



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Every New Year brings about a sense of a new beginning. For the Eden family, there is no need to put forth extra effort to manufacture a new reality. We thank you for all of the prayers, encouraging words, and acts of kindness this past month. Being the New Year, it is a good reminder that newness is not an imagined manufactured state such as what occurs in the fitness industry each January with all of the New Year's resolutions which go unresolved after a few weeks.

Everyone looks to the New Year as a chance to start over. We want our years to be like our days as described by Luther in regard to Baptism: "The Old Adam in us should by daily contrition and repentance be drowned and die with all sins and evil desires, and that a new man should daily emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

Under the grace of your Baptism, each day you arise as a "new man" – that is, you are forgiven, pure, innocent, and righteous in the eyes of God. You are reborn as His child. Yesterday is a memory where all the faults and failures are forgotten. Today is a new day with a great hope for the future.

That is a wonderful approach to welcoming in this New Year. It will not become a reality by adhering to the demands of unrealistic resolutions. The Law only brings temporary change. We always figure out ways to break our resolutions.

Forgiveness for the past and hope for the future is a reality that only God brings. Throughout this year, every day remember your Baptism as you "emerge and arise to live before God in righteousness and purity forever."

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

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> – Head Elder	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ted Hea <i>(2nd term)</i> – Sound & Live Stream Help	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Jeff Smith <i>(1st term)</i> – Special Services	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

(November 1 – 30, 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	November 30, 2024
Baptized	604	+6	-61	549
Confirmed	474	+0	-41	433

January Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

Jesus says that the first and greatest commandment is to love the Lord with all your heart, soul, and mind.
Matthew 22:37

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%
Net Income	-21,501.53	-14,421.37	-7,080.16	149.1%

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	1-Dec	8-Dec	9-Dec	15-Dec	29-Dec
Profit:	\$61.82	\$95.38	\$30.00	\$94.35	\$173.57
# orders:	8	12	1	13	20
Profit/Order:	\$7.73	\$7.95	\$30.00	\$7.26	\$8..68
Overall Profit:	\$3,041.54	\$3,136.93	\$3,166.93	\$3,261.28	\$3,434.85

Thank you for your continued support of this program!

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.

Assignments for January 2025

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton*, Jeff Smith
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Josh Hennig*, Mike Herschler*, Chris Knapp*, Doug Allen*

Altar Care: **Ruth Snowden**, Amy Killday, Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Mary Herschler

Registration Slips: Jamie Louderback

Counters: Anita Wolfmeyer, Mary Lazzeri

Service Recording: January 5 at 9 AM – Gretchen
 January 12 at 9 AM – Keith
 January 19 at 9 AM – Ted
 January 26 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, Jan Colvin, Joann Durbin, Roger Eden, 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

January News & Notes

Upcoming Events: January 22, 2025: Church Council at 7 PM
February 2, 2025: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
March 2, 2025: St. James Children's Choir to sing at Our Redeemer
March 8, 2025: Soup Cook-Off
March 22, 2025: St. James School Spring Fling
July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA
September 14, 2025: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM

Upcoming reminders for our Youth: First, our next **youth night** is **Sunday, January 26** from **6-8 pm** for all students in 6th-12th grade. We will meet at **Krazy Town Trampoline Park**. The cost is \$10 per person and it includes jump socks. Send extra money if they desire any food. Friends are welcome to join us. **Waivers must be signed ahead of time** and can be completed online at <https://waiver2.roller.app/KrazyTownTrampolinePark/home> Second, for those attending the **National Youth Gathering**, our next **meeting** is **Sunday, January 12** at **6:30 pm**. This meeting is for both parents and youth. You will receive some important updates and reminders regarding our trip. If you have any questions about these or any of our youth activities, please let Jamie know.

