



## 2023 Newsletter

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

For more than 500 years, we have been the church of the Reformation. As we like to say, "The church is always in need of reform." It is important for us to remember that the Reformation begun 500 years ago is not all about Luther. It is all about Jesus and what He has done for God's sinful, dying children on Earth.

Especially in the days surrounding All Saints' and the Eve of All Saints' Day, we celebrate the beginning of something which restored the Gospel of salvation by grace through faith apart from works as the message of Christ's Church, and for this we do celebrate the life and work of Martin Luther. But I would like to draw your attention to something which happened about 100 years ago, which also brought significant change to Christ's Church.

In 1914, before WWI began, there were 1,828 churches with 3,600,000 members in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Russia – including those living in Russian controlled portions of Finland and the Baltic States of Estonia, Lithuania, and Latvia. When the Communist Revolution took place in 1917, all Christians in Russia were persecuted, but especially those who were not Russian. One out of every two Finnish Lutherans in Russian territory died under Joseph Stalin. Untold numbers of German Lutherans were killed or imprisoned. About 800,000 were allowed to die during the famine of the early 1920's. Farms were seized and those who were not fortunate enough to escape to the West were sent to Siberia. Well more than a million were sent to Siberia under Lenin and Stalin.

The Soviet system did everything in its power to crush the church. Bibles and religious books were banned. It was illegal to teach children about Jesus Christ. Russian was the official language of all communication. Yet, when the Soviet Union fell and missionaries could once again enter the land, pockets of German-speaking Lutheran churches were found (mostly in Siberia). They had been worshiping with catechisms, hymns, the liturgy, and portions of the Bible that had been written down from memory. The 2010 census showed that there were 2,900,000 living in Russia who understood German.

Before the Communist Revolution, for centuries, German Lutherans lived in Russia and worshiped in freedom. The Russian royal family had direct ties to Germany. Tsarina Catherine II was born German. Many within the Russian aristocracy were German Lutherans. Their lives changed in one day.

It is often asked (especially by the confirmation class), why do we have to do all this memory work? The answer is that there will come a day when it is important that the knowledge of God is firmly planted in you. I pray we never face the persecution, hardship, and government opposition like the German Lutherans in Russia. However, our task is to always be prepared for our lives to change in one day. There are many life-changing events that we face throughout our days. The heritage of the Lutheran Church is that we have taught the same, unchanging truth of Scripture for 500 years. We have encouraged both children and adults to "read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest" the truth of the Word of God and the orderly explanation of the truth found in Jesus Christ through Luther's Catechism and the other Confessional writings.

Whether in life or in death there will come a day when you will have nothing to sustain you except for the truth of God's Word. It is appropriate that the Eve of All Saints' Day marks the beginning of the Reformation of Christ's Church.

In Christ,  
*Pastor Eden*

## Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Larry Foster ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Vice-President	Stan Yelton ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Secretary	Monica Foster ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Treasurer	Josh Hennig ( <i>3rd term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Financial Secretary	Renee Benedetto ( <i>1st term</i> ) – Counters	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman ( <i>2nd term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	Ryan Vaughn	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Board of Elders	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
	Doug Allen ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Dennis Fleming ( <i>2nd term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Gene Bluhm ( <i>3rd term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Evangelism Board	Barb Vahle ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	Jane Haschemeyer ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Property Board	Gary Herman ( <i>2nd term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Gary Hyer ( <i>3rd term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich ( <i>3rd term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Michele Urbon ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Youth Ministry	Connie Louderback ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	<b>VOLUNTEER NEEDED</b>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Endowment Chair	Monica Foster ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Jerry Lunt ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	Becky Lunt ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024

# Pastoral Report

(September 1 - 30, 2023)

## Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Weddings

## Membership Changes

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

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+2B, +2C]

Phillip Ripper 9/18

Caroline Ripper 9/18

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	September 30, 2023
Baptized	592	+15	-6	601
Confirmed	468	+12	-6	474

## November Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart and lean not unto thine own understanding. Proverbs 3:5

