



# 2023 Newsletter

## Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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

Like many families, the end of Summer means a new school year has begun. We have celebrated the last “first day of school” for the Eden household. Julianna has begun her final semester of nursing school. As I led chapel at St. James in August, seeing many new faces and many familiar faces, many memories of sitting with my girls in those pews came rushing back. My girls don’t get to sit with me in church very often.

As I sat in chapel and reflected on the fourteen years I have been leading and participating in worship with the children of St. James, watching these children of God, and especially my girls, be trained in the Word of God at that school, I am so thankful for the opportunity and the time afforded to me. I have been blessed over the past 24 years to lead my daughters, educate them, and train them formally and informally as a father and pastor.

I encourage every parent to be involved in the daily formation of your children. Whatever you spend time and energy doing, your children will see that as being important to you. When they see you worship and participate in the Word of God and the body and blood of Christ, they will know that this is important. When you take time and pray with them, or read the Bible or Catechism with them, they will know this is important. When you spend time with them and include them in your daily routine, they will know that they are important.

The only “thing” that my girls have ever really wanted from me is time. I will confess that I was not always a good steward of my time with them. Thanks be to God for my wife Malinda. My prayer every day is that I am a better pastor, husband, father, and friend. All of those things take time.

My experience following the busy Summer season is that our lives in Fall will not slow down. However, taking the time to slow down and spending some quality time with those who are important (God and family) is a necessary part of our life. A parent being involved in the life of their child is a reflection of what we have received as a child of God being involved in the gracious gifts offered by our Father in heaven. If you wait until your life is not busy or complicated to get involved with your heavenly Father or your earthly children, you will never do it. In the time we spend with our Lord, our prayer is that the busyness and complexities of life melt away as we hear His gentle words, “Be still and know that I am God.”

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

(July 1 - 31, 2023)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Eleanor Marie Manton – July 30, 2023

### First Communion

### Youth Confirmation

### Adult Confirmation

### Funerals

### Weddings

## Membership Changes

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

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

Eleanor Marie Manton – July 30, 2023

#### 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	July 31, 2023
Baptized	592	+12	-5	599
Confirmed	468	+9	-5	472

## 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan. - July '23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 - 001 General Offerings	210,949.31	203,291.65	7,657.66	103.8%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,764.00	2,916.65	-1,152.65	60.5%
Total Interest Income	4.67	2.90	1.77	161.0%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	2,625.00	-1,625.00	38.1%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	350.00	-350.00	0.0%
099 - 099 Miscellaneous Income	2.96			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>213,720.94</b>	<b>209,186.20</b>	<b>4,534.74</b>	<b>102.2%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission	9,602.54	9,916.65	-314.11	96.8%
Personnel	123,742.57	131,192.25	-7,449.68	94.3%
Program	49,061.77	44,144.35	4,917.42	111.1%
Property	37,069.68	37,129.15	-59.47	99.8%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>219,476.56</b>	<b>222,382.40</b>	<b>-2,905.84</b>	<b>98.7%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-5,755.62</b>	<b>-13,196.20</b>	<b>7,440.58</b>	<b>43.6%</b>

## Assignments for September 2023

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn* Bill Haire
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Nathan Hoebing*, Chris Clevenger, Steve Hyer

**Altar Care:** Glenna Nicholson, Mary Herschler, Amy Killday

**Counters:** Mary Lazzeri and Anita Wolfmeyer

**Service Recording:** September 3 at 9 AM – Jeff  
September 10 at 9 AM – Keith  
September 17 at 9 AM – Keith  
September 24 at 9 AM – Gretchen

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

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	<b>6-Aug</b>
Profit:	<b>\$175.88</b>
# orders:	<b>22</b>
Profit/Order:	<b>\$7.99</b>
Overall Profit:	<b>\$2,040.16</b>

We now carry additional denominations of **TARGET cards!**  
We have a limited stock of **\$25, \$50, and \$100** in the inventory.

