



2023 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

As the school year draws to a close and our youth will be spending more time around the house during the Summer months, I encourage parents (and perhaps grandparents) to have a deliberate plan to be spiritually engaged with them. I am reminded of these words from *Deuteronomy 6:6-7*: *"These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."*

When the children of Israel in particular (and the people of God throughout the generations) fail to teach the next generation the Word of God – or it is taught in such a way that it is not taken seriously, an unfaithful generation will certainly rise up. They will treat God as an afterthought or possibly forget about Him altogether. We look to numerous examples in Scripture, in history, and in our world today. The failure of the people of God to impress upon the next generation that God is a priority will inevitably cause social and spiritual chaos. Read the books of Judges, Kings, and Chronicles. This failure is certainly the history of God's people in Scripture.

We often like to think of the people in those days acting as one monolithic mass falling away from God and His Word. The reality is that it was many individuals (fathers in particular) neglecting their duty to teach, train, and lead by example. God's Word clearly speaks to individuals and says, "These commandments that I give **you** today are to be upon **your** hearts. Impress them on **your** children. Talk about them when **you** sit at home and when **you** walk along the road, when **you** lie down and when **you** get up."

We love to sit with a cup of coffee, chat with our friends, and solve all of our society's problems. We tend to have all the answers when we view the people of our day as one monolithic mass rather than as individuals. The reality is that society changes one person at a time. The church grows one person at a time. **Your** children will not know the Word of God unless **your** children grow up hearing the Word of God.

The primary place we hear the Word is in worship. We hear it in the readings, in the liturgy, in the hymns, and in the sermon (I pray). In support of what happens in worship, there is Sunday School and Bible Class. However, if the other six days of the week are neglected, that is a long time in darkness without the light of the Gospel.

During the school year, our youth who attend St. James Lutheran School are blessed to begin each day with the Word of God. Wednesday is chapel. The other four days, the day starts with religion class. I am not suggesting that each parent should initiate a rigid Summer curriculum. I am simply suggesting that since the kids will be spending more time at home in the coming months that parents and other adults have a plan to demonstrate that God's Word and the teachings found in Luther's Catechisms (Small and Large) are important. So much of the average day is filled with learning unimportant things. Jesus says, *"The eye is the lamp to the body . . . If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness!" [Matthew 6:22-23].*

We are blessed to have the opportunity for our children to spend each day in the light of the Gospel. I encourage each of you to make time in your day for important things. "Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."

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
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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

(March 1 - 31, 2023)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Parker Armbruster – March 5, 2023

Lori Schenck – March 5, 2023

Funerals

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+5B, +5C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+2B, +2C]

Parker Armbruster – March 5, 2023

Lori Schenck – March 5, 2023

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+3B, +3C]

Brian Schenck – March 5, 2023

Dylan Smith – March 5, 2023

Tom Fisher – March 19, 2023

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

Losses [-1B, -1C]

Death [-1B, -1C]

Marilyn Schroeder – March 31, 2023

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2023	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2023
Baptized	592	+7	-2	597
Confirmed	468	+5	-2	471

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	2-Apr	12-Apr	23-Apr
Profit:	\$104.02	\$37.73	\$116.67
# orders:	12	7	14
Profit/Order:	\$8.67	\$5.39	\$8.33
Overall Profit:	\$1,008.57	\$1,046.30	\$1,162.97

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 - Mar '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	88,544.79	87,124.98	1,419.81	101.6%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	884.00	1,249.98	-365.98	70.7%
Total Interest Income	1.53	1.23	0.30	124.4%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	1,125.00	-1,125.00	0.0%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	150.00	-150.00	0.0%
Total Income	89,430.32	89,651.19	-220.87	99.8%
Expenses				
Mission	5,602.54	4,249.98	1,352.56	131.8%
Personnel	43,023.70	56,225.33	-13,201.63	76.5%
Program	30,130.72	18,919.02	11,211.70	159.3%
Property	16,033.08	15,912.48	120.60	100.8%
Total Expense	94,790.04	95,306.81	-516.77	99.5%
Net Income	-5,359.72	-5,655.62	295.90	94.8%

Assignments for May 2023

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bill Haire* Jeff Smith
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Barb Vahle, Chet Vahle*, Tom Killday*, Sam Killday

Counters: Rosie Meyer & Wanda Spohr

Altar Care: Wanda Spohr, Karen Lohmeyer, Anita Wolfmeyer, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Service Recording:

May 7 at 9 AM – Jeff

May 14 at 9 AM – Larry

May 21 at 9 AM - Gretchen

May 28 at 9 AM - Keith

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

May Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous. Proverbs 15:29



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, 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, 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
Now assigned to Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville, Ohio



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.

