



## 2024 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

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

Malinda and I were blessed to take two long vacations this year. The first was so that we could attend two weddings, one in Orlando Florida, one in Ft. Wayne Indiana on consecutive weekends. The second trip was to Cape Cod (among other places) to celebrate our 30<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. On both trips, we went places and did things which we had never done before and time seemed to move very slowly (in a good way).

On Monday April 8, we packed up and left for our first vacation. That was also the day of the total eclipse. I stood with Malinda in a parking lot just off of US 41 north of Evansville Indiana and watched the total eclipse of the sun. It was an amazing event. The beauty and complexity of God's creation was on full display.

The corona around the sun coupled with the sky being like it was at twilight with a sunset just having disappeared was awe-inspiring. But of all the things that caught my attention, it was the quiet of the moment. US 41 is a chaotic four lane highway full of trucks and construction zones. There were no vehicles on the road. If you have ever been on US 41 at 2:00 PM on a Monday afternoon, having no vehicles on the road and no traffic noise is more rare than a total eclipse of the sun. The Psalmist says, "Be still, and know that I am God." This one event got the entire region to stop and look to the heavens.

The highlight of our last vacation was a three hour whale watching excursion off the coast of Cape Cod. We were blessed to see a dozen different humpback whales with one of them breaching three times right in front of where Malinda and I were standing. (You can see pictures of this on my Facebook page). Those three hours felt like ten hours (in a good way). We thanked God over and over for allowing the beauty and complexity of His creation to be on display in those magnificent mysterious creatures.

In addition to the joy of seeing these enormous creations of God, being out on the water brings a relative sense of quiet. All that you really hear is the sound of the wind and the water. There is great blessing in finding a quiet, solitary place for time to look to the heavens or give thanks to God. When your life is looking like US 41 on a typical Monday afternoon, take the time to stop and look to the heavens and be still.

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
Endowment Chair	Larry Foster ( <i>1st term</i> )	Oct. 2022 – Sept. 2024
	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

(July 1 – 31, 2024)

## Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Howard L. Snowden – July 6, 2024

Weddings

## Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

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	July 31, 2024
Baptized	604	+6	-60	550
Confirmed	474	+0	-40	434

September Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. Ephesians 6:11

## 2024 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Jun 24, '24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	155,275.37	185,000.02	-29,724.65	83.9%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	1,417.11	1,500.00	-82.89	94.5%
Total Interest Income	72.23	5.02	67.21	1,438.8%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	2,250.00	-1,250.00	44.4%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	<u>0.00</u>	<u>300.00</u>	<u>-300.00</u>	<u>0.0%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>157,764.71</b>	<b>189,055.04</b>	<b>-31,290.33</b>	<b>83.4%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission	8,500.00	8,499.98	0.02	100.0%
Personnel	112,926.51	116,547.27	-3,620.76	96.9%
Program	46,371.98	40,780.50	5,591.48	113.7%
Property	<u>35,967.46</u>	<u>31,880.02</u>	<u>4,087.44</u>	<u>112.8%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>203,765.95</b>	<b>197,707.77</b>	<b>6,058.18</b>	<b>103.1%</b>
<b><u>Net Income</u></b>	<b>-46,001.24</b>	<b>-8,652.73</b>	<b>-37,348.51</b>	<b>531.6%</b>

## Assignments for September 2024

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

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

**Altar Care:** Glenna Nicholson, Jane Haschemeyer, Mary Herschler

**Registration Slips:** Rosie Meyer

**Counters:** Mary Lazzeri, Brenda Fleming

**Service Recording:** September 1 at 9 AM – Jeff  
 September 8 at 9 AM – Larry  
 September 15 at 9 AM – Gretchen  
 September 22 at 9 AM – Keith  
 September 29 at 9 AM – Keith

**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, Carl and Carol Muehring, 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  
Now Associate Pastor at Grace Lutheran Church, Clarksville, TN

**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 – 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

## September News & Notes

**Upcoming Events:** *September 5: LWML Carry-in Meeting at Reva's*  
September 10: Quincy Zone Rally at Our Redeemer  
September 15: Sunday School Starts  
*September 15: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM*  
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*  
*September 14, 2025: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM*

**You are invited to Camp CILCA's 26th Annual Chicken Dinner and Auction on September 1, 2024.** The meal is served **11:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.** Meals are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 4-12. The menu includes grilled chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, roll, homemade desserts, and drinks. The live auction begins at 12:30. The Trading Post and beach will be open in the afternoon. In Christ, **Joshua Theilen** Director Camp C-I-L-C-A

**For the week of September 1:** KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The LCMS, 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](http://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](http://KFUE.org): Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), finish studying Amos on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and Political Order in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**9/7 at 11 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or the KFUE Radio app!

