



DECEMBER

2023 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod



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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

During our three Wednesday Advent services, we are going to travel to three places: Nazareth, Bethlehem, and Jerusalem. Of course, I am very thankful that I was able to actually travel to these cities 12 years ago. Given the current political climate, it would be a much more nervous trip now, which is why the trip planned for 2025 has been postponed. However, as children of God, we greet each day and each circumstance in life with complete confidence that God is in full control. He has authority over the length of our days, and as Jesus says, "Not a sparrow falls down to the ground and dies apart from the will of our Father in heaven."

In anticipation of preparing to talk about these cities, I went back and looked at my Israel pictures again. It was such an enlightening experience. The pictures just didn't do justice to the experience we had. I wait in hopeful anticipation for the day when things settle down over there and it is comfortable to travel once again.

We are entering the Advent Season. Advent is a time of waiting and anticipation for the event that rocked the world to a greater degree than anything we see in the news today – the celebration of the birth of our Lord. But during this time of Advent, we also are watching and waiting for Christ to return once again.

We do not know the day or the hour that Christ our Lord will return, but our Father in heaven knows and we place our lives and the fate of this world in His hands. We would all like to have a full picture of what the reality of life in the resurrection will be. The presence of God we experience here in His church on earth is so wonderful, yet all that we have ever seen of Him is in pictures. The reality of being in the presence of God will be so much better than the pictures. The pictures just don't do Him justice.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 2 – 9:00 AM Christmas Decorating

December 6, 13, 20 – 5:45 PM Meal – 7:00 PM Advent Worship

December 24 – 9:00 AM Divine Service

7:00 PM Children's Christmas Program

9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 – 9:00 AM Christmas Day Divine Service

December 30 – *No Saturday evening service*

December 31 – 9:00 AM Christmas Musicale

6:30 PM New Year's Eve Communion Service at the Lutheran Church of St. John

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Evangelism Board | Barb Vahle (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | Jane Haschemeyer (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025 |
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| Property Board | Gary Herman (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025 |
| | Gary Hyer (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Stewardship Board | Hannah Ajdinovich (<i>3rd term</i>) | Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025 |
| | Michele Urbon (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024 |
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| Youth Ministry | Connie Louderback (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024 |
| | VOLUNTEER NEEDED | Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025 |
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| 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

(October 1 - 31, 2023)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Kolten Douglas Perrine – October 1, 2023
Kadence Veda Perrine – October 1, 2023

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Kolton Grawe – October 15, 2023

Funerals

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+3B, +2C]

Baptisms [+2B, +0C]

Kolten Douglas Perrine – October 1, 2023
Kadence Veda Perrine – October 1, 2023

Adult Confirmations [+1B, +1C]

Kolton Grawe – October 15, 2023

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +1C]

Myley Renee Longcor – October 29, 2023
Hebrews 12:1 – *Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us,*

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 | October 31, 2023 |
|------------|-----------------|-------|--------|------------------|
| Baptized | 592 | +18 | -6 | 604 |
| Confirmed | 468 | +14 | -6 | 476 |

December Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

And do not forget to do good and to share with others for with such sacrifices God is pleased.
Hebrews 13:16

2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

| Income | Jan. - Sept '23 | Budget | \$ Over Budget | % of Budget |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| 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 | 7.32 | 3.74 | 3.58 | 195.7% |
| 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 | | | |
| Total Income | 271,238.53 | 268,953.72 | 2,284.81 | 100.8% |
| Expenses | | | | |
| Mission | 13,217.74 | 12,749.99 | 467.75 | 103.7% |
| Personnel | 164,646.25 | 168,675.69 | -4,029.44 | 97.6% |
| Program | 63,334.25 | 56,757.01 | 6,577.24 | 111.6% |
| Property | 46,482.05 | 47,737.49 | -1,255.44 | 97.4% |
| Total Expense | 287,680.29 | 285,920.18 | 1,760.11 | 100.6% |
| Net Income | -16,441.76 | -16,966.46 | 524.70 | 96.9% |

Assignments for December 2023

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

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|----------------------------|--|
| Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Brad Essington |
| Sundays at 9:00 AM | Chet Vahle*, Larry Foster*, Barb Vahle, Darrell Drescher |
| Wed., Advent 1 at 7:00 PM | Darrell Drescher |
| Wed., Advent 2 at 7:00 PM | Jeff Wolfmeyer |
| Wed., Advent 3 at 7:00 PM | Mike Herschler |
| Children's Service at 7 PM | Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Gary O'Dell |
| Candlelight at 9 PM | Nathan Hoebing, Jerry Lunt, Chris Clevenger |
| Christmas Day at 9 AM | Larry Foster*, Tom Killday*, Sam Killday, Amy Killday |

