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## 2024 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*



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

I was asked recently about making the sign of the cross. Many within our congregation make the sign of the cross after receiving Holy Communion. Others also join me when I make the sign at the Invocation, Benediction, and a few other points in the service. But why do we do this? The following is an excerpt from the book "Ceremony and Celebration" by Paul H. D. Lang:

Making the sign of the cross is another ceremony that has come down to us from apostolic times. We employ it in blessing persons and things. In the Order of Holy Baptism we use it with the words, "Receive the sign of the holy cross, both upon the forehead and upon the breast, in token that thou hast been redeemed by Christ the Crucified."

When the minister pronounces the Benediction, he blesses the people with the sign of the cross. In the Holy Communion Service, the celebrant makes the sign of the cross over the bread and the cup. . .

Crossing oneself was practiced by Christians from the earliest centuries and may go back to apostolic times. We know that it was already a common ceremony used daily in A.D. 200 for Tertullian writes: "In all our undertakings – when we enter a place or leave it; before we dress; before we bathe; when we take our meals; when we light the lamps in the evening; before we retire at night; when we sit down and read; before each new task – we trace the sign of the cross on our foreheads." St. Augustine (A.D. 431) speaks of this Christian custom many times in his sermons and letters.

It is one of the traditional ceremonies that was most definitely retained by Luther and the Lutheran Church in the sixteenth-century Reformation. Luther prescribed in his Small Catechism under the heading, "How the Head of the Family Should Teach His Household to Bless Themselves in the Morning and in the Evening." He says, "In the morning when you rise (In the evening when you go to bed. . .) you shall bless yourself with the holy cross and say: In the name of God the Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen." . . . This ceremony is also still authorized in many of the present-day Lutheran service books.

Crossing oneself is done by putting the fingers of the right hand to the forehead, to the breast, and to the left and right shoulders, with the words, "In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen." By doing this we profess our faith in the Triune God and in our redemption through Christ crucified. But it is more than a profession of faith; it is a prayer in action of thanksgiving or for blessing to God the Father, in the Holy Spirit, through our one and only Mediator, Jesus Christ. The sign of the cross may also be made from the right to the left shoulder. This is the older form which has been retained in the Eastern church.

In the church's worship it is a laudable custom to cross ourselves at the beginning and end of all services and at the following places in the Service or in the Order of Holy Communion Service: During the opening words, "In the name etc."; at the end of the Absolution; at the beginning of the Introit; at the end of the Gloria in Excelsis; when the Gospel is announced; at the end of the Creed; during the Sanctus at the words, "Blessed is He"; after the consecration at "The peace of the Lord"; when we receive the holy body and precious blood of Christ; when the minister says, "Depart in peace"; and at the end of the Benediction.

The holy cross is the symbol of our salvation. We were signed with it when we were baptized. It is the sign by which the church blesses people and things. By using it we become part of the wonderful history of our faith and companions in the company of the saints. It is right that we should make the sign of the cross frequently and to glory in it, saying with St. Paul, "God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ" (*Gal. 6:4*).

Here at Our Redeemer, we are a part of the historic Christian Church handed down through God's faithful since the days of the apostles. Since then, many traditions and customs have changed, but I believe that making the sign of the cross is a great tradition which has been under-used in Lutheran circles over the past few centuries. In Luther's Catechisms, we are encouraged to use it in our devotional life and not feel uncomfortable making the sign in our Lutheran churches because it seems too "Roman Catholic." We are reminded that the Reformation was not an effort to get rid of anything hinting of Roman Catholicism. Luther only fought to get rid of the abuses. Making the sign of the cross as a daily affirmation and reminder of one's Baptism and Christ's sacrifice is certainly not something that should be avoided or put out of practice.

I personally did not regularly make use of the sign of the cross until I was ordained. While at the Seminary, there were certain classmates of mine who implied that making the sign of the cross should not be optional and looked down on those of us who did not do it. This is a personal character flaw of mine, but there was no way I was going to do something simply because someone told me to or was "guilting" me into doing it. Besides, on the occasions that I did make the sign of the cross at the Seminary, I found myself wondering who was watching rather than focusing on what that cross means.