**Choir rehearsals** will resume on **Tues., Sept. 3, at 7:00 p.m.** Additional voices are always needed and welcome. Hope to see everyone then!

**Central Illinois District Annual Fall Retreat September 7, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm** Doors open at 8:30 am at Camp Cilca. Guest Speaker: Rev. Dr. Chad Kendall, Assistant VP Mission and Identity; Associate Professor of Theology Concordia University Chicago. Conversation with those who disagree with us: An Ancient Apologetic that invites productive dialogue "This topic is central to the Church's evangelism and missiological efforts today as we witness the increasing difficulty of having fruitful dialogue" Please register by September 3. \$25 per person includes lunch. Send registration to: Deloris Blessman 24204 CR 1850 N Topeka, IL 61567 or email : [delorisblessman@yahoo.com](mailto:delorisblessman@yahoo.com) by phone: 309.361.1461

**For the week of September 8:** CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Continue studying Psalm 119 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), begin a study of Hosea on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and tune in for a discussion of Christ's return for judgement on Concord Matters (**9/14 at 11 AM**). Remember to save the date for **KFUE Radio's 100th Anniversary Celebration** broadcast, **October 12 at 10 AM!** Tune in at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or RSVP for the in-person event at [kfue.org/rsvp](http://kfue.org/rsvp).

**Camp CILCA Whippoorwill Golf Challenge** Hickory Point, Forthsyth, IL. **Friday, September 13<sup>th</sup>**  
**Registration deadline Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>.** Shotgun start at 12:30 pm. Check-in starts at 11 am. Cost \$65. Includes Golf Cart and dinner. Make checks to Lutheran Golf Fund Raiser. Mail to Grace Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 493; Paris, IL 61944-0493. To register email [revdms@gmail.com](mailto:revdms@gmail.com). Include name or names (if whole Team)

**Horizons is thrilled to announce** the first ever Bands and BBQ: A Benefit for Horizons Soup Kitchen, and we want you to be a part of it! **When: Saturday, September 21st, from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM**  
**Where: Washington Park, Quincy, IL** Join us for an unforgettable afternoon filled with live music, delicious BBQ, a variety of foods and fun games, all in support of the Horizons Soup Kitchen. This family-friendly event is designed to raise awareness and funds to help us continue our mission of serving those in need in our community. Freewill donations will be accepted. We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to our generous sponsors. Their support makes this event possible, and we are deeply grateful for their commitment to our cause. Mark your calendars and spread the word! We can't wait to see you at Washington Park for the first-ever Bands and BBQ. Let's come together to make a difference in our community!

## More September News & Notes

**Camp CILCA's Shooting Retreat Saturday, September 21, 2024** Men, bring your sons, grandsons, nephews, or friends along with your firearms and some ammo to take aim at Camp CILCA. A range officer will be on hand for safety. Lunch will be served between morning and afternoon sessions. Total cost is \$15 per person. Camp CILCA will have some safety glasses and ear protection, but feel free to bring your own. Contact the camp office for more information or to register. 217-487-7497 [camp@cilca.org](mailto:camp@cilca.org) 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625

**Camp CILCA's G.R.I.T. Run Saturday, October 5, 2024** The 5-kilometer course includes narrow trails, steep hills, creek bed crossings, scenic views, and stairs. Open Run participants will be able to take an alternative route for anyone nervous about navigating the creek bed. Open run participants ages 6-18 run for \$10, and participants 19+ run for \$30. Check out our website for details on this event. 4124 Camp CILCA Rd. Cantrall, IL 62625



Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend **Vocatio: Retreat October 6-8** — a three-day retreat geared toward **college students and second-career men and women** who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. Registration is free and includes lodging and meals. To register, scan the QR code, visit [csl.edu/vocatio-retreat](https://csl.edu/vocatio-retreat) or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Hurry! **Registration closes Sept. 25.**

**MUSIC FOR MISSIONS** is a sacred music **concert and hymn sing** in support of Christo Rey (Christ the King) Lutheran Church, East Moline. The event is scheduled for **Sunday, October 13, 2024, 2:00 p.m.** at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin. Music for Missions will feature guest organist Samuel Bishop, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, the Bells of St. John's, St. John's Sanctuary Choir, and ample congregational singing. A free-will offering will be gathered to support Christo Rey Lutheran Church, a mission congregation of the Central Illinois District, LCMS. Refreshments will be served following the program. Everyone is welcome! For more information contact the St. John's, Pekin church office at 309-347-2136.