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

UPCOMING...

April 29th – LWML CID Convention, Oakley Lindsey Center

May 4 – Bible Study mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

June 8 – Carry-in picnic, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

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

April News

Donna and Carolyn were our gracious hosts this month!
Thank you!

Final plans for the LWML CID Convention here in Quincy were made. If you would like to join us as a guest, please contact Michele Clevenger.

We've set our annual rummage sale for July 14 & 15. Watch for the announcement to start bringing your donations!

Join us for a Bible study on May 4 in the Fellowship Hall at 6:30 pm.

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

Praise God from whom all blessings flow!!!

Our CID mission goal of \$105,000 was met and all projects paid!!!

Thank you for your generosity throughout the year in helping us to meet this goal and make these mission recipients very happy

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!!

St. Paul Hmong Outreach Ministries - \$70,208

St. Paul Lutheran Church in Merced, California is reaching out with the Gospel message to touch the lives of Hmong refugees living in their community. The Hmong people came to the United States as refugees following the Vietnam war. After living here for over forty years, the children and young adults are losing Hmong language skills which are important to their elders. The Hmong Language School teaches language skills using Hmong translated Biblical materials. The young are taught the language and their elders learn from them about Jesus.

For more information about this mission, go to lwml.org, hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

May News & Notes

Upcoming Events

May 1 – 3: *Spring Pastors' Conference at St. John's Lutheran Church, Effingham, IL*
May 18: *Ascension Service is at 6:30 PM at St. James Church*
May 21: *Armed Forces Sunday*
May 28: *Memorial Day Sunday*
June 22 – 25: *LWML National Convention in Milwaukee, WI*
July 14 – 15: *LWML Rummage Sale*
July 16 – 22: *High School Mission Trip to Forest Lake, MN*
July 29 – August 3: *LCMS National Convention in Milwaukee, WI*
August 6 – *Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen*
November 5 – *Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen*

Graduation Cards are now available in the card rack by the church office.

CID Scholarship Sunday is May 7th. Four undergraduates, ten seminarians, and one deaconess, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on May 7th using a "Will They Always Be There?" envelope provided by your congregation, or mail your gift to: Scholarship Sunday Gift, Central Illinois District - LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626 You may write your check payable to the **"CID Scholarship Endowment Fund"**, which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the **"CID Scholarship Fund"**, where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2023-2024 school year. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who are interested in serving to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. Thank you for your support of our present and future pastors, teachers, deaconesses, and full-time church workers.

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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 is 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://www.facebook.com/carenetquincy)

Mother's Day Breakfast– Saturday, May 13, 7:30-10 am, St. John's (10844 N Co Rd 1400E, Bath, IL 62617). You are invited to take your mom out for breakfast and enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, corned beef and hash, ham, scrambled eggs, and assorted homemade pastries all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go toward the support of the State Fair Booth for the Lutheran Layman's League of the Central Illinois District.

We will take **group photos of the Sunday School** children, youth, and staff on **Sunday, May 14 at 10:15 AM** in the Sunday School Opening Room (lower level, on the South side). All are encouraged to attend! This will be used for the church directory. **Adult Bible Class** will also have a group photo taken after class.

Fish Fry hosted by the LLL Quincy Area Men's Club on **Saturday, May 20, 2023, from 4-6 PM** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John. Tickets are \$10 and purchased from ORLC members, Glenn O'Briant or Doug Allen.

LWML will hold its 9th annual **rummage sale Friday, July 14, and Saturday, July 15**. We will appreciate donations for this project where all proceeds go to missions! A great way to get rid of things you no longer need or use. In the previous years, we have raised and donated more than \$20,000. We are thrilled and truly blessed. Again we will no longer be accepting clothing or TVs. Please be sure all donations are in sellable condition. If you have items you need to move now, we can accept them in a room in the Sunday school area for LWML. Preferably we would appreciate you holding on to them until June. *Thank you for your donations! We're looking forward to another successful sale!* Whoever placed the **TVs in the LWML storage room** for donation to our rummage sale **needs to pick them up, please**. Unfortunately, we cannot take TVs for the rummage sale, and they cost us money to dispose of.

