

*The  
Season  
of  
Lent*



## **2022 Newsletter**

**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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

I find the field of archaeology to be fascinating. The work that has been done in Israel and the surrounding region has repeatedly pointed to the Old and New Testament texts as being historically accurate. Again and again, ancient cities have been found, documents have been uncovered which support the biblical text, and the story of God's interaction with His people is heard. I am reminded what happened on Palm Sunday when the Pharisees told Jesus to rebuke His disciples as they and the crowd were praising God and saying, *"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!"* *'Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!'* [Luke 19:38]. Jesus replied, *"I tell you, if they keep quiet, the stones will cry out"* [Luke 19:40]. As the field of archaeology uncovers more of the past, the stones are crying out and attesting to the truth of God and His Word.

One very interesting discovery is the ancient Hebrew use of the mark of the cross in the days before Christ, and even before Roman domination – which made the cross the common tool of capital punishment. The biblical scrolls discovered around the Dead Sea had numerous passages which refer to the coming of Christ marked with a "+" or an "X". These scrolls were hidden away well before Jesus began His public ministry.

Among the Old Testament people, the cross was a sign of protection and deliverance. As Greek became the common language of the world, some Jews turned the cross on its side as an "X" because the Greek word for Messiah, "Christ", begins with the Greek letter "X" or "chi" (pronounced like the first two letters of "kite").

Ancient Jewish homes of the B.C. era have been uncovered with crosses carved into or painted on the stones in and around the dwelling. The Jewish Christians easily brought these practices into the Church. Living under the protection of the cross now took on a whole new meaning. Wearing the image of the cross in jewelry or bearing the mark of the cross in other ways (some marked their forehead with the sign) was a means of publicly identifying yourself as one belonging to the Lord and that you were marked for salvation.

In Baptism, we do this. As the pastor, I make the sign of the cross both upon the forehead and upon the heart to mark the child as one redeemed by Christ the crucified. In Baptism, we become the people of the cross as our old self is crucified with Christ [Romans 6:6]. We carry those marks of the cross all of our days upon the earth, and we live under the protection and with the deliverance Christ's cross brings.

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
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
Evangelism Board	Barb Vahle <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
Property Board	Gary Herman <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	Gary Hyer <i>(3rd term)</i>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2021 – Sept. 2023
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
Youth Ministry	Connie Louderback <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
Endowment Chair	Larry Foster <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024

# Pastoral Year-End Report

(January 1 –31, 2023)

## Official Acts

Adult Baptisms

First Communion

Adult Confirmation

Youth Confirmation

Funerals

Larry Dean Ehmen – January 14, 2023

Weddings

## Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Adult Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Larry Dean Ehmen – January 4, 2023

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2023	Gains	Losses	January 31, 2023
Baptized	592	+0	-1	591
Confirmed	468	+0	-1	467

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	5-Feb	12-Feb	19-Feb	26-Feb	29-Jan*
Profit:	\$55.50	\$47.37	\$78.11	\$77.34	\$49.25
# orders:	7	7	10	10	1
Profit/Order:	\$7.93	\$6.77	\$7.81	\$7.73	\$49.25
Overall Profit:	<b>\$454.49</b>	<b>\$501.87</b>	<b>\$579.98</b>	<b>\$657.32</b>	<b>\$706.57</b>

\*This was from the Presto Pay deposit made in January.

Some local fast food/restaurant gifts cards in stock: We do have some BURGER KING \$10 and \$25 back in stock! , Dairy Queen \$10, Dominoes \$10, Hardees \$10, Culvers \$25, Jimmy John's \$10, Little Caesar's \$20, McDonalds \$10 and \$25, Panda Express \$25, Papa Murphys \$10, Pizza Hut \$10, Sonic \$10, Subway \$10, Taco Bell \$10, and Texas Roadhouse \$25!

