



2024 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

I pray everyone has a blessed Advent and Christmas! This past year has been such a blessing to see Our Savior Lutheran School in Magamaga, Uganda come to fruition. I have been corresponding with our Lutheran brethren in Uganda for five years. There is great reason for joy as many children are now being educated in a Christ-centered environment in a region where only Muslim schools were available. The school opened its doors in February of 2024 with four students. By the end of May, they had 129 students. Of those students, 19 were orphans.

On the back of this page is a letter from Rev. Peter Maganda which outlines and explains the way in which a church, organization, or individual can adopt a student who has financial needs. For students who live on campus, tuition, room, and board is \$511 per year. Tuition for local students is \$237.50 per year.

The best way to see what is happening at the school is to follow them on Facebook at Our Savior Lutheran Secondary School Magamaga. Please keep them in your prayers and if you are considering adopting any of the students and have any questions, please contact me.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

December 4 – 5:45 PM Meal

7:00 PM Advent Service

December 11 – 5:45 Meal

7:00 PM Advent Service

December 18 – 5:45 Meal

7:00 PM Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution

December 24 – 7:00 PM Children's Christmas Program

9:00 PM Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

December 25 – 9:00 AM Christmas Day Divine Service

December 29 – 9:00 AM Christmas Musicales

December 31 – 6:30 PM New Year's Eve Service at St. James Lutheran Church

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Larry Foster <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025
Vice-President	Stan Yelton <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025
Secretary	Monica Foster <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025
Financial Secretary	Renee Benedetto <i>(2nd term)</i> – Counters	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2025
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman <i>(3rd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ryan Vaughn <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Board of Elders	Mike Herschler <i>(3rd term)</i> – Special Services	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ted Hea <i>(2nd term)</i> – Sound & Live Stream Help	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Jeff Smith <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	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>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Jane Haschemeyer <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
Property Board	Gary Herman <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Mike Pettit <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Stewardship Board	Hannah Ajdinovich <i>(3rd term)</i>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Michele Urbon <i>(2nd term)</i> – Greeters & Attend Slips	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Youth Ministry	Connie Louderback <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Endowment Chair	Larry Foster <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Monica Foster <i>(1st term)</i>	Oct. 2023 – Sept. 2025
	Jerry Lunt <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Becky Lunt <i>(2nd term)</i>	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026

Pastoral Report

(October 1 – 31, 2024)

Official Acts

- Baptisms
- First Communion
- Youth Confirmation
- Adult Confirmation
- Funerals
- 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	October 31, 2024
Baptized	604	+6	-61	549
Confirmed	474	+0	-41	433

December Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 15)*

For by grace are ye saved through faith and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God. Ephesians 2:8

2024 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Oct, '24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	281,007.22	308,333.34	-27,326.12	91.1%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	2,970.11	2,500.00	470.11	118.8%
Total Interest Income	137.86	8.34	129.52	1,653.0%
004 - 004 eGiving Donations	15,910.50			
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	2,000.00	3,750.00	-1,750.00	53.3%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund	0.00	500.00	-500.00	0.0%
Total Income	302,025.69	315,091.68	-13,065.99	95.9%
Expenses				
Mission	16,123.90	14,166.66	1,957.24	113.8%
Personnel	193,907.72	194,245.55	-337.83	99.8%
Program	65,415.86	67,967.50	-2,551.64	96.2%
Property	48,079.74	53,133.34	-5,053.60	90.5%
Total Expense	323,527.22	329,513.05	-5,985.83	98.2%
<u>Net Income</u>	-21,501.53	-14,421.37	-7,080.16	149.1%

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

Sent: Friday, November 1, 2024 5:45 AM

Subject: Donation

Dear Quincy congregation,

I think somewhere in your congregation is a person who seems to know just when your generosity is needed most. Of course, in truth, we do know all good gifts come from above, but even so, it's a wonder that your gift arrives at the right time. This time, once again, we had another window broken, so again, we had to replace the old smashed one with a new one. So you can see just how the arrival of your cheque was perfect timing.

