



# 2023 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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

Holy Week is here, and we will continue our most joyful celebration of the resurrection of Christ our Lord well into the month of May. If we only listen to the world outside of Christ's church, it would be easy to forget that Easter is a seven-week celebration that leads wonderfully into the Day of Pentecost and the Sunday of the Holy Trinity. This nine-week stretch is the center of our ongoing celebration throughout the Church Year. It far surpasses the 12 days of Christmas leading up to Epiphany – and with good reason. If it were not for Christ's death and resurrection, there would have been no "good news of great joy" for the shepherds to hear.

Currently, all the stores are decorated for Easter. With Easter Day being the first Sunday of April, the world outside of the church will take down the decorations and try to forget about Easter by that Monday afternoon. Understanding the calendar, especially of the Church Year, does help us in putting holidays in their proper perspective.

In the minds of so many people, both inside and outside of the church, Christmas has far surpassed Easter in importance – our society greets one another saying "Merry Christmas" from the day after Thanksgiving until Christmas Day, and then quits celebrating Christmas during the actual Christmas season. For many people, Thanksgiving and the Eve of All Saints Day (better known as Halloween) attract much more attention than Easter. It is unfortunate that the resurrection of our Lord is viewed with such indifference by so many in our world today. Even when Easter is celebrated, chocolate bunnies and Easter egg hunts seem to dominate the headlines. This is a season, not just a day, to celebrate that God sent His Son to rescue us from sin and death. I pity the world that does not share in our joy of the Gospel. Every Sunday is a celebration of the resurrection of our Lord, but this time of year is extra special as we greet one another each week and each day with the words: "Christ is Risen!! He is Risen indeed!! Alleluia!!

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 Report

(February 1 - 28, 2023)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Phoenix "Nix" Richard Dedert – January 21, 2023  
Charles Robert Wilfred Korb – February 12, 2023

### First Communion

### Youth Confirmation

### Adult Confirmation

### Funerals

### Weddings

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+2B, +0C]

#### Baptisms [+2B, +0C]

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#### 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]

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

Membership	January 1, 2023	Gains	Losses	February 28, 2023
Baptized	592	+2	-1	593
Confirmed	468	+0	-1	467

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	13-Mar	19-Mar	26-Mar	2-Apr
Profit:	\$106.07	\$59.12	\$32.80	\$104.02
# orders:	16	7	4	12
Profit/Order:	\$6.63	\$8.45	\$8.20	\$8.67
Overall Profit:	<b>\$812.63</b>	<b>\$871.75</b>	<b>\$904.55</b>	<b>\$1,008.57</b>

We have reached our first scrip profit goal for 2023! A check for \$1,000 was gifted back to the church.  
Thank you for your support!

### 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan - Feb '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	65,026.91	58,083.32	6,943.59	112.0%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	688.00	833.32	-145.32	82.6%
Total Interest Income	1.53	0.82	0.71	186.6%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>100.00</u>	<u>-100.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
Total Income	<b>65,716.44</b>	<b>59,767.46</b>	<b>5,948.98</b>	<b>110.0%</b>
Mission	1,019.20	2,833.32	-1,814.12	36.0%
Personnel	26,905.85	37,483.56	-10,577.71	71.8%
Program	22,586.01	12,612.68	9,973.33	179.1%
Property	<u>12,256.97</u>	<u>10,608.32</u>	<u>1,648.65</u>	<u>115.5%</u>
Total Expense	<b>62,768.03</b>	<b>63,537.88</b>	<b>-769.85</b>	<b>98.8%</b>
Net Income	<u><b>2,948.41</b></u>	<u><b>-3,770.42</b></u>	<u><b>6,718.83</b></u>	<u><b>-78.2%</b></u>

### Assignments for April 2023

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn* Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Steve Hyer, Josh Hennig*, Nathan Hoebing*, Jerry Lunt*

**Counters:** Rene Benedetto & Glenna Nicholson

**Altar Care:** Barb Vahle, Monica Foster, Donna Haire

**Service Recording:**

April 23 at 9 AM – Keith

April 30 at 9 AM – Gretchen

**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 Wepler.



**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, Joseph, and Lucia  
 6600 North Clinton Street Box 317, Fort Wayne, IN 46825

**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**  
 3A Founders Way, Clayton, 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...

**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

**June 24** – Service Meal for the Blind, St. James

### March News

Rosie and Michele were our gracious hosts this month!  
Thank you!

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

Plans for the LWML CID Convention here in Quincy were discussed and a time to assemble and mail the invitation packets was set.

