



2024 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Moses commanded the people: "These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up...Write them on the door frames of your houses and on your gates" [Dt. 6:6-8].

St. Paul reminded Timothy: "But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have become convinced of, because you know those from whom you learned it, and how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work" [II Tim. 3:14-17].

Basic biblical knowledge has been on the decline for quite some time. Up until recent times, God's people's lives revolved around the church's schedule on a daily, weekly, and seasonal basis. This is what gave a Christian community the sense of community. The earliest Christians "devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer...Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved" [Acts 2:42, 46-47].

Today, even for many church-going people, the Bible remains a closed, mysterious book; and church is something you do when it fits into your schedule. The church is you. St. Paul speaks of the church being the "body of Christ" [I Cor. 12:27], and you are the body of Christ. We are so blessed to live in a time when Scripture is available to be read by everyone at any time. Please make time for the Lord. You will not regret it. I have never heard anyone say on their deathbed, "I sure wish I would have spent less time reading the Word of God."

We live in a chaotic world which offers countless opportunities for activities outside of that which is necessary. The Lord has given each of us 168 hours in the week. Allowing for work, school, sleeping, and eating, how we use the hours which remain for the other activities of life speaks volumes as to what is important in our lives and what it is that we deem to be "necessary." We all make choices to do first things first. The unstructured mayhem that our lives become often confuses our daily routine, and time for our Lord is often the first thing to get squeezed because it is not viewed as "necessary."

What is necessary? What is first? Where do we place worship and devotion to God in the ranking of important things which must be done? When Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of Me," where do those words rank in value and meaning? These are all questions with which everyone must wrestle.

What is most important to you? Lent is a time meant to ponder such questions. When you know the answer to that question, then you will know who is your God. I pray your answer is the same as that of Joshua when he said, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" [Josh. 24:15].

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>) – Saturday Volunteers	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Dennis Fleming (<i>2nd term</i>) – Altar Care	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Gene Bluhm (<i>3rd term</i>) – Sunday Volunteers	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>) – Registration Slips	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2024
Youth Ministry	Connie Louderback (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	VOLUNTEER NEEDED	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
(December 1 – 31, 2023)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Elowyn Weisenburger December 31, 2023

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Joann Harvey December 8, 2023

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+1B, +0C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Elowyn Weisenburger December 31, 2023

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

Losses [-3B, -3C]

Death [-3B, -3C]

Joann Harvey December 3, 2023
Elaine Hyer December 20, 2023
Shirley Dieringer December 31, 2023

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2023	Gains	Losses	December 31, 2023
Baptized	592	+21	-9	604
Confirmed	468	+15	-9	474

Pastoral Year-End Report

(January 1-December 31, 2023)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Phoenix "Nix" Richard Dedert – January 21, 2023
Charles Robert Wilfred Korb – February 12, 2023
Holden Alexander Jacob Jones – April 23, 2023
Yuri Michael Alt – May 7, 2023
Jordan Thomas Lynn Alt – May 7, 2023
Eleanor Marie Manton – July 30, 2023
Kolten Douglas Perrine – October 1, 2023
Kadence Veda Perrine – October 1, 2023
Theodore James Buerstatte – November 24, 2023
Elowyn Weisenburger - December 31, 2023

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Jackson Lee Goetz – Joshua 1:9 – April 2, 2023
Amelia Grace Knapp – John 1:12 – April 2, 2023
Jamison Joseph Knapp – Romans 5:3-5 – April 2, 2023

Adult Confirmation

Parker Armbruster – March 5, 2023
Lori Schenck – March 5, 2023
Judi Mohrman – August 27, 2023
Kolton Grawe – October 15, 2023

Funerals

Larry Dean Ehmen – January 14, 2023
Marilyn J. Schroeder – April 5, 2023
Beverly Jean Stephens – August 10, 2023
Patricia Ann Nissen – August 14, 2023
Jeanne (Jean) Marie Vahle – November 18, 2023
Joann Harvey - December 8, 2023

Weddings

Armbruster – Ehmen Wedding – May 14, 2023
Lucas - Altenberger Wedding – June 10, 2023

Membership Changes

Gains [+21B, +15C]

Baptisms [+10B, +0C]