Altar Care: Mona Fischer, Amy Killday, Wanda Spohr

Counters: Glenna Nicholson and Barb Ellerbrock

Service Recording:

- December 3 at 9 AM – Larry
- December 6 at 7 PM – Keith
- December 10 at 9 AM – Keith
- December 13 at 7 PM – Keith
- December 17 at 9 AM – Jeff
- December 20 at 7 PM – Larry
- December 24 at 9 AM – Keith
- December 24 at 7 PM – Gretchen
- December 24 at 9 PM – Jeff
- December 25 at 9 AM – Larry
- December 31 at 9 AM – Jeff

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



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 1st 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
 Opening Pianist – Wanda Spohr
 Pre-School 3, 4 & Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte
 Grades 1 - 4 – Donna Haire

Grades 5-8 – Cyndi Ott
 Teens – Gretchen Wolfmeyer
 Substitutes – Lily Hayes, Phoebe Hayes,
 Katherine Reddick, Monica Foster



We welcome you to join us in “Serving the Lord with Gladness”! Did you know that you can be a member of LWML without attending meetings? Please speak to one of our LWML members. To learn more about the mission and great history of the LWML, go to www.lwml.org.

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

UPCOMING...

Dec. 7th – Christmas Party, Paloma Diner

Dec. 16th – Blind Service Meal @ St. James

Jan. 4th – 6:30p, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

Feb. 4th – Winter fundraiser, TBA

Nov. News

Thank you, Jane Haschemeyer & Michele Urbon for being our gracious hosts at our November meeting.

Plans were finalized for our Christmas party, committees were made for future events, and a Bible Study entitled 'Sent, Go, Proclaim' was enjoyed by all!

2024 Mission projects will be voted on at our January meeting.

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 #3

Resourcing LERT with RV Rapid Response Centers for Disasters...\$10,000

LCMS Mission Advancement would develop RV Rapid Response Centers. These RV trailers would increase the capacity for the feeding ministry to the volunteers, provide trauma kits to trained responders as well as advance trauma kits for the trailers and AED's for the trailers and Response Centers.

May our mites and prayers continue to uplift our volunteers and those suffering during these times of disaster.

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!!

A Healing Space for At-Risk Children, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch - \$100,000

A specialized chapel has been designed to provide hope and healing for at-risk children, ages 10 – 18, in the care of the Dakota Boys and Girls Ranch, Bismarck, North Dakota, campus. Children at this facility have faced severe trauma in their lives, and need healing that only Jesus can give.

This mission grant will help with building costs of the new chapel and provide spiritual care for these children, their families, and the Ranch staff.

To learn more, visit www.ogt.org.

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

December News & Notes

Looking for someone to play the piano for the Children's Christmas Eve Service to accompany the children for "Away in a Manger," please see Melissa Knapp as soon as possible. **Rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:00 – 12:00 for December 3, 10, 17, and possibly 24th.**

For the week of December 3: on KFUE.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs **December 24 - January 6**. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**12/9 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app!

St. Luke Lutheran Church, rural San Jose, IL will host its annual **Chili and Oyster Stew Supper on Monday, December 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Chili, oyster stew, chicken salad, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, and a wide variety of desserts will be served for a donation. The church is located at 15757 N. County Road 3600 E., San Jose, IL. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship!

ORLC Quilters will meet again on **December 7th & December 14th from 9 - 11 AM.**

Looking for a way to serve your neighbor? **Camp CILCA** is holding a **Joyful Hearts Retreat** (*one-day retreat for adults with disabilities*) on **December 8-9. Volunteers are needed** to help campers participate in activities, get ready for bed, eat meals, and learn about the birth of our Savior. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lauren at program@cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.

Immanuel - Macomb Pastor Installation - All are invited to join in celebrating the installation of Reverend Christopher Hull as Pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. The service will be held at the student center near the WIU campus (*303 N Clay Street, Macomb, IL 61455*) at **4 PM**. We look forward to celebrating together God's provision of another worker in His field here in central Illinois.

For the week of December 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: Dive into Advent Hymnody on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), and learn more about the 3rd Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (**12/13 at 9 AM**). Music and programming for the **12 Days of Christmas begins December 25!** Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app.

