



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

The older I get, the more I find myself thinking about and writing about “milestones.” This is a heavy “milestone” time in my life. As of June 14, I have been your pastor for 16 years. As tenure as pastor of Our Redeemer goes, that is classified as little more than “a good start” (I only have 26 more years to catch Pastor Otto). The longer that I am here, the more value I see in developing and maintaining a long-term relationship between pastor and congregation.

My father served a number of short-term calls when I was young. I was in my fourth home by second grade. However, much of our moving was because of his work as mission developer for the Indiana District. In between his work in the district, he served two years to the day at a rural dual parish (which turned into a triple parish) in Gillett, WI before being called back to the Indiana District. After receiving the call to Mellen, WI, in one of the first conversations I had with my father, I asked him very plainly, “What did you get done in the two years in Gillett?” And he answered me very plainly. He said, “Nothing.” I am sure that the people of Gillett would disagree. However, he went on to say, “I didn’t realize this until I had been in Louisville for eight years.”

Having now been in Quincy for 16 years, I have an even greater appreciation for the wisdom of that conversation with my father 30 years ago. It is sometimes hard to believe that it has been 30 years since my ordination. Looking back on that, it seems like a lifetime ago, yet those days seem so familiar because of the people from Mellen who remain still such an integral part of the life of my family. At the time, only God knew that sending me to serve in the Northwoods would provide my daughter with a husband.

Malinda and I speak frequently about the different stages of our life and how different each stage has been. Now we are “empty-nesters” and soon to be grandparents. Each stage of life brings something new, but how blessed we are that God allows us to develop and maintain those long-term relationships as well. This past June 15 would have marked 62 years of marriage for my mom and dad. I look at my family and my church family and pray that our years together are simply “a good start.”

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

(May 1 – 31, 2025)

Official Acts

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

Richard “Dick” Reichert – May 13, 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]
- Richard “Dick” Reichert – May 8, 2025
- Transfers Out** [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2025
Baptized	546	+3	-5	544
Confirmed	430	+0	-5	425

July Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 14)*

For God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten son that whosoever believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. John 3:16

2025 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – May '25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	143,034.20	158,537.50	-15,503.30	90.2%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,434.00	1,250.00	184.00	114.7%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	1,000.00	416.69	583.31	240.0%
099 · 099 Miscellaneous Income	5,506.25			
Interest Income	3.22			
Total Income	150,977.67	160,204.19	-9,226.52	94.2%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	6,750.00	7,083.31	-333.31	95.3%
Personnel	108,771.95	109,040.50	-268.55	99.8%
Program	24,076.73	31,817.13	-7,740.40	75.7%
Property	24,594.51	21,212.50	3,382.01	115.9%
Total Expense	164,193.19	169,153.44	-4,960.25	97.1%
<u>Net Income</u>	-13,215.52	-8,949.25	-4,266.27	147.7%

Assignments for July 2025

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Glenn O'Briant*, Mike Herschler*, Doug Allen*, Chris Clevenger

Altar Care: Mary Lazzeri, Anita Wolfmeyer, Laurie Bronson

Registration Slips: Jean Ennen

Counters: Wanda Spohr & Becky Lunt

Service Recording: July 6 at 9 AM – Gretchen / Nicholas
 July 13 at 9 AM – Keith
 July 20 at 9 AM – Ted
 July 27 at 9 AM – Jeff

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

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	11-May	18-May	25-May	8-Jun	15-Jun
Profit:	\$72.82	\$72.00	\$81.09	\$107.06	\$50.19
# orders:	9	8	10	13	9
Profit/Order:	\$8.09	\$9.00	\$8.11	\$8.24	\$5.58
Overall Profit:	\$1,053.92	\$1,125.92	\$1,207.01	\$1,314.07	\$1,364.26

We have surpassed \$1,000 in profits for Scrip. That amount has been gifted back to the congregation.

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education!

