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2023 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

I want to thank the three guest preachers who assisted in our worship during the month of July. I promise that I don't have any more scheduled absences until next April when the Eden family begins "the year of the weddings."

I did find it interesting that following the services led by Vicar Jason Groth a number of people commented that it was very strange to use the Apostle's Creed instead of the Nicene Creed in worship. It is strange to have the Apostle's Creed in the Divine Service at Our Redeemer because the Nicene Creed is the confession of faith used by the church for the last 1500+ years when the Sacrament of the Altar is being shared.

As we have had Holy Communion at all of our regular Divine Services for the past 14 years, it is a bit startling to have an "irregular" Divine Service without the body and blood of Christ. The reason that Vicar Groth could not celebrate the Sacrament is that we hold that only a man who is called and ordained may officiate. St. Paul says, "All things should be done decently and in order" [1 Cor. 14:40]. Luther says, "We all have this power, but let no one presume to exercise it publicly, except he be called and chosen for this office by the congregation." When we have a guest pastor, he is functioning under the authority of the regularly called pastor.

There are special circumstances when seminarians are allowed to officiate. There are some vicars who are sent to the congregation where they will continue to serve after their ordination, such as was the case with now Pastor Matt Riley at St. James. Had Pastor Rempfer moved away or was unable to serve and act as the Senior Pastor, Vicar Riley would have been given special authority to administer the sacrament so that the people of God at St. James would not have to go an entire year without the body and blood of the Lord.

During my fourth year at the Seminary, the pastor at a church in Sandusky, MI took a one-year sabbatical to work on his doctorate. I was given special dispensation from the seminary to function under the local pastor's authority and consecrate the elements each week. However, I would have never usurped that authority on my own. As a church, we do not have the authority to designate a vicar as one who can publicly function as pastor (even if I were to claim he is under my authority). As Paul says, "All things should be done decently and in order."

I anticipate that you will be seeing more of Vicar Groth next year as he will be in his fourth year at the Seminary and should at least be available during April when I will be gone. So, even though you will miss out on receiving the body and blood of the Lord when he is here, you will get to confess the Apostle's Creed (the Creed of our Baptism) with the full congregation and not just at the beginning of Bible class. Luther encourages us to begin and end each day making the sign of the cross, speaking the Invocation ("In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit"), the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

No matter what your personal, devotional practice may be, the Apostle's Creed (the confession of faith made at your Baptism - which you later gave a "confirmation" of that faith when you could confess it on your own), and the Lord's Prayer are the very basic tools of the devotional life of the Christian. I encourage you to utilize those tools and remain grounded in the faith of your Baptism. In Christ,

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Who's Who at Our Redeemer

Pastoral Report (June 1 - 30, 2023)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Weddings

Rebecca Lucas & Thomas Altenberger Wedding – June 10, 2023

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2023	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2023
Baptized	592	+11	-5	598
Confirmed	468	+9	-5	472

Thrivent Free Communities of Faith Events https://www.thrivent.com/member-network/southeast/events

BLESS: Five Everyday Ways to Love Your Neighbor and Change the World – On-demand, **August 7-13** What if there was a more authentic everyday way to share your faith with your friends, neighbors, and coworkers? Learn five simple, straightforward practices from Dave and Jon Ferguson that will allow you to do just that.

Laws of Communication: Make the Most of Your Message – On-demand, September 11-17
Do you want to become a better communicator? Join us for a special free event with John C. Maxwell where he will share two of the laws from his brand-new book about communication. Whether you want to inspire employees, speak at PTA meetings, report to a board of directors, or deliver a sermon, you have an important message to share.