Life Skills with Laura: Join us 2nd Tues. of every month at Bella Ease, 707 Broadway, 5:30-6:30 PM. Register at bellaease.com/event or call 217-209-0632 **December 12** Social Skills Dinner & Childcare Provided.

Winter Community Give Away held at Bella Ease at 707 Broadway on **December 15th from 3:30 to 5 PM** until supplies run out. Food, winter apparel, hygiene, and household supplies. **Register by December 14th** by calling 217-209-0632.

Toys for Tots Distribution will be **December 14 & 15.**

Upcoming Events *December 31: New Years' Eve Communion Service at LCoSJ 6:30 PM*

January 7, 2024: Sunday School Bible Bowl

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

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!

December News & Notes *(continued)*

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 with any questions.

COATS FOR ECFC KIDS COATS FOR ECFC KIDS The Sunday School will be **designating their offering for December to help buy coats for the kids in need** at the QPS Early Childhood and Family Center. We will also be **collecting new coats in size 3, 4, and 5/6**. There will be a collection area by the south entrance. The Coats for ECFC help serve the at-risk population that is usually below the poverty level. Many times these children have a single parent, or a missing parent who may be incarcerated or are homeless. These children show up without coats due to circumstances that they have no control over. A new coat means the world to them. **Children learn best when they are clean, fed, and clothed. A coat can change their world.** Their faces light up, bodies are warm, and their minds are ready because they feel the comfort & warmth of the coat

Christmas cards and many others are available on the card rack. All cards are still just **50 cents** each.

Mini-Christmas Silent Auction is happening now by the stairs. All of these beautiful, donated items are **raising money for LWML Missions**, so come, bid on these items, and help a good cause!

College Care Packages: 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.

Please prayerfully consider and fill out our new Time & Talent Survey. It has been almost ten years since our last one and you might be in a new season of life. We would like to update our records to give you the best opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness!

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

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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 its 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 to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and then mail.

Hello from Pam at Redeemer. Harlow. This is once again a heartfelt appreciation of thankfulness for your continuing donations to our dearly loved, old church. Every donation we receive from your family at Quincy is so extremely helpful with our outgoings and just saying thank you doesn't seem hardly enough. But we are truly thankful for your donations and our connection with another Redeemer church, you feel like an extension of us, or we of you. Sadly to say, this will be my last e-mail to you as I have once again stepped down as secretary but it has been lovely for the contact we have had. We all send our love and we keep you all in our prayers especially in these very worrying times. So from me to you. *Love and God Bless, Pam*

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

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 a measure of security for our students and we appreciate you making their safety a priority.

THANKS(for)GIVING food Our foodbank needs some help, if students bring in (5) canned food donations they get a FREE Dress Day (that same Friday). Dates are the following: **12/1 12/8 12/15**.

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

Scrip Update:

| Week ending: | 5-Nov | 6-Nov | 12-Nov | 26-Nov |
|-----------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Profit: | \$65.07 | \$62.00 | \$53.02 | \$160.87 |
| # orders: | 10 | 2 | 7 | 20 |
| Profit/Order: | \$6.51 | \$31.00 | \$7.57 | \$8.04 |
| Overall Profit: | \$2,969.74 | \$3,031.74 | \$3,084.76 | \$3,245.64 |

Here are a few in-stock items currently available for purchase at the Scrip table: BATH & BODY WORKS \$10 & \$25, BURGER KING \$10 & \$25, KOHLS \$25, PANERA \$10 & \$25, STARBUCKS \$5, \$10, & \$25, TARGET \$25, \$50, & \$100, & more!

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

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

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



Rada Cutlery is an 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.*

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

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

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

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

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

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

Attention Parents of College Students:

If your child is away at college, please let the church know their new address and/or email as soon as you get it. We would like to nurture those relationships, pray for them, and help to keep them informed. We also send Care packages.



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois' professional licensed counselors can help with any problem. They provide individual, couple, marital and family counseling to help address all types of situations. Insurance is accepted. Call 800-363-LCFS (5237) to schedule a FREE confidential initial consultation.

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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.

