



## 2023 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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

In 2011, I led a group of travelers to Israel. Since then, I have been approached by more than a dozen people who were unable to go at that time who have asked me to lead another tour. I was originally going to target 2020. Thankfully, that was not going to work in my schedule and I didn't have to unplan the trip due to travel restrictions.

Although God alone knows what today or tomorrow will bring, I am putting forth plans to travel in the latter half of June in 2025. We will once again be using NAWAS Travel as they are a Christian, family operated business with impeccable standards.

I have already had more than a dozen people indicate that they are committed to going (not all from Our Redeemer). I do not know the exact dates. I do not know the exact costs as that will not be available until 2024 at the earliest. I will be offering more details when details are available. The tour will be a total of 10 days including travel days.

Traveling to the Holy Land was one of the most memorable times of my life. To see the places where God interacted with His children has made the words of Scripture come even more to life. These "stories" are the history of real people in real places.

If you think that you may be interested in joining us on our journey, please let me know. As our journey gets closer, I will also be doing a series of Bible classes focusing on where we will be traveling and the biblical significance of those places.

I know that two years seems like a long time to prepare for a 10-day trip, but my experience is that extra preparation and organization makes for a better experience for everyone

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

(April 1 - 30, 2023)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Holden Alexander Jacob Jones – April 23, 2023

### First Communion

### Youth Confirmation

Jackson Lee Goetz – Joshua 1:9 – April 2, 2023

Amelia Grace Knapp – John 1:12 – April 2, 2023

Jamison Joseph Knapp – Romans 5:3-5 – April 2, 2023

### Adult Confirmation

### Funerals

Marilyn J. Schroeder – April 5, 2023

### Weddings

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+1B, +3C]

#### Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

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#### Youth Confirmations [+0B, +3C]

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### 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	April 30, 2023
Baptized	592	+8	-2	598
Confirmed	468	+8	-2	474

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	7-May	14-May	21-May
Profit:	\$43.63	\$55.67	\$25.26
# orders:	8	7	8
Profit/Order:	\$5.45	\$7.95	\$3.16
Overall Profit:	<b>\$1,277.95</b>	<b>\$1,333.62</b>	<b>\$1,358.88</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 - Apr '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	125,344.67	116,166.64	9,178.03	107.9%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,115.00	1,666.64	-551.64	66.9%
Total Interest Income	3.06	1.64	1.42	186.6%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00	66.7%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	200.00	-200.00	0.0%
099 - 099 Miscellaneous Income	2.96			
Total Income	<u>127,465.69</u>	<u>119,534.92</u>	<u>7,930.77</u>	<u>106.6%</u>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission	6,602.54	5,666.64	935.90	116.5%
Personnel	58,878.91	74,967.09	-16,088.18	78.5%
Program	29,899.17	25,225.36	4,673.81	118.5%
Property	18,558.81	21,216.64	-2,657.83	87.5%
Total Expense	<u>113,939.43</u>	<u>127,075.73</u>	<u>-13,136.30</u>	<u>89.7%</u>
Net Income	<b>13,526.26</b>	<b>-7,540.81</b>	<b>21,067.07</b>	<b>-179.4%</b>

## Assignments for June 2023

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl* Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jerry Lunt*, Larry Foster*, Nathan Hoebing*, Gene Bluhm

**Altar Care:** **Becky Lunt**, Gina Eickelschulte, Monica Foster

### Service Recording:

June 4 at 9 AM – Larry

June 11 at 9 AM – Jeff

June 18 at 9 AM – Larry

June 25 at 9 AM – Keith

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

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

John 14:6

Jesus saith unto him. I am the way, the truth, and the life – no man cometh unto the Father but by me.



## 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, 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](http://www.lwml.org).

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

### UPCOMING...

**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

**July** – Our yearly celebration of everyone's birthdays, location and date... TBA

**Aug.** – No meeting

### May News

Pat and Jane were our gracious hosts this month! Thank you!

This month, we enjoyed a wonderful Bible study, **Chosen for a Purpose**, identifying some of the unusual and ordinary 'chosen' women of scripture.