## 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan. - Sept '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	266,991.25	261,374.99	5,616.26	102.1%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	2,237.00	3,749.99	-1,512.99	59.7%
Total Interest Income	6.41	3.74	2.67	171.4%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	2,000.00	3,375.00	-1,375.00	59.3%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	450.00	-450.00	0.0%
099 - 099 Miscellaneous Income	2.96			
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>271,237.62</b>	<b>268,953.72</b>	<b>2,283.90</b>	<b>100.8%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission	13,217.74	12,749.99	467.75	103.7%
Personnel	164,646.25	168,675.69	-4,029.44	97.6%
Program	62,952.18	56,757.01	6,195.17	110.9%
Property	44,947.47	47,737.49	-2,790.02	94.2%
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>285,763.64</b>	<b>285,920.18</b>	<b>-156.54</b>	<b>99.9%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-14,526.02</b>	<b>-16,966.46</b>	<b>2,440.44</b>	<b>85.6%</b>

## Assignments for November 2023

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Jeff Smith*
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeter*, Jerry Lunt*, Chris Knapp*, Steve Hyer
Thanksgiving Eve at 7:00 PM	Mike Herschler

**Altar Care:** Wanda Spohr, Shelly Holtman, Ruth Snowden, Laura Essington

**Counters:** Brenda Fleming and Evelyn McDowell

**Service Recording:** November 5 at 9 AM – Larry  
November 12 at 9 AM – Gretchen  
November 19 at 9 AM – Keith  
November 26 at 7 PM – Keith - Thanksgiving Eve  
November 26 at 9 AM – Jeff

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

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	<b>1-Oct</b>	<b>8-Oct</b>	<b>22-Oct</b>
Profit:	\$72.50	\$63.78	\$60.52
# orders:	8	9	11
Profit/Order:	\$9.06	\$7.09	\$5.50
Overall Profit:	<b>\$2,670.82</b>	<b>\$2,734.60</b>	<b>\$2,795.12</b>

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



## 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, 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** at Our Redeemer Lutheran Church  
 440 South 1<sup>st</sup> Avenue, Iowa City, IA 52245



**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...

**Nov. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**Dec.** – Christmas Party, TBA

**Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>** – Blind Service Meal at St. James

### Oct. News

Thank you, Susan O'Briant and Mary Morse for being our gracious hosts at the October meeting.

LWML Sunday plans were finalized and what a joy it was to share LWML with you on the 8th and thank you for all your gracious donations to our mites!

### 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

### **2023 – 2024 LWML CID Mission Grants**

#### **Grant #2**

#### **Lutheran High Transportation - Springfield...\$25,000**

Lutheran High School, Springfield, experienced a tremendous loss when the school was deemed unusable for classrooms due to mine subsidence before the 2022-2023 school year. Transporting students from a pickup point to the new temporary location has taken a toll on the current buses. Funds would be a partial payment for a 12-16 capacity bus.

May our mites and prayers continue to uplift them as they work through this dilemma.

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!!*

### **Orphan Grain Train Servant Center - \$100,000**

Orphan Grain Train Servant Center in Norfolk, Nebraska, is the recipient of a \$100,000 LWML mission grant. Orphan Grain Train is a Christian volunteer network that ships donated food, clothing, medical supplies, and other needed items to the U.S. and 70 other countries. The Gospel is shared as gifts are distributed. The grant will help fund the update and expansion of the warehouse facility in Norfolk.

To learn more, visit [www.ogt.org](http://www.ogt.org).

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



## November News & Notes

**Upcoming Events** *November 5: Serve at Horizons Soup Kitchen*  
*November 19: St. James School sings at ORLC 8:45 AM*  
*December 31: New Years' Eve Service at LCoSJ*  
*January 18, 2024: St. James School Soup Carry-Out*  
*February 4, 2024: St. James School sings at LCoSJ 10:15 AM*  
*March 10, 2024: St. James School sings at St. James 7:45 AM*  
*March 16, 2024: St. James School Spring Fling*  
*May 2024: Ascension Day Service at ORLC*  
*September 15, 2024: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park*  
*July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA*

4-week Relationship Workshop with Tiffany Frericks, **Wednesdays starting Nov. 1, 6- 7:30 PM**, 707 Broadway, 217-209-0632. Dinner and Childcare Provided.

