



**Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**  
*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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

I am so blessed to be the pastor of such a wonderful congregation. I am so appreciative and thankful for all of the kind words, prayers, and outpouring of grace upon me and my entire family these past months as my mother was called home to her Lord.

I am so appreciative of your patience in allowing me to disrupt our normal weekly schedule of Wednesday and Thursday Bible classes so that Malinda and I have had the time to be with dad and get him settled into his new home at Good Samaritan.

Going through this experience and given the fact that my mother "downsized" their possessions numerous times in the past five years as they moved from Minnesota to Quincy and then moved again this year, the reality is that we all have way too much stuff. Malinda has been organizing their home, their finances, and doing all of the bookkeeping. That alone has been a full-time job. I am so blessed that she has taken on that task for me. Otherwise, we would not be back to our normal schedule.

In these past months, Malinda and I have been reminded that time with those we love and sharing experiences together is far more valuable than any physical commodity. A home is so much more valuable than a house.

I have also been reminded of how blessed I am to spend time in God's House every day. It is here that I truly feel at home. Jesus says, "Heaven and earth will pass away, but My words will never pass away." Give thanks that you have been blessed to be surrounded by God's Word of promise and have had the cross of Jesus and His empty grave held before your eyes. Give thanks that God has given you your daily bread and all that you need to support this body and life. Give thanks that you share in the lasting promise of the Gospel and the firm foundation which is Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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

(December 1 – 31, 2024)

## Official Acts

**Baptisms**

**First Communion**

**Youth Confirmation**

**Adult Confirmation**

**Funerals**

Carolyn Eden – December 20, 2024  
Marcia Clevenger – December 28, 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** [-3B, -3C]

**Death** [-3B, -3C]

Carolyn Eden – December 9, 2024  
Marcia Clevenger – December 19, 2024  
Darlene Herman – December 30, 2024

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

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

Membership	January 1, 2024	Gains	Losses	December 31, 2024
Baptized	604	+6	-64	546
Confirmed	474	+0	-44	430

## February Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 16)*

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved. Acts 16:31

# Pastoral Year-End Report (January 1 - December 31, 2024)

## Official Acts

### Baptisms

Riley Thomas Lehman – January 20, 2024  
Dorothea Paris Dobbs – February 25, 2024  
Lincoln Michael Wray Stark – April 4, 2024  
ZaKareyah DaLynn Barnes – May 19, 2024  
Rosealyn Grace LaRose – May 19, 2024  
Kai Theodore Barnes – May 19, 2024

### Funerals

Cynthia Jo Fonck – January 5, 2024  
Janett Irene Mueller – February 24, 2024  
Shirley A. Dieringer – March 22, 2024  
Howard L. Snowden – July 6, 2024  
Marilyn Lehenbauer – September 16, 2024  
Carolyn Eden – December 20, 2024  
Marcia Clevenger - December 28, 2024

## Membership Changes

### Gains [+6B, +0C]

#### Baptisms [+6B, +0C]

Riley Thomas Lehman – January 20, 2024  
Dorothea Paris Dobbs – February 25, 2024  
Lincoln Michael Wray Stark – April 4, 2024  
ZaKareyah DaLynn Barnes – May 19, 2024  
Rosealyn Grace LaRose – May 19, 2024  
Kai Theodore Barnes – May 19, 2024

### Losses [-64B, -44C]

#### Death [-6B, -6C]

Janett Irene Mueller – February 13, 2024  
Howard L. Snowden -- June 29, 2024  
Marilyn Lehenbauer – September 11, 2024  
Carolyn Eden - December 9, 2024  
Marcia Clevenger - December 19, 2024  
Darlene Herman - December 30, 2024

#### Transfers Out [-58B, -38C] (*Elders removed*)

Michael Badamo  
Ashley Badamo  
Olivia Badamo  
Danny Baker  
John Baker  
Marjorie Baker  
Philip Baker  
Rick Boerema  
Rita Boerema  
Aaron Boerema  
Rachel Boerema  
Gail Church  
Obediah Church  
Ethan Clevenger  
Tanner Clevenger