## 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan. '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	36,872.03			
003 - 003 Loose Plate	336.00			
Total Interest Income	0.76			
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00			
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00			
Total Income	<b>37,208.79</b>			
Mission	500.00			
Personnel	12,154.42			
Program	7,144.32			
Property	4,720.19			
Total Expense	<b>24,518.93</b>			
Net Income	<b><u>12,689.86</u></b>			

## Assignments for March 2023

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl* Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Gene Bluhm, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Barb Vahle, Chet Vahle*
March 1 - Lent 1 at 7:00 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer
March 8 - Lent 2 at 7:00 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer
March 15 - Lent 3 at 7:00 PM	Mike Herschler
March 22 - Lent 4 at 7:00 PM	Bob Mehl
March 29 - Lent 5 at 7:00 PM	Chet Vahle

**Counters:** Mary Lazzeri & Gene Bluhm

**Altar Care:** Laurie Bronson, Carol Cramlett, Rosie Meyer

### Service Recording:

March 1 at 7 PM – Keith

March 5 at 9 AM – Keith

March 8 at 7 PM – Jeff

March 12 at 9 AM – Larry

March 15 at 7 PM – Gretchen

March 19 at 9 AM – Keith

March 22 at 7 PM – Keith

March 26 at 9 AM – Jeff

March 29 at 7 PM – Larry

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



## 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, Donna Church, Marcia Clevenger, Jan Colvin, Shirley Dieringer, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Elaine Hyer, Marilyn Lehenbauer, Donna MacFadden, Jan Mueller, Pat Nissen, Todd Schroeder, Kitty Schuckman

## Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K. (*Together in Missions*)  
 Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson and their children, serving the Lord in Tanzania (*Together in Missions*)  
 Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga  
 Apple of His Eye Mission Society  
 The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia  
 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



## 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 – Donna Haire

Grades 5-8 – Cyndi Ott  
 Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer  
 Substitute – Monica Foster



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

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

### UPCOMING...

**March 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Group mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**April 13<sup>th</sup>** - Group mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**April 29<sup>th</sup>** – LWML CID Convention, Oakley Lindsey Center

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

### February News

Wanda S. and Carol A. were our gracious hosts for our Bible Study this month! Thank you!

Mission projects for the year were announced and Soup & Bread fundraiser details finalized before we began our study.

Thanks to the many who supported our fundraiser by ordering soup! We so appreciate your generosity!

Dues are being collected now, so please see Renee if you haven't done so already!

#### Our 2023 Missions Projects

**National** - Concordia Seminary Food Banks, Comfort Dogs, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Lutheran Prison Ministry

**Local** – Camp Callahan, ORLC Tuition Assistance, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, ORLC Youth Group

### 2022 - 2023

#### LWML CID Mission Grants

#### **Grant #7, Support for Missionary Hayden Rensner in Czech Republic - \$10,000**

This grant would greatly help and enable Hayden in her missionary work in the Czech Republic. Being responsible for her own living and travel expenses during her service, these funds would help cover some of those costs.

***Pray that God continues to enable missionaries to go to many parts of the world and tell of the love and saving grace of our gracious God. 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.

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!!*

### Reaching the Homebound with God's Word - \$100,000

Lutheran Media Ministries produces Worship Anew and broadcasts on DIRECTV, the Tri-State Christian Television (TCT), American Forces Network (AFN), plus regular air channels. It is also accessible via the internet and on smart devices such as Roku and Apple TV. With the aging population facing health issues, Worship Anew reaches the homebound with faithful teaching of the Word of God through Scripture readings, a sermon by a Lutheran pastor, and choirs singing hymns.

For more information about this mission, go to [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

## March News & Notes

### Upcoming Events

March 1: Lenten Meals 5:30 – 6:45 PM Midweek Lenten Service at 7 PM  
March 14: Elders' Meeting at 6 PM  
March 15: Church Council Meeting at 6 PM  
March 15: Lenten Service at 7 PM, **Mount of Olives** – Pastor Hayden  
March 19: Jonathan & Carrie Federwitz, missionaries to visit  
*March 19: Sunday dinner at Horizons*  
*March 19: Family Night at St. James at 5:30 PM*  
March 22: Lenten Service at 7 PM, **Bethany** – Pastor Rempfer  
March 29: Lenten Service at 7 PM, **Pilate's Judgement Hall** – Pastor Eden  
April 2: Palm Sunday & Confirmation at 9 AM, **Bethpage**  
April 6: Maundy Thursday at 7 PM, **Upper Room**  
April 7: Good Friday at 7 PM, **Golgotha**  
April 8: Easter Vigil at 5 PM  
April 9: Easter Sunrise Service at 6:30 AM, **Empty Tomb**  
April 9: Easter Breakfast at 7:30 AM  
April 9: Easter Sunday Service at 9 AM, **Empty Tomb**  
April 13: LWML Meeting at 6:30 PM  
*April 29: LWML CID Convention at Oakley Lindsey Center, Quincy, IL*  
*May 1-3: Spring Pastors' Conference at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, IL*  
May 21: Armed Forces Sunday  
*June 22 – 25: LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI*  
*July 16 – 22: High School Mission Trip to Forest Lake, MN*  
*July 29 – August 3: LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee, WI*

**ORLC Youth Group** will host a **fellowship meal before the Lenten service from 5:45 to 6:30 PM**. Please sign-up on the sheet in the Narthex and enjoy Christian fellowship.

