



2025 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

The season has changed, and the signs are all around us. I am not talking about the weather outside – as I'm writing this, it is 70 degrees, but one thing we can count on in Illinois is that weather patterns frequently change and often blur the lines between the seasons. What seems like temperatures that belong in one season and not another tend to find their way across those lines.

The season of the church year has changed. We have completed the long season of Pentecost, and Advent is upon us. Advent marks the beginning of a new church year, and we get to tell the story of Christ from the beginning to the Last Day once again. The signs of this change are obvious as decorations and music fill the sights and sounds of this time of year. The beautiful fall decorations and recognition of the yearly harvest and final harvest are gone. The decorations in the church are filled with meaning and purpose. The Advent wreath has appeared and will now serve as a mini calendar of weeks leading to the celebration of the birth of Christ. The rest of the Christmas decorations are a clear indication that there is a new season upon us. However the themes of this time of year get a little blurry (and not just because there were Christmas decorations in the stores since October). Advent is a time of preparing for Christ to come. In this season is the theme of the journey to Bethlehem, and in this season is the theme of our journey toward the Last Day. The signs of change are all around us. As we see this change happening, we anticipate what is coming. Christ is coming. During these weeks of Advent, in our Wednesday services, the theme will be "The Cities of Advent." In regard to themes of the season, Advent is a season with blurred lines. The Gospel reading for the First Sunday of Advent is Jesus riding into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday. Advent begins with the End. The season has changed. The signs are all around us. Our task has not changed. Just like in the season of Pentecost, we are to watch and wait because Christ is coming.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

ADVENT AND CHRISTMAS SERVICE CALENDAR

- December 3** Advent Service at **7 PM** – Jerusalem with Pastor Riley
- December 10** Advent Service at **7 PM** – Bethlehem with Pastor Hayden
- December 17** Advent Service at **7 PM** – Nazareth with Pastor Eden, Corporate Confession
- December 24** Children's Christmas Program **7 PM**
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service **9 PM**
- December 25** Christmas Day Divine Service **9 AM**
- December 27* No Saturday Evening Worship
- December 28** Christmas Musicale **9 AM** (No Sunday School)
- December 31** New Year's Eve Service at Our Redeemer **6 PM**

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Larry Foster (<i>3rd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Vice-President	Stan Yelton (<i>3rd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Secretary	Monica Foster (<i>3rd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Financial Secretary	Renee Benedetto (<i>3rd term</i>) – Counters	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Schlipman (<i>3rd term</i>)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ryan Vaughn (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
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>2nd term</i>) – Saturday Volunteers	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Dennis Fleming (<i>3rd term</i>) – Altar Care	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Parker Armbruster (<i>1st term</i>) – Sunday Volunteers	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Evangelism Board	Barb Vahle (<i>2nd term</i>) – Greeters	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Carol Allen (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Property Board	Gary Hyer (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Mike Pettit (<i>1st term</i>)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Stewardship Board	Michele Urbon (<i>2nd term</i>) – 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>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Jerry Lunt (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Becky Lunt (<i>2nd term</i>)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026

Pastoral Report
(October 1 – 31, 2025)

Official Acts

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

Evita Helm & Noah Nutting – October 10, 2025

Membership Changes

Gains [+3B, +3C]

- Baptisms [+0B, +0C]
- Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]
- Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]
- Transfers In [+3B, +3C]

Sara Dawson – October 19, 2025
Zachary Dawson – October 19, 2025
Richard Buss – October 26, 2025

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-0B, -0C]

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

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	October 31, 2025
Baptized	546	+4	-6	544
Confirmed	430	+3	-6	427

December Puzzle Answer (*Puzzle on Page 13*)

For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves it is the gift of God.
Ephesians 2:8

2025 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Oct., '25</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	304,288.01	317,075.00	-12,786.99	96.0%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	2,434.00	2,500.00	-66.00	97.4%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	1,000.00	833.34	166.66	120.0%
021 · 021 Tuition Endowment Funds	5,500.00	4,583.32	916.68	120.0%
Total Income	313,222.01	324,991.66	-11,769.65	96.4%
Expenses				
Mission	14,750.00	14,166.66	583.34	104.1%
Personnel	214,512.18	218,081.00	-3,568.82	98.4%
Program	44,518.90	63,634.18	-19,115.28	70.0%
Property	44,079.92	42,425.00	1,654.92	103.9%
Total Expense	317,861.00	338,306.84	-20,445.84	94.0%
Net Income	-4,638.99	-13,315.18	8,676.19	34.8%

Assignments for December 2025

We welcome you to join us in "Serving the Lord with Gladness"!