Making the sign of the cross is meant to be a tool for personal edification of our faith. If you choose to implement this tool in your daily devotional or Sunday morning worship routine, do it because of the importance of Christ's cross in your life of faith. It is now something that brings me joy and has great meaning for me. Like all aspects of our worship life, it is not meant to be done for others to see but for God to see. Like prayer, whether done privately or within corporate worship, it is done with the focus on God.

If you feel making the sign of the cross would be beneficial to your life of devotion and worship, then I encourage you to use this ancient symbol. Like many parts of our worship life, it is a connection to the generations of faithful who have gone before us. But most importantly, it is a connection to the cross of Christ our Lord.

There is a good reason why our sanctuary has crosses throughout its architecture. We are "Easter people," but we are also people of the cross. As St. Paul says, "We preach Christ crucified" [*1 Cor. 1:23*].

In Christ,

*Pastor Eden*

## Who's Who at Our Redeeme

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
	<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

(January 1 – 31, 2024)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Riley Thomas Lehman – January 20, 2024

### First Communion

### Youth Confirmation

### Adult Confirmation

### Funerals

Cynthia Jo Fonck – January 5, 2024

### Weddings

## Membership Changes

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

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

Riley Thomas Lehman – January 20, 2024

#### Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

#### Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

#### Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

### Losses [-0B, -0C]

#### Death [-0B, -0C]

#### Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2024	Gains	Losses	January 31, 2024
Baptized	604	+1	-0	605
Confirmed	474	+0	-0	474

## March Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 14)*

And Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17

## 2023 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

Income	<u>Jan. - Dec '23</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
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	<u>52.96</u>			
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	<u>60,989.40</u>	<u>63,650.00</u>	<u>-2,660.60</u>	<u>95.8%</u>
Total Expense	<b>377,233.62</b>	<b>381,226.85</b>	<b>-3,993.23</b>	<b>99.0%</b>
Net Income	<b>-0,658.77</b>	<b>-22,621.85</b>	<b>11,963.08</b>	<b>47.1%</b>

## Assignments for March 2024

Ushers: (\*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl*, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer *, Chet Vahle*, Barb Vahle, Gene Bluhm
Wed. March 6 at 7 PM	Mike Herschler
Wed. March 13 at 7 PM	Bob Mehl
Wed. March 20 at 7 PM	Chet Vahle
Maundy Thursday at 7 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Jerry Manton, Clint Gooding
Good Friday at 7 PM	Jerry Lunt
Easter Vigil at 5 PM	Bob Mehl, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Darrell Drescher, Bill Haire
Easter Sunrise at 6:30 AM	Larry Foster*, Chris Knapp*, Ryan Vaughn, Chris Clevenger

**Altar Care:** Laurie Bronson, Carolyn Cramlett, Rosie Meyer

**Registration Slips:** Becky Lunt

**Counters:** Mary Lazzeri and Kathy Hyer

**Service Recording:** March 3 at 9 AM – Larry  
March 6 at 7 PM – Keith – Lent 3  
March 10 at 9 AM – Jeff  
March 13 at 7 PM – Keith – Lent 4  
March 17 at 9 AM – Gretchen  
March 20 at 7 PM – Keith – Lent 5  
March 24 at 9 AM – Keith  
March 28 at 7 PM – Jeff – Maundy Thursday  
March 29 at 7 PM – Larry – Good Friday  
March 30 at 5 PM – Gretchen – Easter Vigil  
March 31 at 9 AM – Keith – Easter Sunday

**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 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  
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](http://www.lwml.org).

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

### UPCOMING...

**Mar. 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Soup Cook-off, after Sat. night service. Sign up to be a chef or get your advance tickets now at any church service.

**Mar. 7<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm, monthly meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Apr. 4<sup>th</sup>** – 6:30 pm, monthly meeting, Fellowship Hall

**Apr. 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>** – LWML District Convention, Rock Island

### February News

Thank you, Connie and Laurie for being our gracious hosts at our February meeting!

2024 Mission projects were voted on and announced!

Final plans were made for the First Soup Cook Off! Have you entered your soup yet? Advance tickets are only \$10 to cast your vote for the best and enjoy delicious food, fellowship, and fun!

