



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

In our December newsletter, I shared with you a letter from Rev. Peter Maganda which outlined and explained the way in which a church, organization, or individual can adopt a student who has financial needs, as many of the students are orphans. For students who live on campus, tuition, room, and board is \$511 per year. Tuition for local students is \$237.50 per year.

Last September, I spoke to six LWML Zone Rallies about the opportunity to support Our Savior Lutheran School in Magamaga. We have had an enthusiastic response to the adoption/sponsorship program by LWML Zones, churches, and individuals. We are so thankful for everyone's support.

Having been open for one full year, Our Savior Lutheran School currently has 176 students (they opened their doors last February with four students). Their annual operating budget is \$117,376 of which over \$25,000 is to feed the students for the year.

Rev. Peter Maganda and I are setting up a Zoom meeting where he will share what is happening at the school, what progress has been made, and what the next phase of growth will be. The meeting will be on Saturday March 29 at St. James at 9:00 AM. Everyone is invited. I encourage you to come.

In Christ,
Pastor Eden

Eyes on Jesus - Lent to Easter Schedule

Ash Wednesday, **March 5, 7:00 PM**, "Misjudging Eyes" – Mark 14:1-9
Lent 1, **March 12, 7:00 PM**, "Betraying Eyes" – Mark 14:10-21, 32, 41-46
Lent 2, **March 19, 7:00 PM**, "Denying Eyes" – Mark 14:26-31, 66-72
Lent 3, **March 26, 7:00 PM**, "Murderous Eyes" – Mark 14:1-2, 53-65, Pastor Riley
Lent 4, **April 2, 7:00 PM**, "Sleepy Eyes" – Mark 14:32-42, Pastor Hayden
Lent 5, **April 9, 7:00 PM**, "Worldly Eyes" – Mark 15:1-20

Palm Sunday, **April 13, 9:00 AM**

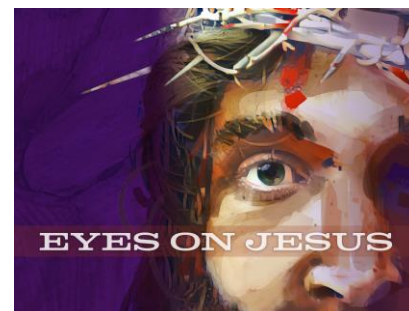
Maunder Thursday, **April 17, 7:00 PM**, "More Than Meets the Eye" – Mark 14:22-25

Good Friday, **April 18, 7:00 PM**, "God's Eyes" – Mark 15:21-39

Easter Vigil, **April 19, 5:00 PM**, "Resting Eyes" – Mark 15:40—16:1

Easter Sunrise Service, **April 20, 6:30 AM**, "Angel Eyes" – Mark 16:1-8

Easter Sunday Service, **April 20, 9:00 AM**, "Angel Eyes" – Mark 16:1-8



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
(January 1 – 31, 2025)

Official Acts

- Baptisms
- First Communion
- Youth Confirmation
- Adult Confirmation
- Funerals

Darlene Elizabeth Herman – January 6, 2025

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 [-1B, -1C]

- Death [-1B, -1C]

Janice Carol Colvin – January 28, 2025

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	January 31, 2025
Baptized	546	+0	-1	545
Confirmed	430	+0	-1	429

March Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 15)

Let not thine heart envy sinners but be thou in the fear of the Lord all the day long. Proverbs 23:17

2025 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. '25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	36,387.02	31,707.50	4,679.52	114.8%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	434.00	250.00	184.00	173.6%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	0.00	83.34	-83.34	0.0%
Interest Income	0.85			
Total Income	36,821.87	32,040.84	4,781.03	114.9%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	2,000.00	1,416.66	583.34	141.2%
Personnel	21,221.48	21,808.11	-586.63	97.3%
Program	4,061.67	6,363.43	-2,301.76	63.8%
Property	2,404.60	4,242.50	-1,837.90	56.7%
Total Expense	29,687.75	33,830.70	-4,142.95	87.8%
<u>Net Income</u>	7,134.12	-1,789.86	8,923.98	-398.6%

Assignments for March 2025

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl*, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Chet Vahle*, Barb Vahle, Gene Bluhm
Ash Wed – March 5 at 7 PM	Ryan Vaughn*, Mike Herschler*, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Parker Armbruster
Lent 1 – March 12 at 7 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer
Lent 2 – March 19 at 7 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Lent 3 – March 26 at 7 PM	Bill Haire

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

Registration Slips: Gina Eickelschulte and Evan Sass

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Kathy Hyer

Service Recording:

- March 2 at 9 AM – Jeff
- March 5 at 7 PM – Larry
- March 9 at 9 AM – Gretchen
- March 12 at 7 PM – Keith
- March 16 at 9 AM – Ted
- March 19 at 7 PM – Larry
- March 23 at 9 AM – Jeff
- March 26 at 7 PM – Gretchen
- March 30 at 9 AM – Keith

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

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES: Mark & Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, 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

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 – Cyndi Ott

Jr./Sr. High – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Substitutes – Monica Foster, Phoebe Hayes,

Katherine Reddick, Susan Weiss

March News & Notes

Upcoming Events 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

For the week of March 2: 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 in the books of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). Join us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 AM) for the latest episode of "Lutherans in Australia" and search the Scriptures with us in the March edition of Lutheran Witness. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

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*).