As part of a retreat weekend for DOXOLOGY-enrolled pastors and lay leaders **November 15-17** at the Lindenwood Retreat Center in Donaldson, Indiana, **DOXOLOGY** is **hosting a Hymn Festival after the close of the retreat** in the beautiful Neo-Gothic sanctuary of the retreat chapel. Dr. Paul Grime of the Fort Wayne seminary will be the organist and I will be serving as Hymn Commentator. The Hymn Festival will be held at **3:00 p.m. Eastern Time**. Donaldson is located just east of Valparaiso, so it will not be within range of many of your congregations and workers, but some in the eastern part of the district may be interested in driving over after their morning services. In addition, Pastors who are graduates of the DOXOLOGY classic program are always encouraged to enroll additional laity in succeeding Encore weekends, so there may be quite a number of pastors who would like to enroll their lay leaders in the entire Encore weekend and then stay after for the Hymn Festival. Details on the program for the weekend and registration information will be posted shortly at [www.doxology.us](http://www.doxology.us) Please contact by phone with any additional questions. In Christ's service, Dr. Harold L. Senkbeil, Executive Director Emeritus; Collegium Fellow, DOXOLOGY: The Lutheran Center for Spiritual Care and Counsel, 2125 Broken Hill Rd. #2, Waukesha, WI 53188, 262-716-8575

**Bella Ease** invites you ladies to their **women's group**. A safe place for women to share lived experiences, support and empower each other. **1st & 3rd Mondays each month**, 5:30 – 7 PM. 707 Broadway. For Child Care call 217-209-0632 or visit [bellaease.com](http://bellaease.com)

**Bella Ease** invites you to join the guys for good food and good discussions. **All Dads are welcome!** **3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM**, 707 Broadway. Child care available. RSVP to [bellaease.com/event](http://bellaease.com/event) or call 217-209-0632.

**Bella Ease Care Closet Open Mon. – Fri.. 8:30-4:30 PM**, 707 Broadway, for personal Hygiene Products.

**Bella Ease Motivation Mondays at 10 am:** Set Goals, Create a Plan, Overcome Obstacles, Make Life Happen - 707 Broadway

**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.

## More September News & Notes

**College Care Packages:** *"Loved by my church even miles away." "They always make me happy and feel very special and supported."* These are just two of some of the responses received when asked, "How has receiving the care packages made you feel?" In the coming weeks and months, we will share more responses from the students as well as some information about who we are sending packages to and where! We are **preparing for college care packages** for the school year! Our inventory starts from scratch each year, and **appreciate all donations for the program**. The members of ORLC can **help by donating items** for the packages, making a **monetary donation** to the College Care Package fund at ORLC (*which helps cover supplies and postage costs*), **signing cards** that are sent in each package for every student, and **keeping them in your prayers!** There will be a **collection bin near the south entrance** where you can drop in donated items. Some ideas are: *gluten-free items, Gum, Mini beef jerky, trail mix, granola bars, protein bars, small hand sanitizers, post-it notes, Travel tissues, Miniature bubbles, individually packaged chocolates, Rice Krispie treats, gummy bears, peanut butter crackers, mini bags of Cheez-its, mini bags of cookies, veggie straws, oatmeal packets, Kind bars, laundry pods, microwave popcorn, herbal tea bags, fruit bars, Nutella snack packs, ramen noodles, individual mac and cheese, pudding cups, individually packaged toothbrushes, individually packaged candy (starbursts, nerd clusters, Swedish fish, sour patch, tootsie rolls, etc.), small individual bags of chips, cookies, or pretzels, small hand lotions, mini play dough containers, hot chocolate packets, fruit strips and coffee k-cups.*

**Card Shower for Pastor Larry Troxel** (*for his 80th birthday and ongoing battle with cancer*) We ask for the church's prayers for Larry at this time. Last week was his 80th birthday, and Donna asked for a card shower for him. Prayers are for his medical issues as part of his ongoing battle with cancer. Larry had surgery on Wednesday and it went well, but this is going to be a long process. He has a tumor on the front lobe of his brain. He also has a rib and several lymph nodes with cancer as well as right lower lobe lung tumor. Please pray for God's Grace & peace & mercy and that something can be offered for help. Thanks so very much. Troxels, 180 Waukee Ave, Waukee, IA 50263-9776

August 2024 marked the **10-year anniversary** for **Grechen Wolfmeyer** as the ORLC office manager. Gretchen's high level of professionalism and compassionate performance of her duties are a true blessing to our congregation. Please join me in congratulating and thanking Gretchen for her dedicated service and support to our Church family. *Larry Foster*

**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.

**Good News for the St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund** Once again ORLC is blessed to have an anonymous donor offer to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** to the endowment fund. 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**

*Endowment Committee – Josh Hennig, Marty Otto, Monica & Larry Foster, Jerry & Becky Lunt*

**Church Security** – To help with church security, the **north doors will be locked at the end of the church service** during Sunday School hour. The church can be accessed using the south and east doors.