## Pastoral Year-End Report *(continued)*

### Transfers Out *(Elders removed - continued)*

Darren Fink  
 Eben Fischer  
 Carmell Fitch  
 Alex Fitch  
 Victoria Fitch  
 Audrea Fitch  
 Matt Frohn  
 John Frohn  
 Dana Frohn  
 Madison Frohn  
 Morgan Frohn  
 Dan Hendrian  
 Eric Hensley  
 Jessie Huebner  
 Erin Humphrey  
 Kent Knoernschild  
 Ben Knoernschild  
 Terry Lannerd  
 Carole Lannerd  
 Roger McGartland  
 Aaron Miller  
 Ada Miller  
 Tara Walker-Moffitt  
 Kayla Walker  
 Dustin Nickelson  
 Ann Nickelson  
 Ava Nickelson  
 Simon Nickelson  
 Joseph Nickelson  
 Cristine Purcell  
 Jennifer Tournear  
 Rosalyn Tournear  
 Aaron Tronsgard  
 Janice Tronsgard  
 Jack Tronsgard  
 Jonah Tronsgard  
 Steve Voepel  
 Katie Voepel  
 Brandon Voepel  
 Charla Weisenburger  
 Jessica Weisenburger  
 Joshua Weisenburger  
 Tim Westberg

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

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## 2024 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Dec, '24</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
<b>Offering Report Donations</b>				
001 - 001 General Offerings	342,276.52	370,000.00	-27,723.48	92.5%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	3,560.36	3,000.00	560.36	118.7%
004 - 004 eGiving Donations	<u>18,209.40</u>			
<b>Total Offering Report Donations</b>	<b>364,046.28</b>	<b>373,000.00</b>	<b>-8,953.72</b>	<b>97.6%</b>
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	3,000.00	4,500.00	-1,500.00	66.7%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	0.00	600.00	-600.00	0.0%
Interest Income	<u>924.16</u>	<u>10.00</u>	<u>914.16</u>	<u>9,241.6%</u>
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>367,970.44</b>	<b>378,110.00</b>	<b>-10,139.56</b>	<b>97.3%</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
Mission	17,000.00	17,000.00	0.00	100.0%
Personnel	235,753.11	233,094.69	2,658.42	101.1%
Program	73,800.68	81,561.00	-7,760.32	90.5%
Property	<u>53,672.29</u>	<u>63,760.00</u>	<u>-10,087.71</u>	<u>84.2%</u>
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>380,226.08</b>	<b>395,415.69</b>	<b>-15,189.61</b>	<b>96.2%</b>
<b>Net Income</b>	<b>-12,255.64</b>	<b>-17,305.69</b>	<b>5,050.05</b>	<b>70.8%</b>

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan
Profit:	\$95.85	\$28.26	\$54.40
# orders:	12	5	6
Profit/Order:	\$7.99	\$5.65	\$9.07
Overall Profit:	<b>\$95.85</b>	<b>\$124.12</b>	<b>\$178.52</b>

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.

## Assignments for February 2025

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

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bill Haire*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Tom Killday*, Larry Foster*, Chris Clevenger, Amy Killday

**Altar Care:** **Kathy & Gary Hyer**, Michele Clevenger, Renee Benedetto

**Registration Slips:** Mary Lazzeri

**Counters:** Doug Allen, Amy Edwards

**Service Recording:** February 2 at 9 AM – Larry  
 February 9 at 9 AM – Gretchen  
 February 16 at 9 AM – Keith  
 February 23 at 9 AM – Ted

**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, 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

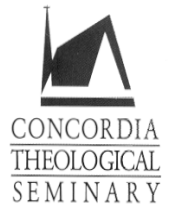
## Our Seminary Students

**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](mailto: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 – Cyndi Ott  
Jr./Sr. High – Gretchen Wolfmeyer  
Substitutes – Monica Foster, Phoebe Hayes,  
Katherine Reddick, Susan Weiss