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 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

ADVANCED CHAINSAW TRAINING Saturday, May 20, 2023, St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 200 Cole Street East Peoria, Illinois 61611, **9 a.m. to 5:00 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 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. **Registration Link:** https://www.lcms-lert.org/need/detail/?need_id=785803 All participants will need to bring pants, 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 or Cindy Steinwedel at cmsteinwedel@gmail.com.

Small Church Summit **LOCATION CHANGE**** Concordia Lutheran Church**, 2300 E. Wilshire Rd., **Springfield, IL 62703** **Date: June 3, 2023** **Time: 10 AM to 2:30 PM** There will be an ice cream social upon the conclusion of the formal proceedings, at 2:30. Small Church Summit provides churches of any size a free opportunity to gather with folks from other small CID and SID churches, to share encouragement and plans, learn together, and hone in on priorities for your church. The featured presenter will be Pastor Todd Kollbaum, Director of LCMS Rural and Small Town Mission. He will talk about resources and cooperation: • Helps for small churches • Ways for various congregations to work together 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 for the safety of children. Your congregation can get involved with Ministry Safe this year at no cost! Please reach out to kschurb@cidlcms.org with any questions. (**Registration closes May 26**) Please register at <https://forms.gle/PPzJpC72NjhCZqME8>

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!

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

The last day of the 2022-23 academic year is **Friday, May 19th**, 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 5th** will be the annual Block Party in the school playground area, and on **Saturday, May 6th** 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.

On behalf of myself and my family, I want to extend my **sincere thanks** for the acknowledgment of my Ordination Anniversary. I am so blessed to have been called into the Holy Ministry and even more blessed to have been called to serve here at Our Redeemer. Every time I pray before I step into the pulpit, I thank God for the opportunity to serve in this place. I thank you for your generous gifts, your prayers, your acknowledgment of this milestone, and for the friendship and grace which everyone has extended to the Eden family. *Pastor Eden*

We **rejoice with** and **congratulate Elizabeth & Quest Dobbelaire** who have now taken an internship assignment to **Zion Lutheran Church in Painesville, Ohio**.

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*

Thank you so much for all the prayers and cards sent during my latest heart procedure. *Irene Drescher*

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 get the grandma **to and from church on Saturdays**. Also looking for find-a-word puzzles, people to send cards to her, and gift cards for her dinner after church. Please contact the church office for more information.

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: The last college care package of the school year has been mailed. The packages will reach students as they are preparing for final exams. Thank you for your prayers, encouraging words, and donations. Donations are always accepted and will be stored until the program starts again in the fall.

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.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund was established to provide funds for Christian education for the children of our church family. 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 15th of each month**. Please let the church office know about any needed changes.

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



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

have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please **visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with pay-ment at the scrip table.** Thank you for your support of PLuS!

Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps. *No common Flag, Bell, Love, or Christmas Forever Stamps.*

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

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

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

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

Want to Go Paperless? We would be happy to email you any church correspondence and newsletters if that is the option you prefer. Contact the church office, write your email on the bottom of your attendance card, or email

secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org.

PLEASE SAVE LABELS - Please continue to save HyVee UPCs, General Mills Box Tops, and Tyson A+ labels. Place them in the white drawer by the Church Office at ORLC. Thank you!

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, 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.

May Birthdays

1 Simon Nickelson	9 Terry Lannerd	22 Leslie Bent
1 Paul Clevenger	13 Henry Holtman	22 Carolyn Kaiser
1 KayLynn Blickhan	14 Kayla Walker	23 Bradley Longcor III
1 Keagan Mercurio	15 Jessie Huebner	23 Lily Kuhn
2 Thomas Killday	15 Chaz Robertson	25 Sandy Callahan
2 Emsleigh Robertson	15 Dan Hendrian	26 Gretta Otto
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	15 Hadley Harvey	26 Sherry Yelton
4 Quinton Hibbert	17 Dennis Baker	27 Dylan Martin
7 Barb Vahle	18 Shanelle Douglas	27 David Bent
7 Tracy Bugh	19 Ryan Vaughn	28 Stacey Gruen
8 Mike Vahle	21 Joe Sharrow	29 Nick Allen
9 Wanda Spohr	21 Michele Clevenger	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Lynn Wombles	21 Erica Parrish	31 Alischia Langan
9 Hugh Sharrow	22 Eric Fischer	31 Arianna Fischer