We all send our heartfelt 'thank you' to each and everyone to our family at Quincy, although words seem hardly enough, but truly our gratitude knows no bounds. You keep us going for which we are so grateful.

We hope life is treating you all kindly. Here at Redeemer, after a miserable summer, we are enjoying a beautiful Autumn. So colourful and even the jolly old sun shines on us now and again, keeping our spirits up, despite the worries that often envelope us. Now Halloween is over, time to start planning for Advent and Christmas, which is my favourite time of the year. Apart, that is, from writing out the cards. Anyway, once again, we extend our appreciation of your continual love and caring. God Bless each and everyone- as Tiny Tim would say. On behalf of your family at Redeemer.

Assignments for December 2024

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Brad Essington
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Larry Foster*, Gene Bluhm, Chet Vahle*, Barb Vahe
Wednesday Dec 4 at 7 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer, Evan Sass
Wednesday Dec 11 at 7 PM	Mike Herschler, Evan Sass
Wednesday Dec 18 at 7 PM	Darrell Drescher
Tuesday Dec 24 at 7 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Parker Armbruster
Tuesday Dec 24 at 9 PM	Jerry Manton, Larry Foster, Chris Clevenger
Wednesday Dec 25 at 9 AM	Jerry Lunt*, Tom Killday*, Sam Killday, Amy Killday

Altar Care: *Wanda Spohr*, Mona Fischer, Amy Killday, Karen Lohmeyer

Registration Slips: Darlene Herman and Allison Smith

Counters: Barb Ellerbrock, Glenna Nicholson

Service Recording:

- December 1 at 9 AM – Jeff
- December 4 at 7 PM – Keith
- December 8 at 9 AM – Larry
- December 11 at 7 PM – Gretchen
- December 15 at 9 AM – Keith
- December 18 at 7 PM – Keith
- December 22 at 9 AM – Jeff
- December 24 at 7 PM – Gretchen
- December 24 at 9 PM – Jeff
- December 25 at 9 AM – Larry
- December 29 at 9 AM – Jeff

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

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES: Mark & Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, 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, Shirley Foster, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Donna MacFadden, Carl & Carol Muehring, Dick & Joann Reichert, Jinny Rupin, Bill Schlegl, 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

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Ethan & Krista Boester boestere@csl.edu
801 Seminary Place, Saint Louis, MO 63105-3196



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 – Monica Foster, Phoebe Hayes,
Katherine Reddick, Susan Weiss

December News & Notes

Upcoming Events: December 31: New Year's Eve Service at St. James
February 2, 2025: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
March 2, 2025: St. James Children's Choir to sing at Our Redeemer
July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA
September 14, 2025: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM

Prayers for Donna Troxel, and family - Pastor Troxel went to the Lord November 15. Donna and Marc were with him at the bedside in the ICU at Methodist Hospital in Des Moines, IA. We praise God for the many ways He has blessed us through the ministry of Pastor Troxel. Please keep Donna and the family in your prayers. He received a Christian burial on November 26th.

For the week of December 1: 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, X, and Instagram. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org:** Sharper Iron airs a new series called "The Fifth Evangelist" (*weekdays at 8 AM*), going through the book of Isaiah. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we enter into Holy Week, taking a look at chapters 12-14 in John's Gospel. Join us live on Sunday and Wednesday (*1 PM and 7 PM*) as we bring back a special 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, a one-hour program of sacred music for the Advent season. Find the full program schedule at kfue.org/joy.

For the week of December 8: 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, X, and Instagram. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org:** Join us as we continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), and look at chapters 15-18 in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*). Don't forget to tune in for the 100th anniversary edition of JOY!, airing this Sunday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 1 and 7 PM! Find the full program schedule at kfue.org/joy.

On **March 22nd, 2025** is our annual **St. James School Spring Fling!** This year's theme is Game Night! We will have a cocktail hour with drinks and games, starting at 5 pm. The silent auction will open at **5:30 pm**. We will eat at **7 pm**, and the live auction will start following dinner.

