



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Several years ago, I downloaded the ESV Bible app onto my phone. I wanted to read the Bible from Genesis through Revelation. In all my Bible reading or devotional patterns over the years, cover to cover was never something I adopted. I have always used some sort of format which caused me to read the entirety of the New Testament (NT) more frequently than the Old Testament (OT). For instance, while on vicarage, I would begin each morning in the office reading five chapters of the OT, three chapters of the NT, and one Psalm (unless it was Psalm 119 – which I would break up into several sections).

Unfortunately, I got out of that practice during my fourth year at the Seminary because of time constraints (I know, that is a terrible excuse). I just didn't make time for the 45 minutes or so in the morning. Besides, I made the excuse that all of my homework and sermon preparation (I preached about 25-30 times that year at a church in Sandusky, MI) had me continually in the Word. When I arrived at Mellen, I started reading three to five chapters a day of the OT until I finished a book, then three to five chapters of an NT book with intermittent Psalms flip-flopping back and forth between the OT and the NT. Then I started making excuses again as I dove head-first into Luther's Works and spent a few years putting together the bulletin series we publish each week. I was still reading Scripture, but not every day and certainly not with the frequency which I had before.

When Annalisa was born, at night, I would hold her and read a few chapters of Scripture with her at night before bed. That worked until she got older and more squirmy. With the arrival of children disrupting our schedule, as large blocks of time to yourself become a luxury rather than an expected outcome for the day, I would read when I could (or thought to do it when I wasn't tired). I empathize with all parents – especially when you have a child who won't sleep.

Over the years, I have made the excuse that my daily involvement in the Word producing sermons and prepping for Bible classes was good enough most days, so my reading schedule (in regard to the actual Word) had become very hit and miss. I found myself reading many things throughout the day, but usually for the purpose of sermon material, not for feeding my own spiritual needs.

Then, a few years ago, I downloaded the ESV Bible app and made the arbitrary rule that I would only read one chapter of Scripture at a time, and I would only read during what would otherwise be "down time." I had found myself spending "down time" sifting through social media. So I made the rule that before I opened any social media, I would read one chapter of Scripture (which usually only takes about 4-5 minutes). I read the entire Bible in less than a year without carving out any additional time in my schedule. I also came to the realization that I need to be more efficient with my time. Now I read Genesis through the Psalms, then the NT, then the Psalms through Malachi so that I read the NT and the Psalms twice for each time I read the OT. I encourage you to be in the Word. Figure out what works for you. Just don't take as long as I did.

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
(February 1 – 28, 2025)

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 [-2B, -1C]

- Death** [-1B, -1C]

Katherine Elizabeth “Kitty” Hall Schuckman – February 28, 2025

Transfers Out [-1B, -0C]

William Beesing – February 14, 2025

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	February 28, 2025
Baptized	546	+0	-3	543
Confirmed	430	+0	-2	428

April Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9

2025 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Feb, '25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings	62,378.89	63,415.00	-1,036.11	98.4%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	434.00	500.00	-66.00	86.8%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	0.00	166.68	-166.68	0.0%
Interest Income	1.54			
Total Income	62,814.43	64,081.68	-1,267.25	98.0%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	3,750.00	2,833.32	916.68	132.4%
Personnel	42,422.10	43,616.21	-1,194.11	97.3%
Program	8,117.57	12,726.86	-4,609.29	63.8%
Property	<u>3,400.52</u>	<u>8,485.00</u>	<u>-5,084.48</u>	<u>40.1%</u>
Total Expense	57,690.19	67,661.39	-9,971.20	85.3%
<u>Net Income</u>	5,124.24	-3,579.71	8,703.95	-143.1%

Assignments for April 2025

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn *, Brad Essington
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Josh Hennig*, Jerry Lunt*, Steve Hyer, Parker Armbruster
Lent 4 – April 2 at 7 PM	Bob Mehl
Lent 5 – April 9 at 7 PM	Chet Vahle
Maundy Thu – April 17 at 7 PM	Jerry Lunt*, Jerry Manton, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Steve Hyer
Good Friday – April 18 at 7 PM	Clint Gooding
Easter Vigil – April 19 at 5 PM	Bob Mehl, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Darrell Drescher, Bill Haire*
Easter Sunrise – Apr 20 at 6:30	Larry Foster*, Ryan Vaughn*, Chris Knapp, Chris Clevenger

Altar Care: **Barb Vahle**, Monica Foster, Donna Haire

Registration Slips: Barb Ellerbrock

Counters: Rene Benedetto, Jane Haschemeyer

Service Recording:

- April 2 at 7 PM – Ted
- April 6 at 9 AM – Jeff
- April 9 at 7 PM – Larry
- April 13 at 9 AM – Gretchen
- April 17 at 7 PM – Keith
- April 18 at 7 PM – Ted
- April 19 at 5 PM – Jeff
- April 20 at 6:30 AM – Keith
- April 20 at 9 AM – Larry
- April 27 at 9 AM – Gretchen

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

April News & Notes

All Three **Churches Combined Choir** will **sing April 6** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John (*both services*).