## February News & Notes

**Upcoming Events:** February 2, 2025: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday  
February 19, 2025: Elders and Church Council Meeting  
March 2, 2025: St. James Children's Choir to sing at Our Redeemer  
March 8: LWML Soup Cook-off  
*March 22, 2025: St. James School Spring Fling*  
April 27, 2025: Voters' Meeting at 11:15 AM  
May 18, 2025: Armed Forces Sunday  
May 25, 2025: Memorial Day Sunday  
July 6, 2025: Independence Day Sunday  
*July 19-23, 2025: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA*  
*September 14, 2025: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM*  
November 9, 2025: Veterans Day Sunday

**February 2, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. The thought might arise, ***"If I support ministry with my estate, I'll be taking away from my family inheritance."*** Take a step further back and begin asking yourself why the Lord gave you these financial assets to manage in the first place. Pray fervently. Have conversations with fellow believers. Strive to discern God's will. Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor** can be one of these supportive people. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).

**For the week of February 2:** **KFUO** AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) We continue in the books of Isaiah on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) and Job on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (*weekdays at 9 AM*) to hear this month's episode of Searching Scripture, and join us as we revisit National Lutheran Schools week with some special segments! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the **KFUO Radio** app!

**For the week of February 9:** **KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUO.org](http://KFUO.org) via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on Facebook and Instagram. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week** on KFUO AM850 & [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org): Join us for Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) as we begin a new study on the book of 1 Samuel. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we continue our journey through Job, picking up with chapter 20. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (**2/15 at 10 AM**) as we begin a new study of the Smalcald Articles in the Book of Concord. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or on the **KFUO Radio** app!

**February 9, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. ***In your life, you may have been blessed by, or involved with, multiple ministries striving to share Jesus. Should you try to support them all through your estate or focus on a few that really resonate with your heart?*** Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor** can ask questions to get you aimed at that focus. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).

**St. James PTL Skate Night** at Scottie's Fun Spot on **Thursday, February 13** from **6-8 PM** (*Doors open at 5:30 PM*) Skating or Ballocity \$5 or Both for \$7 Glow Night – Includes One Free Glow Stick

**February 16, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. ***In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me."*** Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor** can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).



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**February 23, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. ***In supporting ministries, there is always the need of “today” versus the needs of the “future”. Which should you choose?*** Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your **LCMS Foundation Gift Planning** Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).

**Please sign up in the Narthex** to help with the **Lenten Dinners** from **March 5** through **April 9**. We are attempting to include a variety of members to “plan and cook” these meals. Basic meals are encouraged: pizza, salad, and dessert; taco bar and dessert; spaghetti, salad, and dessert. **Please consider donating your time and energy to help** with these fun meals. A **Thrivent card will be available to cover the cost** of food. Donations go to LWML missions.

**ATTENTION SOUP AFICIONADOS!** It was such a hit last year; we’re doing it again... a **soup cook-off** on **March 8th** immediately following the Saturday night service! We’re *only accepting 8 soups* for judging this year, so do not procrastinate! It’s **FREE** to enter your soup, includes your meal, and one vote for the evening! Advance tickets to attend the festivities are **\$10 for adults** and **\$5 for children** 12 and under. Your ticket includes a taste of every soup, one vote and a meal of sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship! **Soup entries and advance ticket sales begin February 8th** after every church service, or you can contact the church office! A shout out to Arjee Weisheit, our 2024 Soup Chef winner, with her Chicken & Rice soup! **All proceeds will be funding LCMS – Disaster Relief.**

**Three Churches Combined Choir** will sing every other Sunday during Lent: **March 9** at **Our Redeemer**, **March 23** at Saint James (*both services*), and **April 6** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John (*both services*).