#### Our 2024 Missions Projects

**National** - Concordia Seminary Food Banks, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Uganda Mission, Orphan Grain Train, K – 9 Comfort Dogs, and Lutheran Prison Ministry

**Local** – Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, ORLC Tuition Assistance, ORLC Youth Group, Camp Cilca, CareNet, and ORLC Tuition Assistance for St. James School

### 2023 – 2024 LWML CID Mission Grants

#### Grant #5

#### Well House Bible Study Support, Quincy...\$500

Funds will provide Bibles and Bible study materials for women incarcerated (Adams Co. Jail) through the Christ-centered Well House. Guidance and practical vocational training, as well as Bible Study, are given to benefit the women transitioning outside and becoming contributing members of society.

Please pray that His word would be a guide returning these women to His side and lead to productive lives

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 2023 – 2025

*LWML has donated over \$125 million since 1942!!*

### Disaster Response Team - \$50,000

The Disaster Response Team of Trinity Lutheran Church in Tyler, Texas, responds to help victims of natural disasters. They are called to serve, have a presence on the ground, and assist with cleanup.

While providing help, they listen to the victims and share the love of Jesus and bring hope, encouragement, and healing through God's Word and prayer. 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.



## March News & Notes

**Upcoming Events:** 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*

**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

**For the week of March 3** on KFUO.org: Search Scripture and hear more LCMS history on The Coffee Hour (*weekdays at 9 AM*), study Isaiah 41-41 and LSB 420 for Lent on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Deuteronomy 18-21 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on **3/6 at 11 AM**. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

**American Red Cross Blood Collection on Tuesday, March 5** from **12:30 PM to 5:30 PM** Last appointment is at 5:15 PM at the Lutheran Church of Saint John, 3340 State Street, Quincy Snacks and water provided. Call 217-222-8579 All types are welcome. <http://www.lcosi.org/i-am-grace-overflowing>

Please sign up for **Lenten Meals on March 6, 13, & 20**. Sign-up sheets are on the Narthex table.

**CID LLL DISTRICT CONVENTION SATURDAY, March 9, 2024**, Immanuel Lutheran Church 203 E Division St, Altamont, IL 62411 Registration: \$25 per person Includes lunch Guest Speaker, Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler **SPEAKER OF THE LUTHERAN HOUR** See *Gretchen* for forms. **Registration deadline is March 5.**

**Kapelle choir from Concordia University Chicago** will be performing a concert at Christ Lutheran Church, 311 Hershey Rd, Normal on **Sunday, March 10th at 3 pm**. The choir is directed by Dr. Charles Brown and will be finishing their Spring Tour at Christ Lutheran. A free-will offering in support of the Kapelle will be received. We look forward to seeing you on **March 10th!**

**Calvary, St. Boniface & St. Peter's Cemeteries 2024 clean-up** Will be held March 11th – March 15th. You must have **everything off the graves by Sunday, March 10th** clean-up will start early on March 11th. You may leave the shepherd's hooks, but clean-up is a good time to take them home and repaint them. Also, if they are rusting you don't want the stone damaged due to the rust dripping on the stone! Everything else please remove! Please Mark your flowers with the Name on the stone and your contact number so if they come off there is a better chance of having them returned to the right spot. (*Markings should be weatherproof if possible.*)

**For the week of March 10: 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](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Study Isaiah 43-46 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Deuteronomy 22-26 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), enjoy a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service on **3/13 at 11 AM**, and continue studying Good Works in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**3/16 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or the KFUO Radio app!

Are you interested in helping a community recover after a natural disaster and showing the love of Christ to people in need? Have you ever volunteered for a Lutheran Early Response Team (LERT)? Your opinion can help LCMS Disaster Response and Training improve its organization and training of LERT volunteers so that they are ready to deploy when a natural disaster strikes. Please take a brief survey at [lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation](https://lcms.org/lert-survey-congregation) **before March 15** and let us know how you think we can improve LERT training and provide relief more effectively to natural disasters.



