayla Terstriep | 8 Amie Hoebing | 20 Alison Zehnle |
| 1 Harrison Knapp | 8 Chad Purcell | 22 Emma Fischer |
| 1 Larry Foster | 9 Eldon Schoch | 22 Bev Post |
| 2 Brian Manton | 9 Nathaniel Hurley | 22 Kari Vahle-Adams |
| 3 Morgan Longcor | 9 Heidi Schlipman | 23 Kaiden Weisheit |
| 3 Cheryl Newbrough | 9 Emily Drescher | 23 Carole Lannerd |
| 3 Jeff Wemhoener | 9 Bill Perry | 23 Darrell Drescher |
| 3 Tad Douglas | 11 Valerie Spillman | 25 Briana Robertson |
| 3 Carol O'Dell | 13 Ted Hea | 26 Charla Weisenburger |
| 4 Phyllis Cook | 13 Jonah Tronsgard | 27 Donna White |
| 4 Allan Murphy | 13 Tim Westberg | 29 Emma Campbell |
| 4 Allan Struve-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 |

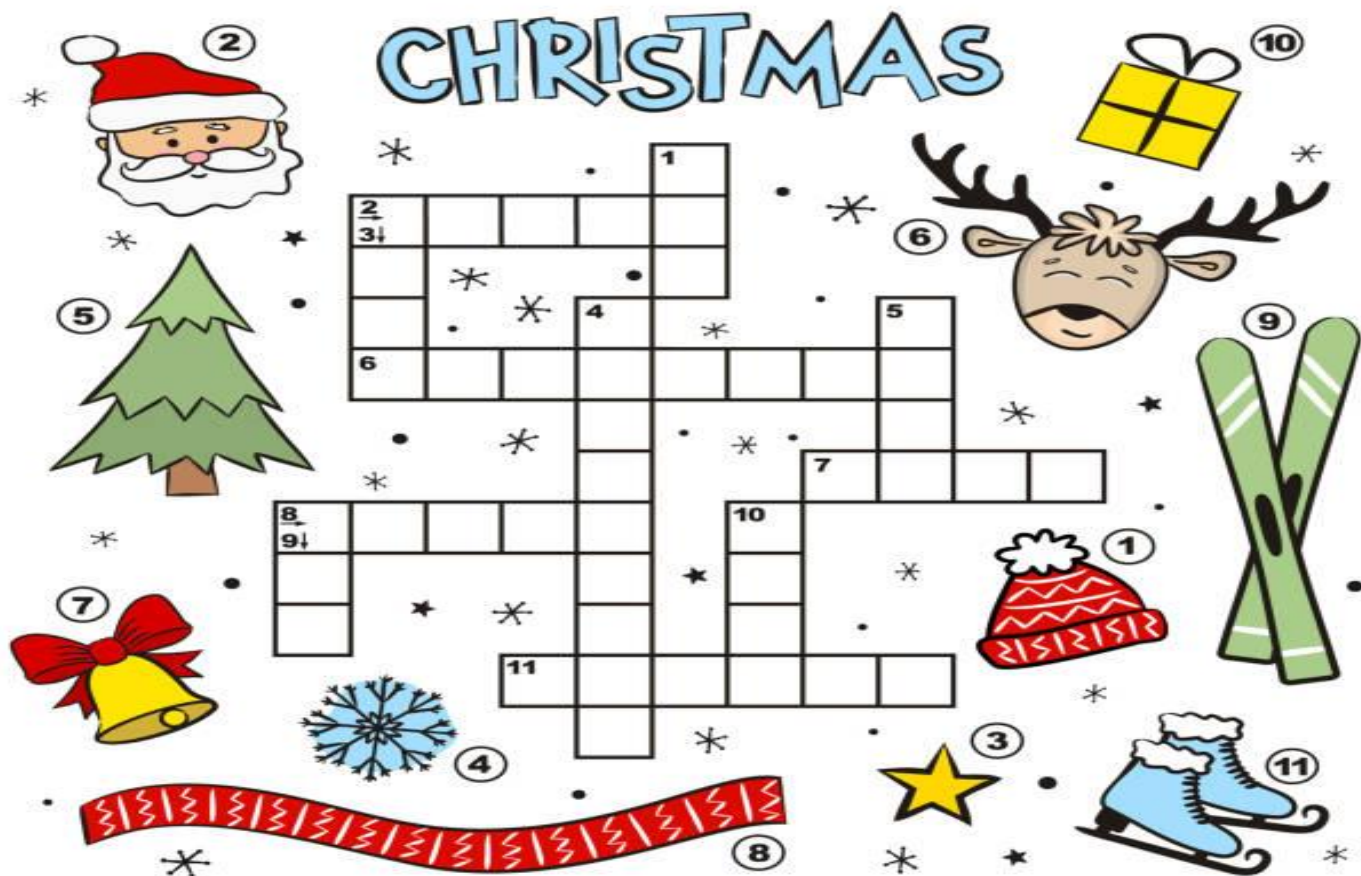
December Baptisms

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| 1 Sharon Reinberg | 10 Rita Boerema | 24 Andrew Allen |
| 3 Jaela Vaughn | 11 Charla Weisenburger | 25 Paul Weisheit |
| 3 Emily Weppler | 11 Kelle Baird | 25 Kainalu Klauser |
| 3 Michael Herschler | 11 Rob Tipton | 26 Brandon Voepel |
| 3 Donna Johnson | 12 Mayce Bent | 27 Carolyn Cramlett |
| 4 Janice Tronsgard | 12 Mike Schoch | 27 Irene Drescher |
| 4 Alexis Hibbert | 15 Piper Kuhn | 27 Kristen Vahle |
| 4 Clayton Hibbert | 15 Adelina Goetz | 28 Heidi Schlipman |
| 6 Sarah Lucas | 16 Sean Burner | 28 Barb Ellerbrock |
| 7 Brady Essington | 17 Carol O'Dell | 29 Bethany Fritz |
| 7 Heather Feinstein | 17 Adrian Zehnle | 30 Donna Church |
| 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire | 19 Frank Hanawalt Jr. | 30 John Church |
| 8 Olivia Hoebing | 20 Shirley Foster | 30 Charlie Church |
| 8 Olivia Badamo | 20 Ryan Schnack | 30 Gail Church |
| 10 Steve Voepel | 22 David Ott | |

December Anniversaries

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|--------------------------------|-------------|-------------------------------|----------|
| 4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri | 51 years | 23 Brad and Karol Ehmen | 22 years |
| 5 Bob and Kriss Frink | 52 years | 26 Don and Bonnie Blattner | 58 years |
| 11 Lewis and Joan Walbring | 57 years 28 | 28 Kody and Briana Linder | 4 years |
| 15 Steven and Cheryl Newbrough | 27 years | 30 Aaron and Janice Tronsgard | 6 years |
| 19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer | 58 years | | |

Coloring Page:



1 - Hat | 2 - Santa | 3 - Star | 4 - Snowflake | 5 - Tree | 6 - Reindeer | 7 - Bell | 8 - Scarf | 9 - Skis | 10 - Gift | 11 - Skates

PUZZLE PAGE:

By
Bill Schlegl

What words of Jesus should help to guide you in your daily life? Write each backward word correctly to learn these wonderful words of Jesus

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(Answer Found on Page 3)