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.**

Youth Group and **Friends of the Youth Group** will **serve the Lenten Meal April 9.** Please help if you can!

Dear Members, In the January Voter's Meeting Chet Vahle gave the first reading of changes to the ORLC constitution and bylaws. These changes include the change to a not-for-profit organization. The fundamental reason for the change is better legal protection for church and its officers. Details of all the changes are in a document in the Narthex. To adopt these changes, **a majority of the voting membership is required at the April 27, 2025, 10:15 AM meeting. This is approximately 55 registered voters. Please consider attending the April 27th meeting.** If a majority of the voting members cannot be assembled, the changes will be voted on with a standard quorum in the September meeting. *Larry Foster*

April 27: Voters' Meeting at 10:15 AM No Bible Class – All Voters Needed

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar
Profit:	\$96.79	\$29.76	\$95.97
# orders:	14	6	11
Profit/Order:	\$6.91	\$4.96	\$8.72
Overall Profit:	\$486.31	\$516.07	\$612.04

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 soon.**

Care Net continues to offer free and confidential services to women, men, and their families who are dealing with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. The kick-off for the **Baby Bottle Blitz** is **Mother's Day, May 11th,** and it **runs through Father's Day, June 15th.** Folks will get their baby bottle from church and return it to their church. Between Mother's and Father's Day, they will fill their bottle with spare change, paper money, and even checks!

May 18: Armed Forces Sunday

May 25: Memorial Day Sunday

May 29: Ascension Day at the Lutheran Church of Saint John

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 meals, 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](#)

April News & Notes (continued)

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

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

July 6: Independence Day Sunday

July 19-23: LCMS Youth Gathering in New Orleans, LA

September 14: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park 4 PM

November 9: Veterans Day Sunday

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.

Your Ladies Aid **LWML can't thank you enough** for your generous support of our second Soup Cook-off! To all you soup chefs... everyone was a winner because your soups were all so delicious! But the votes were cast and Heidi Armbruster was voted our Top Soup Chef of 2025 with her Birria soup! Congrats, Heidi! Also, many thanks to everyone who attended, tasted, voted, and enjoyed the fun and fellowship that evening! It was a fabulous time, and we look forward to hosting it again next year! Thank You! Thank You!

Sunday School children decorated and signed cards for the **March care package**. The children also assembled and packed 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.

In March, **Sunday School offerings** are designated for the **Quincy Neighborhood Federation** 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

April News & Notes (continued)

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.

The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at the University Lutheran Church in Champaign. 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. 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.

As we continue to think about the tensions involved in Christian estate planning, this month we focus on how differences in opinion among family can create enough roadblocks to keep a plan from moving forward.

Imagine a husband and wife who have children, who have wandered into difficulties in their lives. Dad is the softy, just wanting to make their children's lives easier. Mom is stricter, demanding the children take responsibility for their behaviors. At times, this difference has created strain on their marital relationship. Now imagine this same couple trying to jointly decide on a solid Christian estate plan. Dad wants to evenly divide the estate as lump sum inheritance between their three children. Mom wants to spread inheritance over time. She also believes that her children will waste resources given to them, so she is motivated to support gifts for ministry. You can imagine that the typical response to this tension is avoidance. As a result, their last estate documents are forty years old, created before their children were born.

For this couple, the key will be to have open, prayerful discussion about their goals, looking to create a consensus about what is the Lord's will for use of His things.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist in a situation like this. While they aren't a marriage counselor, they can safely ask some questions that the couple has been avoiding. They can remind about the safe place we have in the grace of God. To get started in this faith journey, contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.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 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.