December Birthdays

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|------------------------|---------------------|------------------------|
| 1 Kaitlyn Fischer | 8 Lillian Cramlett | 20 Joan Walbring |
| 1 Max Showman | 8 Amie Hoebing | 20 Alison Zehnle |
| 1 Kayla Terstriep | 8 Chad Purcell | 22 Emma Fischer |
| 1 Harrison Knapp | 9 Eldon Schoch | 22 Bev Post |
| 1 Larry Foster | 9 Nathaniel Hurley | 22 Kari Vahle-Adams |
| 2 Brian Manton | 9 Heidi Armbruster | 23 Kaiden Weisheit |
| 3 Carol O'Dell | 9 Emily Drescher | 23 Carole Lannerd |
| 3 Morgan Longcor | 9 Bill Perry | 23 Darrell Drescher |
| 3 Cheryl Newbrough | 11 Valerie Spillman | 25 Briana Robertson |
| 3 Jeff Wemhoener | 13 Jonah Tronsgard | 26 Charla Weisenburger |
| 3 Tad Douglas | 13 Ted Hea | 27 Donna White |
| 4 Phyllis Cook | 13 Tim Westberg | 29 Mary Lazzeri |
| 4 Allan Murphy | 14 Shanna Wemhoener | 29 Emma Campbell |
| 4 Cindy Klingele | 15 Eric Fischer | 29 Monica Foster |
| 6 Barb Ellerbrock | 15 Merinda Jones | 29 John Frohn |
| 6 Tony Bowles | 15 Adelina Goetz | 30 Savannah Edwards |
| 7 Olivia Showman | 15 Sean Burner | 30 Elizabeth Burner |
| 7 Linda Go | 16 John Hallerberg | 31 Jane Howlett |
| 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire | 17 Ron Bowles | |

December Baptisms

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|------------------------|------------------------|------------------------|
| 3 Jaela Vaughn | 11 Charla Weisenburger | 24 Andrew Allen |
| 3 Emily Weppler | 11 Kelle Baird | 25 Paul Weisheit |
| 3 Michael Herschler | 11 Pat Griffin | 25 Kainalu Klauser |
| 3 Donna Johnson | 11 Rob Tipton | 26 Brandon Voepel |
| 4 Janice Tronsgard | 12 Mayce Bent | 27 Carolyn Cramlett |
| 4 Alexis Hibbert | 12 Mike Schoch | 27 Kristen Buerstatler |
| 4 Clayton Hibbert | 15 Piper Kuhn | 27 Irene Drescher |
| 6 Sarah Lucas | 15 Adelina Goetz | 28 Heidi Armbruster |
| 7 Brady Essington | 16 Sean Burner | 28 Barb Ellerbrock |
| 7 Heather Feinstein | 17 Carol O'Dell | 29 Bethany Fritz |
| 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire | 17 Adrian Zehnle | 30 Donna Church |
| 8 Olivia Hoebing | 19 Frank Hanawalt Jr | 30 John Church |
| 8 Olivia Badamo | 20 Shirley Foster | 30 Charlie Church |
| 10 Steve Voepel | 20 Ryan Schnack | 30 Gail Church |
| 10 Rita Boerema | 22 David Ott | |

December Anniversaries

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| 1 Brett and Brianna Lehman | 1 year | 19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer | 59 years |
| 4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri | 52 years | 23 Brad and Karol Ehmen | 23 years |
| 5 Bob and Kriss Frink | 53 years | 26 Don and Bonnie Blattner | 59 years |
| 11 Lewis and Joan Walbring | 58 years | 28 Kody and Briana Linder | 5 years |
| 15 Steven and Cheryl Newbrough | 28 years | 30 Aaron and Janice Tronsgard | 17 years |

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

Coloring Page:



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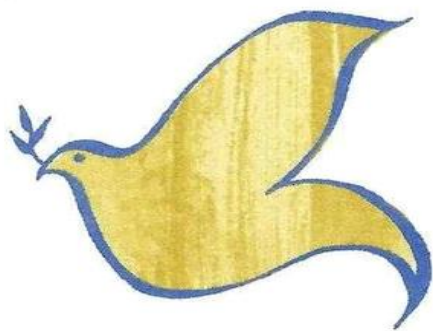
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Use the backward code to learn why we should share with others.

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(Answers on Page 3)



Lead us from death to life
from falsehood to truth
from despair to hope
from fear to trust.
Lead us from hate to love
from war to peace.
Let peace fill our hearts
let peace fill our world
let peace fill our universe.



The Peace Prayer
anonymous



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available for **\$8.99** each. You can take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Day Service December 25th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I want to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

☐ in loving memory of _____

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

☐ for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)
(All orders must be received by Sunday, December 17th.)