Phoenix "Nix" Richard Dedert – January 21, 2023
Charles Robert Wilfred Korb – February 12, 2023
Holden Alexander Jacob Jones – April 23, 2023
Yuri Michael Alt – May 7, 2023
Jordan Thomas Lynn Alt – May 7, 2023
Eleanor Marie Manton – July 30, 2023
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Theodore James Buerstatte – November 24, 2023
Elowyn Weisenburger - December 31, 2023

Adult Confirmations [+4B, +4C]

Parker Armbruster – March 5, 2023
 Lori Schenck – March 5, 2023
 Judi Mohrman – August 27, 2023
 Kolton Grawe – October 15, 2023

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +4C]

Jackson Lee Goetz – Joshua 1:9 – April 2, 2023
 Amelia Grace Knapp – John 1:12 – April 2, 2023
 Jamison Joseph Knapp – Romans 5:3-5 – April 2, 2023
 Myley Renee Longcor – Hebrews 12:1 - October 29, 2023

Transfers In [+6B, +6C]

Brian Schenck – March 5, 2023
 Dylan Smith – March 5, 2023
 Tom Fisher – March 19, 2023
 Dawn Ufkes – May 7, 2023
 Phillip Ripper – September 18, 2023
 Caroline Ripper – September 18, 2023

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+1B, +1C]

Judi Mohrman – August 27, 2023

Losses [-9B, -9C]**Death [-6B, -6C]**

Larry Dean Ehmen – January 4, 2023
 Marilyn Schroeder – March 31, 2023
 Patricia Ann Nissen – August 14, 2023
 Joann Harvey - December 3, 2023
 Elaine Hyer - December 20, 2023
 Shirley Dieringer - December 31, 2023

Transfers Out [-3B, -03]

Steve Schoch - May 18, 2023
 Shelly Schoch - May 18, 2023
 Sharon Reinberg - May 18, 2023

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

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February Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 14)*

I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father but by me. John 14:6

2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	Jan. - Dec '23	Budget	\$ Over Budget	% of Budget
001 - 001 General Offerings	359,733.22	348,500.00	11,233.22	103.2%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	3,079.00	5,000.00	-1,921.00	61.6%
Total Interest Income	9.67	5.00	4.67	193.4%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,700.00	4,500.00	-800.00	82.2%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
099 - 099 Miscellaneous Income	52.96			
Total Income	366,574.85	358,605.00	7,969.85	102.2%
Expenses				
Mission	16,217.74	17,000.00	-782.26	95.4%
Personnel	220,996.69	224,900.85	-3,904.16	98.3%
Program	79,029.79	75,676.00	3,353.79	104.4%
Property	60,989.40	63,650.00	-2,660.60	95.8%
Total Expense	377,233.62	381,226.85	-3,993.23	99.0%
Net Income	-10,658.77	-22,621.85	11,963.08	47.1%

Assignments for February 2023

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Tom Killday*, Larry Foster*, Amy Killday, Chris Clevenger
Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Mike Herschler, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Steve Hyer
Wed. February 21 at 7:00 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer
Wed. February 28 at 7:00 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer

Altar Care: Kathy & Gary Hyer, Michele Clevenger, Renee Benedetto, Mary Ann & Steve Hyer

Registration Slips: Mike & Mary Herschler

Counters: Renee Benedetto & Amy Edwards

Service Recording:

- February 4 at 9 AM – Larry
- February 11 at 9 AM – Gretchen
- February 14 at 7 PM – Keith
- February 18 at 9 AM – Keith
- February 21 at 7 PM – Jeff
- February 25 at 9 AM – Larry
- February 28 at 7 PM – Gretchen

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, 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 Wepler.



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Wayne Buesking, Donna Church, Marcia Clevenger, Jan Colvin, Joann Durbin, Pat Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Marilyn Lehenbauer, Donna MacFadden, Jan Mueller, Dick & Joann Reichert, 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...

Feb. 1st – 6:30 pm,
monthly meeting,
Fellowship Hall

Mar. 2nd – Soup
Cook-off, after Sat.
night service, see
the Sunday to
Sunday or
Newsletter for
details

Mar. 7th – 6:30 pm,
monthly meeting,
Fellowship Hall

January News

Thank you, Renee & Wanda for
being our gracious hosts at our
January meeting!

Plans and committees were
formed for 2024 projects and
fundraisers! Our rummage sale
dates are set for July 12 & 13.