St. James Lutheran PTL Spring Fling Auction Wish List! We need your support! Help us make this year's Spring Fling the best yet! We are adding a few new opportunities to this year's Spring Fling event and we need your help! We are **asking for donations** to make our Game and Cocktail Hour a hit! [What We Need](#)

- Various **Gift Cards** of any amount (*minimum of \$5, please*)
- **Bottles of Wine** (*sealed, any brand/price*)
- **Bottles of Bourbon** (*sealed, any brand/price*)
- **Board Games** (*can be used and/or missing pieces*)
- **Baskets** for Silent Auction Items (*New/Good Condition*)

Monetary donations welcome to help us purchase above items! Please drop off any donations to the school office or contact us to arrange pickup. www.facebook.com/stjamesptlqcy stjamesptlqcy@gmail.com
217-222-8267

We are **updating our email lists**. If you would like to **receive our weekly bulletins or monthly newsletters by email**, please let Gretchen know in the church office (217-223-1769).

Altar Care needs your help in 2025. Each team of people is responsible for one month at a time. If you can help, please contact Dennis Fleming'

CareNet is running low on baby wipes. If anyone wants to donate, please drop them off at church and Michele Urbon will deliver them. Thanks!

December News & Notes *(continued)*

Youth musicians are invited to Lutheran Summer Music!

Lutheran Summer Music Academy & Festival (LSM) is the nation's premier faith-based music academy for high school students. Students come together from all over the country to immerse themselves in joyful music-making and build a supportive and welcoming community, living together on a college campus. During the day, students receive advanced musical instruction through large ensembles (Festival Choir, Band and Orchestra), chamber music, private lessons, and elective classes (such as musical theatre, composition, church music, jazz band, conducting, music therapy). In the evenings, students attend recitals, evening prayer services, and social events with their friends. LSM 2025 takes place at Valparaiso University in Indiana from **June 22-July 20*** (Full Session) or **June 22-July 6** (Half Session) and is open to students who have completed grades 8-12. **Early check-outs will be coordinated for students attending the LCMS National Youth Gathering.* To learn more, watch this [LSM Experience Video](#), view this [digital brochure](#), or go to LSMacademy.org/program

National Youth Gathering To help have the best experience possible, we will have monthly youth gathering meetings. We realize that your youth may not make every one of our preparation meetings, but they are important and we expect them to be at most of them. Please make every effort to make sure they join us. This month, we will publish a schedule of future meetings so you can get them on your calendars.

Most Thrivent members have the ability to host two Action Teams each year. Each project is allowed **up to \$250** from Thrivent to help get the project going. If you would like to host an Action Team this year, please contact Barb Vahle or Gretchen in the church office for ideas.

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.

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

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.

Dollar for Missions finds itself able to include an unexpected project this year. Furnace replacements at the campus ministry center in Macomb did not cost as much as anticipated, so **CID can now devote incoming dollars** to a couple of needed items at **University Lutheran Church, Champaign: new toilets in a men's room** and a **new water heater**. This project is for **\$5,000**. Will that amount be received by the end of 2024? You can help. *For additional information please visit www.cidlcms.org*

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for November were \$162.00.

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

Bella Ease invites you to join the guys for good food and good discussions. **All Dads are welcome!** **3rd Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM**, 707 Broadway. Child care available. RSVP to 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 or call 217-209-0632 Dinner & Childcare Provided.

December News & Notes *(continued)*

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

JWCC Blazer Fuel Station Food Pantry: *Thank you for your heartfelt and generous donation. Your support plays a big role in helping our students fuel their success! Thank you! Courtney w/ JWCC Fuel Station*

Thanks for all of the prayers, cards, and visits. *Dick & Joann Reichert*

Our church and others in The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod have been asked to **participate in a national study of church attendance**. The survey will take about **10-15 minutes to complete**.

https://covidreligionstudy.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_9GYI89a3NMOwuFw?congregation=19217