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 #8, Textbooks for Concordia Preparatory School in Ghana - \$5,650**

This school has grown to over 1,000 students, many with a Muslim background. Recent requirements for the curriculum by the government make necessary new textbooks in all areas of education. It is a great struggle to finance these books with the current result being the sharing of one book by 4 or 5 students.

*Pray that the Word not be hindered by governmental rule or the lack of availability in areas where much is required. 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!!*

#### **Strengthening the Lutheran Mission to Kuna, Idaho - \$100,000**

Kuna, Idaho, the seventh largest growing community in the United States, has a new LCMS congregation who currently meet at Kuna High School. The mission church was started in 2018 by Friendship Celebration Lutheran Church (FCLC) in Meridian, Idaho. The congregation in Kuna has grown and is looking to build a sanctuary and facilities to help share the love and gospel of Jesus to the community. This mission grant will help buy land on which to build.

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

## April News & Notes

### Upcoming Events

*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*

*May 28: Memorial Day 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*

**KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social:

**@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#), and [Instagram](#).

*For the week of **April 16** on KFUE.org: Study 1 John 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), study Judges 14-18 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM), and hear about the Table of Duties on Concord Matters (4/22 at 10 AM). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!*

*For the week of **April 23** on KFUE.org: Study 1 John 3-4 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), finish studying Judges and begin studying 1 Samuel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM), and support KFUE Radio this week during Sharathon! Give online at [kfuo.org/sharathon](http://kfuo.org/sharathon) so we can continue to share the Gospel of Christ Jesus in your home and around the globe.*

Celebration of Pastor Eden's Ordination 25th Anniversary Please make plans to join us on **April 23 at Noon** for a congregational dinner to mark *(belatedly due to COVID)* 25 years of service to the Lord as a pastor. A hot meal will be provided free of cost to members and invited guests, thanks to donations for that purpose. Please sign up for the meal in the Narthex. The Church Council has approved a cash gift for Pastor and Malinda to mark the occasion, and members of the congregation are invited to make additional contributions to show their gratitude for the couple's service at Our Redeemer. Checks may be made payable to Our Redeemer and marked "Eden," and placed in the offering plate.

Care Net Pregnancy Services Volunteer Training!!! We need adult women who are willing to meet with clients, to offer a hand of fellowship, an ear to listen, and a heart to care. If this is you, please consider our upcoming training, this is an 18-hour training so attendance to all classes are important! When: **May 8th, 11th, 15th, 18th, 22nd, and 25th** Time: **6 PM-9 PM** Where: Care Net office at 802 State, Quincy, IL Last date to reserve your spot is May 4th. Call Laura at 217-223-8200 and visit us at [facebook.com/carenetquincy](https://facebook.com/carenetquincy)

**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)

Funeral Dinners Update: As of **June 30th**, Malinda Eden will be stepping away from being in charge of the funeral dinners. We ask that you prayerfully consider volunteering and becoming the new coordinator. Another option is that two or three or more members get together to form a committee as this does not place the full responsibility on any one individual. Malinda will be happy to answer any questions and will meet with anyone interested.

Dear Our Redeemer Lutheran Church,

Thank you so much for all the love, support, and help you have given our family in this trying phase in our lives. We are very grateful for everything you guys have done for our family. We have no way of showing you how grateful we are. You have surrounded us with love. We couldn't be prouder to call this church our family and home church. Thank you for everything you do for our little family.

*Love, Craig, Anna, Yuri, & Jordan*  
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**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!

**Graduation** for the 2022-23 school year is scheduled for **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm** at St. James Lutheran Church.

**The last day** of the 2022-23 academic year is **Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**, students will attend Chapel receive their report cards and be dismissed. Extended care is available that day, however, no hot lunch or p.m. bus service will be available.

The **2023-23 academic calendar** has been approved by the Board of Education. Anyone wanting a copy, please contact the school office. School families will receive an electronic copy in the upcoming Eagle.

**Mark your calendars** - the Annual **Dogwood** festivities are underway. **Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup>** will be the annual Block Party in the school playground area, and on **Saturday, May 6<sup>th</sup>** we will have a "float" in the parade. We would love to have as many participants in the parade as possible. If you'd like to walk with us in the parade, please leave your name and email with the school office (217-222-8267) and we'll send you information when it becomes available.

**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

**Help Needed:** We have a congregation member who has adopted a grandma from Quincy Healthcare & Senior Living (Formerly St. Vincent's Nursing Home) and needs help with transportation for her to and from church on Saturdays, find-a-word puzzles, cards sent, and gift cards for her dinner after church. Please contact the church office for more information.