For the **week of March 12**: on KFUE.org: Study John 13-14 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Made Flesh" (*weekdays at 8 AM*), hear a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on **3/15 at 11 AM**, and study Hosea 6-10 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*).

**Because of Spring Break** and other scheduling conflicts, we are shifting the night of our **junior high youth nights**. Here are the correct dates. **March 15** at the **Lutheran Church of Saint John** Please invite and encourage your 6th-8th grade youth to attend. We typically have between 10-15 youth and our adults plan some really fun activities

We invite CID congregations to attend a service of **Evening Prayer at Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield, led by Laudamus**, a select choir of seminarians preparing for full-time service as pastors in the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod from Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. Laudamus will be leading us in Evening Prayer on **Saturday, March 18, at 5:30 pm**, at Trinity's downtown sanctuary, 220 S. Second Street, Springfield, Illinois. Under the direction of Greg Gastler, the Seminary's music arts associate, the choir delights in proclaiming the gospel of Jesus Christ through music. Come and be delighted by the musical offerings of these future pastors!

On **March 19th**, missionaries **Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz are coming to Our Redeemer**. The Federwitzes are with Wycliffe Bible Translators and Lutheran Bible Translators. Since 1999 they have been living in Papua New Guinea where Jonathan has been providing air transportation of missionary personnel and supplies to the isolated parts of that country. Jonathan and Carrie spoke to us on their last furlough about 4 years ago. Now they are coming back to give us an update on their ministry – including a chance to train and prepare new pilots for mission field service. Jonathan will be **speaking after both services** and Jonathan and Carrie will be **giving a presentation at the 10:15 AM Adult Bible Study**. We will collect special offerings for them.

For the **week of March 19**: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.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: Study John 14-16 on Sharper Iron's "The Word Became Flesh" (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Hosea 11-14 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and study Christ's Words in the Sacrament of the Altar on Concord Matters (*3/25 at 10 AM*).

**2023 Cemetery Clean-up** Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's Cemeteries Clean-up will be held **March 20th – March 25th**. You must have **everything off the graves by Sunday, March 19th**. Clean-up will start early on March 20th. You may leave the shepherd's hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and repaint them. Also, if they are rusting you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust dripping on the stone! Everything else please remove! Mark your flowers with the Name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there is a better chance of having them returned to the right spot. (Markings should be weatherproof if possible.)

**Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet is Sunday, March 26, 5 p.m.-8 p.m.** at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall! Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email ([camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org)) to reserve your tickets today! The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of Creation and Redemption, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. This year, Mrs. Katie Schuermann will speak about why Christians should read and write.

In **2022**, Our Redeemer Lutheran Church received **\$3900 in Thrivent Choice Dollars®** grant funding. We are proud to help support the important work you do and hope, together, we can do even more in 2023! Don't forget, you have access to a variety of resources and programs to help you in the communities you serve. **Thrivent Choice: Please direct 2022 Choice Dollars® by 3/31/2023.** *Personal Donations:* Anyone can use the Thrivent to make a donation. Thrivent pays the donation processing fees - that means 100% of the donation goes directly to your organization. *Thrivent Action Teams:* Please apply for Thrivent Action Teams to help support our missions. Form a volunteer team – Thrivent **provides up to \$250 in seed money** and promotional resources to jump-start the volunteer project.

**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 (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**LERT** will be hosting **Chainsaw Training** for all LERT volunteers. The training will be held on **Saturday, May 20, 2023**. St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 600 Cole Street, East Peoria, IL 61611 from **9 AM to 5 PM** (*Sign-in begins at 8:30 AM and sessions begin at 9 AM*) The registration fee (\$35.00) will include a light breakfast, lunch, manual, and credentials card. If you are already LERT Chainsaw certified, the event is considered continuing education, so there is no charge for re-training. A \$5 to \$8 offering is welcome to help pay for your lunch. To register, follow the registration link below. You will need to register for access to the LCMS LERT website first and then you can view training events and deployments. To Register: [https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=785803](https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=785803) All participants will need to bring pants, a helmet, ear protection, gloves, chainsaw, chaps, fuel, and bar oil. If you do not have these items, they will be provided to you. For further information, please contact Stephen Born at 217.220.0162 or email at [bornstephen@yahoo.com](mailto:bornstephen@yahoo.com)

**Sunday School Substitute Teachers:** If you are interested in being on the substitute teacher list for Sunday School, please contact Melissa Knapp at 217.653.9501. Please list what classes you prefer: early childhood (*PreK & K*) class, lower grades (*1st to 4th*) class, Junior High class (*5th to 8th*), and High School class.