Our annual rummage sale is July 14 & 15. Bring your donations anytime now. Remember, we don't take TV's. If you have large pieces, please wait until after Memorial weekend to bring them. If you'll need help unloading your items, please contact Michele at 217.224.7881.

### 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!!*

### **Expanding God's Love in Uganda - \$92,000**

The Lutheran Church of Uganda has asked LCMS for assistance to train deaconesses locally so that they may assist the small number of Lutheran pastors throughout Uganda. This grant, Expanding God's Love in Uganda, will help them to buy the land, build a dormitory, and establish the deaconess program near the seminary.

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

## June News & Notes

### Upcoming Events

June 12 – 16: St. James “Stellar” VBS, 9 AM to Noon

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

August 14: Back to School Open House & Ice Cream Social, 5:30 PM

August 16: First Day of School

November 5: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen

For the **week of May 28**: CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Revelation 7-11 on Sharper Iron's "Come Soon, Lord Jesus!" (weekdays at 8 AM), study 1 Samuel 22-25 on Thy Strong Word with a Free Text Friday on **6/2** (weekdays at 11 AM), and study the Ecumenical Creeds on Concord Matters (**6/3 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app! For the **week of June 4**: Search Scripture with us in the June/July issue of the Lutheran Witness on The Coffee Hour (**6/5 at 9 AM**), study Revelation 11-13 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), and study 1 Samuel 26-30 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

**Hog Roast Dinner** on **Saturday, June 3** from **4:30 - 6 PM**, 900 S. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Quincy, IL. Menu: Roast Pork, Loaded Mashed Potatoes, Green Beans, Roll, Dessert, and Drink. Adults \$10, Students \$6, and Children 5 and under are Free. Tickets are available by calling the School Office at 217-222-8267. *Fundraiser for St. James Lutheran School Technology Committee*

**Old Fashioned School Picnic, Sunday, June 4, 2023**, at Immanuel Lutheran Church, West Ely, Missouri, **Sunday School at 9:30 AM, Worship Service at 10:30 AM, Fish Fry at Noon** (*Free Will Donation*) *Carry-Out Available, Activities for all Ages*, Pie Auction, Games for Children, Petting Zoo, "What Is It?" Guessing Game, **Vespers in the school at 4 PM followed by a Light Evening Meal**. *Everyone Welcome!* Bring old photos to be scanned and returned that day!

**Super Slide Youth Night** All junior and senior high youth are invited to join the youth from The Lutheran Church of St. John, Our Redeemer, and St. James for a super-sized slip-n-slide down the hill at the Baker's home. We will meet on **Sunday, June 4 from 6-8:30 PM** at 7006 N. 12th Street in Quincy. Come for the BBQ—we will provide hot dogs. Boys bring drinks (*single-serve cans please*) and girls bring chips, snacks, or desserts. Bring a towel and invite a friend. Let's kick off summer together!

### NOTICE OF SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING on June 4, 2023, at 10:15 am

The Church Council has called for a special Voters Assembly meeting in the Sanctuary immediately following the Sunday morning service on June 4, to consider the following questions:

1. Should the Congregation transfer \$270,000 from Assets line item 121, the Bequest Fund checking account, to invest in three \$90,000 certificates of deposit, laddered in six-month terms, so as to take advantage of much higher current interest rates? (This would leave over \$43,000 in that account if needed for the purpose of the Bequest Fund, to make purchases for or improvements to the church, but still have additional monies available for that purpose if needed, within a relatively short term without early withdrawal penalty.)
2. Should the Congregation secure a church credit card with a \$1,000 limit for use by the Pastor and Office Administrator so that they do not have to advance their own funds, and then seek reimbursement, for office supplies, postage, petty cash, necessary travel expenses, or other routine expenditures?