## September Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 11)

And this is life eternal, that they might know thee the only true God. John 17:3
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## 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 Lane, Waxhaw, NC 28173  
 Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children, 6915A Cinder Run, Waxhaw, NC 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** at Zion Lutheran Church,  
 508 Mentor Avenue, Painesville, OH 44077

**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

## September News & Notes

**Camp CILCA's Chicken Dinner and Auction** is **Sunday, September 3**. Grilled chicken, sides, and desserts are available from **11:30-2:00 pm** for \$10. Kids 4-12 are \$8. The live auction begins at 12:30 pm. A silent auction will also be conducted. Visit [cilca.org](http://cilca.org) to view auction items and get more information.

**Senior Choir rehearsals resume** on **Tuesday, September 5**, at **7:00 p.m.** Additional voices for all parts are encouraged and welcomed.

**LWML's September 7<sup>th</sup> meeting** will be a carry-in at Reva's house. Members will be called by the co-host, Sandy, with more information and details. Save the date!

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

**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.

**Save the date!** **LWML Zone Rally September 12** in **Pittsfield**.

**Isaiah Bible Study starting Tuesday, September 12 at 9:15 AM.** This study by Melissa Spoelstra is subtitled "Striving Less and Trusting God More". Please join us for this seven-week video-led study. Please see Gretchen to get a copy of the workbook.

**Quilters** meet on **Thursday, September 14**, and **September 21** from **9-11 AM**. *Everyone is welcome!* Men, women, and students are needed to help tie knots. *Anyone can join the fellowship.*

**Dollar for Missions:** It is with exceedingly great joy that CID President Rev. Michael Mohr announces that not only has our current Dollars for Missions Project (*the purchase of a 15-passenger van for University Lutheran Church in Champaign*) been **fully funded**, but contributions towards Dollars for Missions have been robust enough to fully fund the next project on the list – Augment pay for **Prison Ministry** at Lincoln and Logan Correctional Centers. Therefore, our current Dollars for Missions Project is to raise \$20k for stipends to pastors to begin visiting four new prisons or jails in 2024. A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Video about this next project: <https://youtu.be/JcC9nwejYK8>

**Town Hall September 27** LCMS invites you to attend a virtual town hall of the Set Apart to Serve (SAS) church work recruitment initiative. **Join us online Wednesday, September 27, from 1-2 PM.** SAS is an effort 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. During the past five months, we have worked with 36 congregations, schools, and camps representing all 35 LCMS districts to pilot-test SAS resources and tools. Feedback has helped us refine these resources, and now we are ready to share these effective toolkits with you. The town hall 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. Email us at [setapart2serve@lcms.org](mailto: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).*

### Upcoming Events

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

September 7: St. James PTL Meeting 6 PM

September 9: CID LLL Retreat at Camp CILCA

September 12: LWML Quincy Zone Rally, Pittsfield, IL

September 17: St. James School sings at St. James 10:15 AM

September 24: Lutheran Bible Translators Sunday

October 2-4: Fall Pastors' Conference, Normal, IL

November 5: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen

November 19: St. James School sings at ORLC 8:45 AM

February 4: St. James School sings at LCoSJ 10:15 AM

March 10: St. James School sings at St. James 7:45 AM

For the **week of September 3**: on KFUE.org: Finish the book of Acts and begin 1 Peter on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), study Leviticus 7-11 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) and hear the 3rd episode in our Leadership series with Bishop Jamison Hardy on The Coffee Hour (**9/6 at 9 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

For the **week of September 10**: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study Leviticus 13-17 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study 1 Peter 4 through 2 Peter 3 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and dig into Free Will in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**9/16 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

**MUSIC FOR MISSIONS** is a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LCMS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at ISU in Normal, at the Wittenberg Lutheran Center. The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin, IL on **Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 2 p.m.** Music for Missions will feature guest organist Peter Wykert, Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria. It will also include music from vocalists, choir, and hand bells, as well as congregational singing. A free-will offering will be gathered to support our Wittenberg Lutheran Center at ISU. Refreshments will be served following the program.

**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.

**Thank you** to all who sent prayers, cards, good wishes, food, and other forms of support during my surgery and recovery. -- *Rosie Meyer*

**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*

**Sunday Schools Posters from the Past:** Please visit the Sunday School Opening Room to view the vintage Sunday School posters that have been framed for display! (Maybe you remember them from your youth here at ORLC!) We wish to thank Chris and Michele Clevenger for completing this project! Chris made beautiful frames for each of the four large posters. Michelle coordinated the project to completion. Many thanks for helping to ensure these items can be viewed and treasured by more generations of Sunday School children.

