



## 2026 Newsletter

### Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

*The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod*

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#### **To the people of God at Our Redeemer,**

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!! This is a very special time in the life of our family as I am baptizing my first grandchild on Sunday, January 4. My two daughters are adults and have been pretty self-sufficient for many years, so having a new member of the family who requires the first-fruits of your attention and energy at all times is a change for the parents in particular. Attention to a newborn is constant. He feeds every three hours. There are no days off. After two weeks of caring for Oliver, Annalisa told me, "I greatly underestimated the feeding schedule." But that is what he needs and mom and dad couldn't be happier.

This got me thinking about everyone who is a baptized child of God. Baptism is a new birth. Paul tells us that in Baptism our Old Adam drowned and died and we were raised to a new life in Christ. He calls it a "washing of regeneration." Our Baptism is our true birth.

However, once that new birth happens, there is the need for constant care and the first fruits of your attention and energy. If Hunter and Annalisa celebrated the birth of Oliver but then did not feed, nurture, or care for him, the celebration of life would be very short-lived. Our baptismal faith, our new life in Christ requires constant attention. Jesus says, "Do this in remembrance of Me" when speaking of receiving the body and blood of the Lord in the Sacrament. We are to be continually in the Word. Moses told the people, "And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates [*Deuteronomy 6:6-9*]." Paul says to "pray without ceasing." Be in a constant conversation with God. Give thanks for every meal, pray for God's blessing on your day, pray for the strength to deal with whatever struggles the day may bring, and turn the first fruits of your attention and energy to your Lord and Savior.

Doing that makes for a better day. When you string those better days together, that makes for a better year. And when you string together a number of years where the first fruits of your attention are with the Lord, that makes for a good life no matter what struggles may come your way.

**In Christ,**

*Pastor Eden*

## 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 Armbruster ( <i>3rd term</i> )	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ryan Vaughn ( <i>2nd term</i> )	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Board of Elders	Head Elder	
	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**  
(November 1 – 30, 2025)

**Official Acts**

**Baptisms**

**First Communion**

**Rite of First Communion**

*Amya Faith Allensworth – November 16, 2025*

*Adelina Jo Goetz – November 16, 2025*

*Alexander David Smith – November 16, 2025*

*Connor Jeffrey Smith – November 16, 2025*

*Kaisley Caydence Turner – November 16, 2025*

**Youth Confirmation**

**Adult Confirmation**

**Funerals**

**Weddings**

**Membership Changes**

**Gains** [+0B, +0C]

**Baptisms** [+0B, +0C]

**Adult Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

**Youth Confirmations** [+0B, +0C]

**Transfers In** [+0B, +0C]

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

**Losses** [-0B, -0C]

**Death** [-0B, -0C]

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

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

<b>Membership</b>	<b>January 1, 2025</b>	<b>Gains</b>	<b>Losses</b>	<b>November 30, 2025</b>
Baptized	546	+4	-6	544
Confirmed	430	+3	-6	427

## Assignments for January 2026

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

**Ushers:** (\*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Brad Essington*, Jeff Smith
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Chris Knapp*, Barb Vahle, Chris Clevenger

**Altar Care:** *Ruth Snowden*, Amy Killday, Gretchen Wolfmeyer, **HELP NEEDED**

**Registration Slips:** Michele Urbon

**Counters:** Anita Wolfmeyer, Mary Lazzeri

**Service Recording:** January 4 at 9 AM – Nicholas  
 January 11 at 9 AM – Keith  
 January 18 at 9 AM – Jeff  
 January 25 at 9 AM – Larry

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

**January Puzzle Answer** (*Puzzle on Page 13*)

Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov	14-Dec
Profit:	\$72.50	\$107.19	\$58.62	\$151.08
# orders:	7	11	6	17
Profit/Order:	\$10.36	\$9.74	\$9.77	\$8.89
Overall Profit:	<b>\$2,814.29</b>	<b>\$2,921.48</b>	<b>\$2,980.10</b>	<b>\$3,140.06</b>

*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, Jim Ott, Joann Reichert, Bill Schlegl, Eldon Schoch, Todd Schroeder, Sue Schweitzer, Emanuel Voepel

## 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](mailto: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  
Phoebe Hayes  
Amelia Knapp  
Katherine Reddick  
Susan Weiss

# January News & Notes

## Upcoming Events

**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

**Snow Removal** – Our new contractor will only clear the sidewalks when snowfall is 2 inches or more and they will not use ice melt. We need **volunteers willing to shovel** and **spread ice melt** on **Saturday** and **Sunday** for **services**.

**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.

Read Through the Bible in 2026! Please consider joining our group to read through the Bible in 2026. We're using the free Bible app and The Bible Recap plan online or their paper guide. Contact Gretchen in the office to get set up.