**Camp CILCA needs your help!** The Act Like Men Work Day is **Saturday, November 4 from 8 am-12 pm**. The campground needs to be readied for the winter and many hands are needed to get things wrapped up. Lunch will be provided for all volunteers. Contact the camp office at 217-487-7497 or [director@cilca.org](mailto:director@cilca.org) to let us know you are coming so we have enough lunch for everyone. See you there!

**Birthright Trivia Night and Silent Auction, November 4<sup>th</sup>** Quincy's BEST Trivia and Silent Auction event is back for year #14! We hope you'll get your team together and plan to join us and more than 500 other participants for an evening of fun supporting a great local charity. It's a great mix of trivia questions so you don't have to be a genius at anything to have a great time. More than 200 silent auction items every year! BYOB, BYO snacks, food and drink for sale from Butcher Block and Refreshment Services Pepsi. \$125 per table of up to 8 players. To easily register, follow this link: <https://birthrightquincyil.org/events/> Sign your team up today! Remember, all entries received by October 22nd are eligible to enter the drawing for a FREE Table Entry! For more information, contact Patty Adam at 217.577.8558 or Katie Klauser at 217.430.2690. You can also send an email to [help@birthrightquincyil.org](mailto:help@birthrightquincyil.org). We hope to see all of you there! Thanks for your continued support, now let's have some fun!

**For the week of November 5:** KFUO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUORadio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Hebrews 12-13 on Sharper Iron's "The New Covenant in Christ" (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Mark 7-9 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and study Monastic Vows in Article 27 of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**11/11 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

The ORLC Quilters delivered 101 quilts to Lutheran World Relief on Oct. 27, 2023. Thank you for your continued support for this mission project. During the month of November, the Quilters will meet **November 9 and 16, 9 - 11 AM**. During the month of December, the Quilters will meet **December 7 and 14, 9 - 11 AM**.

**Join us November 10th for our second annual Charcuterie in COMMUNITY!** Do you love building Charcuterie Boards? What about helping build and create commUNITY? Do you enjoy consuming all things Charcuterie? Then this event is for you! Grab a friend and enjoy an evening of delicious food, wine, and all things Charcuterie on Friday, November 10th at the Quincy Country Club. We will have locals competing for the title of best of show and a peoples' choice award. Plus, after the competition, you'll get to sample all of the delicious boards that are on display. New this year, a celebrity CHOPPED competition. You won't want to miss it. Mark your calendars & come out to support Horizons Soup Kitchen & Food Pantry. Who doesn't love a good board? More info below and on our Facebook Event page. **Location:** Quincy Country Club; **Event time** is 5:30-8:00; **Tickets** are \$40 Enjoy a complimentary glass of wine and charcuterie samples and five votes to place on your favorite charcuterie board(s). All **to help Horizons' mission** of feeding the body and soul.

**Life Skills with Laura:** Join us the 2nd Tuesday of every month at Bella Ease, 707 Broadway, 5:30-6:30 PM. Register at [bellaease.com/event](http://bellaease.com/event) or call 217-209-0632 **Nov. 14** is Anger Management, **Dec.12** Social Skills. Dinner and Childcare Provided.

## November News & Notes *(continued)*

### **Register Now for the Fall 2023 LHM Virtual Event - Hosted by The Hoffmann Society**

Join us via Zoom on **Thursday, November 16, at 4 p.m.** to hear about Lutheran Hour Ministries' bold global expansion plans, receive an update on the ministry's newest funding initiative, and find out how LHM's partnership with the LCMS Foundation offers innovative gift options for supporting LHM's global work.

This one-hour event will have presentations from: **Terry Biesboer, CFRE**, *Chief Development Officer, Major & Planned Gifts*, Lutheran Hour Ministries; **Jeff Craig-Meyer**, *President, United States Ministries*, Lutheran Hour Ministries, *President*, The Lutheran Hour Ministries Foundation; **Rev. Phil Krupski**, *Senior Vice President of Gift Planning Services*, LCMS Foundation Register @ <https://give.lhm.org/event/hoffmann-society-fall-event>

**November 19 at 3 PM** High School & Jr. High Youth will help put together Thanksgiving bags at The Lutheran Church of Saint John.