## March News & Notes *(continued)*

40 Days For Life has begun right here in Quincy, IL. 40 Days of peaceful vigil, prayer and fasting to:  
-proactively prevent abortions from coming to Quincy -end abortion Join us **now through March 24** (except Sundays) as we stand, walk, (or sit) and peacefully pray during the 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Walgreens on Broadway between 17th and 18th streets. (Walgreens and CVS corporations are on the path to becoming the largest abortion providers in the USA by providing the abortion pill regimen.) Please join fellow pro-lifers in keeping vigil. Your help is vital. Sign up for prayer vigil shifts at [www.40daysforlife.com/en/quincy](http://www.40daysforlife.com/en/quincy) Help spread the word about this important community outreach. For more information, please contact Colleen Maalouf at [Quincy40daysforlife@gmail.com](mailto:Quincy40daysforlife@gmail.com).

**Camp CILCA's Spring Workday Saturday, March 30, 2024** Join us for our Spring Work Day to get the camp ready for the summer. Rake leaves, clean and organize the kitchen, open up the beach shed, put together new beds, etc. The workday starts at 8:30 a.m. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

Please sign up for **Easter Breakfast on March 31**. The sign-up sheet is on the Narthex table.

So far, ORLC received \$1,456 in Thrivent Choice Dollars this year. Please direct your remaining 2023 Choice Dollars by **March 31**.

**Join us for the 2024 Martin + Katie Conference** at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on **Saturday, April 6, 2024**. At this free conference, learn about being men and women in Christ, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to **ages 18--35**. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org> Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for **Friday night, April 5**, and **Saturday night, April 6**! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on **Sunday, April 7**.

**Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet Sunday, April 14, 2024** Come enjoy a catered dinner and dessert while listening to updates on Camp CILCA, a speaker, and live music. This year's speaker is Illinois Right to Life's director, Mary Kate Zander. Live music by Aly Hauser. The event will be held in the Dining Hall. Make sure to RSVP before April 10th by emailing [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org). 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625



**Are you interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat** that will allow you the time and space to rest in God's Word, prayer, while also learning from some of the brightest theologians in the church? We invite you to our upcoming **Vocatio: Retreat** – a three-day retreat -- **April 14-16, 2024** -- specifically **geared toward college students, and second-career men and women, and their families**, who are considering serving the church as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Bring yourself or bring the entire family! Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. Register today. Space is limited and **registration closes on March 29!**

**Register now for the 2024 Multiethnic Symposium!** "We Believe in One Holy Catholic Church: Reclaiming Our Catholicity Through the Multiethnic Church," **April 30-May 1**. The word *catholic*, the term used in the earliest versions of the Nicene Creed, makes manifest that the true church we confess is a church that embraces God's people in all their cultural, linguistic and ethnic diversity. Come experience just a taste of what that means as we study and pray together at this Multiethnic Symposium. Register today!  
<https://concordiasem.regfox.com/multiethnic-symposium-2024>

**Save the Date!** – **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering July 19-23** in New Orleans, LA

**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.

**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](http://bellaease.com/event) or call 217-209-0632 Dinner & Childcare Provided.

## March News & Notes *(continued)*

**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.

**Inkjet Cartridge Recycling:** 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](http://planetgreenrecycle.com) to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and then mail.

**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>

**St. James Business Administrator** - St. James Lutheran is hiring to fill our open Business Administrator position. It is a full-time position with benefits. Accounting/Bookkeeping experience required. A degree in accounting/finance or previous experience as a business administrator is preferred. You can find out more about the position and apply at <https://www.indeed.com/job/business-administrator-5fe6eceb3e1d7bdb> or by emailing your resume to [mriley@stjamesquincy.org](mailto:mriley@stjamesquincy.org)

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Has the doctrine of the Trinity been created by human beings or is belief in a trinity unthinkable? To hear an answer to this question, go to:

<https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith/3.1.mp3> If you would like to receive every week an e-mail message with a new question and a link to audio answering that question, e-mail [secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org](mailto:secretary@OurRedeemerQuincy.org)

Thank you to everyone who donated to Fostering Hope's Pages of Hope Book Drive!