For the week of March 9: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on [KFUE.org](https://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:** On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), we continue in the book of 1 Samuel, covering chapters 21-25. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we conclude our study of Job and begin a new study on the book of Hebrews! Save the date! KFUE's annual **Sharathon** is **April 3rd-5th, 2025**. Start, sustain, or strengthen your partnership with us during this year's giving drive! To learn more, visit: kfue.org/sharathon.

You are invited to participate in **CID's Mission Readiness Survey** The Central Illinois District welcomes your suggestions and feedback. We invite you to complete an online survey sharing your feedback and thoughts on some of CID's prospects for ministry funding into the future. The survey will take about 15 minutes at most to complete. Its results will guide the next steps for expanding various specialized missions that we share. Thank you in advance for giving us your thoughts **by March 21**. <https://survey.zohopublic.com/zs/G3Ci9x>

Jan Colvin's Our Redeemer Family is welcome to attend a gathering at Sprouts on **March 22** from **2-4 PM** with hors d'oeuvres to **remember Jan** and **celebrate her life**.

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For the week of March 16: **KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [X](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUA AM850 & kfuo.org:** We continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), covering chapters 26-30. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we are beginning a deep dive into the book of Hebrews! Join us as we study chapters 3-6. Tune in for a Lenten Organ Recital and Worship Service this Wednesday (**3/19 at 11 AM**), live from Peace Lutheran in St. Louis! Sharathon 2025 is almost here! Save the date for **April 3rd, 4th, and 5th!** Start, sustain, or strengthen your partnership with us during this year's giving drive. To learn more, visit: kfuo.org/sharathon.

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/stjamesptlqcj stjamesptlqcj@gmail.com 217-222-8267



2025 Illinois Pro-Life March is scheduled for **March 25th** in Springfield. Appropriately, March 25 is the festival of the Annunciation. **Trinity Lutheran Church** (220 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL, 62701), across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct an **11 AM Matins service**. Northern Illinois District President Allan Buss will preach. Immediately thereafter, worshipers may walk to the ballroom of the **State House Inn**, one block north of the capitol building, to pick up a **light lunch** consisting of a four-inch ham or turkey sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and bottle of water. The suggested donation is **\$6**. The Pro-Life **rally** outside the capitol is scheduled to begin at **1 PM**. Actual **marching** should step off at about **2 PM**. Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and First Streets.

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. If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at program@cilca.org.

LWML is continuing to **visit** and **send cards** to **shut-ins**. If you know of someone who should be added to the list, please let **Wanda Spohr** know or contact the church office.

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**.

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Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet on Sunday, March 30 is an evening celebrating God's work of Creation and Redemption, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Executive Director at Camp Concordia, Pastor BJ Fouts will be our speaker discussing the impact of camp. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved in advance by contacting the camp office (217-487-7497/camp@cilca.org).

Know someone interested in full-time ministry? Share an invitation to **Vocatio: Retreat April 6-8, 2025** Interested in a distinctively Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites you to attend Vocatio: Retreat — a three-day retreat (April 6-8, 2025) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. To register visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary." Hurry! **Registration closes March 21.**

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	2-Feb	10-Feb	16-Feb	2-Mar
Profit:	\$65.55	\$40.00	\$105.45	\$96.79
# orders:	9	1	11	14
Profit/Order:	\$7.28	\$40.00	\$9.59	\$6.91
Overall Profit:	\$244.07	\$284.07	\$389.52	\$486.31

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.

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**.

Trinity Lutheran Church in Decatur will host our **Summer Continuing Education** Event on **June 9-11**. This year's Guest Instructor will be: Dr. Reed Lessing of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, who will be speaking on the theme: "DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT". This event is open to Pastors, Church Workers, and Lay Members. The cost is \$175 for pastors and church workers, and \$125 for Lay Members, which includes two means, snacks, drinks, and materials. Please use the link below for more information, and to register for what will be a wonderful class! Here's the link: [Continuing Education Detail](#)

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

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!