**Inkjet Cartridge Recycling:** We have had an overflowing response to the ink cartridge recycling project. At the end of the quarter, ORLC will receive a check of which the **funds will be sent to the Uganda Mission!** Each cartridge is examined for its value. Even the ones which they cannot use and refill we will receive 25 cents each for our effort. We will keep you posted once we know the value of the recent shipment. Your combined efforts of simply recycling your inkjet cartridges will result in a larger sum being sent to Uganda. **Here are ways you can help:** 1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection box outside of the church office. OR 2. If you prefer to mail your own cartridges (*7 or more*) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** to request a FREE USPS label to print and mail.

[planetgreenrecycle.com](http://planetgreenrecycle.com)

## Miscellaneous Constant Information

### Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter and 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 ongoing 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 payment 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.

## September Birthdays

2	Ava Langan	12	Avery Anderson	21	Heath Heitman
3	Darlene Herman	12	Lucas Anderson	21	Rhonda Hummel
3	Amanda Schweitzer	12	Nichole Blickhan	22	Gretchen Kemp
4	Piper Clevenger	13	Chance Clevenger	22	Jerry Lunt
4	Sharon Vaughn	14	Rebecca Lucas	23	Ace Weisenburger III
5	Debbie Baird	14	Autumn Lomax	24	Nancy Bluhm
6	Reagan Spilker	15	Brandon Voepel	25	Kayzley Parrish
7	Kent Knoernschild	15	Amelia Knapp	27	Alexander Smith
8	Debbie Brassfield	15	Jamison Knapp	28	Hendrix McLaughlin
8	Roger McGartland	16	David Pellman	28	Maxine Fink
9	Brad Ehmen	17	William Schlegl	28	Ethan Clevenger
9	Olivia Hoebing	17	Curt Spohr	29	Brent Wingerter
10	Susan Weiss	18	Stan Yelton	29	Emily Weppeler
10	Harry Hall Jr.	19	Alex Fitch	29	Ginger Heitman
10	Howard Snowden	19	Vicki Wemhoener	29	Denys Stark
10	Janice Voepel	19	Mark Vahle	29	Jessica Hibbert
11	Lynda Hinkamper	20	Piper Kuhn	30	Carl Muehring
11	Malinda Eden	21	Rosie Meyer		