**March 22nd, 2025** is the **Spring Fling!** This year's theme is **Game Night!** We will have a cocktail hour with drinks and games, **starting at 5 pm**. 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 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 are welcome** to help us purchase the above items! Please drop off any donations to the school office or contact us to arrange pickup. [www.facebook.com/stjamesptlqcy](https://www.facebook.com/stjamesptlqcy) [stjamesptlqcy@gmail.com](mailto:stjamesptlqcy@gmail.com)  
217-222-8267

**Camp CILCA Women's Retreat** Calling all ladies to join us for the Camp CILCA Women's Retreat on **March 28-29**. The retreat theme is **Lean and Learn**. Join us as we **lean** into God's Word, digging into what God says to us, and **learn** how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. Our speaker is **Rehema Kavugha**. Rehema is currently the Director of Synod Relations at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, where she has served since May 2019, She also has been the Director of Student Development at Concordia University Nebraska and a Lutheran music teacher. Two retreat options are available: 1) Join us **overnight for \$100** and share a room with two other ladies in Camp CILCA's Christian Growth Center. 2) Select the **day-only option for \$75**. **Registration opens December 27**. Register online at [www.cilca.org/womens-retreat](http://www.cilca.org/womens-retreat). If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at [program@cilca.org](mailto:program@cilca.org).

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Join us for the **2025 Martin+Katie Conference** at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on **Saturday, March 29, 2025**. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to **ages 18–30**. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please *register no later than **Friday, March 21st***. Info and registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>. Plus: Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, **March 28**, and Saturday night, **March 29**! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on **Sunday, March 30**.

**Greetings Families and Friends, After 36 years** teaching at St. James Lutheran, **Mrs. Mohr** has decided it is time to **retire**. She is enjoying spending her final year with this year's third grade class. Mrs. Mohr has been a pillar of Christian love and academic excellence. She has taught generations of students, always instilling in them a desire to honor God with their words and actions. Mrs. Mohr has faithfully served as our Fine Arts chair for many years. She has arranged numerous assemblies, performances, and experiences for our students. She believes in celebrating and appreciating all of the talents that God has given to his children. We wish Mrs. Mohr all the best in her retirement and hope that she will still come back and visit us often! We will host a **celebration for Mrs. Mohr in May. Details will be sent out in April.**

### **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](http://LSMacademy.org/program)

**Support the wildfire response with your prayers and gifts** The wildfires in Los Angeles County, California, continue to inflict widespread damage and suffering throughout the Los Angeles area. Many LCMS people have lost their homes, including long-time elderly residents.

As long as it takes, LCMS Disaster Response will walk alongside the PSD and its congregations in this response. Our shared response includes the entire Synod's prayers, along with spiritual resources to assist church workers as they care for their congregations. In addition, we are here to offer practical support in the form of ongoing counsel and advice and material support in the form of supplies, recovery grants and volunteer coordination.

If you are able financially to support the church's response to wildfires in California, please prayerfully consider a contribution to:

- **The LCMS Disaster Response—Strategic Use fund.** Visit [lcms.org/give/disaster](http://lcms.org/give/disaster) or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write "*Disaster Response—Strategic Use (TR9206)*." This fund allows our Synod to continue its care and support, as the demands warrant, of those still suffering in North Carolina and other parts of the Southeast as well as those affected by the wildfires in California. or
- **The LCMS Wildfire Relief (only) fund.** Your gift will only be utilized to help those impacted by wildfires. Visit [lcms.org/disaster](http://lcms.org/disaster) and select the "Disaster Response — Wildfires" option in the "Giving opportunities" or mail a check to The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, or LCMS, at P.O. Box 66861, St. Louis, MO 63166-6861. On the memo line, write "*Wildfire Relief Only.*"

## February News & Notes (continued)

**LWML** will again have a rummage sale in 2025. For those of you who have items to donate, we can 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!

**Dollar for Missions** project is **\$25,000 for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign**. The all-brick church and student center has been next to the University of Illinois campus for over 70 years. Some portions of the brick and concrete are in need of immediate, special attention. This project will fund this targeted work to ensure the building remains in good shape and always open for the Word of Christ to be shared and preached to the 60,000 students at the U of I.

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.

**Thrivent T-shirts** are available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one or two!

**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.

**ORLC Baseball Caps** in both men's and women's styles are now available at the Scrip table for a **\$15 donation** to LWML Missions. Checks made payable to ORLC (please put "Hats" in the memo line) and can be left in the church office or placed under the church office door. – Evangelism Committee

**AED** (Automatic External Defibrillator) is being considered for purchase. The price ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,000. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Barb Vahle at 217-316-1329 or [barbaravahle@yahoo.com](mailto:barbaravahle@yahoo.com)

**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 Missions**. 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](http://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](http://bellaease.com)

**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.

**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](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.

## 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 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.

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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.