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, Kristian Guzman, 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, 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: Ron & Ellie Bowles, Wayne Buesking, Sandy Callahan, Donna Church, Joann Durbin, Roger Eden, Pat Florey, Shirley Foster, Marilyn Hanawalt, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Donna MacFadden, Carol Muehring, Joann Reichert, Jinny Rupp, Bill Schlegl, Eldon Schoch, Todd Schroeder, Sue Schweitzer

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
Now Associate Pastor at St. James Lutheran Church, Chicago, IL



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

July News & Notes

For the week of July 1: 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:** On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) we're studying the book of 2 Kings, continuing our series, "A Kingdom Divided." On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we are wrapping up our study of Genesis, picking up with chapter 48. Don't forget to tune in on Saturday (**7/5 at 10 AM**) for Concord Matters as we continue our study of the 1st Commandment in the Large Catechism! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

LWML Rummage sale will be **July 11 and 12**. Please remember us when downsizing, organizing and spring cleaning. **Bring your items NOW** to the Sunday School opening area. The **last day we can accept items is July 7**. *Remember everything needs to be in sellable condition, and no clothes or TVs.* As always, all proceeds go to missions. This is our 11th year, and we have raised \$27,000 for missions. This event is not possible without your donations. Thank you all so much. Praise be to God!

The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod is asking the youth of our Synod to help us **improve Set Apart to Serve**, the LCMS church work recruitment initiative. Please invite your congregation's youth to take a **brief online survey**. lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-youth-survey The survey is open to **seventh-graders through recent high school graduates**. All responses are anonymous and confidential. We would appreciate receiving responses by **July 15**.

BIKING FOR BABIES The Minnesota Biking for Babies team is again stopping in Quincy on their over-500-mile bike ride from Minnesota to St. Louis. They ride to raise money for pregnancy resource centers. They will **ride into Quincy on Friday afternoon, July 18**. Please check out www.bikingforbabies.com to learn more about these incredible teams of bicycling missionaries and their awesome mission, and then come to meet them. Join them for Mass at 5:30 p.m. at Blessed Sacrament Church, 1119 S. 7th Street, Quincy, and/or join them for dinner at 6:15 p.m. in the gathering space at the church. If you have any questions, call Vicki Wittland 217-316-9936. Mark your calendars and plan to attend.

Upcoming Events

July 6: Independence Day Sunday

July 11 & 12: LWML Rummage Sale

July 13-15: CID Convention

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

September 14: Church Picnic at Upper Moorman Park at 4 PM

November 9: Veterans Day Sunday

The **Camp CILCA Homecoming is Saturday, August 2** in the afternoon and evening. There will be a volleyball tournament and pickup softball game, swimming, guided hikes, live and silent auctions, vendor fair, pulled pork meal from 4-6pm for \$15, outdoor worship, evening concert featuring Eshelon, and campfire sing-a-long and s'mores. Help CILCA celebrate 75 years of outdoor ministry! (cilca.org/homecoming)

Good News for the St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund Once again ORLC is blessed to have an anonymous donor offer to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** to the endowment fund. This **matching challenge will run until the end of the year**. If you are not familiar with this endowment or have any question about it, please check with any of the committee members.

Checks should be made out to: **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**.

Endowment Committee: Michele Clevenger, Marty Otto, Monica and Larry Foster, Jerry and Becky Lunt

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

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).

July News & Notes *(continued)*

Matching Fundraiser: 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? ORLC Voters has approved up to **\$10,000 matching funds** to go to the Tuition Assistance Fund at St. James School so whatever you donate will effectively be doubled! This matching **challenge will run to the end of the year.** If you are not familiar with this fund, each year St. James offers tuition assistance to families of students not assisted by our Lutheran congregations. The **need for next school year** is estimated to be **\$22,000.**

Please make checks payable to: "ORLC" with "SJLC Tuition Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your donation will only be used for Tuition Assistance to St. James school families.

Contact Ryan Vaughn with questions.

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

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!

Uganda Mission: God is at work in the Uganda Mission: Funds Given so far in 2025 - **\$30,000.00**
\$15,000 was sent this week for teachers' salaries.

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.

In 2024 ORLC received \$2,316 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. 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.

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

The current Dollar for Missions project is replacement of insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal. Some of this fiberglass insulation has fallen from its place under the roof. The area needing work is hard to reach in a high ceiling, so the job will be expensive. The DFM project is for \$10,000. For more details, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

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.

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

July News & Notes *(continued)*

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of May were **\$150.00**.

Please continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last month you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your check payable to either the **“The CID Scholarship Fund”** to designate it to be used for current needs, or to the **“CID Scholarship Endowment Fund”** where the proceeds will be used for years to come to support CID church worker students. Please send your gift to:

Central Illinois District LCMS
1850 North Grand Avenue West
Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

If you are considering making a gift to ministry of retirement assets, property, IRA assets or a gift through your estate, you may contact our CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance.