## September Baptisms

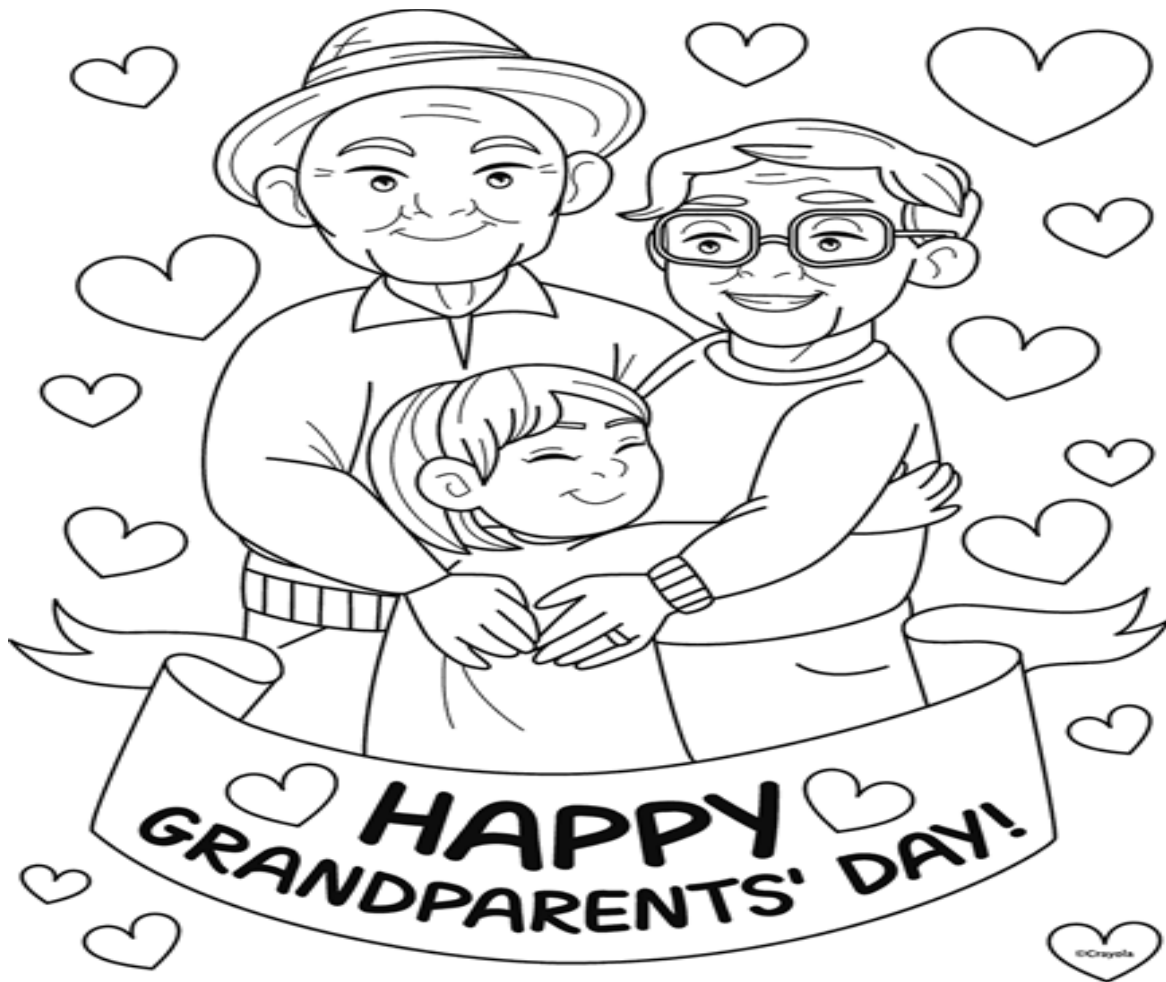
1	Lori Allen	15	Cindy Spohr	24	Melissa Smith
2	Hugh Sharrow	18	Sam Killday	25	Phyllis Ashby
4	Jessica Showman	18	KayLynn Blickhan	25	Ryan Vaughn
4	Arjee Weisheit	18	Melanie Drescher	26	Hendrix McLaughlin
4	Austin Jones	19	Nathan Hoebing	26	Brad Ehmen
4	Rachel Foster	20	Gabriel Vaughn	26	Steve Hyer
6	Alex Schlipman	20	Gene Bluhm	26	Larry Bugh
9	Ava Nickelson	22	Janice Voepel	26	Cameron Casanova
9	Lauren Mueller	22	Pat Weppeler	27	Renee Benedetto
10	Shelly Holtman	23	Frank Baird	27	Lori Post
10	Audrey Howell	23	Roger McGartland	30	Debbie Brassfield
14	Elizabeth Mix	24	Jayne Jefferson	30	Caroline Weisenburger
14	Jack Ajdinovich	24	Bruce Burner		

## September Anniversaries

1	Steve and Carolyn Kaiser	61 years	17	William and Kristin Humphrey	46 years
1	Terry and Mary Morse	55 years	18	Pat and Leila Weppeler	19 years
1	Terry and Sharon Vaughn	50 years	19	Anthony and Nichole Blickhan	14 years
2	Allyus and Bethany Fritz	5 years	19	Jerry and Becky Lunt	42 years
7	Steve and Mary-Ann Hyer	10 years	26	Jeffrey and Allison Smith	14 years
7	Greg and Melanie Zehnle	32 years	27	Jim and Carmell Fitch	37 years
13	Eric and Danielle Deeter	9 years	27	Randy and Gretchen Wolfmeyer	26 years
13	Don and Cindy Stegeman	43 years	29	Clint and Michele Gooding	5 years
14	Emanuel and Jane Voepel	60 years			

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

## Coloring Page:



## School Scramble

unscramble these letters to make school words.  
use a Crayola marker and draw a line connecting each  
picture to its matching word.

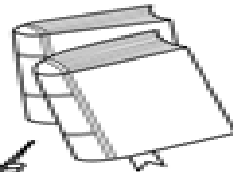
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# PUZZLE PAGE:

## ONLY ONE

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn about our God.