2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan June '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 · 001 General Offerings	172,880.43	174,249.98	-1,369.55	99.2%
003 · 003 Loose Plate	1,606.00	2,499.98	-893.98	64.2%
Total Interest Income	4.67	2.48	2.19	188.3%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	2,250.00	-1,250.00	44.4%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	300.00	-300.00	0.0%
099 · 099 Miscellaneous Income	2.96			
Total Income	175,494.06	179,302.44	-3,808.38	97.9%
Expenses				
Mission	9,102.54	8,499.98	602.56	107.1%
Personnel	109,037.12	112,450.53	-3,413.41	97.0%
Program	42,912.74	37,838.02	5,074.72	113.4%
Property	32,227.09	31,824.98	402.11	101.3%
Total Expense	193,279.49	190,613.51	2,665.98	101.4%
Net Income	-17,785.43	-11,311.07	-6,474.36	157.2%

Assignments for August 2023

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton* Darrell Dresher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Tom Killday*, Sam Killday, Chris Knapp*, Gene Bluhm

Altar Care: Barb Ellerbrock, Mary Morse, Amy Killday

Counters: Rosie Meyer and Barb Ellerbrock

Service Recording: August 6 at 9 AM – Gretchen

August 13 at 9 AM – Keith August 20 at 9 AM – Jeff August 27 at 9 AM – Larry

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

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	4-Jun	2-Jul
Profit:	\$135.04	\$103.75
# orders:	17	10
Profit/Order:	\$7.94	\$10.37
Overall Profit:	\$1,493.92	\$1,783.59

Thank you for your support!

Kohl's gift cards through scrip can **no longer be used as payment on Kohl's credit cards** in-store. Kohl's changed their policy last month. Kohl's gift cards are still available for purchase through scrip and can be used for purchases at Kohl's in-store and online.

August Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 11)

Hebrews 13:17

Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your soul.

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

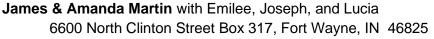
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K. (Together in Missions)
Rev. Jason and Anna Marie Steffenson and their children, serving the Lord in Tanzania (Together in Missions)
Our Savior Lutheran Church of Uganda - Magamaga
Apple of His Eye Mission Society
The Evangelical Lutheran Church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

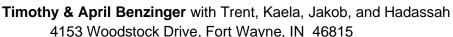
The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Waxhaw, North Carolina

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:







Now assigned to Zion Lutheran Church, 508 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH 44077



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



Superintendent – Melissa Knapp Opening – Howard & Ruth Ann Snowden Pre-School 3, 4 & Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte Grades 1 - 4 – Donna Haire





August News & Notes

Upcoming Events

August 6: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen

August 10: St. James School Parent Information Night 5:30 PM & 6 PM

August 10: St. James School New Family Orientation 6:15 PM & 7:15 PM

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

August 16: First Day of School

September 7: LWML Carry-in Meeting at Reva's 6 PM

September 12: LWML Quincy Zone Rally, Pittsfield, IL

September 24: Lutheran Bible Translators Sunday

November 5: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen

Good News for the **St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund** An anonymous donor has offered to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** so whatever you contribute will effectively be doubled! This matching challenge will run until the end of the year. If you are not familiar with this endowment or have any question about it, please check with any of the committee members.

Checks should be made out to: ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.

Committee members: Chet Vahle, Marty Otto, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Jerry & Becky Lunt, Larry Foster

Dollar for Missions: A 12-passenger van for University Lutheran Church, Champaign would have uses besides getting college students to church on time. This is the current Dollar for Mission project in the Central Illinois District. The vehicle would also facilitate travel for UniLu students to events such as campus ministry retreats. Project cost: \$35,000. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HxvdS8wkwe0 We have reached \$14,607.20 as of the end of June! We appreciate all of the prayerful donations that have been given so far and look forward to meeting our goal together!

Does your child need a technology detox? Summer is here and **registration for Camp CILCA is open**. No phones; no screens; just God's Word, God's creation, good friends, and fun times! There are camping sessions for everyone from preschool through high school. Register today at cilca.org/summer-camp. Call 217-487-7497 or email director@cilca.org for more information.