We plan to do **fellowship meals before Advent services**. If a church group is willing to serve one of the meals, please contact Connie Louderback.

Rev. Chris Hull has accepted the call to be Pastor at Immanuel Lutheran in Macomb. Chris is currently serving in Tomball, TX. He has a wife and 6 children. He has previously served at Christ in Normal, IL. So, he is familiar with the CID. He is excited to begin his work in Macomb. His installation will be on **Sunday, December 10 at 4 PM** at the Immanuel Lutheran Student Center (303 North Clay Street, Macomb, IL). You and your families are invited to the service and reception.

**Toys for Tots** Sign up for Christmas 2023 Assistance. **Online registration now through December 1** at [quincy-il.toysfortots.org](http://quincy-il.toysfortots.org) or in person at Quincy Catholic Charities, 620 Maine, 8:30 am-noon and 1-4:30 pm, November 13-17 and November 27-December 1 or at Toys for Tots, Quincy Office, 436 S. 6<sup>th</sup>, November 7 & 21, 5-7 pm, November 18 10 am-noon, or November 26, 3-6 pm. (*Photo ID, proof of residence and proof of life for children required*) **Distribution will be December 14 & 15.**

**Attention Counters!** I am working on the schedule for 2024 and am trying to keep it similar to the 2023 schedule. If anyone wants any changes to their schedule please let me know. *Renee Benedetto 217-242-4085*

**Join us for our Small Church Summit in 2024!** Please note that there will be two events happening on different dates, but they will be covering the same topics. This will allow those in Central IL and those in Southern IL to attend a session within their district. However, you are welcome to attend both if you would like!  
**SID -- January 6** (*Weather date: January 27*) Messiah Lutheran Church, 1091 13th St. Carlyle, IL  
**CID -- February 3** (*Weather date February 10*) Faith Lutheran Church, 2320 N Kickapoo, Lincoln IL 62656  
**Both events will be from 10 am-2:30 pm** with Registration beginning at 9:30 am. Please use the following link to register today! <https://forms.gle/aBaprf1qv3wQ9Ths5> Feel free to reach out to [amy.holmes@cidlcms.org](mailto:amy.holmes@cidlcms.org) with any questions.

Please join us for our **Daniel Bible Study** starting **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:15 AM**. Please contact Gretchen in the office if you would like to purchase a workbook!

The **CID Junior High Youth event**, normally occurring in November, **will not occur this year** because of conflicts with rental space and the fact that Veterans' Day will fall on that Saturday.

The CID Youth Committee is **working on another possible event for later this school year**. The plan is to schedule our **Fall event for Nov. 2024**.

Please consider volunteering for **Altar Care**. If you are already signed up, please let the church office know if you are willing to continue serving.

**College Care Packages:** The second round of college care packages are on their way to bring a little cheer to those local and faraway college students. (*If you are local, the packages are available for pick up in the lounge.*) THANK YOU for your continued donations for this program and also to those who were able to sign the notecards that are included in each package. We are well stocked for the next round that will be sent right before final exams! Donation of items can be left in the basket near the south entrance. Monetary donations can be made out to the church and please note on the memo line: COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES. These funds will be used for postage as well as any additional items that are purchased for the packages.

**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.



## November News & Notes *(continued)*

**Upcoming activities for our youth. High School Youth (9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade)** -2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of each month, 6:30 pm meet at St. John to hang out, play some games, share a devotion and prayer. -4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of each month, time TBA we will have an activity somewhere in the community. **Junior High Youth (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade)** -3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of each month, 6:30 pm meet at St. John for activities and Bible study.

**Dollar for Missions:** 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. Our current project is to provide payments to churches for pastors visiting 4 new prisons or county jails in 2024. To watch a video about his next project, follow the link here: <https://youtu.be/JcC9nwejYK8>

**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*

**Bickford Cottage** is looking for **Volunteers** willing to **play piano and play games with residents**. Please contact Olivia Brown if interested at 217-617-9232 or 217-228-0800.