**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 used 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

**College Care Packages:** Thank you for your ongoing donations for the college care packages. 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.*

**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*



## 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!

### 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. We also send Care packages.



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.

**Hearing Devices are available** to assist in listening to the Church services! Anyone who would like a device contact the Church Office for arrangements and one will be set up for you.

## April Birthdays

1	Chris Allen	12	Jean Ennen	21	Amanda Zehnle
2	Emma Showman	12	Greg Zehnle	22	Carmell Fitch
3	Terry Morse	12	Morgan Frohn	23	Joseph Ott
3	Kate Foster	13	Anderson Knapp	23	Craig Gooding
4	Brad Scharnhorst	15	Evan Sass	25	Gary Hyer
6	Emanuel Voepel	15	Holly Casanova	27	Marcia Clevenger
8	Joseph Ohnemus	17	Linda Wingerter	27	Rhoda Wemhoener
8	John Go	17	Tina Vaughn	28	Arlo Ott
8	Bill Schlipman Jr.	17	Mona Fischer	29	Ruth Snowden
10	Amy Edwards	17	John Dicks	30	Brandy Gilbert
11	Cailin Clevenger	19	Alexis Hibbert	30	Naomi Tipton
		21	Gina Eickelschulte		

## April Baptisms

1	Tina Vaughn	15	Phyllis Cook	22	Tiffany McLaughlin
1	Christina Kaltenbach	16	Coby Klauser	22	Kim Pracht
1	R.P. Schaller	16	Ashley Brown	23	Grace Vaughn
2	Kaiden Weisheit	17	Jennifer Tournear	24	Donna MacFadden
3	Carl Muehring	17	Brian Manton	24	Glenda O'Briant
5	Edwin Murphy	17	Chad Manton	25	Joshua Weisenburger
6	Mike Douglas	17	Aubrey Stark	26	Reagan Spilker
6	Conall Wolfmeyer	17	Stacy Kuhn	27	Farren Campbell
9	Darren Fink	17	Kara Mercurio	27	Greg Zehnle
11	Marilyn Hanawalt	18	Robert Mehl	27	Kate Foster
11	Kathy Hyer	18	Ron Bowles	28	Madelynn Jones
12	Deanna Hibbert	19	Kathy Ragsdale	28	Evan Baker
13	Erin Humphrey	19	Aaron Goodwin	29	Brett Scharnhorst
13	Lillian Cramlett	20	Erin Fischer	29	Mona Fischer
15	Levi Cook			29	Stephanie Bush