Please ioin us for a one-day conference entitled Not Ashamed: Sharing the Good News in a Bad News World,



held **Sat.**, **Aug. 26**th, **9:00 am—1:30 pm** at the Tuscola Community Building. Hear Pastor Adam Koontz, a well-known podcaster, speak on the topic of *A Hope and a Home: Proclaiming the Everlasting Gospel to Today's America*. Attendance is free but limited. Complimentary lunch is included. This is sponsored by Immanuel Lutheran Church, Tuscola, Illinois, and made possible in part by a grant from the **Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund**. Rev. Dr. Adam Koontz is pastor and evangelist of Trinity Lutheran Church in Denver, Colorado. He has pastored and planted congregations in

Pennsylvania, taught New Testament in Indiana, and helped churches throughout the United States proclaim Christ clearly. He and wife, Jen, have 8 children (4 boys and 4 girls) and live in Lakewood, Colorado.

Town Hall September 27 Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is excited to invite you to attend a virtual Synod-wide town hall to kick off the next stage of the Set Apart to Serve (SAS) church work recruitment initiative. Join us online Wed., September 27, from 1 to 2 p.m. More information will be coming soon. SAS is a collaborative effort across the Synod to support and encourage future church workers. Our goal is to create an intentional culture of church worker formation in every LCMS congregation, Lutheran school, and camp. We are developing resources and tools to help congregations foster this culture. During the past five and a half months, we have worked with 36 congregations, schools, and camps that represent all 35 LCMS districts to pilot-test these SAS resources and tools. Feedback from the pilot sites has helped us refine these resources, and now we are excited to share these effective toolkits with you. During the town hall, we will: •Provide a brief overview of SAS; •Share what we learned working with the pilot participants; •Introduce resources and tools to help congregations, schools, and camps with raising up the next generation of church workers; and •Provide next steps on how to make SAS work in your congregation. Visit the SAS website to learn more about the initiative. For more information, email us at setapart2serve@lcms.org or call 888-843-5267.

— The Set Apart to Serve team "Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest" (Matthew 9:38).

LWML wants to **thank everyone** who donated or helped in any way with our rummage sale. We received donations of **around \$3800** which is our best year and we are so grateful that we will be able to fund so many missions. Again, thank you for your donations, purchasing, and helping our group. May God continue to bless each one of you.

Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild for December. If anyone is interested in volunteering to please contact Dennis Fleming at 217-242-7598.

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.

Dear Our Redeemer, Thank you for your support of me and my family, and the generous gift. We appreciate it very much. God's Blessings, Vicar Martin & Family

On behalf of Judi Mohrman, we want to thank everyone for their concern, well wishes, cards, and prayers. Please keep Judi in your prayers as she continues her recovery. Bob Mehl

Thank you so much for all of the anniversary cards sent to us. We truly appreciated all of them, and receiving all the cards was uplifting. Dick & Joann Reichert

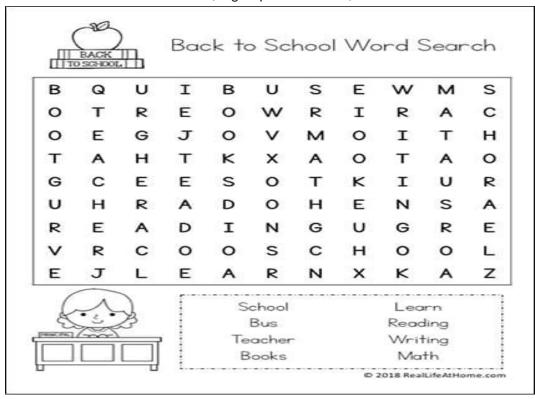
ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QCY, IL https://www.stjamesquincyschool.org 217-222-8267 Enrollment - 2023-24 registration is right around the corner. Do you know someone looking for a faith-based education? If you do, have them call the school office at 217-222-8267 to schedule a tour!

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.