The offerings that the youth have brought to Sunday School this year have been designated as follows:

Sept/Oct	\$54.00	Concordia Seminary Food Bank in St. Louis.
Nov/Dec	\$49.65	Open Hands Food Pantry
Jan/Feb	\$59.14	QPS Clothing Needs ( <i>School Nurses distribute items as needed</i> )
Mar/Apr		Will be designated for the Quincy Neighborhood Federation



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

Enrollment - **2023-24 registration** is right around the corner. Do you know someone looking for a faith-based education? If you do, have them call the school office at 217-222-8267 to schedule a tour!

**PreK 3, 4 & Kindergarten Open House** will be **Thursday, March 23rd at 5:30 pm**. More information will be forthcoming.

**FAMILY NIGHT** Thank You to everyone who attended BINGO night, it was a fabulous time. Please mark your calendars for our next Family Night event on **Sunday, March 19th at 5:30 pm**. We will be having Game Night.

**Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild** for June, July, and December. If anyone is interested in volunteering to please contact Dennis Fleming at 217-242-7598. Thank you

**College Care Packages:** Thank you for your ongoing donations for the college care packages. Another round of packages will be sent in March. Currently, seven members of the congregation receive college care packages. We are also sending packages to two local National Guard members that are stationed in southern Texas. Notecards will be available in the Narthex to sign for all recipients. All appreciate the handwritten notes of encouragement. If you would like to donate items for care packages, we will have a collection bin near the south entrance. Here are some ideas: *gum, chocolate candy bars, Skittles, Sour Patch, tic-tacs, mints, Ramen noodle cups, oatmeal cups, granola bars, protein bars, drink mix packets, dried fruit, trail mix, hot chocolate mix packets, pop tarts, individual bags of chips, pens, post-it notes, pudding cups, microwave popcorn, small hand sanitizers, eyeglass cleaner wipes, playing cards, note pads, pocket size Kleenex, travel size hand lotion, ponytail holders, etc.*

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 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund** – This was established to provide funds for Christian education for the children of our church family. Please accept our thanks for your donations in memory of Larry Ehmen. Larry was instrumental in establishing the endowment fund in 2016. He devoted much time and very careful attention to it in all the years since its creation. We believe he would be both humbled and thrilled by the generous donations from people and groups who knew him and his family over the years. We sincerely appreciate your support of our efforts to give the ORLC children a quality education with a solid Christian foundation. Thank you again for your donations! *ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund*

**LERT will be hosting a Basic Disaster Response Training.** The training will be held on Saturday, March 11, 2023 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 200 Cole Street, East Peoria, Illinois 61611 from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Sign-in begins 8:30 a.m. and sessions begin 9 a.m.) The registration fee (\$35.00) will include a light breakfast, lunch, manual, and credential card. Please make checks payable to the church. Walk-ins are welcome, but registration is appreciated. If you are already LERT certified, the event is considered continuing education, so there is no charge for re-training. To register, follow the registration link below. You will need to register for access to the LCMS LERT website first and then you can view training events and deployments. [https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need\\_id=773174](https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=773174) For further information, please contact Cindy Steinwedel at [cmsteinwedel@gmail.com](mailto:cmsteinwedel@gmail.com) or Stephen Born at 217.220.0162 or email at [bornstephen@yahoo.com](mailto:bornstephen@yahoo.com)

**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.

## Miscellaneous Constant Information

### Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter & Calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month**. Please let the church office know about any needed changes.

**GREETING CARDS** (sponsored by the PLuS group) Be sure to check out the variety of assorted greeting cards. Cards are \$ .50.



**Rada Cutlery** is an on-going fundraiser. Rada has a variety of products: cutlery, stone-ware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. We have started taking orders for our next RADA order. Once we

have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please **visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with 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. *No common Flag, Bell, Love, or Christmas Forever Stamps.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Drawer:* General Mills box tops for education, HyVee UPCs, & Tyson A+ labels. They benefit the St. James school library. *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> Drawer:* For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan home uses them to make things.