## April Anniversaries

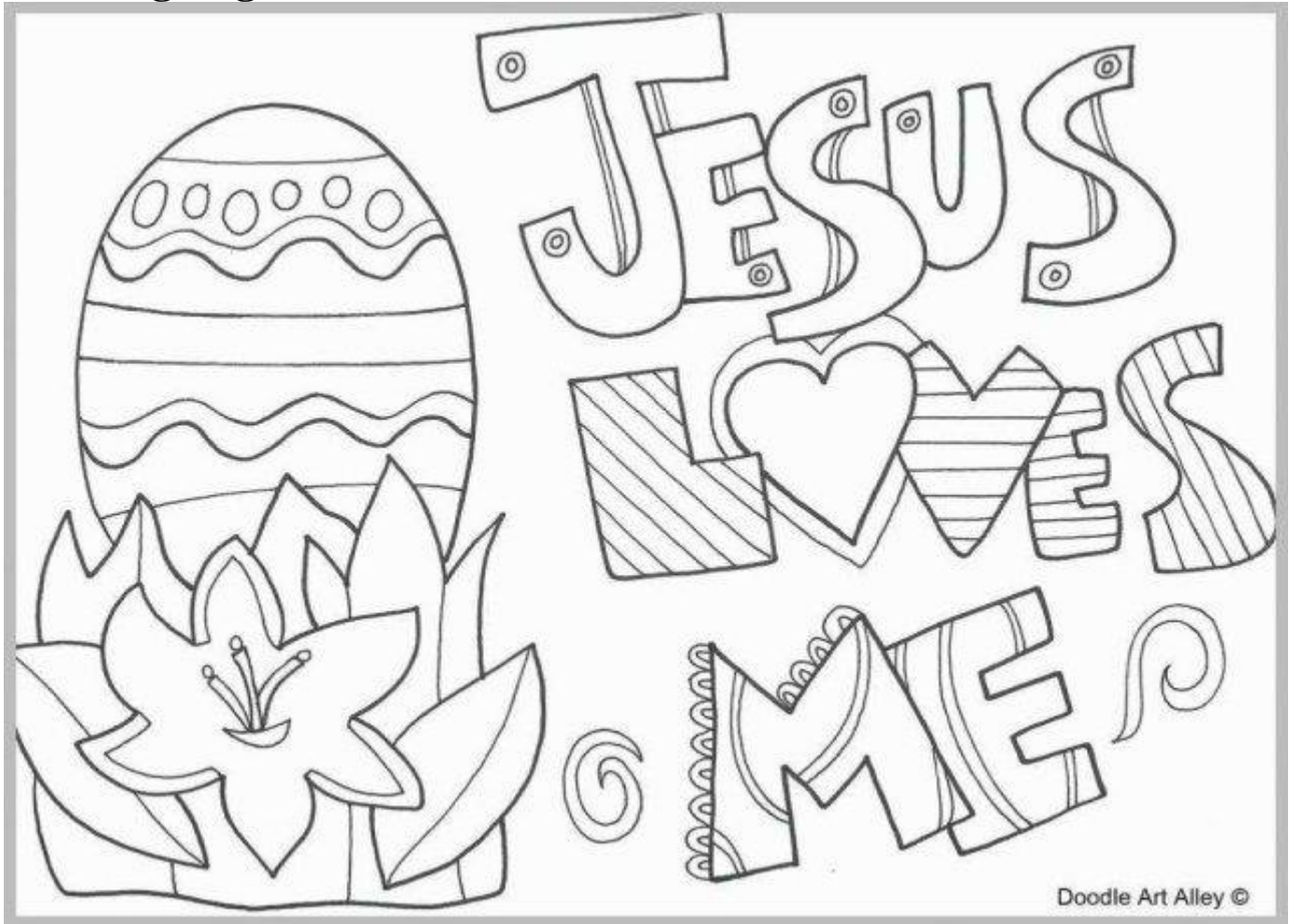
3	Eric and Stacy Fischer	26 years	22	Tanner and Faith Clevenger	6 years
3	Mark and Nerissa Vahle	11 years	22	Randy and Stacy Luker	23 years
5	Rod and Teresa Allensworth	26 years	24	Brian and Jennifer Burner	30 years
8	Thomas and Amy Killday	21 years	27	Gary and Darlene Herman	32 years
16	Keith and Michele Urbon	29 years	28	Dennis and Mona Fischer	44 years
20	Dennis and Brenda Fleming	38 years	29	Ron and Ellie Bowles	67 years
21	Brad and Kim Scharnhorst	33 years			

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

### April Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 12)

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

Coloring Page:



# PUZZLE PAGE:

## SHARING

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn why church members are taught to share with others.

Y J

I J O

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O J

Y J

B J J Y

V I Y

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C V Q Z

A J M

N P X C

N V X M D A D X Z N

V M Z

K G Z V N D I B

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B J Y

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*(Answer Found on Page 10)*

Greetings Brother, Rev. Martin Eden,

I hope you are doing well, and the Lenten season has kicked off well with you.

We are so much grateful for the support towards the construction of the First Secondary Lutheran School at Magamaga in Mayuge District. This school is strategically located to serve about 2000 students every year. These will come from Magamaga and the 16 surrounding villages. And because it is planned to be a day and boarding school, we are to serve even children of other communities where we have congregations. These will want their children to study from a church founded school.

Many Christian Lutherans, Anglicans and Roman Catholics, and Muslim parents are eagerly waiting for the time when the school will start to operate, and they bring their children. And my prayer too is that the first classroom block gets and we start on the Administration block this year.

The Level at which we are:

Currently the three-classroom block is at the wind level. The \$13,000 fund is all used up. I still know that the funds were designated for buying of windows, doors, and roofing, but we needed to start that level. And once we get another funding, the \$13,000 will be designated for that purpose. It was the only money we had on the project account and we needed to start before reaching the levels that require doors, windows and roofing.

We finally got the Bill of Quantities. On our architectural designs we have the following structures billed.