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

Our 2023 Missions Projects

National - C...nary
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Loc... Camp Callahan,
ORLC Tuition Assistance,
ORLC St. James Endowment
Fund,
ORLC Youth Group

**ALL
PAID!!**

2023 – 2024 LWML CID Mission Grants

Grant #4

Hope for the Hopeless...\$10,000

A Christian response to mental
illness is much needed in these
times. This LCMS Life Ministry
program would assist in funding for
curriculum and resources with an
emphasis on the Gospel and
sharing Christ with psychological
sensitivity.

Pastors, church workers, and lay
leaders will be equipped to share
the Gospel with those feeling
hopeless and in despair.

Lord, may these grant funds
provide guidance and instruction to
those who could help the many in
despair.

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!!

Forged by Fire Services, Gulf Coast Region, U.S. - \$85,000

Forged by Fire services prepares food for communities following natural disasters. They will come into a community with their trailer of supplies; set up their tent and kitchen to provide meals for the displaced during the clean-up efforts. Forge by Fire Services shares the mercy and grace of Christ one plate of food at a time.

This grant money will purchase a mobile kitchen trailer, which will allow for faster setup, protection from weather changes and require less space.

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.

February News & Notes

Upcoming Events February 1: LWML Meeting at 6:30 PM
February 1: St. James PTL Meeting
February 4: St. James School sings at LCoSJ at 10:15 AM
February 18: St. James Family Puzzle Party & LEGO Fun
March 2: LWML Soup Cook-Off
March 10: St. James School sings at St. James at 7:45 AM
March 16: St. James School Spring Fling
May 9: Ascension Day Service at ORLC
July 12 & 13: LWML Rummage Sale
September 15: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park
October 6: LWML Sunday
December 31: New Year's Eve Service at St. James
July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

For the week of February 4: 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: Begin the book of Galatians on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), finish Lamentations and begin the book of Deuteronomy on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and hear about good works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**2/10 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org and the KFUE Radio app.

Camp CILCA's Woodcutters' Retreat - February 23-24, 2024, Saint Paul admonishes the Christians of Corinth to "act like men." Cutting trees, splitting wood, fellowship with other men, good food, and time in God's word are all great ways to get started in this endeavor. You do not have to be skilled in using a chainsaw, hammer, or tractor to come to this event. Strong backs and eager hands are just as helpful. Go to www.cilca.org to find out more.

Camp CILCA's Pancake Breakfast - Saturday, March 2, 2024, Come enjoy a free breakfast of pancakes, sausage, and fruit at Camp CILCA. We want to thank you for all of your support! Breakfast will be served from 10 am-1 pm in the Dining Hall. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

ATTENTION ALL SOUP AFICIONADOS! Is your soup always the highlight of the party or family get-together? Then, please share it with us at our first **Soup Cook-Off** scheduled for **March 2nd** after the Saturday night service! Your LWML is looking for up to 10 soup entries to see who can take home the title of 'Top Soup Chef'! Cost is **only \$10 to enter**. Attendance tickets will be sold in advance starting in February, which will include a ticket to vote for your favorite soup, sandwiches, chips, dessert, and drinks. Please contact the church office or an LWML member to enter your soup!

Please join us for our Daniel Bible Study on Tuesdays at 9:15 AM. Please contact Gretchen in the office if you would like to purchase a workbook!

Join us for our Small Church Summit in 2024! CID -- February 3 (*Weather date February 10*) Faith Lutheran Church, 2320 N Kickapoo, Lincoln IL 62656 **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.

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.

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

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.

February News & Notes *(continued)*

COATS FOR ECFC KIDS Sunday School will **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**. The 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. **Thank you for your donations** of coats for the ECFC. The **coats are already being distributed to the children** of ECFC. We will **continue to collect coats through February**. Sunday School offerings for February will be used to purchase additional coats for the project.

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.

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund was created to provide funds to send ORLC children to St. James school. This school provides a very high-quality academic education that is firmly grounded in the LCMS faith. Please consider donating to this fund. This can be done by writing a check payable to **ORLC St. James Tuition Endowment Fund**, marking an envelope ORLC St. James Tuition Endowment Fund, and placing the envelope in the offering plate in the Narthex. Thanks to everyone in advance who donates to this fund.
Endowment Committee – Larry Foster, Monica Foster, Marty Otto, Jerry Lunt, Becky Lunt

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. Help hold up a prophet's hands, as it were, with contributions to the current Dollar for Missions project. It will **provide funding** for mileage reimbursements to facilitate Pastor David Dunlop's weekly trips from Clinton to Lincoln **for prison ministry**. The **goal** for this project is **\$1,800**. For more information: <https://youtu.be/q5TVKAhLZk0>

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.

