



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

I want to follow up on what I wrote about last month in regard to personal daily devotion and being in the Word outside of regular corporate worship. As I relayed to you, over the years, I have adjusted my routine with varying degrees of success. Having given more thought to the subject, the reality is that periodically adjusting your schedule can be helpful. Doing something different is often a way to “recharge your batteries.” This is why we travel. Making even small adjustments to our schedule can reinvigorate a person. There is actually scientific evidence that doing something you have not done before causes your brain chemistry to actually experience positive changes.

In fact, a recent study suggests that doing something you have never done before actually makes it seem as if time is moving slower. We experience this whenever we drive somewhere for the first time. The drive home seems so much shorter. It is suggested by the authors of the study that the reason the years seem to move faster and faster the older we get is because the younger we are the more opportunity we have for first time experiences.

This brings me to God's Word and daily devotions. Recently I have been asked for ideas for daily devotions for an individual and for a family. Again, in my experience, if whatever you are doing does not involve reading something from the Bible itself, you are not totally wasting your time, but you are certainly wasting an opportunity to consume the most beneficial spiritual food outside of the Sacrament of the Altar.

That being said, I can say with confidence that it pays dividends to switch things up. Don't neglect Luther's Catechism. There are useful publications such as Portals of Prayer or Good News Magazine. Going through my parents' books, Malinda found a daily devotional that she is excited to explore.

One thing that has not changed since my youth is that I cannot fall asleep at night until I have at least said the Apostle's Creed and the Lord's Prayer.

The point I am trying to make is that there is no absolute formula for personal devotion. First and foremost, be in worship on Wednesday, Saturday, and/or Sunday and gather with the people of God around Word and Sacrament.

Gathering around Word and Sacrament (the Means of Grace) is what we do. After that, make use of God's Word and faithful books. Get involved in a Bible class. Read your catechism. If you have a Book of Concord, read that. Concordia Publishing House is a good resource for numerous devotional books. Feed yourself with good spiritual food, and exercise your faith in worship and prayer. If you lack either food or exercise, it is difficult to remain healthy.

Summer is coming. Schedules will be changing. Take advantage of the opportunity to change your schedule and get even more connected to God's Word and Christ's Church.

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

(March 1 – 31, 2025)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

March 15, 2025 – Katherine Elizabeth “Kitty” Hall Schuckman

March 22, 2025 – Janice Carol Colvin

March 27, 2025 – Carl William Muehring

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+2B, +0C]

Baptisms [+2B, +0C]

March 9, 2025 -- Eleanor “Nora” Jane Ott

March 18, 2025 -- Alyssa Michelle Crow

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]

March 19, 2025 – Carl William Muehring

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2025
Baptized	546	+2	-4	544
Confirmed	430	+0	-4	426

May Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

For God sent not his son into the world to condemn the world but that the world
through him might be saved. John 3:17

2025 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Mar, '25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 - 001 General Offerings				
001 - 001 Envelopes	97,450.51	94,350.00	3,100.51	103.3%
003 - 003 Loose Plate	518.00	772.50	-254.50	67.1%
004 - 004 eGiving Donations	2,738.45			
Total General Offering Donations	100,706.96	95,122.50	5,584.46	105.9%
019 - 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	434.00	750.00	-316.00	57.9%
020 - 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	1,000.00	250.02	749.98	400.0%
Interest Income	1.54			
Total Income	102,142.50	96,122.52	6,019.98	106.3%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	4,750.00	4,249.98	500.02	111.8%
Personnel	64,451.19	65,424.31	-973.12	98.5%
Program	14,518.65	19,090.29	-4,571.64	76.1%
Property	6,769.12	12,727.50	-5,958.38	53.2%
Total Expense	90,488.96	101,492.08	-11,003.12	89.2%
<u>Net Income</u>	11,653.54	-5,369.56	17,023.10	-217.0%

Assignments for May 2025

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton *, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Tom Killday*, Barb Vahle, Amy Killday

Altar Care: **Wanda Spohr**, Anita Wolfmeyer, Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Registration Slips: Susan & Glenn O'Briant

Counters: Wanda Spohr and Rosie Meyer

Service Recording: May 4 at 9 AM – Keith
May 11 at 9 AM – Ted
May 18 at 9 AM – Jeff
May 25 at 9 AM – Larry

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

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Mar	16-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr	20-Apr
Profit:	\$29.76	\$95.97	\$88.33	\$27.59	\$113.61
# orders:	6	11	15	6	16
Profit/Order:	\$4.96	\$8.72	\$5.89	\$4.60	\$7.10
Overall Profit:	\$516.07	\$612.04	\$700.37	\$727.96	\$841.57

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.