April Birthdays

1	Chris Allen	11	Cailin Clevenger	21	Gina Eickelschulte
2	Emma Showman	12	Jean Ennen	21	Amanda Zehnle
3	Terry Morse	12	Greg Zehnle	23	Joseph Ott
3	Kate Foster	13	Anderson Knapp	23	Craig Gooding
4	Brad Scharnhorst	15	Evan Sass	25	Gary Hyer
6	Emanuel Voepel	15	Holly Casanova	27	Rhoda Wemhoener
8	John Go	17	Linda Wingerter	28	Arlo Ott
8	Joseph Ohnemus	17	Tina Vaughn	29	Ruth Snowden
8	Bill Schlipman Jr.	17	Mona Fischer	30	Brandy Gilbert
10	Amy Edwards	17	John Dicks	30	Naomi Tipton
		19	Alexis Hibbert		

April Baptisms

1	Tina Vaughn	15	Levi Cook	22	Tiffany McLaughlin
1	Christina Kaltenbach	15	Phyllis Cook	22	Kim Pracht
1	R.P. Schaller	16	Coby Klauser	23	Grace Vaughn
2	Kaiden Weisheit	16	Ashley Brown	24	Donna MacFadden
3	Carl Muehring	17	Brian Manton	24	Glenda O'Briant
5	Edwin Murphy	17	Kara Mercurio	26	Reagan Spilker
5	Canaan Mayfield	17	Chad Manton	27	Farren Campbell
6	Mike Douglas	17	Aubrey Stark	27	Greg Zehnle
6	Conall Wolfmeyer	17	Stacy Kuhn	27	Kate Foster
7	Lincoln Stark	18	Bob Mehl	28	Madelynn Jones
11	Marilyn Hanawalt	18	Ron Bowles	28	Evan Baker
11	Kathy Hyer	19	Kathy Ragsdale	29	Brett Scharnhorst
12	Deanna Hibbert	19	Aaron Goodwin	29	Mona Fischer
13	Lillian Cramlett	20	Erin Fischer	29	Stephanie Bush
		22	Holden Jones		

April Anniversaries

3	Eric and Stacy Fischer	28 years	20	Dennis and Brenda Fleming	40 years
3	Mark and Nerissa Vahle	13 years	21	Brad and Kim Scharnhorst	35 years
5	Rod and Teresa Allensworth	28 years	24	Brian and Jennifer Burner	32 years
8	Thomas and Amy Killday	23 years	29	Ron and Ellie Bowles	69 years
16	Keith and Michele Urbon	31 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.

March News

Thank you, Pat and Jane for being our gracious hosts.

The Soup Cook-Off details, and Mission Projects were finalized.

Lenten dinners were further discussed.

Details were announced on the upcoming LWML District Convention in Lincoln, IL

Our 2025 Missions Projects

National - Concordia Seminary Food Banks (both Seminaries), Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Uganda Mission, Redeemer Lutheran in UK, Lutheran Prison Ministry

Local – Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, Camp Cilca, CareNet, and Open Hands Food Pantry (St. John’s), CID Campus Ministry Foundation

**2024 – 2025
 LWML CID Mission Grants**

Large Print Bibles, Prison Bibles & Devotion Mailings - \$12,000

Effingham’s St. John Large Print Center prints, binds and ships large print Bibles and devotionals for people world-wide who have a visual impairment. These funds would be used for the upkeep of printers and the purchase of paper, spirals, cartons, tape, and envelopes.

You can support this grant by donating to the Ladies Aid LWML group. Thank you!

Our CID mission goal is \$110,000, of which \$82,500 is for our grants and the remainder for our national mission grants.

- Apr. 3** – 6:30 pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall
- Apr. 25 & 26** – District Convention, Lincoln
- May 1** – 6:30 pm, monthly mtg., Fellowship Hall
- May 17** – Blind Service meal @ St. James
- June 26 – 29** – National LWML Convention, Omaha, NE