May Baptisms

1 Ann Nickelson	9 Amanda Zehnle	19 Keagan Mercurio
1 Lauryn Sharrow	10 Lennox Hines	19 Derek Ott
2 Avery Anderson	10 Josh Jefferson	22 Thomas Killday
2 Lucas Anderson	12 Emanuel Voepel	23 Ricky Goertz
2 Abigail Kemp	12 Morgan Frohn	24 Katie Voepel
2 Hannah Kemp	14 Anna Ehmen	24 Emma Showman
2 Theodore Mayfield	14 Anderson Knapp	24 Bill Perry
2 Wade Pellman	14 Stan Yelton	25 Olivia Showman
3 David Drescher	14 Savannah O'Dell	25 Terry Morse
4 Shelby Gooding	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	25 Hadley Harvey
4 Archer Ott	15 Emsleigh Robertson	25 Obediah Church
4 Mary Morse	16 Joseph Ott	26 Christa Holtman
5 Phillip Weisheit	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	26 Laura Essington
5 Mayzie Parrish	16 John Dicks	26 Craig Gooding
6 Aaron Boerema	18 Shanelle Douglas	27 LeRoy Goodwin
7 Debbie Manton	19 Joseph Ohnemus	31 Wanda Spohr
8 Glenna Nicholson	19 Connor Ott	31 Amy Edwards
	19 Kristin Humphrey	

May Anniversaries

3 Mark and Janice Voepel	26 years	18 Luke and Morgan McElfresh	5 years
7 Trevor and Heather Feinstein	18 years	21 Dustin and Jennifer Tournear	12 years
11 Brent and Linda Wingerter	38 years	27 Mike and Jane Douglas	45 years
14 Darrell and Irene Drescher	57 years	28 LeRoy and Donna Goodwin	56 years

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!



PUZZLE PAGE:

PRAYER

By

Bill Schlegl

Does God hear our prayers? Write the letter that follows each letter given for an answer.

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From: Susan Gross <suelynn144@aol.com>

Sent: Thursday, April 27, 2023, 6:50 AM

Subject: MISSION HAITI, Davie, FL

HE IS RISEN!

My hope is that you all had a Blessed Easter and that this joy will last throughout the coming year.

I would like to start this letter as usual with a thank you to our faithful donors. Mission Haiti would not be able to continue working without you.

With that said, **some of you may have had your donations returned to you this past month.** Since MISSION HAITI changed its address from Davie, FL to Orlando, FL, due to our treasurer's move North, we have had Post Office problems. Apparently, the Post Office in Orlando failed to mark our new box, and all mail sent to our new box was returned to the senders. This was not the fault of MISSION HAITI but I have been told the problem has been corrected. Also, the donations sent to the old address are in the process of being forwarded but we were told it may take 4-6 weeks so if your check has not been cashed it is because we have not yet received it. So sorry for the confusion but please do not give up on us.

This mail slowdown has caused those of us on staff to make the decision to cut our food program in half until we can catch up financially. We cannot send money we do not have so instead of giving families enough rice for 1 week we can only give them enough for 3 days. So many businesses have closed because the owners are being kidnapped by gangs for ransom that people who did have jobs have lost them and so many more families have no income at all and depend on this food.



Mission Haiti continues to pay our teachers in full and some of you have asked how this is done.

We do keep our teachers fund separate from our other projects and it is funded until the end of June at this time.

We wire funds to Lophane, our Field Director in Haiti, who lives in Port au Prince. He travels to Jeremie (usually by bus) and meets at a designated location with the Pastors or Principals of each of our seven schools. This happens quarterly. Some of these schools are quite a distance from Jeremie so Lophane is

unable to visit each school every time. The Pastor or Principal receives enough money to pay each of his teachers \$50 a month in cash. Lophane has them sign a paper saying they received the cash and keeps it on file.

We are thankful that our schools remain open in the Jeremie District through this very difficult time of civil unrest in Haiti. We pray that you will continue to support MISSION HAITI so that all of our projects can be sustained. Thank you so much for your understanding and please pray for the people of Haiti and the change that is needed to be made.
HE IS RISEN
INDEED!
Susan



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