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Sunday School children gathered offerings of \$85.42 during December and January. Those monies have been donated to the Early Childhood and Family Center Nursing office for items they can use to clothe children. Thank you for the gloves, hats, mittens, and scarves donated in December and distributed to the Quincy Public Schools. In February, \$54.43 was collected and will be sent to the Pacific Southwest District - LCMS to be used for the Southern California Wildfire Relief. In March, the Sunday School offerings will be designated for the Quincy Neighborhood Federation to be used for their needs and programs for area youth.

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'

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for February were \$150.00.

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).

FREE - Thrivent t-shirts, little notebooks and VBS CDs available on the scrip table. Both adult and some youth sizes available.

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

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 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.

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.

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 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 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*."

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February themed college care packages were shipped out earlier this month to ten students. Packages for six local students were made available for pick up in the church lounge. There are always some sweet treats, salty snacks, and a fun item along with a note signed by congregation members! The Sunday School children will be decorating and signing cards for the March care package. The children will also help assemble and pack the care packages filled with all sorts of items to bring a smile to recipients. Our Redeemer College Care Packages are prepared for current members or a son/daughter of a current member. These are both for local college attendees and also those attending away from home. **THANK YOU** for continued donations of items for the packages. There is collection bin under the table by the south entrance for donation of items.

Portions of brick are crumbling away, water is leaking in between the masonry frames and the windows, and mortar joints are opening in brick walls. The current **Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing** at the **University Lutheran Church in Champaign**. These funds will help to correct masonry wear and tear on the 70-plus-year-old church and student center. University Lutheran Church has served many thousands of students with the Gospel of Christ over 70+ years.

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.

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 LWML (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

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:

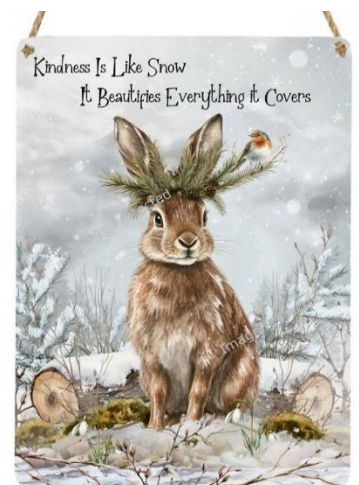
1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection box outside of the church office. OR
2. If you prefer to mail your own cartridges (*at least 7*) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com to request a FREE USPS label to print and mail.

Many many thanks for your continued generosity to us here at Redeemer.

It seems that your gift always appears whenever we had an unexpected expense. This time, once again, vandals smashed a large window in our lounge which has just now been replaced. So we thank you all and to add that we just cannot explain enough just how much we not only appreciate your donations, but for the love and care we receive from your congregation. It gives us a warm feeling and also less concern for unexpected expenses.

Here in Harlow, we had the film crew from Slow Horses, using our hall to store their equipment whilst filming in our little shopping centre across the road. It was amazing to watch and unbelievable to see the vast amount of crew, equipment and not to forget the actors as well. It was a fascinating to see how it all works. We are hoping we are saying goodbye to the dreadful weather of late as today, fingers crossed, is the start of warmer weather, although it brings the rain. But right now it is lovely to step outside without layering up so much.

So we all send our grateful thanks once more and send our love and prayers for each and everyone at Quincy.



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 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.

March Birthdays

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

March Baptisms

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

March Anniversaries

28 Al and Missy Ebel 47 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.

UPCOMING...

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, Lincoln

February News

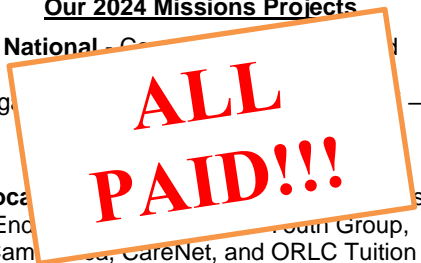
Thank you, Connie & Glenna for being our gracious hosts.

Updates were given on the Soup Cook-Off along with continued mission project voting to make sure all members get a say.

Discussion concerning shut-in visits was done with volunteer sign-ups for the visiting.

Our 2024 Missions Projects

National - ...
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 Cam... CareNet, and ORLC Tuition Assistance for St. James School



2024 – 2025 LWML CID Mission Grants

Children’s Books for State Fair - \$4,000

The Central Illinois District’s Lutheran Laymen League has sponsored a booth at the Illinois State Fair for over 20 Years. Bibles, children’s Bible storybooks, Lutheran Hour ministry booklets, and water are given away free of charge.

These funds would be used to purchase the materials distributed during the Fair.

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!!

God’s Word for Central and South American Missions - \$100,000

Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF) is the recipient of this grant to fund and provide Lutheran Bible books in the Spanish language for evangelism in Central and South America. This grant will help in the translation, publication, and distribution of Bibles with Luther’s Small Catechism, A Children’s Garden of Bible Stories, Jesus Never Fails devotional book, and a volume of Confessional Lutheran Dogmatics to be given free of charge to the people of all ages, genders, ethnicities, and income levels, so that children, adults, and young church leaders may receive God’s Word in their own language.