Please make plans to attend, ask any questions, and vote your opinion. Thank you. [May 24, 2023]

**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!*

## June News & Notes

**CareNet Baby Bottles** are now available! The fundraiser will run from Mother's Day until Father's Day. Please return filled bottles to the church office

**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

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

**Enrollment** - 2023-24 registration is now. 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!

**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.

**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 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** 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.*

**Dollar for Missions:** A Dollar for Missions invites each of us to contribute one extra dollar per week for designated mission projects in our Central Illinois District. The current project is to help one of our campus ministries, University Lutheran Church in Champaign, to purchase a 12-passenger van. Project cost: \$35,000. [See the short video at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aTJMriQtV8>]

**Sunday School Attendance Awards** for the Spring 2023 Term were presented on May 21st.

Jack Ajdinovich	Amelia Knapp
Savannah Edwards	Archer Ott
Allie Hastings	Auggie Ott
Lily Hayes	Evan Sass
Phoebe Hayes	Alex Smith
Laken Heinecke	Connor Smith
Paige Heinecke	

Certificates of Appreciation were also presented to our Sunday School Teachers and Staff:

Gina Eickelschulte - PK/K	Ruth Ann Snowden - Opening Leader
Donna Haire - 1st to 4th grade	Wanda Spohr - Opening Pianist
Cyndi Ott - 5th to 8th grade	Lily Hayes - PK/K Substitute Teacher
Gretchen Wolfmeyer - 9th to 12th	Phoebe Hayes - PK/K Substitute Teacher
Howard Snowden - Opening Leader	



## 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.

## June Birthdays

1 Kitty Schuckman	12 Janelle Healy	21 Mike Schoch
2 Hannah Ajdinovich	12 Ada Miller	22 Laurie Bronson
4 Scott Baird	13 Heather Meyer	22 Melissa Knapp
4 Irene Drescher	13 Craig Wiesemann	22 Addison Kuhn
5 Trent Douglas	14 Lynn Sharrow	22 Jamie Louderback
5 Larry Bugh	14 Dane Douglas	22 Jessica Weisenburger
7 Marilyn Hanawalt	14 Amanda Spilker	23 Betty Blumenkamp
8 Kent Schnack	14 Connie Louderback	23 Raven Bugh
8 Kirk Wemhoener	15 Debbie Manton	24 Alexandra Scharnhorst
8 Patricia Baker	15 Avery Schlipman	25 Sam Killday
8 Al Ebel	15 Stephanie Yates	26 Gretchen Wolfmeyer
9 Amya Allensworth	16 Carol Muehring	26 Donna Goodwin
9 Brenda Fleming	18 Todd Shackelford	26 Tom Wemhoener
10 Madeline Ehmen	19 Marilyn Lehenbauer	26 Audrey Howell
10 Dennis Go	19 Terry Vaughn	27 Frank Baird
11 Evelyn McDowell	20 Lee Hyer	29 Barb Wright
11 Allison Smith	20 Gracelynn Smith	30 Karol Ehmen
11 Chris Clevenger	20 Sandra Peters	30 Susan O'Briant
	21 Victoria Fitch	

## June Baptisms

1 Ruth Snowden	9 Sky Fischer	23 Brandy Gilbert
3 Marcia Clevenger	10 Jessie Huebner	23 Dick Reichert
4 Gary Cramlett	13 David Showman Jr.	25 Greta Otto
5 Linda Go	13 Arlo Ott	26 Kirk Wemhoener
6 Dan Hufendick	13 Evie Ajdinovich	26 Addison Kuhn
7 Gary Hyer	16 Nela Church	27 Alexandra Scharnhorst
8 Holly Casanova	16 Chance Clevenger	28 Sherry Yelton
9 Emma Fischer	17 Mike Vahle	29 Lynn Wombles
9 Kaitlyn Fischer	21 Gina Eickelschulte	30 Eric Fischer
	21 Dalton Stockdale	

## June Anniversaries

2 Gary and Carol O'Dell	16 years	18 Tafóne and Taylor Mayfield	5 years
5 Mark Adams and Kari Vahle-Adams	14 years	20 Ray and Donna Johnson	64 years
11 Jim and Denise Lucas	35 years	25 Howard and Ruth Snowden	46 years
11 Chad and Amanda Manton	12 years	27 Larry and Tracy Bugh	31 years
11 Dennis and Darylene Mix	29 years	28 James Jones II and Rebecca Jones	32 years
11 Brian and Lori Schenck	30 years	29 Ryan and Michelle Schnack	17 years
12 Bradly and Laura Essington	30 years	30 Dick and Joann Reichert	60 years
15 Roger and Carolyn Eden	60 years	30 Brandon and Melissa Smith	16 years
17 Paul and Arjee Weisheit	10 years		

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

Coloring Page:

HAPPY  
Father's

★ day ★



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# PUZZLE PAGE:

## CHRIST

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn why we need a relationship with Christ.