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ZB MO CE

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SU GI HJ RT

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- What a great start to the first full two weeks of school, even with record temperatures! We not only survived but we thrived. Students are getting into a routine and continuing to learn expectations. A regular sleep routine is important for students to get into as good sleep improves your brain performance, mood, and health. As always, please reach out with any questions. God's Blessings,  
*Mrs. Higgins, Principal*
- Please continue to **save Hy-Vee UPCs** and **Tyson A+ labels** and place them in the container in the classroom or in the St. James church narthex basket. Box Tops for Education labels now need to be scanned and on the BTFE app on your phone. REGISTER St. James Lutheran School on the APP and SCAN your receipt. All these funds help to support the school library. Thank you! *Mrs. Hagemann*
- **PTL** will have its first **meeting** on **Thursday, September 7th** beginning at **6:30 pm**. Their events for this year include the annual Spring Fling, a spaghetti supper, and a soup supper! Mark your calendars: **Spaghetti Dinner 10/12/23, Soup Carry-Out 1/18/2024, and Spring Fling 3/16/2024.**
- A new event this year is called **APEX** which we are very excited about. This is a two-week long where they combine four important skill sets for students — education, fitness, leadership, and raising money for their school — in our unique school fun runs. This event **begins the week of September 11th**, be sure to watch for more updates!
- We encourage you to watch our Facebook page *@StJamesLutheranSchoolQuincy*, like, and share!

**From:** Susan Gross <suelynn144@aol.com>

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**Subject:** Back to School in Haiti

Dear Friends of Mission Haiti,

I have not had a lot to report since the schools in Haiti are closed for the summer and the gang activity escalates, preventing a planned trip to Haiti in August to be cancelled. This is such a sad situation causing so many innocent people additional suffering to what they already must endure just to survive. Please do not give up on Haiti. Pray for freedom from the evil that is so blatantly alive there.

On a similar subject...I hope you all have taken the time to see some of the great Christian movies that came out this summer. One is SOUND OF FREEDOM. This story about child trafficking and Tim Ballard's attempt to free as many children as he could, even when it meant leaving his job and endangering his own life, is amazing. I know many of you say, you just could not see such a movie, but it is time for people to stop thinking about themselves and make a stand to help others. This film is bringing awareness of an evil that is permeating our culture. It is so widespread that it is becoming acceptable to an upcoming generation. Who will stop this evil if we don't? Many of you feel helpless when asking yourselves how can you help stop this. Well here is your answer.

After seeing the extraordinary efforts being made by Tim Ballard and his crew my husband found another film he made, Operation Toussaint. Yes, Tim

Ballard also rescued children in Haiti. In this film, he explains that he goes only to the countries where Child Slavery is the worst and Haiti fits that category. In my twenty-plus years volunteering in Haiti I was well aware of the corrupt practice of selling children "Restevicks" into slave labor and the authorities looking the other way when this is done, but I did not know how widespread the child sex trafficking business that involves thousands of Haitian children was.



Many Haitian parents who cannot afford to feed their children willingly give them to people they trust. Sometimes even family members promise to give them a better life. Most of these people are predators and use these children for their own financial gain. This happened in great numbers after the earthquake in 2010. You might ask how these people could do such a thing but until you have been to Haiti you cannot comprehend how people live. Many "peasants" have no education or contact with the outside world. They believe what they are told and only know that their child is starving and do the only thing they know to save them.



All the more reason for Mission Haiti to keep our schools open. This is what you can do to change things. Educate those living in the remote mountain villages in Haiti. Help us pay our teachers for another year and bring attention of what is going on in their country so they can save their own children. Educating the Haitian people is the key to their freedom.

If you would like to support One of our 49 teachers in the Jeremie District of Haiti we would gratefully appreciate your sacrifice. In order to pay each of our teachers \$50.00 a month we need \$2,450. every month. We accept donations in any amount but if you would like to support 1 of our teachers for the entire year we will send you a coupon reminder book.

Please send all donations to  
MISSION HAITI.....**MARK YOUR CHECK JEREMIE TEACHERS**  
so that your donation goes to the proper fund.

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Blessings, Sue Gross  
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