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

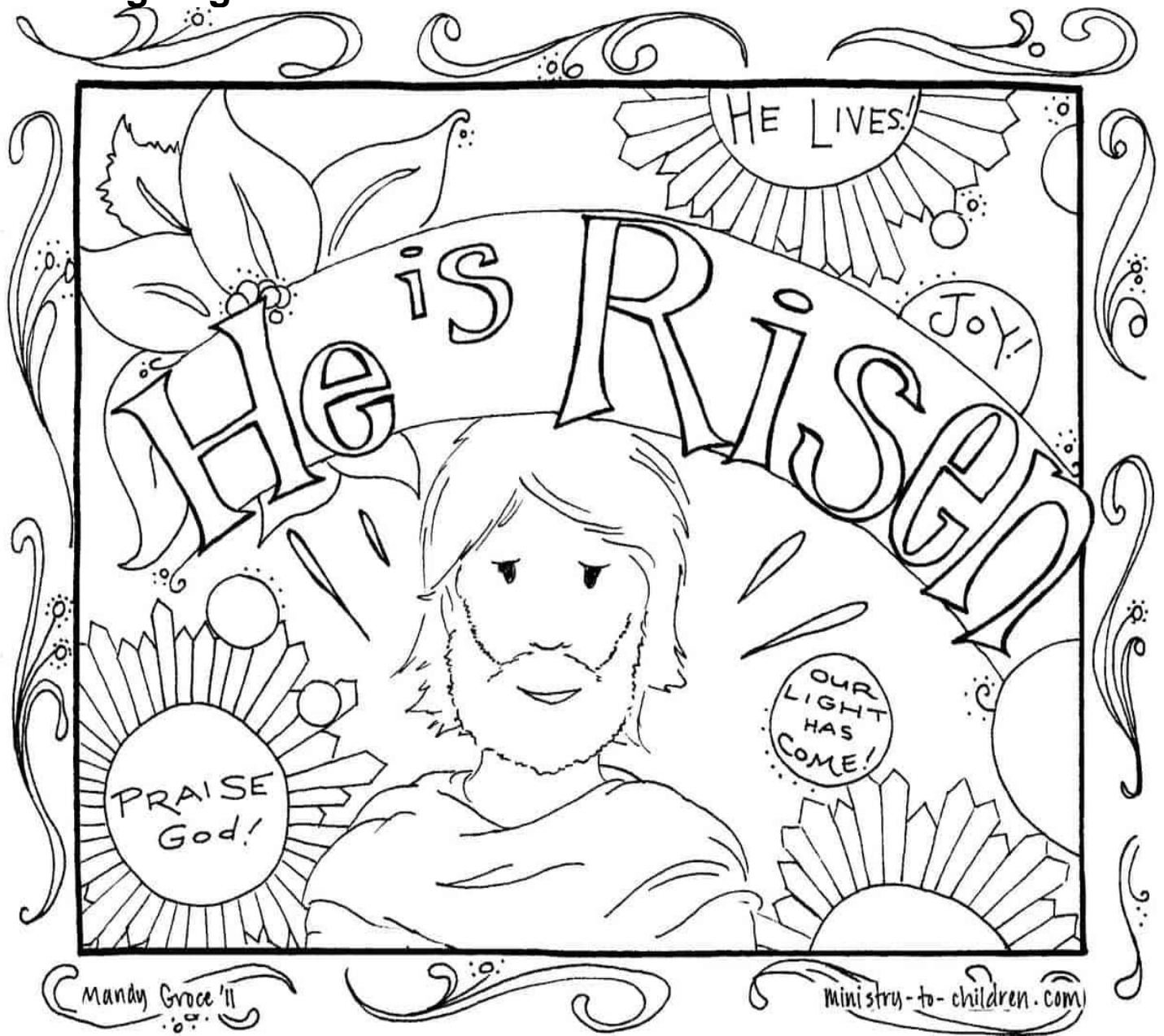
LWML has donated over \$125 million since 1942!!

Showering Love on the Least of These, Mercy Holistic Ministry - \$100,000

With this grant, the Mercy Holistic Ministry (MHM) in Sacramento, CA, will increase the frequency of mobile hot shower services and haircuts from two to three days per week and serve 2,000 more people annually. A mobile clothing trailer will be purchased and operated to give away clean clothing and hygiene kits. God’s Word will be shared by distributing 10 – 15 Bibles and prayer books every week. These services will enhance the feeling of worth, provide hope in Jesus, and give counseling to aid the homeless in applying for jobs or securing an apartment.

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

Coloring Page:



Eyes on Jesus - Lent to Easter Schedule

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**

Maundy Thursday, **April 17, 7 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



PUZZLE PAGE

REPENT

By

Bill Schlegl

REPENT

Write the letter that comes after the letter given. You will learn the reason why we should repent of our sins.

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(Answers on Page 3)

Easter Lilies



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies may be “sponsored” as a memorial to a loved one, as a thank-offering for God's blessings, or as a gift to the glory of God and the beauty of his house. A listing of those who have sponsored these lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available for **\$11.99 each**. You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the Easter 9:00 AM service. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

**All orders must be received at the church office on or before
Sunday, April 13, 2025.**

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor _____ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

in loving memory of _____

in honor of _____

in thanksgiving for blessings received

to the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

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