You have an important role in ensuring that confessional Lutheranism is represented as part of America's broader context of religion. An outside entity is conducting this study as part of the Exploring the Pandemic Impact on Congregations (EPIC) and Faith Communities Today (FACT). The LCMS has actively participated in other FACT and EPIC studies over the last twenty years and benefited from their research's insights. Please keep in mind that this survey was designed to be broadly applicable to a wide range of church bodies across America. Because of this, you can expect that the wording, at times, may not precisely align with confessional Lutheran perspectives and practices. We see this as all the more reason to make sure the confessional Lutheran voice is well-represented in this national survey effort. The survey will remain open through the end of November.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	3-Nov	10-Nov	17-Nov	1-Dec
Profit:	\$50.54	\$38.05	\$105.70	\$61.82
# orders:	7	7	13	8
Profit/Order:	\$7.22	\$5.44	\$8.13	\$7.73
Overall Profit:	\$2,777.13	\$2,815.18	\$2,920.88	\$3,041.54

We have raised another \$1,000 in profits for the year! We have gifted back that amount to Our Redeemer. **Thank you for your purchases** and support.

We now have some \$10 and \$25 in Kentucky Fried Chicken, \$25 Visa, and \$100 Menards in stock.

If you have any cards you are planning on purchasing for shopping or gift giving, please place an order at the scrip table. In addition to what cards we have on hand, we can order cards that help fill your needs.

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 PLS 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 PLS!

Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

Top Drawer: For cancelled stamps for missions. They must be complete stamps. *No common Flag, Bell, Love, or Christmas Forever Stamps.*

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

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

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

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

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

secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org.

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

Attention Parents of College Students:

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



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



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

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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.

December Birthdays

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

December Baptisms

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

December Anniversaries

1 Brett and Brianna Lehman	2 years	19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer	60 years
4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri	53 years	23 Brad and Karol Ehmen	24 years
5 Bob and Kriss Frink	54 years	26 Don and Bonnie Blattner	60 years
11 Lewis and Joan Walbring	59 years	28 Kody and Briana Linder	6 years
15 Steven & Cheryl Newbrough	29 years		

Congratulations and Best Wishes to you all!!!



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.

UPCOMING...

Dec. 5th – Christmas Party

Jan. 2nd – 6:30 pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall

Don't forget to grab and distribute a goodie bag in the Fellowship Hall to one of our shut-ins! Their names are on the cards attached.

November News

Thank you, Rosie & Michele U. for being our gracious hosts.

A plan has been put into place for the Advent dinners before services. Please join us for soup and sandwiches each Wednesday during Advent! If you would like to help out, please contact Wanda.

We also enjoyed Part 1 of the Bible Study – Steadfast in Faith – covering the First Article of the Apostles’s Creed

Our 2024 Missions Projects

National - Concordia Seminary Food Bank, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch

ALL PAID!!!

ORLC Tuition Assistance for St. James School

2024 – 2025 LWML CID Mission Grants

Worker Wellness for Chaplain Families - \$10,000

Ministry to the Armed Forces (MAF) holds two trainings each year to help teach chaplains how to care for themselves and their families while they care for the military families they serve. MAF has opened these seminars to chaplains’ wives so they can network with other wives and learn valuable self-care techniques. This grant will cover travel costs and per diem expenses for ten spouses to attend..

Our CID mission goal is \$110,000, of which \$82,500 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!!

Healthy Workers, Healthy Church, Lutheran Family Services - \$106,000

Lutheran Family Service is launching the “Healthy Together” campaign to support church workers and those they serve throughout the greater Midwest. Church workers and their families can receive Christian professional help to meet the increasing need for mental health, marriage, and family counseling

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

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PUZZLE PAGE

SALVATION

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes 5 letters after the letter given. You will learn about salvation in your life.

A J M W T B M V X Z V M Z T Z

N V Q Z Y O C M J P B C A V D O C V I Y

O C V O I J O J A T J P M N Z G Q Z N

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(Answers on Page 4)



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank offering for God’s blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available for **\$9.49** each. You can take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Day Service December 25th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I want to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

in loving memory of _____

in thanksgiving for blessings received

for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)

(All orders must be received by Sunday, December 15th.)