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

- Each FRIDAY when students bring in nonperishable food items for the Blessing Box they may come to school in free dress (that same day). They will receive a sticker to wear showing they brought items.
- Make plans to attend the **2024 Spring Fling** event on **Saturday, March 16th**.
- St. James Lutheran School is beginning planning for the 2024-2025 school year. Please fill out the intent to enroll form.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Jan	21-Jan
Profit:	\$167.51	\$57.01
# orders:	15	10
Profit/Order:	\$11.17	\$5.70
Overall Profit:	\$167.51	\$224.52

MCDONALDS \$10 & \$25. We have just a few pizzeria cards in stock: Dominoes, Papa Johns, and Papa Murphy's. *Once they are gone, those will still be available to order. We are looking over inventory and will try to just restock cards that sell on a regular basis. We can ALWAYS help if you want to ORDER some cards that we don't have in stock.* If you are catching some of those BATH & BODY WORKS sales, you might want to buy some \$10 and \$25 to get your favorite scents!

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.

Recycling Ink Cartridges will benefit Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda. Rev. Peter Maganda and the members of Our Savior are buying and distributing food to those in the area. Please help by: 1. Either dropping off your used inkjet cartridges at church (where we will gather and then mail a combined shipment to Planet Green,) 2. Mailing your used empty inkjet cartridges by following these steps; Gather 4 or more ink cartridges. Retrieve FREE USPS label by using our **Program ID Code 31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com, print, and mail.

If you are a member of Thrivent and desire to have your Thrivent Choice Dollars directed to the ORLC's St. James Tuition Endow. Fund, you will have to use the following process. Inform your Thrivent representative to direct your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Then ***you must notify Gretchen*** of the amount which you want to be put in to the Endowment account.

Hearing Devices are available to assist in listening to the Church services! Anyone who would like a device contact the Church Office for arrangements and one will be set up for you.

February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	9 John Frohn Jr.	17 Kim Pracht
4 Kaisley Turner	10 Ben Knoernschild	19 Amy Buss
5 Richelle Anderson	11 Farren Campbell	21 Jason Klauser
5 Jeffrey Smith	11 Ellen Stockhecke	21 Marty Otto
5 Clint Gooding	11 Reva Ehmen	23 Theodore Mayfield
5 Dan Hufendick	11 Elise Luker	23 Ricky Goertz
5 Sheldon Foulk	12 Jaela Vaughn	24 Levi Cook
6 Archer Ott	12 Donna Eisenbeiss	24 Phillip Baker
7 Becky Lunt	13 Jennifer Tournear	25 Mike Douglas
9 Randy Wolfmeyer	14 Ryne Lubben	25 Kara Mercurio
9 Cyndi Ott	14 Teddy Buerstatte	26 Shelly Holtman
9 Aaron Goodwin	16 Darren Fink	27 Gary Cramlett
9 Rob Edwards	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	29 Laura Essington
	17 Isabelle Hillerts	