**UPDATE Inkjet Cartridge Recycling:** We have had an overflowing response to the ink cartridge recycling project. Recently, **106 cartridges were donated** to the collection box at church, and mailed off to Planet Green Recycling. We will be receiving a **check for \$88.75** for our recycling efforts! Those funds will be **sent to the Uganda Mission!** This is **in addition to the \$12.75 check** that we received earlier this year. Each cartridge is examined for it's value. Even the ones which they cannot use and refill we will **receive 25 cents** each for our effort. 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 (*at least 7*) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** at [planetgreenrecycle.com](http://planetgreenrecycle.com) to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and then mail.

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

Due to low RSVPs, the Trivia Night for this Saturday is being postponed until January.

**Mark your calendars** for our Christmas Program. Pre K - 8th grades **Friday, December 8.**

New safety procedure...all visitors will be asked to report to the school main office to sign in and receive a visitor badge to wear during your time on campus. Visitors are asked to use the Madison Street or Parking Lot entry with intercom. Church members are also asked to wear a badge if you will be coming into the school area. This is one additional measure of security for our students and we appreciate you making their safety a priority.

Beginning 2nd trimester, we are transitioning to "Learn-by-Heart" memory schedule. This will be a memory work schedule that teachers will follow and will be school-wide. A benefit to this is if you have multiple students they will be learning the same memory verse; therefore, you can work together as a household rather than a variety of memory verses each week. Thank you to Pastor Riley for working on this for us and faculty for their implementation.

## 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.

## November Birthdays

1 Pat Griffin	13 Mayce Bent	23 Dexter Goetz
1 Tory Hufendick	13 Renee Durst	23 Lori Post
3 Buddy Weisenburger Jr	15 Dennis Fleming	24 Paul Weisheit
5 Steve Voepel	15 Cody Martin	24 Marjorie Baker
6 Karen Lohmeyer	16 John Church	24 Derek Ott
7 Bethany Fritz	16 Lori Klauser	25 Carolyn Cramlett
8 Bruce Burner	16 Andrew Allen	25 Rob Tipton
8 Ruth Graham	16 Evan Baker	27 Jeremy Holtman
9 Gail Church	19 John Baker	29 Adrian Zehnle
10 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	20 Roger Eden	30 Kristen Buerstatler
10 Michael Herschler	20 Jesse Schweitzer	30 Brandon McGartland
12 Jesse O'Briant	22 Matt Weppeler	30 Carolyn Eden
12 Donna Johnson	22 Rod Allensworth	30 Rod Hibbert
13 Danielle Deeter	22 Heather Feinstein	30 Stephanie Bush

## November Baptisms

2 Piper Clevenger	9 Kriss Frink	23 Ace Weisenburger III
3 Martin Eden	9 Joann Reichert	23 Dexter Goetz
4 Jerry Lunt	9 Rebecca Lucas	24 Quinton Hibbert
6 Ray Johnson	9 Autumn Lomax	24 Ethan Clevenger
6 Caleb Buss	10 Bryan Baird	26 Ethan Sass
7 Kaisley Turner	10 Danny Baker	27 Robert Gooding
7 Jeanette Wyatt	10 Kensey McGartland	27 John Baker
8 Audrea Fitch	13 Alex Fitch	28 Jan Colvin
8 Erik Mix	13 Beth Lucas	29 Karen Lohmeyer
8 Reese Muse	13 Eben Fischer	30 Nora Meyer
8 William Schlegel	14 Tanner Clevenger	30 Kari Frink
8 Nancy Bluhm	17 Lori Klauser	30 Erica Dedert
8 Hayley Harvey	19 Amy Killday	30 Pat Florey
8 Curt Spohr	22 Jesse O'Briant	30 Keaton Jones
	22 Angie Nixon	

## November Anniversaries

5 Carl and Carol Muehring	68 years	26 Harry and Barb Hall	48 years
6 Michael and Mary Herschler	52 years	26 Jim and Shelly Holtman	38 years
14 Dylan and Autumn Lomax	3 years	28 Dennis and Patricia Baker	53 years
14 Steve and Amanda Spilker	14 years	28 Gene and Nancy Bluhm	42 years
20 Ryan and Tina Vaughn	19 years		

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

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## FAITHFUL

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn how to remain faithful to the Lord.

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