LCMS Foundation

On the 19th tee, John said to his buddy Rich, “I just got my estate plan renewed and in place again. Have you done that lately? I seem to remember that it was quite a while ago when you mentioned doing that.” Rich answered, “No. I have been putting it off. My wife, Karen, and I have been talking about this off and on. It seems our plans for inheritance to the kids and grandchildren haven’t changed much. But the gifts we planned for ministries have. Karen and I both desired to leave some gifts to our home congregations where we grew up. But they have both closed in the past two years. We have been wondering if we should redirect those gifts to our current congregation, or whether there is something else we should be supporting.”

Your LCMS Foundation Gift planning Counselor is trained to listen and find answers for your questions, especially about finding the best ways to direct gifts to your favorite ministries. There are even some special gift planning tools that can build flexibility into your plan, so that if you need to change it in the future, it will be much easier. For assistance, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org

Thank you so much to the Thursday morning Bible class for the wonderful card. – *Jean Ennen*

CareNet continues to offer free and confidential services to women, men, and their families who are dealing with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. ***Thank you for supporting the Baby Bottle Blitz.***
Please return your bottles ASAP.

FREE Thrivent t-shirts are again on the **Scrip table**. Please stop by and take whatever you can use or give to others.

July News & Notes *(continued)*

Dollars for Mission had a very good month! By **June 1**, the gathering of funds for three distinct projects could be declared complete:

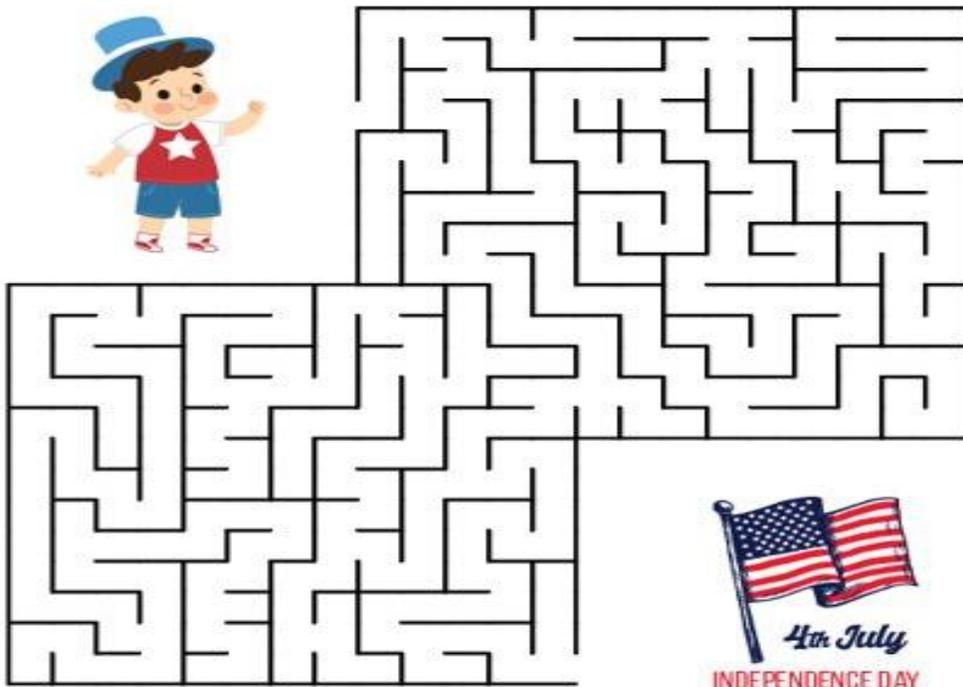
- \$25,000 for Masonry/tuckpointing at University Lutheran Church, Champaign
- \$2,600 for Parking lot closure devices and camera installation, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb
- \$6,000 to Refurbish seating in library and game room and technology in game room, Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb

In fact, by the end of May there was still some money left over for President Michael Mohr to designate a new project from the District mission sites “repairs and upgrades list,” which by the way is the last thing to be found in the Mission Commission report at

<https://www.cidcms.org/resources/missioneducationtoolkit/2025MissionCommissionConventionReport.pdf>

The new project is **\$10,000 to replace insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal**. Dating from 1980, the fiberglass batt insulation above Wittenberg’s chancel has fallen from its intended place, that is, immediately under the roof. The area needing replacement measures some 775 square feet. This job will not be easy. The replacement area is not readily accessible, due to a non-structural ceiling right above the altar and organ in the chancel. The task of replacing this insulation will require ingenuity and creativity. In short, the total price will end up being much greater than relatively minor costs for materials. Frankly, May was such a good month that the District office is scrambling to keep up with things. A new DFM current project page on the ceiling project for Normal is in process for CID website. Look for it soon. ***Thank you very much for your support of CID missions through A Dollar for Missions!***

Can you help the little boy through the maze to reach the flag?