February Baptisms

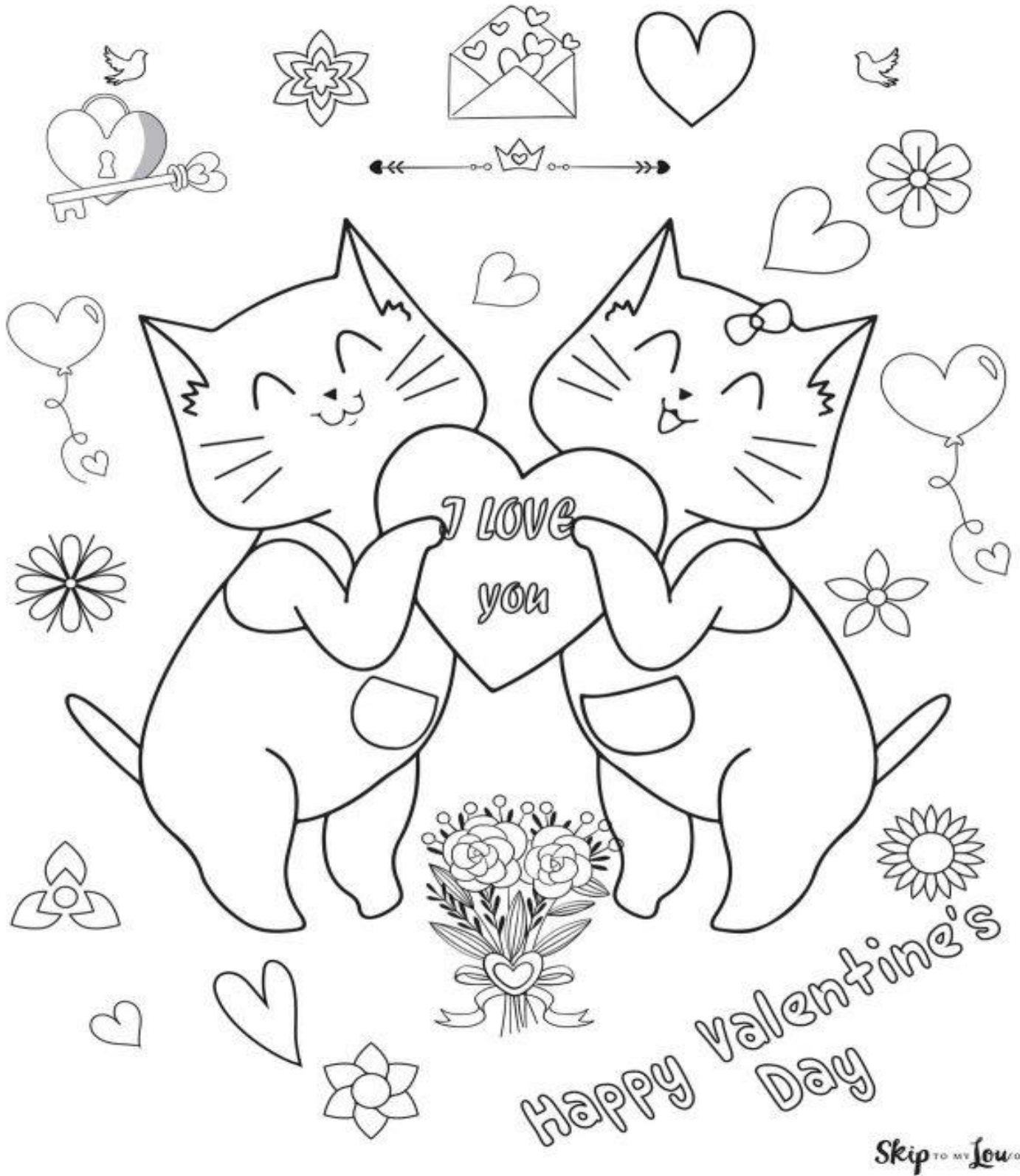
1 James Jones II	11 Mary Lazzeri	16 John Go
1 Jim Lucas	11 Don Fink	16 Randy Ellerbrock
2 Monica Foster	11 Renee Durst	17 Cameron McDowell
3 Luke McElfresh	12 Larry Foster	18 Billy Hindbough
3 Barb Hall	12 Harry Hall Jr.	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Darrell Drescher	12 Stacey Gruen	21 Charles Bowles
5 Kirk Vahle	13 Nathaniel Hurley	22 Ellie Bowles
6 Melanie Zehnle	14 Shanna Wemhoener	27 Jessica Campbell
8 Eric Fischer	14 Bob Frink	28 Austin Fischer
9 Rebecca Jones	15 Tad Douglas	28 Judi Burner
	15 Brandon McGartland	28 Brian Burner

February Anniversaries

5 Rob and Naomi Tipton	18 years
8 Charlie and Pam Church	21 years
13 Jason and Stephanie Bush	18 years

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!

Coloring Page:



PUZZLE PAGE

THE REASON

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn the reason Jesus gave why we should follow him.

HJ

ZB LN

SU GI DF

VX ZB XZ

SU GI DF

SU QS TV SU GI

ZB MO CE

SU GI DF

KM HJ EG DF

MO NP

LN ZB MO

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