For the week of January 12: 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: We continue our study of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) with chapters 19-24. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we wrap up John's first letter and continue with 2nd and 3rd John. Don't forget to tune into Concord Matters this **Saturday (1/18 at 10 AM)** to learn about confessional subscription. What is it, and why do our churches practice it? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

Redeemer Lutheran, Peoria is hosting a concert called "**An Evening of Poetry and Music**" on **January 17th**. The performing artists will be Tanner Olson and Blake Flattley. Tickets are **\$10/person** or **\$25/family (3 or more)** with **food serving 6-6:30 pm**. All ticket proceeds will help fund Redeemer for the 2025 LCMS Youth Gathering and help our mission partner at Pelican Lutheran in Naples, Florida. More information can be found on our poster and at <https://www.redeemerlutheran.com/epm>

For the week of January 19: 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: We're continuing in Isaiah on Sharper Iron! Join us as we take a look at chapters 25-29 (*weekdays at 8 AM*). On Thy Strong Word, we're beginning a study of the book of Job. You can tune in every weekday at 11 AM. Don't forget to join us for Concord Matters (**1/25 at 10 AM**)! We'll be continuing our discussion of confessional subscription with special guest Rev. Dr. Matthew Harrison. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

All Altar Care Volunteers (men and women) and think about it volunteers: Wanda Spohr and Ruth Ann Snowden will demonstrate the correct and new procedures with which we give reverence to Christ's body and blood. We will meet in the conference room adjacent to the church office at **10:30 AM** on **Saturday, January 25, 2025**. Please call the church office 217-223-1769 to determine attendance. This privilege glorifies God for his forgiveness and the experience touches the soul.

Voters January 26, 2025, at 11:15 AM -- Constitutional changes are being proposed in the **January 26** voters meeting. **See table in the Narthex for details.**

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.

January News & Notes *(continued)*

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

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

ORLC St. James School Tuition **Endowment Fund \$5000.00 Matching Gift Update.** Thanks to many generous donors and estates, we have **met the \$5000.00 match challenge and surpassed it** before the end of 2024. Thanks to everyone who donated to this fund.

The Endowment Committee – Larry Foster, Monica Foster, Marty Otto, Jerry Lunt, Becky Lunt

LWML will again be having a **rummage sale** in **2025**. For those of you who have items you wish to donate, we are able to now accept anything you cannot hold until sale time which will probably be **in July**. *Remember we do not take clothes or TVs and everything needs to be in sellable condition.* Please contact Gretchen about dropping items off. We appreciate all donations and remember all proceeds go to missions!

Thank you to the families for the Christmas card and gifts. I hope you had a Merry Christmas.

-Erica Dedert and family

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.

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.

Camp CILCA summer programs in 2025 are **only \$75 in honor of CILCA's 75th Anniversary**. Registrations are coming in much faster than usual and space is limited, so register early to save a spot.

Putting an estate plan together presents many competing priorities around which to make decisions. Certainly, you wish to care for the family you love. Yet even families can present competing priorities. In your family, is there someone who has special needs such as long-term care or support through a disability? Inheritance doesn't have to be "fair". It does show God's grace and mercy. Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor** can help you begin figuring this out. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

January News & Notes (continued)

Next Dollar for Missions Project - Water heater for Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline Dollar for Missions (DFM) contributions in late 2024 will help to pay for a **new water heater at Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline**. Their previous water heater is almost 20 years old. "This is another 'non-glamor' item," said CID Mission Executive Ken Schurb. "Yet to proclaim the Gospel in Spanish at Cristo Rey, especially in winter time, a reliable hot water heater is a helpful piece of equipment to have." Plumbing as well as painting and many other such things have their place in a mission. *Cristo Rey is CID's only congregation in which the ministry is conducted almost entirely in Spanish*. It serves Spanish-speaking people in the Quad Cities. Pastor Pablo Dominguez has served in East Moline for over 20 years. First as a CID missionary-at-large, then as pastor of Cristo Rey. The congregation formally joined the Synod in 2018. **Amount to be funded: \$1,000**
Project: Replace water heater at Cristo Rey Lutheran Church, East Moline.

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's how 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 mail.