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Dear Fellow Members of Our Redeemer,

Our Congregation has been blessed by God with healthy financial stability due to our generous donors and efforts to be fiscally responsible. We members of the Church Council and Board of Elders strive to be totally transparent with all members of the Congregation about the Church's financial dealings. We want you to know about how we try to be good stewards handling the funds you generously provide, and encourage you to inquire and voice your opinions about how we do it. You can do that at the Voters' meetings or directly to members of the Council and Elders, and also by electing new representatives at the annual business meeting in September if you are not happy with how finances are being handled.

The Bylaws provide that the elected Church Council may approve expenditures up to \$1,000, which must then be reported at the next Voters' meeting. All expenditures over \$1,000 must be approved by the Voters Assembly at one of the four regular Voters' meetings per year, or at special meetings called to address pressing issues.

The church budget has a line item for benevolence to assist members in dire need. So that no one person makes decisions on how benevolence money is spent, to screen applications for assistance, and to prevent possible abuse of our generosity, the Elders have adopted a new written policy regarding payment of church funds for this purpose:

The policy and procedure for expenditures pursuant to the Elders' Budget line item 321, Benevolence, shall be as follows:

- i. A subcommittee consisting of the Pastor, one Elder, and the President of the Congregation is established to review and make benevolence expenditures for the benefit of members of the Congregation.
- ii. Such expenditures shall be made according to the following guidelines:
  1. One payment of no more than \$100 per month shall be made per household;
  2. Such payments shall not exceed \$200 per calendar quarter per household;
  3. At least two-thirds of the subcommittee members must approve such payments;
  4. If additional payments are needed, approval by the Elders and the Church Council is required, and such additional payments shall not exceed \$500 per calendar quarter and \$1000 per calendar year;
  5. Prior to authorization of such payments, inquiry shall be made to the household as to whether they have sought other available resources, and if not, a list of other resources or contacts for additional help should be provided to the household;
  6. Upon approval of any such payments, the Treasurer should be notified by the subcommittee, and such payments may then be made at the middle and/or the end of each month;
  7. Payments shall be marked on the Treasurer's check registry without the household's name;
  8. Such payments should be made to the service or resource provider and not directly to the household;
  9. Cash payments may be made, depending on the circumstances;
  10. The subcommittee shall report payment authorizations to the Elders;
  11. When considering payment requests, if the Pastor is unavailable, an Elder shall be substituted. If the President is unavailable, the Vice President shall be substituted. If the household is related to, or contains a close personal friend of, a member of the subcommittee, an Elder not so related to the household shall similarly be substituted before the issue is decided. Questions of conflict of interest shall be resolved by the Board of Elders.

All income, expenditures and accounts are fully listed in the financial reports regularly provided to the Council and the Voters Assembly. The only exceptions are the names of offerings donors to the Church and the amounts given by them, the names of other donors who ask to remain anonymous, and the names of recipients of benevolence funds paid according to the Elders' policy. However, the total amounts of donations and monies given in benevolence are reported.

Because the reports are detailed, and because we don't see any need for folks outside our church to know our business or have knowledge that might enable them to seek access to our funds, we ask that you use due care and caution with how you handle the written financial reports. You are free to take them home with you after Council or Voters' meetings, for thoughtful review and/or to keep them indefinitely, but thereafter we ask that you handle them carefully with an eye to protecting the Church from anyone who might seek to take advantage. Please keep the reports safely at home, shred or otherwise destroy them. We urge you not to just put them in some other recycle container or leave them otherwise exposed to persons who might seek to do harm to our Church.

Thanks for your understanding and cooperation, The Church Council and Board of Elders