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Brad Essington
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Larry Foster*, Barb Vahle, HELP NEEDED
Wed., Advent 1 at 7:00 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer
Wed., Advent 2 at 7:00 PM	Parker Armbruster
Wed., Advent 3 at 7:00 PM	Darrell Drescher
Christmas Eve at 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn, Chris Knapp, Chris Clevenger
Christmas Eve at 9:00 PM	Steve Hyer, Larry Foster, Evan Sass
Christmas Day at 9:00 AM	Jerry Lunt*, Tom Killday*, Amy Killday, Sam Killday
New Year's Eve at 6:00 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Mike Herschler*, Steve Hyer

Altar Care: *Wanda Spohr*, Mona Fischer, Amy Killday, Karen Lohmeyer

Registration Slips: Jane Haschemeyer

Counters: Glenna Nicholson, Barb Ellerbrock

Service Recording: December 3 at 7 PM – Jeff	December 24 at 7 PM – Gretchen
December 7 at 9 AM – Larry	December 24 at 9 PM – Keith
December 10 at 7 PM – Gretchen	December 25 at 9 AM – Larry
December 14 at 9 AM – Gretchen	December 28 at 9 AM – Jeff
December 17 at 7 PM – Ted	December 31 at 6 PM – Ted
December 21 at 9 AM – Jeff	

Drivers: Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

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, Jim Ott, Joann Reichert, 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:

John & Martha Semeniuk
6600 North Clinton Street Box 270
Fort Wayne, IN 46825

Concordia Theological Seminary, Saint Louis, MO:

Carl Wicklander wicklanderc@csl.edu
Campus Post Office Box
801 Seminary Place
Clayton, 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 Pianist – Wanda Spohr
Pre-School 3, 4 & Kindergarten – Gina Eickelschulte
Grades 1 - 4 – Cyndi Ott
Jr./Sr. High – Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Substitutes – Hannah Ajdinovich
Allie Dedert
Monica Foster
Amelia Knapp
Katherine Reddick
Susan Weiss

December News & Notes

Upcoming Events

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February 1, 2026: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday
February 1, 2026: *St. James School sings at the Lutheran Church of Saint John at 10:30 AM*
March 8, 2026: *St. James School sings at St. James Church at 10:30 AM*
April 26, 2026: Director of Parish Music Appreciation
May 4-8, 2026: Teacher Appreciation
September 13, 2026: *ORLC Picnic at Upper Moorman large shelter house from 4 to 7 PM*

High School Youth will have a Christmas party in December. **Junior High Youth Group** We will meet the second Wednesday of each month (**December 10**) from **5:30-6:30 pm**. This will be for all **kids from 6th - 8th grade** and they can invite their friends.

Journey to Bethlehem hosted by **Zion Lutheran Church and School Lincoln, IL**. Travel back to Bethlehem and follow in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph by encountering shepherds and the songs of angels, wandering through the marketplace and crowded inn, and arriving oh where the greatest gift of all was born. All are welcome to this **FREE indoor walk-through event** to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Zion Lutheran School, 1600 Woodlawn Road Lincoln, IL from **4:00pm - 6:00pm** (*doors open at 3:30pm*) on **Saturday, December 13**. Check out *Journey to Bethlehem* on Facebook to see event details and updates!

Christmas cards are in. Most cards are still **50 cents** each. New at the card rack this **Christmas**, a "**pop-up**" nativity card. Each card stands up to portray the real meaning of Christmas! Perfect to send someone who does not have space for a large nativity set or someone needing the visual reminder of Jesus' birth. Cost per pop-up card **\$1.00**.