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.

Two long-time friends, both now widowed, were having lunch as they typically do the fourth week of every month. Ruth and Sarah were talking about family.

Ruth shared, "Ever since my daughter got married, her new husband has separated her from me, and I never see her. I don't even get to talk to her. Inconsistently I get a birthday card or Christmas card from her. I'm thinking of removing her from my will."

"I am so sorry," Sarah responded. "That must be painful. You two were so close when she was growing up. Removing her from the will seems pretty drastic. Dare I say, it seems final. Are you ready to give up on her? What do you hope to accomplish by doing that?"

Ruth sighed and said, "I don't know what I really want. I am just so hurt and sometimes I want to hurt back. But I know that's not what the Lord wants me to do. I just need someone with whom to discuss this."

"Have you met with Pastor about this?"

"Yes, a couple of years ago. But my hurt seems to be getting worse."

"Well set up an appointment with him. I know he has really helped me with the Lord's encouragement on multiple occasions. Here's another thing. Maybe the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor at Church could help you redirect your hurtful action into something more positive. Why don't you give him a call?"

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor stands ready to assist you in putting together a faithful plan from your estate, even weaving through difficult family challenges. For support, contact Scott A. Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

Miscellaneous Constant Information

Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

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

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



Rada Cutlery is an ongoing fundraiser. Rada has a variety of, products: cutlery, stone-ware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. We have started taking orders for our next RADA order. Once we

have \$60 in orders, we will place the order. So, if you don't see something in our many "in-stock" items, go ahead and fill out an order form with payment. Please **visit the Rada display in the old chapel. You may leave a completed Rada order form with payment at the scrip table.** Thank you for your support of PLuS!

Drawer Cart by the Office Steps

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

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

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

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

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

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

secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org.

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

Attention Parents of College Students:

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



Lutheran Child and Family Services of Illinois



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

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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.

January Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	13	Hannah Mixer	24	Connor Smith
3	Judi Burner	13	Grace Vaughn	24	Kathy Hyer
3	Michele Urbon	14	Donna Haire	24	Lynnette Carpenter
5	Brady Essington	14	Melanie Zehnle	25	Steve Kaiser
6	Phyllis Ashby	15	Brett Baird	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Addison Buss	16	Thom Hurley	26	Don Fink
6	Linda Knowles	17	Luke McElfresh	27	Jim Lucas
7	David Showman Jr,	18	Glenn O'Briant	27	Christina Kaltenbach
7	Ruth Hall	18	Sky Fischer	28	Phillip Weisheit
9	Lennox Hines	18	Kirk Vahle	28	Angie Clevenger
11	August Ott	21	Ellie Bowles	29	Lauren Mueller
11	Gary O'Dell	22	Mayzie Parrish	29	Brooke Gooding
12	Bradly Essington	23	Kris Kutcher	30	Jane Voepel
12	Brian Burner			31	Josh Jefferson

January Baptisms

1	Kent Schnack	11	Kari Vahle-Adams	24	Susan O'Briant
1	Glenn O'Briant	12	Nix Dedert	24	James Jones III
1	Mary Tipton	13	Savannah Edwards	25	Harrison Knapp
3	Jessica Hibbert	18	Amie Hoebing	26	Bradly Essington
6	Myley Longcor	18	Gage Scharnhorst	26	Valerie Spillman
8	Tony Bowles	18	Briana Robertson	28	Chris Knapp
9	Mark Vahle	19	Tory Hufendick	29	Eric Sass
11	Ava Langan	19	Alison Zehnle	29	David Rickey
11	William Humphrey	20	Eldon Schoch	30	Hannah Mixer
11	Lily Kuhn	20	Riley Lehman	30	Merinda Jones
		22	Donna White		

January Anniversaries

3	Gary and Kathy Hyer	50 years
3	Chet and Barb Vahle	49 years
8	Tony and Susan Bowles	40 years
30	Chaz and Briana Robertson	15 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...

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

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’ 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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