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.

July Birthdays

1	Gabriel Vaughn	13	Kelle Baird	20	Emily Becker
1	Kadence Perrine	14	Kainalu Klauser	20	Julianna Grawe
5	Jayne Jefferson	14	Justin Harvey	22	LeRoy Goodwin
5	Cameron Casanova	15	Nathan Hoebing	22	Bill Haire
7	Ethan Sass	15	Kathryn Perrine	23	Mary Herschler
7	Kat Kittrell	16	Jessica Showman	23	Alex Schlipman
8	Pat Weppler	16	Jack Ajdinovich	24	Kolten Perrine
9	Anthony Ebel	16	Lewis Walbring	26	Madelynn Jones
10	Elizabeth Mix	16	Alayna Schlipman	28	Stacy Kuhn
11	Abigail Kemp	16	Denise Lucas	29	Zoey Klauser
11	Hannah Kemp	18	Chet Vahle	30	Ray Johnson
11	Briana Linder	20	Missy Ebel	30	Mandy Creely
12	Linda Waterkotte	20	Jane Haschemeyer	30	Rachel Foster

July Baptisms

1	Melissa Knapp	13	Jamie Louderback	24	Evelyn McDowell
1	Dennis Fleming	14	Madeline Ehmen	24	Sandy Callahan
3	Todd Shackelford	14	Craig Wiesemann	25	Henry Holtman
3	Brenda Fleming	16	Avery Schlipman	27	Brad Scharnhorst
6	Hannah Ajdinovich	18	Ciera Clevenger	27	Emily Becker
6	Connie Louderback	18	Connor Clevenger	27	Briana Linder
8	Trent Douglas	20	Cailin Clevenger	29	Lynn Sharrow
10	Allan Murphy	21	Bradley Longcor Jr.	30	Brett Baird
10	Amanda Spilker	21	Bradley Longcor III	30	Eleanor Manton
11	Betty Blumenkamp	22	Arianna Fischer	30	Donna Goodwin
12	Carolyn Kaiser	23	Evan Sass		

July Anniversaries

1	Gary and Carolyn Cramlett	47 years	12	Chris and Melissa Knapp	22 years
2	Bruce and Judi Burner	58 years	15	Mike and Emily Vahle	19 years
3	Rob and Amy Edwards	15 years	16	Justin and Hayley Harvey	14 years
4	Kirk and Vicki Wemhoener	34 years	26	Jeff and Heather Wolfmeyer	22 years
9	Martin and Malinda Eden	31 years	31	Bill and Linda Waterkotte	18 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 News

Thank you, Wanda & Donna for being our gracious hosts.

District Convention highlights were shared. Details were given about National Convention and the rummage sale.

Finalized volunteers for the Blind Service meal served at St. James on May 17th.

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

**2025 – 2026
 LWML CID Mission Grants**

New Mission Grants were selected at the April District Convention.

Details to come!

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.

June 5 – Picnic, 6 pm, Fellowship Hall

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

July 11 & 12 – Annual Rummage Sale, Fellowship Hall

July – Birthday get-together, TBD

No meeting in August

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!!

Breaking Generational Poverty in Detroit | Camp Restore - \$58,988

Camp Restore is located in what was the most violent area of Detroit, the 9th Precinct. However, with the strong resilience in this community and strong community leaders, they have the goal of uplifting one another by investing in the people and the places in the neighborhood.

The goal of this grant is to work with families and community leaders to break the cycle of poverty by providing a Christ-centered atmosphere full of God’s love and grace where families can learn and grow, with access to the needed education and resources. Through education and God’s love, the cycle of generational poverty can be broken.

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

Coloring Page:



Happy 4th of July

PUZZLE PAGE

LOVE

By

Bill Schlegl

Write each backward word correctly. You will learn of God's great love for us.

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