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 5:30 PM & 6:00 PM, Parent Information Night This is an opportunity for parents to meet your child's teacher(s) and learn about expectations, outcomes, and more. (*Please know this event is for adults only.*)

Thursday, August 10, 2023, 6:15 PM & 7:15 PM, New Family Orientation Are you new(er) to St. James Lutheran School? This orientation will be highlighting things for new(er) families. You get so much information as a new family this is a chance to ask specific questions in a smaller group environment.

Monday, August 14, 2023, 5:30 PM, Back-to-School Open House & Ice Cream Social Bring the kids, bring the supplies, meet their teacher(s), and enjoy some ice cream. You will also have the opportunity to sample some new cafeteria menu items, sign up to volunteer, and much more!



Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline -

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

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



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

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

Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps. 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 international Adoption is a program of Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois.

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

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

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.

August Birthdays

1	David Rickey	8	Jackson Goetz	18	Caleb Buss
1	Austin Jones	8	Cristine Purcell	18	Tanner Clevenger
1	Dalton Stockdale	9	Cameron Clevenger	20	Aubrey Robertson
4	Mike Weisenburger	10	Barb Hall	20	James Jones II
5	Austin Fischer	11	Abby Fischer	21	Abby Hibbert
5	Melissa Smith	11	Nela Church	22	Mike Murphy
5	Royal Bugh	11	Teresa Kemp	24	Bradley Longcor Jr.
6	Curtis Cramlett	11	Steve Hyer	24	Lori Schenck
6	William Humphrey	13	Bernie Ott	25	Jim Dice
6	Bonnie Blattner	13	Joshua Wemhoener	26	Cindy Stegeman
7	Brenda Scharnhorst	15	Caroline Weisenburger	26	Jimmy Perry
7	Glenda O'Briant	15	Hayley Harvey	28	Keaton Jones
8	Audrea Fitch	16	Bonnie Hallerberg	30	Shirley Dieringer
8	Mike Pettit	16	Gary Gooding	30	Gene Bluhm
8	Gage Scharnhorst	17	Lori Allen	31	Cindy Spohr
		18	Renee Benedetto		

August Baptisms

3	Dane Douglas	13	Chet Vahle	24	Barb Wright
4	Jane Haschemeyer	18	Jessica Weisenburger	25	Julianna Eden
5	Gretchen Wolfmeyer	19	Anthony Ebel	25	Alayna Schlipman
5	Allie Hastings	20	Teresa Kemp	26	Tracy Bugh
6	Vicki Wemhoener	20	Heather Meyer	27	Mike Weisenburger
8	Jackson Goetz	20	Joann Harvey	27	Buddy Weisenburger Jr.
9	Lee Hyer	23	Curtis Cramlett	28	Linda Waterkotte
12	Mary Herschler	23	Raven Bugh	29	Aubrey Robertson
13	Ted Hea	24	Victoria Fitch	29	Zoey Klauser
		24	Gracelynn Smith		-

August Anniversaries

1	Ray and Gina Eickelschulte	36 years	20	Glenn and Susan O'Briant	30 years
2	Adam and Amy Buss	15 years	28	Buddy and Jackie Weisenburger	24 years
4	John and Laurie Bronson	11 years	29	Randy and Michele Austin	31 years
4	Bradley and Morgan Longcor	12 years	29	Jerry and Debbie Manton	42 years
13	Quest and Elizabeth Dobbelaire	1 year	31	Steve and Hannah Ajdinovich	10 years
13	Mike and Terry Pettit	13 years	31	Jon and Kim Pracht	4 vears

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

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Coloring Page:



PUZZLE PAGE: CHURCH LEADERS

By Bill Schlegl

Use the number code to learn why we should appreciate the work of our church leaders.

(A = 1, E = 5, I = 9, O = 15, U = 21)					
15 02 05 25	20 08 05 13	20 08 01 20	08 01 22 05		
18 21 12 05	15 22 05 18	25 15 21	01 14 04		
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