**Church Office Hours** are Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM with time out for lunch between 12 and 1. Staff may be in the office before or after these hours, but please call before stopping in so that we can have items ready for you (keys, sermon copies, envelopes, etc.).

**Considering adoption?** Lifelink International Adoption (a ministry of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois, LCFS) is seeking families interested in adopting from Korea. We're receiving child referrals again after a temporary break and have a limited number of families on our waiting list. Our South Korean program is one of our most enduring (twenty-nine years) and reliable. Learn more about Lifelink's adoption programs at [www.lifelinkadoption.org](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto:intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org). Lifelink International Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

**Want to Go Paperless?** We would be happy to email you any church correspondence and newsletters if that is the option you prefer. Contact the church office, write your email on the bottom of your attendance card, or email [secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org](mailto:secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org).

**PLEASE SAVE LABELS - Please continue to** save HyVee UPCs, General Mills Box Tops, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in the white drawer by the Church Office at ORLC. Thank you! *We no longer accept Campbell's Soup Labels.*

### Attention Parents of College Students:

If your child is away at college, please let the church know their new address and/or email as soon as you get it. We would like to nurture those relationships, pray for them, and help to keep them informed.



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' professional licensed counselors can help with any problem. They provide individual, couple, marital and family counseling to help address all types of situations. Insurance is accepted. Call 800-363-LCFS (5237) to schedule a FREE confidential initial consultation.

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

**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.

## March Birthdays

1 Lily Hayes	12 Savannah O'Dell	22 Tiffany McLaughlin
1 Phoebe Hayes	13 Joshua Weisenburger	22 Michele Austin
1 Donna MacFadden	14 Charlie Church	22 Lauryn Sharrow
3 R.P. Schaller	14 Kathy Ragsdale	22 Don Blattner
4 Jack Tronsgard	14 Mary Tipton	23 Clayton Hibbert
6 Layne Bent	14 Jessica Scharnhorst	24 Anna Ehmen
7 David Drescher	14 David Reinburg	24 Robert Mehl
8 Rachel Boerema	17 Katie Voepel	25 Allie Hastings
8 Christopher Schnack	17 Ellen Hines	26 Glenna Nicholson
9 Erin Humphrey	17 Mary Morse	26 Kristin Humphrey
9 Brett Scharnhorst	17 Jeff Wolfmeyer	26 Dick Reichert
9 Chad Manton	17 Obediah Church	27 Jerry Manton
9 Brandon Hufendick	18 Ella Ehmen	28 Evita Helm
11 Bella Campbell	18 Erin Fischer	30 Aubrey Stark
12 Evie Ajdinovich	20 Ciera Clevenger	31 Arjee Weisheit
12 Elaine Hyer	20 Connor Clevenger	21 Aaron Boerema
12 Deanna Hibbert	21 Daphnie Robertson	

## March Baptisms

1 Reva Ehmen	11 Amya Allensworth	21 Phillip Baker
1 Brooke Gooding	11 Danielle Deeter	22 Sophia Brown
1 Maggie Nixon	13 Connor Smith	22 Jane Voepel
7 Allison Smith	13 Rob Edwards	23 Daphnie Robertson
8 Becky Lunt	15 David Pellman	23 Layne Bent
8 Jerry Manton	15 Justin Harvey	24 Isabelle Hillerts
9 Gary O'Dell	15 Mandy Creely	24 Jeff Wolfmeyer
9 Ellen Stockhecke	16 Gretchen Kemp	24 Elise Luker
9 Brandon Hufendick	16 Elizabeth Burner	25 Ryne Lubben
9 Ruth Hall	17 Marty Otto	26 August Ott
10 Josh Holtman	17 Emily Drescher	27 Matt Weppeler
10 Randy Wolfmeyer	17 Chad Purcell	28 Ella Ehmen
10 Jeremy Holtman	18 Jan Mueller	28 Anthony Blickhan
10 Addison Buss	18 Amy Buss	28 Rod Hibbert
11 Bella Campbell	19 Donna Haire	29 Bonnie Hallerberg
11 Emma Campbell	20 Jessica Scharnhorst	31 Jane Howlett
11 Jason Klauser	21 Richelle Anderson	