1. 1<sup>st</sup> block with three classrooms, costing **202,920,867/=** **(\$56,366.9075)**
2. Science laboratory block, costing **202,920,867/=** **(\$56,366.9075)**
3. Dormitory 1 for Girls, costing **202,920,867/=** **(\$56,366.9075)**
4. 2<sup>nd</sup> Block with Three Classrooms, costing **202,920,867/=** **(\$56,366.9075)**
5. Five VIP Latrines, all to cost **144,000,000** **(\$40,000)**
6. Administrative block (having the Staff room, Headteacher's Office, 1st Deputy Headteacher's office, 2<sup>nd</sup> Deputy headteacher's office, Pastors/Chaplain's Office), costing **202,920,867/=** **(\$56,366.9075)**

Between now and 2025, we are prioritizing the six structures above. Currently we are working on the 1<sup>st</sup> block with three classrooms. Our plan is to complete it by August once funds are realized and start on the science Laboratory, the Administration block, Dormitory 1 for Girls, and latrines. This work is to be done now and next year. And the 2025 we will work on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Block with Three Classrooms.

The above structures shall cost us Uganda shillings **1,158,604,335/=** an equivalence of **\$321,835 minus the \$13,000 already sent, we will need 1,111,806,000/= (\$308,835)**

The other structures below shall be worked upon later after 2025 and these are;

7. **4<sup>th</sup> Block with three classrooms,**
8. **5<sup>th</sup> Block with three classrooms**
9. **3<sup>rd</sup> Block with three classrooms**
10. **Dormitory 1 for boys,**
11. **Dormitory 2 for girls**
12. **Dormitory 2 for boys**
13. **Computer Laboratory and library block**
14. **The Headteacher's House,**
15. **The Kitchen house,**
16. **1<sup>st</sup> staff quarter blocks,**
17. **2<sup>nd</sup> Staff quarter block,**

Some photos showing a block of three classrooms.









These are the bricks which were baked again the second time. These are going to be used to start another foundation.



Rev. Peter Maganda

Pastor at Our Savior Lutheran Church.

Lutheran Church of Uganda Eastern Deanery

**Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023** Each year our Central Illinois District designates a special Sunday to encourage financial gifts to assist CID students who are studying for full-time church work vocations. Gifts will be used to support our 15 CID students. This includes 10 seminarians (including 2 vicars), one deaconess, and 4 undergraduates, who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher or other called church worker. Last year we were able to send \$105,500 to offset \$327,347 in unmet needs.

Please plan to make a generous gift **on or before May 7<sup>th</sup>**. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2023-2024 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" and the income from your gift will be used to help CID students for years to come. Checks may be given through your church or sent to:

Central Illinois District -LCMS,  
1850 N. Grand Avenue West  
Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to the district president at the address above.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or [c-olander@msn.com](mailto:c-olander@msn.com) for assistance.

Thank you for your support of the Central Illinois District and all our mission projects.

### **Small Church Summit June 3, 2023 from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.**

On **Saturday, June 3**, Zion Evangelical Lutheran Church in Farmersville (at I-55 exit 72) will host the third Small Church Summit. You can attend for free.

The featured presenter will be Pastor Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission. He will talk about *resources* and *cooperation*:

- Helps small churches
- Ways for various congregations to work together

Rev. Kollbaum himself is currently serving as a rural pastor, at Trinity Lutheran Church in Madison, Nebraska. You will find him to be quite an encourager in the Lord with a wealth of experience and a lot of information to share.

Also on **June 3**, Trip Rodgers of CID staff will speak briefly concerning the Synod's national contract with Ministry Safe, a firm that provides churches with background checks and other tools to see especially to the safety of children. Your congregation can get involved with Ministry Safe this year at no cost! Trip will tell you more.

Toward the end of the proceedings, a discussion will be held about the future of the Small Church Summit. We are in the process of outgrowing the small church where we started! Come and be part of this future planning.

If you have a long drive to Farmersville, consider traveling as far as Springfield on the previous afternoon or evening. Contact Ken Schurb of CID staff **by May 8**, and he will try to set up a billet for you with a host family in Springfield on the evening of Friday, June 2. E-mail [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)

If you regard your church as small, YOU are invited to the Small Church Summit! It will work best if you bring one or two others with you. Please register **by May 26** at <https://forms.gle/PPzJpC72NJhCZqME8>

In addition, Pastor Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural/Small Town Mission and featured presenter at the next Small Church Summit, will also speak at Concordia Lutheran Church in Springfield on **Sunday morning, June 4. At 9:00** he will conduct an Open Forum with the Bible class. Come with your questions about rural/small-town ministry! He will also preach at the **10:00** church service.

Congregation presidents or representatives from various committees in rural or small-town churches fairly close to Springfield have an opportunity here to meet Pastor Kollbaum, ask him your questions, and become better acquainted with the Synod's efforts to help with rural/small-town ministry. Concordia Lutheran Church is located at 2300 E. Wilshire Rd., Springfield, IL 62703.