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

Make plans to attend the **2024 Spring Fling** event on **Saturday, March 16<sup>th</sup>**

## 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.

## March Birthdays

1	Lily Hayes	12	Savannah O'Dell	21	Aaron Boerema
1	Phoebe Hayes	13	Brian Schenck	21	Daphnie Robertson
1	Donna MacFadden	13	Joshua Weisenburger	22	Tiffany McLaughlin
3	Holden Jones	14	Charlie Church	22	Michele Austin
3	R.P. Schaller	14	Kathy Ragsdale	22	Lauryn Sharrow
4	Jack Tronsgard	14	Mary Tipton	22	Don Blattner
6	Layne Bent	14	Jessica Scharnhorst	23	Clayton Hibbert
7	David Drescher	14	David Reinburg	24	Anna Ehmen
8	Rachel Boerema	17	Katie Voepel	24	Bob Mehl
8	Christopher Schnack	17	Ellen Hines	25	Allie Hastings
9	Erin Humphrey	17	Mary Morse	26	Glenna Nicholson
9	Brett Scharnhorst	17	Jeff Wolfmeyer	26	Kristin Humphrey
9	Chad Manton	17	Obediah Church	26	Dick Reichert
9	Brandon Hufendick	18	Ella Ehmen	27	Jerry Manton
11	Bella Campbell	18	Erin Fischer	28	Evita Helm
12	Evie Ajdinovich	20	Ciera Clevenger	30	Aubrey Stark
12	Deanna Hibbert	20	Connor Clevenger	31	Arjee Weisheit

## March Baptisms

1	Reva Ehmen	11	Amya Allensworth	22	Sophia Brown
1	Brooke Gooding	11	Danielle Deeter	22	Jane Voepel
1	Maggie Nixon	13	Connor Smith	23	Layne Bent
7	Allison Smith	13	Rob Edwards	23	Daphnie Robertson
8	Becky Lunt	15	David Pellman	24	Isabelle Hillerts
8	Jerry Manton	15	Justin Harvey	24	Jeff Wolfmeyer
9	Gary O'Dell	15	Mandy Creely	24	Elise Luker
9	Ellen Stockhecke	16	Gretchen Kemp	25	Ryne Lubben
9	Brandon Hufendick	16	Elizabeth Burner	26	August Ott
9	Ruth Hall	17	Marty Otto	26	Brian Schenck
10	Josh Holtman	17	Emily Drescher	27	Matt Weppler
10	Randy Wolfmeyer	17	Chad Purcell	28	Ella Ehmen
10	Jeremy Holtman	18	Amy Buss	28	Anthony Blickhan
10	Addison Buss	19	Donna Haire	28	Rod Hibbert
11	Bella Campbell	20	Jessica Scharnhorst	29	Bonnie Hallerberg
11	Emma Campbell	21	Richelle Anderson	31	Jane Howlett
11	Jason Klauser	21	Phillip Baker		

## March Anniversaries

28 Al and Missy Ebel 46 years

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



## Coloring Page:



# HAPPY EASTER

## WORD SEARCH PUZZLE

BASKET  
BUNNY  
CHICK  
COLOR  
DECORATE  
DESIGN  
DOZEN  
DUCKS  
DYE  
EGGS  
FAMILY  
FLOWERS  
FRIENDS  
FUN  
GRASS  
HUNT  
KIDS  
PEEPS  
RABBIT  
SPRING  
TRADITION  
TULIPS

[illegible]

The words appear UP, DOWN, BACKWARDS, and DIAGONALLY.  
Find and circle each word.

# PUZZLE PAGE EXAMPLES

By  
Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn how to be a good example to others.

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VIY      RCVONJZQZM      TZ      YJ      DI

RJMY      JM      YZZY      YJ      VGG      DI

OCZ      IVHZ      JA      OCZ      GJMY

EZNP

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(Answers on Page 4)

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	4-Feb	11-Feb	12-Feb
Profit:	\$78.94	\$80.50	\$29.75
# orders:	14	8	1
Profit/Order:	\$5.64	\$10.06	\$29.75
Overall Profit:	<b>\$303.46</b>	<b>\$383.96</b>	<b>\$413.71</b>

We now have in stock DAIRY QUEEN \$10 & \$25 (new), HARDEES \$10 & \$25 (new), BURGER KING \$10 & \$25, and 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 regularly. 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!



# Easter Lilies



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies 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 lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available for **\$11.99 each**. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the Easter 9:00 AM service. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

**All orders must be received at the church office on or before  
Sunday, March 24, 2024.**

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor \_\_\_\_\_ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

☐ in loving memory of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in honor of \_\_\_\_\_

☐ in thanksgiving for blessings received

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

*(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)*