LLL Convention 2026 Mark your calendars: March 21, 2026, at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL, the Lutheran Laymen's League will have their Annual Convention. And EVERYONE IS INVITED. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer, Chairmen and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is often on: CTSFW Lectionary Podcasts, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty podcasts, Facebook and You Tube. His topic will be "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ." For more information, email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

Celebrate 100 Years in Clayton with Concordia Seminary 3 p.m. (CT) Sunday, April 26, 2026 Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Mark your calendars! Concordia Seminary is celebrating 100 years at its iconic Clayton, Mo., location — and we want you to be part of it. Plan to join us for a special chapel service honoring our milestone anniversary with the theme: "O Christ the Living Stone – a lasting legacy, a firm future." Won't be able to attend in person? Plan to watch the livestream at csi.edu/live.

You are Needed to Make a Joyful Noise! Please consider joining Choir; we meet on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM** and are especially looking for women and higher voices of all ages to join us! Families are welcome and no experience is needed. We sing in church at least once a month.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS - Sunday School offerings starting in November will be to LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS by helping those in our community who may be struggling. All offerings received during Sunday School opening, both monetary and items, will be distributed locally. The Sunday School invites the entire congregation to join them in their mission. The Sunday School youth will be placing baskets in the narthex and by the south entrance for collection of food and goods for our community. Here are ideas for items: *canned vegetables, canned fruit, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, plain rice, pasta, ready to eat shelf stable meals, canned milk, powdered milk, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, paper products, body soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc.* **"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me."** - **Matthew 25:40**

December News & Notes (Continued)

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES One more college care package is being wrapped up for final exams! Please sign the card in the narthex (one signature and it is copied for all recipients!) with words of encouragement as they about ready to wrap up the fall term. There is a marked bushel basket for donation of items for future care packages. If there are any questions, please contact Melissa Knapp. The following are some of the **students receiving care packages from ORLC**. (*Some students preferred not to have their information shared.*)

Becky Altenberger, National University of Health Sciences, Graduate school, Naturopathic Medicine

Alayna Schlipman, Bradley University, Graduate school, Dietetics

Elle Ehmen, University of Mississippi, Senior, Elementary Education

Harrison Knapp, University of Alabama, Senior, Computer Science & Mathematics

Elizabeth Hea, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Junior, Clinical Psychology

Thalia Wolfmeyer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Junior, Physics

Lily Hayes, John Wood Community College, Sophomore, Criminal Justice

Anderson Knapp, University of Alabama, Sophomore, Biology

Grace Vaughn, Illinois College Sophomore, Biology

Bradley Longcor, Santa Clara University, Freshman, Undecided

Elizabeth Lucas, John Wood Community College, Freshman, Chemistry

Julianna Grawe, Blessing Rieman College of Nursing, Senior, BS Nursing

Students were asked, **What are you most excited about this year?** Responses: *Getting more involved with on-campus clubs and beginning to take a leadership role within them. Finishing my second year of medical school and getting into rotations after that. Getting to do all the senior fun traditions and student teaching! Finishing my math degree. Anatomy and physiology. Meeting new people. Graduating soon!! The classes. Basketball.*

Come join us in Sunday School! The Sunday School youth of all ages participate in the opening in many ways each week. They serve as ushers in collecting offering. Each week one youth attends to altar care by lighting the candles with a remote and when appropriate, changing the colors of the altar cloth linens. The youth read Bible verses for the weekly devotion. They can also volunteer to help lead actions for songs, The first Sunday of the month a puppet play is presented by the older kids as our opening devotion. Both birthdays and baptismal birthdays are celebrated with our treasured vintage pink cake. Wanda Spohr provides piano accompaniment during opening. Cyndi Ott and Melissa Knapp lead the Sunday School opening. Gretchen Wolfmeyer organizes and leads the monthly puppet plays during opening.