## February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	9 Rob Edwards	19 Amy Buss
4 Kaisley Turner	11 Farren Campbell	21 Jason Klauser
5 Richelle Anderson	11 Ellen Stockhecke	21 Marty Otto
5 Jeffrey Smith	11 Reva Ehmen	22 Lincoln Stark
5 Clint Gooding	12 Jaela Vaughn	23 Theodore Mayfield
5 Dan Hufendick	12 Donna Eisenbeiss	23 Ricky Goertz
5 Sheldon Foulk	14 Teddy Buerstatte	24 Levi Cook
6 Archer Ott	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	25 Mike Douglas
7 Becky Lunt	17 Violet Reinhart	25 Kara Mercurio
9 Randy Wolfmeyer	17 Ryne Lubben	26 Shelly Holtman
9 Cyndi Ott	17 Isabelle Hillerts	27 Gary Cramlett
9 Aaron Goodwin	17 Kim Pracht	29 Laura Essington

## February Baptisms

1 James Jones II	11 Don Fink	16 Randy Ellerbrock
1 Jim Lucas	11 Renee Durst	17 Cameron McDowell
2 Monica Foster	12 Larry Foster	18 Billy Hindbough
3 Luke McElfresh	12 Harry Hall Jr.	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Barb Hall	12 Stacey Gruen	21 Charles Bowles
3 Darrell Drescher	13 Nathaniel Hurley	22 Ellie Bowles
5 Kirk Vahle	14 Shanna Wemhoener	25 Dorothea Dobbs
6 Melanie Zehnle	14 Bob Frink	27 Jessica Campbell
8 Eric Fischer	15 Tad Douglas	28 Austin Fischer
9 Rebecca Jones	15 Brandon McGartland	28 Judi Burner
11 Mary Lazzeri	16 John Go	28 Brian Burner

## February Anniversaries

5 Rob and Naomi Tipton	19 years
8 Charlie and Pam Church	22 years
13 Jason and Stephanie Bush	19 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? We would love to have you join us! Please speak to one of our LWML members. To learn more about the mission and great history of the LWML, go to [www.lwml.org](http://www.lwml.org).

**UPCOMING...**

**Feb. 6** – 6:30 pm,  
 monthly mtg.,  
 Fellowship Hall

**Mar. 6** – 6:30 pm,  
 monthly mtg.,  
 Fellowship Hall

**Mar. 8** – Soup  
 Cook-off, watch  
 for details!

**Apr. 3** – 6:30 pm,  
 monthly mtg.,  
 Fellowship Hall

**Apr. 25 & 26** –  
 District  
 Convention,

**January News**

Thank you, Renee & Barb for being our gracious hosts.

Dates were set for our Soup Cook-Off and Rummage Sale.

There was discussion of the Lenten Midweek meals before services. Watch for more info!

2025 Handbooks were distributed and duties of our LWML group were divided among everyone. Many hands make light work!!!

**Our 2024 Missions Projects**

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

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**ALL PAID!!!**

**2024 – 2025  
 LWML CID Mission Grants**

**Bibles for All - \$5,000**

Lutheran High School in Springfield wants to provide a Concordia Self-Study Bible for each of their students.

In daily use, the variety of Bibles now used leads to confusion and many potential misinterpretations.

These funds will be used to purchase 125 Bibles through CPH for the Lutheran High students.