**First Aid Kits** can be found at the **Usher's Stand, Kitchen, Old Chapel, and Sunday School Office.**

**Please update your Emergency Contacts** with the church office. Thank you!

**Dollar for Missions** has moved on to the next project. *Videos are coming soon!* The current project is for the **replacement of furnaces at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb**, which is **expected to cost some \$25,000**. The Student Center was built 55 years ago. Equipment replacement like this is important so the Gospel can continue to be proclaimed and students can go on being reached there for years into the future.

For more information visit <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>



## More September News & Notes

**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.

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Jul	21-Jul	4-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug
Profit:	\$127.28	\$64.83	\$86.19	\$76.94	\$42.92
# orders:	16	9	15	13	8
Profit/Order:	\$7.95	\$7.20	\$5.75	\$5.92	\$5.37
Overall Profit:	<b>\$1,778.97</b>	<b>\$1,843.80</b>	<b>\$1,929.99</b>	<b>\$2,006.93</b>	<b>\$2,049.86</b>

*Thank you for your continued use of the scrip fund. Want to learn how to start using it? Stop by the Scrip table and ask!*

We have reached over \$2,000 in profits this year, so another check for \$1,000 will be returned to the church.

**From:** Pam Causton <pam71.causton@gmail.com>

**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2024 9:19 AM

**Subject:** Thanking you

Although I send letters of thanks in deep appreciation of our gratitude, somehow the **words do not always convey just how thankful we here at Redeemer feel**. Our struggles somehow seem lessened by knowing we are in your thoughts and prayers and for your continued generosity. **God works through you and we feel both your love and His loving care.**

In saying this, **our congregation offer prayers for His continual care for your congregation each week** and trust that whatever arises, we know God is always there for us all.

There is not much going on here at Redeemer. We have just had a mini heatwave here and it was very hot indeed and some of us struggled with it, especially sleepwise. However, our weather is back to its uncertain self and I myself am extremely glad to cool off. Not having much rain lately our gardens are withering somewhat so a good dose of rain would be a blessing, especially if it comes at nighttime.

Our small family gather together twice a month for Holy Communion and we have a bible study every Wednesday, which is always interesting. Our church ladies have a social morning every Tuesday, office day is Wednesday so although we are few, we are very strong together.

So once more on behalf of all at Redeemer, **we thank you so much for your generosity and send love and blessings** to one and all. God Bless.

**From the LCMS Foundation:** Best friends, Mike and Dave, were out one morning fishing in their favorite spot. The action was pretty light, and they got to talking. Mike said, "We just finished our estate plan last week and now we don't have to think about it or talk about it ever again." Dave said, "Have you talked with your children about it?" Mike said, "No, my wife doesn't want to upset them."

Dave said, "Are you sure that's the right decision? Don't you want to share with them your dreams about what their inheritance can accomplish in their lives, blessing them with God's gifts? And didn't you guys leave a gift to the endowment at Church to provide scholarships to make sure children can keep going to the Lutheran School regardless of their economic level? You should tell them why that is important so that they can celebrate it with you. Otherwise, they might not understand and might even fight your plans after the Lord has called you home." "But," Mike replied, "How do you sit down for that conversation?" Dave thought for a moment and said, "I bet an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor could help you line up what you want to share with them, maybe even give you an illustration to share with them."

Family conversations can be tough, especially if life has caused some separation, or it has been a while since you talked about deep things with your children. But pray to the Lord for guidance, seeing the value of faith witness and faithful stewardship that such conversations can provide. Would you like some help? Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfn.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfn.org) for more information or to start your plan.

## 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.

**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** - print and mail.

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

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

## September Birthdays

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

## September Baptisms

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

## September Anniversaries

1	Steve and Carolyn Kaiser	62 years	17	William and Kristin Humphrey	47 years
1	Terry and Mary Morse	56 years	19	Anthony and Nichole Blickhan	15 years
2	Allyus and Bethany Fritz	6 years	19	Jerry and Becky Lunt	43 years
7	Steve and Mary-Ann Hyer	11 years	26	Jeffrey and Allison Smith	15 years
13	Eric and Danielle Deeter	10 years	29	Clint and Michele Gooding	6 years
13	Don and Cindy Stegeman	44 years			

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

Coloring Page:



# PUZZLE PAGE

## TEMPTATION

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn how to resist the temptation of sin.

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