Twice each term, a Bible Bowl is held where the first grade through high school students get to "buzz in" answering questions about the Bible. In the spring, the Sunday School youth will help prepare the college care packages by making cards for the students and filling boxes. Once our opening is done, the youth can choose a snack and drink on their way to their classroom. The Sunday School teachers are currently covering Old Testament stories for the younger grades and world religions for the upper grades.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten class is led by Gina Eickelschulte. Cyndi Ott leads the first through fourth grade class. The junior high and high school class is led by Gretchen Wolfmeyer. Pastor Eden leads the adult Bible class in the fellowship hall.

Ask your child about what they are doing and learning in Sunday School each week. All are invited to come join us from 10:15 - 11:15 for Sunday School! The youth meet in the Sunday School opening room next to the fellowship hall. We hope you can join us soon!

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

God is at work in the Uganda Mission: Funds Given so far in **2025 - \$75,512.40** What a blessing this has been for their mission and school. Every little bit helps to share the good news of Jesus Christ overseas!

December 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.

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.

The current Dollar for Missions project: 45-year-old insulation in the chancel ceiling at **Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal** has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be replaced, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for **\$10,000**. For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

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.

ORLC Baseball Caps are available at the Scrip table for **\$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

Bella Ease Care Closet Open **Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 PM**, 707 Broadway, for personal Hygiene Products

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

Bella Ease Motivation Mondays at **10 AM** Set Goals, Create a Plan, Overcome Obstacles, Make Life Happen at 707 Broadway.

St. James Church Secretary Position –We are immediately opening the position for applications. If you or someone you know is interested in a **part-time (about 20 hours/week) position**, please email Pastor Riley at mriley@stjamesquincy.org for more information (job description, etc.).

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.

EYEGASSES COLLECTION: Please continue to **donate eyeglasses** (and **non-prescription sunglasses**, too!) in the collection box on the table by the south entrance for **MOST Ministries**.

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.

December Birthdays

1 Kaitlyn Fischer	7 Olivia Showman	20 Joan Walbring
1 Larry Foster	8 Lillian Cramlett	20 Alison Zehnle
1 Harrison Knapp	8 Amie Hoebing	22 Emma Fischer
1 Max Showman	9 Heidi Armbruster	22 Bev Post
1 Kayla Terstriep	9 Emily Drescher	22 Kari Vahle-Adams
2 Brian Manton	9 Nathaniel Hurley	23 Darrell Drescher
3 Tad Douglas	9 Eldon Schoch	23 Kaiden Weisheit
3 Morgan Longcor	11 Valerie Spillman	27 Donna White
3 Cheryl Newbrough	13 Ted Hea	29 Emma Campbell
3 Carol O'Dell	14 Shanna Wemhoener	29 Monica Foster
3 Jeff Wemhoener	15 Sean Burner	29 John Frohn
4 Phyllis Cook	15 Eric Fischer	29 Mary Lazzeri
4 Cindy Klingele	15 Adelina Goetz	30 Elizabeth Burner
4 Allan Murphy	15 Merinda Jones	30 Savannah Edwards
6 Barb Ellerbrock	16 John Hallerberg	31 Jane Howlett
7 Linda Go	17 Ron Bowles	

December Baptisms

3 Mike Herschler	12 Mayce Bent	25 Roger Eden
3 Donna Johnson	12 Mike Schoch	25 Kainalu Klauser
3 Jaela Vaughn	15 Adelina Goetz	25 Paul Weisheit
3 Emily Weppler	15 Piper Kuhn	27 Kristen Buerstatte
4 Alexis Hibbert	16 Sean Burner	27 Carolyn Cramlett
4 Clayton Hibbert	17 Carol O'Dell	27 Irene Drescher
6 Sarah Lucas	17 Adrian Zehnle	28 Heidi Armbruster
7 Brady Essington	19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.	28 Barb Ellerbrock
8 Olivia Hoebing	20 Shirley Foster	29 Bethany Fritz
11 Kelle Baird	20 Ryan Schnack	30 Charlie Church
11 Pat Griffin	22 David Ott	30 Donna Church
11 Rob Tipton	24 Andrew Allen	30 John Church

December Anniversaries

1 Brett and Brianna Lehman	3 years	15 Steven & Cheryl Newbrough	30 years
4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri	54 years	19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer	61 years
5 Bob and Kriss Frink	55 years	23 Brad and Karol Ehmen	25 years
11 Lewis and Joan Walbring	60 years	28 Kody and Briana Linder	7 years

*Congratulations and
Best Wishes to you all!!!*

Word Scramble Answers: (from Page 12)

1) Angel	3) Candy	5) Cheerful	7) Birthday	9) Icicle	11) Frosty	13) Jesus
2) Bells	4) Gifts	6) Tree	8) Elf	10) Cookies	12) Lights	14) Candles



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.