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, Sandy Callahan, Donna Church, Joann Durbin, Roger Eden, Pat Florey, Shirley Foster, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Donna MacFadden, Carol Muehring, Dick & Joann Reichert, Jinny Rupp, Bill Schlegl, Eldon Schoch, 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@csf.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

May News & Notes

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**.

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Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is **May 4th**. Ten undergraduates and 7 seminarians, all from our Central Illinois District, are in great financial need to help them continue their studies. Please make a generous gift on May 4th using a "Will They Always Be There?" envelope provided by your congregation and place it in the offering plate, or mail your gift to:

Scholarship Sunday Gift
Central Illinois District - LCMS
1850 N. Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626

You may write your check payable to the "*CID Scholarship Endowment Fund*", which will be invested and the annual proceeds used to assist students for years to come, or to the "*CID Scholarship Fund*", where your gift will be used to aid students in the 2025-2026 school year. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who are qualified to serve to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation. Thank you for your support of our present and future pastors, teachers, and full-time church workers.

Also, don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you in ministry. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their name and contact information to our District President, Rev. Michael Mohr.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you for your support of the Central Illinois District and all our mission projects.

For the week of May 5: 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 kfuo.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 & kfuo.org**: On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (**5/10 at 10 AM**) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!



Save a Life: May 9, 9 am – 2 pm BLOOD DRIVE Lutheran Church of St. John, 3340 State Street, Quincy <https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

May News & Notes *(continued)*

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!

Upcoming Events

May 18: Armed Forces Sunday

May 21: Elders' Meeting at 6 PM; Church Council at 7 PM

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](#)

Vocatio: High School retreat June 21-27, 2025 Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend Vocatio: High School on the campus of Concordia Seminary. This retreat encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! Registration is \$200 and closes May 31. Register today

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

July 6: Independence Day Sunday

July 13-15: *CID Convention*

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 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

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).

Bella Ease Motivation Mondays at 10 am: Set Goals, Create a Plan, Overcome Obstacles, Make Life Happen - 707 Broadway

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

May News & Notes *(continued)*

Tuition Assistance Fund for St. James School Looking for another way to help students at St. James Lutheran School in addition to ORLC's Endowment Fund? St. James Lutheran Church has been funding a Tuition Assistance Fund to help tuition costs to student families each year. **This year \$18,000 in tuition assistance was used and this coming 2025-2026 school year the need is going to be about \$22,000.** To help offset the burden on St. James Church, the school's Board of Education is asking each church to help replenish the tuition assistance fund in time for this coming year. **The ORLC church council is recommending to the voters to assist with \$10,000 This was voted on in the April 27th at the Voters Meeting.** Even with ORLC's help, there is still a need for this coming year and beyond. Questions can be directed to ORLC Board of Education Representatives, Heidi Armbruster & Ryan Vaughn. **If you would like to help, Please make checks payable to:** "St. James Lutheran School" with "Tuition Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your donation will only be used for Tuition Assistance to school families. Checks can be delivered to the school office, given to either of ORLC's Board of Education representatives, or placed in the Education mailbox in the ORLC lounge. Thank you for your consideration and support of Lutheran Education.

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

Bella Ease 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

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.

Quilters need your used sheets. Please contact the church office to drop them off.

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.

Thrivent members can **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.

Volunteers Needed: once a week to help assemble bulletins and once a month for the newsletter. You can help with bulletins or newsletter or both if you enjoy the fellowship that goes along with doing it, Depending on # of people who volunteer the bulletin takes about an hour and a little longer for the newsletter. Contact the office if you can help!

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.

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.

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling: Each cartridge is examined for its value. Even the ones which they cannot use and refill we will **receive 25 cents each** for our effort. Your combined efforts of simply recycling your inkjet cartridges will result in a larger sum being sent to Uganda. Here are ways you can help: 1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection box outside of the church office. OR 2. If you prefer to mail your own cartridges (*at least 7*) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com to request a **FREE USPS label** - print and mail.

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.