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**

**Do our missions speak to your heart? Take a mite box, fill it with your spare change, and empty it every now and then in our large mite box! Thank you!**



**National Mission Grants 2023 – 2025**

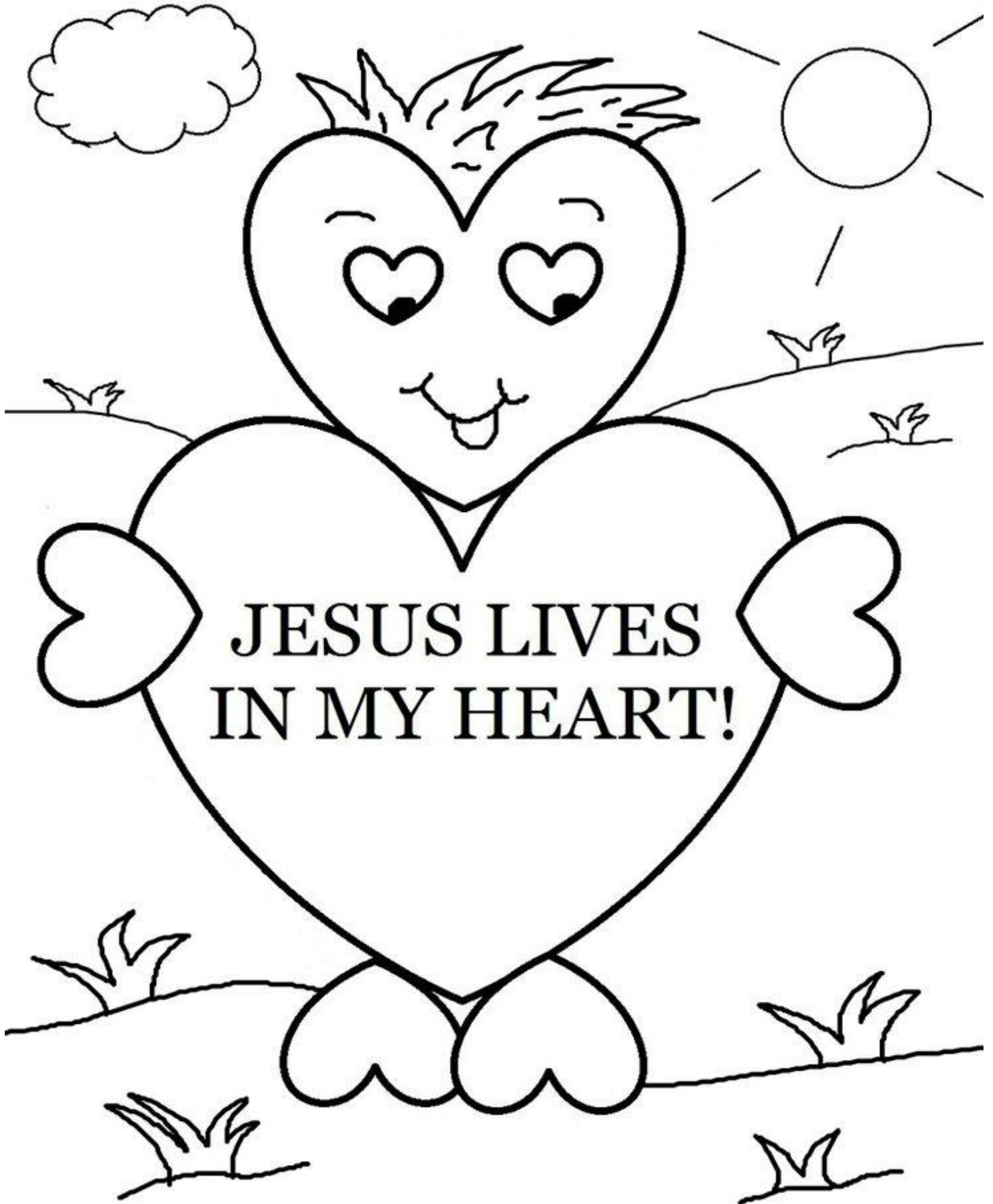
*LWML has donated over \$125 million since 1942!!*

**Lutheran Special Education Ministries - \$100,000**

A "Legacy of Love for Special Needs Education" \$100,000 grant will support Lutheran Special Education Ministry (LSEM) in the expansion of their services for special needs children in Lutheran schools and churches. It will help LSEM develop new resources to serve future needs and ensure their ministry is continually helpful and effective.

For more information about LWML missions, go to [lwml.org](http://lwml.org), hover over missions and click on Mission Grants.

Coloring Page:



# PUZZLE PAGE

## BELIEVE

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn why we should believe on Jesus.

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