November News

Thank you, Carol & Mary for being our gracious hosts.

Michele U. led us in a Bible Study entitled – Sharing Our Gifts as We Work for the Lord.

A motion was carried that we send \$500 to St. John’s Food Pantry. Christmas cards were approved and Advent suppers will be implemented by Wanda. Volunteers are needed to help!

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

UPCOMING...

Dec. 4 – Christmas party, TBD

May your Christmas be blessed and your New Year prosperous!

Jan. 8 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

**2025 – 2026
 LWML CID Mission Grants**

LCMS Disaster Relief - \$10,000

LCMS disaster Relief works with member congregations to immediately give access, relief, and aid in recovery following a disaster. This grant would replenish funding available to meet the needs to start and enable this process at disaster time.

You can support these grants 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 2025 – 2027

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

LCMS Office of Pastoral Education | \$100,000

Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time church workers. Supplying the church with workers is one of the highest priorities for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). SAS is striving to develop a culture where every LCMS congregation, school, and entity intentionally forms and recruits church workers among their youth and adults. They are focusing on youth, second-career, multi-cultural ministry, and international outreach. This grant will help the Set Apart to Serve program encourage more members to consider church work.

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

Coloring Page:



Word Scramble:

1) ENLGA _____

2) BELSL _____

3) DCYNA _____

4) FGTSI _____

5) URFELEHC _____

6) REET _____

7) THDBIAYR _____

8) FEL _____

9) CLICIE _____

10) OSCOEKI _____

11) SFTYOR _____

12) GHSTLI _____

13) SUJSE _____

14) DNCASEL _____

(Answers on Page 10)

PUZZLE PAGE

THE GREATEST GIFT

By

Bill Schlegl

We receive many gifts in our lives.

Use the number code to learn what is the greatest gift.

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

_____ _____ _____ _____
 06 15 18 02 25 07 18 01 03 05 01 18 05

_____ _____ _____
 25 05 19 01 22 05 04 20 08 18 15 21 07 08

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(Answers on Page 3)

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Nov	10-Nov	16-Nov
Profit:	\$176.19	\$22.50	\$72.50
# orders:	17	1	7
Profit/Order:	\$10.36	\$22.50	\$10.36
Overall Profit:	\$2,719.29	\$2,741.79	\$2,814.29

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education!



Poinsettias for Christmas

Poinsettias complete the decoration of our chancel for Christmas. You may help underwrite the cost of these poinsettias with a special donation. The poinsettias 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 poinsettias will be included in our bulletins for the Christmas season. The poinsettias are available for **\$9.49** each. You can take home your poinsettia(s) after the conclusion of the Christmas Day Service December 25th. If you would like to sponsor one or more poinsettias, please fill out the form below and bring or mail it to the church office. Payment should accompany the order.

I want to sponsor _____ poinsettia(s).

The poinsettia(s) is/are given:

in loving memory of _____

in thanksgiving for blessings received

for the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

*(Please bring or mail this completed form to the church office.)
(All orders must be received by Sunday, December 21st.)*

Immanuel Lutheran in Springfield is inviting you to its first **German language Christmas Worship Service**. If you speak the language and would like to praise God in German, this will be a Gottesdienst für alle. Or, if you don't speak German, come experience worship in a different language and see how the Word of God is comforting and effective even through a language barrier. Almost all of the worship service will be familiar since we will use a traditional divine setting. The sermon will also be spoken in German, but an English transcript will be provided so everyone will be able to follow along. Please invite anyone you think might be interested to join us on **December 21st, 6:30pm** at Immanuel Lutheran Springfield 2750, E Sangamon Ave. Springfield, IL 62702