May Birthdays

1 Paul Clevenger	13 Henry Holtman	23 Lily Kuhn
1 KayLynn Blickhan	15 Hadley Harvey	24 Eleanor Manton
1 Keagan Mercurio	15 Chaz Robertson	25 Sandy Callahan
2 Thomas Killday	17 Dennis Baker	26 Gretta Otto
2 Emsleigh Robertson	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Sherry Yelton
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	19 Ryan Vaughn	27 Dylan Martin
4 Quinton Hibbert	21 Joe Sharrow	27 David Bent
7 Barb Vahle	21 Michele Clevenger	28 Stacey Gruen
7 Tracy Bugh	21 Erica Parrish	29 Nick Allen
8 Mike Vahle	22 Eric Fischer	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Wanda Spohr	22 Leslie Bent	31 Alischia Langan
9 Lynn Wombles	22 Carolyn Kaiser	31 Arianna Fischer
9 Hugh Sharrow	23 Bradley Longcor III	

May Baptisms

1 Lauryn Sharrow	9 Amanda Zehnle	19 Kristin Humphrey
2 Avery Anderson	10 Lennox Hines	19 Joseph Ohnemus
2 Lucas Anderson	10 Josh Jefferson	19 Derek Ott
2 Abigail Kemp	12 Emanuel Voepel	22 Thomas Killday
2 Hannah Kemp	14 Anna Ehmen	23 Ricky Goertz
2 Theodore Mayfield	14 Anderson Knapp	24 Emma Showman
2 Wade Pellman	14 Stan Yelton	24 Bill Perry
3 Dawn Ufkes	14 Savannah O'Dell	25 Olivia Showman
3 David Drescher	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	25 Terry Morse
4 Shelby Gooding	15 EmsleighRobertson	25 Hadley Harvey
4 Archer Ott	16 Joseph Ott	26 Christa Holtman
4 Mary Morse	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	26 Laura Essington
5 Phillip Weisheit	16 John Dicks	26 Craig Gooding
5 Mayzie Parrish	18 ShanelleDouglas	27 LeRoy Goodwin
7 Debbie Manton	19 Connor Ott	31 Wanda Spohr
8 Glenna Nicholson	19 Keagan Mercurio	31 Amy Edwards

April Anniversaries

3 Mark and Janice Voepel	28 years	18 Luke and Morgan McElfresh	7 years
7 Trevor and Heather Feinstein	20 years	27 Mike and Jane Douglas	47 years
11 Brent and Linda Wingerter	40 years	28 LeRoy and Donna Goodwin	58 years
14 Darrell and Irene Drescher	59 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**.

May 1 – 6:30 pm,
monthly mtg.,
Fellowship Hall

May 17 – Blind
Service meal at
St. James

June 26 – 29 –
National LWML
Convention,
Omaha, NE

News

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.

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.

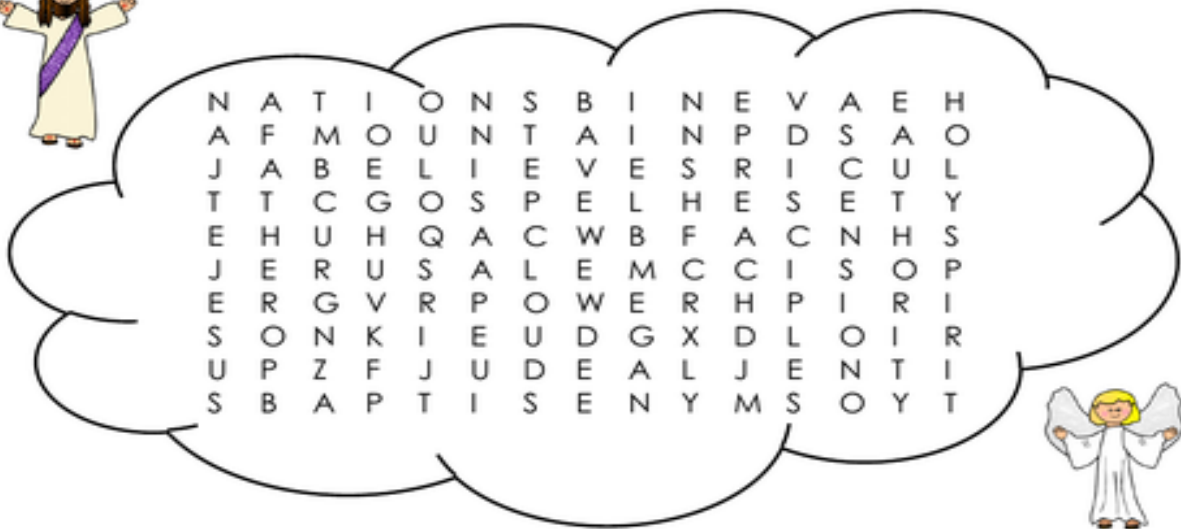
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Ascension Day Word Search



JESUS
ASCENSION
POWER

JERUSALEM
AUTHORITY
MOUNTAIN

HOLY SPIRIT
DISCIPLES
PREACH

CLOUD
FATHER
BELIEVE

NATIONS
SON
JUDEA

BAPTISE
GOSPEL
HEAVEN

PUZZLE PAGE

WHY

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn why
Jesus came into the world.

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