## March Anniversaries

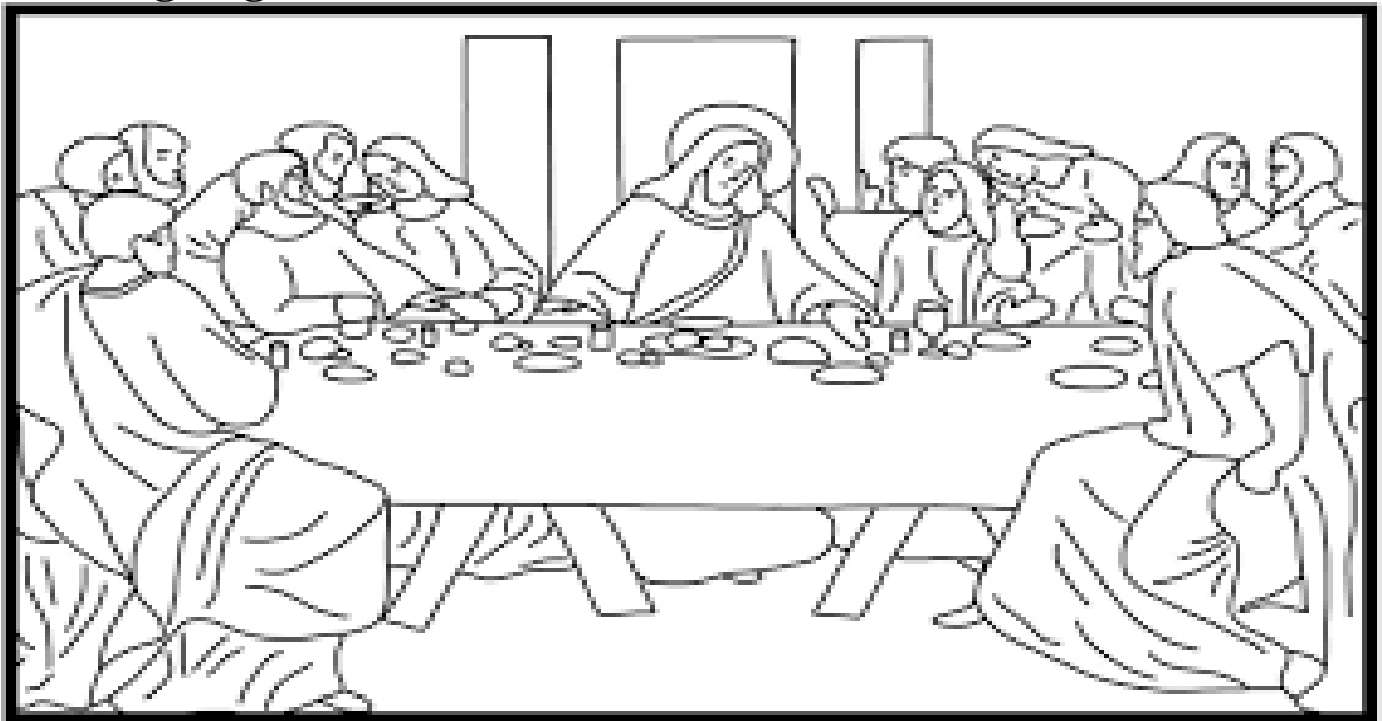
28 Al and Missy Ebel 45 years

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

### March Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 13)

Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves for they watch for your souls. Hebrews 13:17

## Coloring Page:



# PUZZLE PAGE:

## RESPECT

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn why we should follow the ministers in our church.

N A D X

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S G Z S

G Z U D

Q T K D

N U D Q

X N T

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R T A L H S

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E N Q

S G D X

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X N T Q

R N T K R

(Answer Found on Page 11)

**Please remember to stop by the Scrip Table** to place orders. Each order helps raise funds to go support the tuition costs of our ORLC students at St. James. Throughout the year, as the ORLC SCRIP earns \$1,000 in profits, it is gifted back to ORLC. Here is a look back as to what the ORLC SCRIP fund has raised since 2012.

### ORLC Scrip Profit by Year:

2022	\$	4,130	2016	\$	6,329
2021	\$	4,565	2015	\$	6,860
2020	\$	3,735	2014	\$	7,109
2019	\$	5,630	2013	\$	8,171
2018	\$	5,047	2012	\$	5,579
2017	\$	5,971	Total profit:	\$	63,126

# Easter Lilies



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies 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 lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available at a cost of **\$10.00 each**. *There is a bulb shortage this year which has increased the price.* You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the Easter 9:00 am service. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

**All orders must be received at the church office on or before  
Sunday, April 2, 2023.**

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

☐ in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)*