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

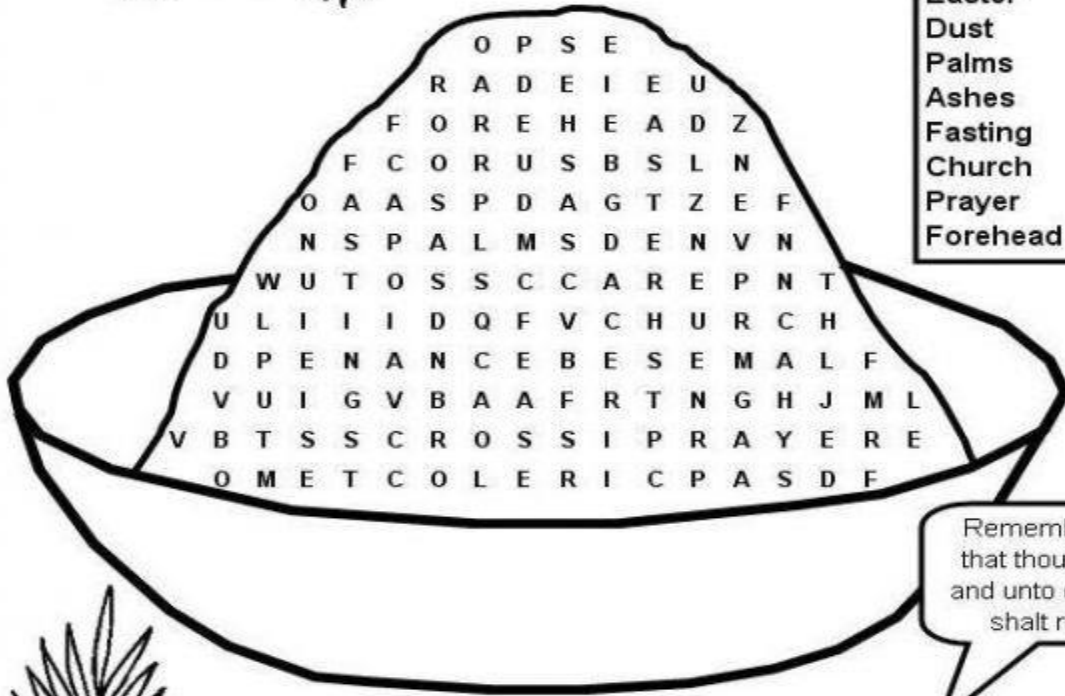
Coloring Page:

Ash Wednesday

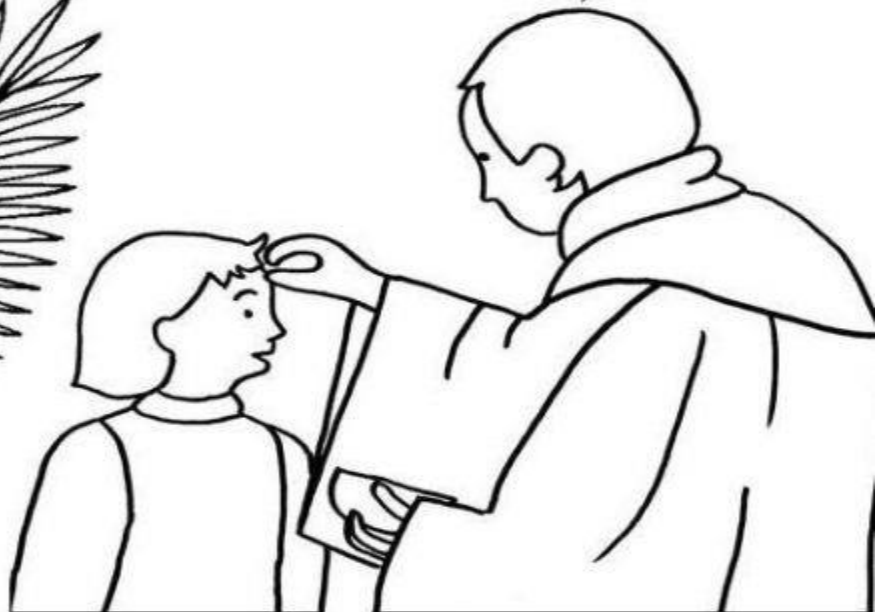


Find these hidden words and circle them in the puzzle below.

- Cross
- Lent
- Rite
- Penance
- Easter
- Dust
- Palms
- Ashes
- Fasting
- Church
- Prayer
- Forehead



Remember man that thou art dust and unto dust thou shalt return!



PUZZLE PAGE

ENVY

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the number code to learn what the Bible says about envy.

(A = 1, E = 5, I = 9, O = 15, U = 21)

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