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2022 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Each January as we hang the new calendar on the wall, we have a heightened reality that time is moving forward. I have always been fascinated by the dimension of life we call time. On New Year's Eve, we pondered the question "How soon is now?" One of the many reasons I long for Jesus to return is that we will never again be concerned about time or the passing of years.

When I got my first transistor radio and could listen to something other than my parent's Statler Brothers 8-track tapes, one of the first songs I can remember really catching my attention was "Time" by Pink Floyd. It is not a happy song. The words are actually really depressing. The best secular music tends to offer a great diagnosis of the disease of sin. We only find the cure when we look to Christ. This entire song is about the wasted years of waiting around to get started on life. In the first verse the accusation is made, "Ticking away the moments that make up a dull day. You fritter and waste the hours in an offhand way."

Roger Waters, who wrote the song, was focusing solely on the missed opportunities and wasted years of someone not participating in life. However, the pastor in me sees this as having Christ-centered implications also. We "fritter and waste the hours" which could be used in productive devotion to God – Sunday morning worship, devotions with the family, working to help a neighbor in need, etc.

The second verse says, "You are young and life is long and there is time to kill today. And then one day you find ten years have got behind you. No one told you when to run, you missed the starting gun."

Again, the message of the songwriter is for you to get going with your life, but the pastor in me sees this having Kingdom of God application. "You are young and life is long" so the temptation is to put off being serious about time devoted to God. "And then one day you find ten years have got behind you" and not only you but your children have become conditioned to treat God and His Means of Grace (Word and Sacraments) as an afterthought.

The rest of the song focuses on the vain attempt to catch up and make up for the lost and wasted years, but the reality is "Every year is getting shorter; never seem to find the time" as you are "Shorter of breath and one day closer to death." As I said, this is not an uplifting song and it ends with the "tolling of an iron bell" (announcing a funeral).

The point of all this is that time is a most precious commodity. We are starting a New Year. The New Year is a celebration of starting over. One of the many blessings of being a forgiven child of God is that we have the opportunity to start over. Even if you have wasted the last "ten years" of your life, Jesus came to make all things new. It is the reality of life after Baptism. As Luther says, "the Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Living under the grace of your Baptism means you are starting over new and fresh each day. Every day is a gift from God. Participate in the new life you have in Christ. I pray no one feels as if "ten years have got behind you," but if they have, now is the time to start over and "emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

In Christ,

Pastor Eden Page 1

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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

Pastoral Report

(November 1 - 30, 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	November 30, 2022
Baptized	584	+14	-6	592
Confirmed	458	+16	-6	468

January Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 11)

For if ye forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly father will also forgive you. Matthew 6:14

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, 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) - Retiring 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



2316 Anchor Way Apt.A Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Ethan & Krista Boester

801 Seminary PI, 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 Substitute – Monica Foster

January News & Notes

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

January 12: Quilters

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

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

April 2: Palm Sunday

April 9: Easter

July 29 - August 3: LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee, WI

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.

Larry Foster – fostermI5@gmail.com Marty Otto – haspersmo@gmail.com

Registration for Camp CILCA's summer program is up and running under the theme "Roots Down, Fruit Up" based on Isaiah 37:31. 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

For the **week of January 8** CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Begin the Gospel of John on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), also begin a series on the English Reformation on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 AM), and study Exodus 33-36 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

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.

HOMEMADE SOUP AND BREAD LWML FUNDRAISER Take it easy and enjoy a night off from cooking by letting the LWML ladies do the cooking for you! Pre-order a quart of Chili, Vegetable Beef, Chicken Noodle or Cheesy Vegetable soup and a 4 oz. loaf of bread for only \$8.00. The sign-up sheet is on the table in the narthex, or you can call the church office. **Orders will be taken until Feb. 5th.** Your soup and bread will be **ready for pickup on Feb. 11**th **and 12**th after each church service.

Delivery is available upon request. Payment is made at the time of pickup or delivery. **Thanks for your help in supporting our mission projects!**

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.

Opportunities To Serve:

<u>Gloves, Hats, and Mittens Collection</u>: 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.

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!.

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!



Scrip Update:

Week ending:	4-Dec	18-Dec
Profit:	\$107.25	\$63.79
# orders:	8	11
Profit/Order:	\$13.41	\$5.80
Overall Profit:	\$3,942.52	\$4,129.77

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

2022 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Nov. '22	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	310,432.64	302,500.00	7,932.64	102.6%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	5,849.02	2,291.67	3,557.35	255.2%
Total Interest Income	6.09	4.58	1.51	133.0%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,564.55	4,125.00	-560.45	86.4%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	0.00	550.00	<u>-550.00</u>	0.0%
Total Income	319,852.30	309,471.25	10,381.05	103.4%
Mission	15,833.33	17,875.00	-2,041.67	88.6%
Personnel	188,232.50	197,940.42	-9,707.92	95.1%
Program	65,561.09	72,060.10	-6,499.01	91.0%
Property	<u>56,412.85</u>	50,777.83	5,635.02	<u>111.1%</u>
Total Expense	326,039.77	338,653.35	-12,613.58	96.3%
Net Income	<u>-6,187.47</u>	-29,182.10	22,994.63	<u>21.2%</u>

Assignments for January 2023

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton* Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Doug Allen, Mike Herschler*, Chris Knapp*, Josh Hennig*

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Anita Wolfmeyer

Registration Slips: Cindy Spohr

Altar Care: Ruth Snowden, Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Mary Herschler

Service Recording:

January 1 at 9 AM – Keith January 8 at 9 AM – Keith January 15 at 9 AM – Jeff January 22 at 9 AM – Larry January 29 at 9 AM – Gretchen

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

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline -

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 15**th **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 as 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 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@ourredeemerguincy.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.

January Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	14	Donna Haire	24	Kathy Hyer
3	Judi Burner	14	Melanie Zehnle	24	Lynnette Carpenter
3	Michele Urbon	15	Brett Baird	25	Steve Kaiser
5	Brady Essington	16	Thom Hurley	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Phyllis Ashby	16	Larry Ehmen	26	Don Fink
6	Addison Buss	17	Luke McElfresh	27	Jim Lucas
6	Linda Knowles	17	August Ott	27	Christina Kaltenbach
7	David Showman Jr.	18	Sky Fischer	28	Phillip Weisheit
7	Ruth Hall	18	Glenn O'Briant	28	Angie Clevenger
11	Gary O'Dell	18	Kirk Vahle	29	Lauren Mueller
12	Bradly Essington	21	Ellie Bowles	29	Brooke Gooding
12	Brian Burner	22	Mayzie Parrish	30	Jane Voepel
13	Grace Vaughn	23	Kris Kutcher	31	Josh Jefferson
13	Hannah Mixer	24	Connor Smith	31	Matt Frohn

January Baptisms

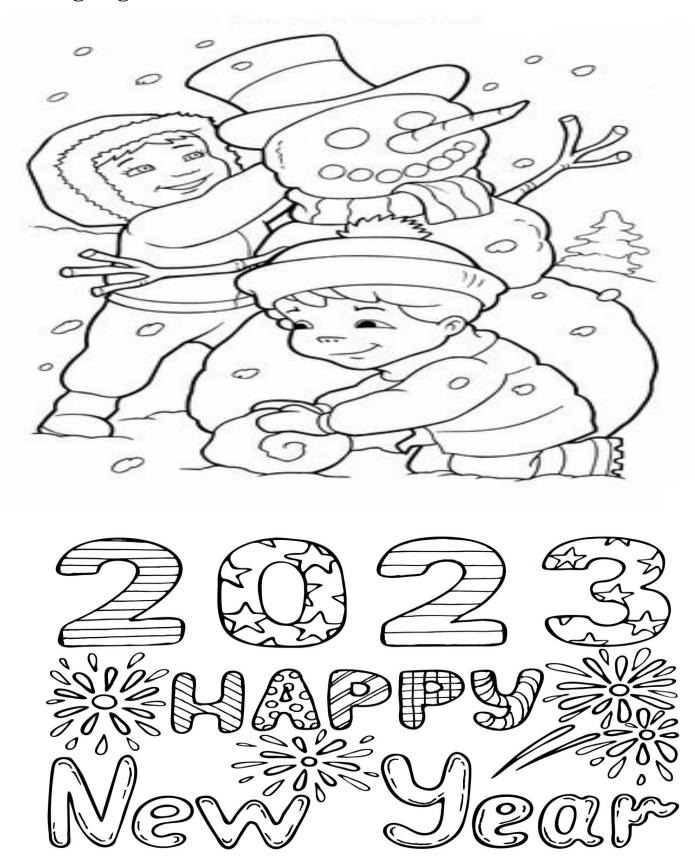
1	Ben Knoernschild	11	Lily Kuhn	24	Susan O'Briant
1	Kent Schnack	11	Marjorie Baker	24	James Jones III
1	Glenn O'Briant	11	Kari Vahle-Adams	25	Rachel Boerema
1	Mary Tipton	13	Savannah Edwards	25	Harrison Knapp
1	Tim Westberg	15	Kent Knoernschild	26	Valerie Spillman
1	Stacy Luker	18	Amie Hoebing	26	Bradly 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	David Rickey
1	Ava Langan	19	Alison Zehnle	30	Merinda Jones
1	William Humphrey	20	Eldon Schoch	30	Hannah Mixer
		22	Donna White		

January Anniversaries

3	Gary and Kathy Hyer	48 years	8	Tony and Susan Bowles	38 years
3	Dustin and Ann Nickelson	19 years	30	Chaz and Briana Robertson	13 years
3	Chet and Barh Vahle	47 vears			-



Coloring Page:



PUZZLE PAGE: RESULTS

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn the results of a forgiving heart.

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(Answer Found on Page 3)

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available.

Postponed: Lutheran Days STL - 2023 April 27 - April 29

The Lutheran Days STL event that was scheduled for April 27-29, 2023, has been postponed until further notice. More information about this event will be posted on calendar.lcms.org as details are finalized.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of December were \$91.54.