**Youth Night** All junior and senior high youth are invited to gather with the youth from Saint John and Our Redeemer/Saint James at **KrazyTown Trampoline Park. Sunday, January 18, 3-6 pm**. Cost is \$10 to jump and an extra \$4 if you need jump socks. We also have an hour in the golf simulator and will have board games to play. Friends are welcome to join us. Students need a signed waiver. Parents, please do that online prior to coming.

**Coats and more for ECFC** The Coats for ECFC help serve the at-risk population that is usually below the poverty level. Many times, these children have a single parent, a missing parent who may be incarcerated or are homeless. These children show up without coats due to circumstances that they have no control over. A new coat means the world to them. Children learn best when they are clean, fed, and clothed. A coat can change their world. Their faces light up, bodies are warm, and their minds are ready because they feel the comfort and warmth of the coat. In addition to new coats, other items are also welcome donations: hats, gloves, mittens, sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear and socks for both boys and girls, sizes 3, 4, 5 and 6. Please leave your donations by the Christmas tree by the south entrance. We will continue to **collect these items through February**.

**LWML** wants to remind everyone if you have an immediate need to **donate items to our rummage sale**, we have space in the Sunday School classroom area. *We do not accept clothes or TVs.* **Thank you** for all donations and remember that all proceeds go to missions.

**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](mailto: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 [csl.edu/live](https://www.csl.edu/live).

**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>

## January 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.*

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** The final exam care packages have all reached their destinations. I am pretty sure there were lots of smiles as they opened the packages. Each contained some "favorite things" to help students as they prepared for the end of the term. Here is a snippet of what students responded when asked the following: "What have been your favorite things to receive in your care packages?" Responses: *The tootsie rolls! Also the tide pods! I use those strictly for my scrubs, it is the only thing I have found that gets the formaldehyde smell out of them!, Laundry pods and candies around finals, The sweet treats and Mac and cheese, Little squishy animals!, Coffee K cups, popcorn, Any of the fun snacks, The snacks, Snacks!*

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

**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!

## January News & Notes *(continued)*

**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!

**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**.

**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](mailto: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](http://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.

**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](http://planetgreenrecycle.com) to request a FREE USPS label to print and mail.

## Miscellaneous Constant Information

### Newsletter & Calendar Deadline –

All newsletter and calendar submissions must be sent in **no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> 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.*

*2<sup>nd</sup> 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.*

*3<sup>rd</sup> 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](http://www.lifelinkadoption.org) or contact us at 630-521-8281 or [intadopt@lifelinkadoption.org](mailto: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](mailto: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.

## January Birthdays

1	Wade Pellman	12	Brian Burner	24	Kathy Hyer
3	Judi Burner	13	Hannah Mixer	24	Lynnette Carpenter
3	Michele Urbon	13	Grace Vaughn	25	Steve Kaiser
5	Brady Essington	14	Donna Haire	26	Cameron McDowell
6	Phyllis Ashby	14	Melanie Zehnle	26	Don Fink
6	Addison Buss	15	Brett Baird	27	Jim Lucas
6	Linda Knowles	16	Thom Hurley	27	Christina Kaltenbach
7	David Showman Jr.	18	Glenn O'Briant	28	Phillip Weisheit
7	Ruth Hall	18	Sky Fischer	28	Angie Clevenger
9	Lennox Hines	18	Kirk Vahle	29	Lauren Mueller
9	Canaan Mayfield	21	Ellie Bowles	29	Brooke Gooding
11	August Ott	22	Mayzie Parrish	30	Jane Voepel
11	Gary O'Dell	23	Kris Kutcher	31	Josh Jefferson
12	Bradly Essington	24	Connor Smith		

## January Baptisms

1	Glenn O'Briant	12	Nix Dedert	24	James Jones III
1	Mary Tipton	13	Savannah Edwards	25	Harrison Knapp
3	Jessica Hibbert	18	Amie Hoebing	26	Bradly Essington
6	Myley Longcor	18	Gage Scharnhorst	26	Valerie Spillman
8	Tony Bowles	19	Tory Hufendick	28	Chris Knapp
9	Mark Vahle	19	Alison Zehnle	29	Eric Sass
11	Ava Langan	20	Riley Lehman	29	David Rickey
11	William Humphrey	20	Eldon Schoch	30	Hannah Mixer
11	Lily Kuhn	22	Donna White	30	Merinda Jones
11	Kari Vahle-Adams	24	Susan O'Briant		

## January Anniversaries

3	Gary and Kathy Hyer	51 years
3	Chet and Barb Vahle	50 years
8	Tony and Susan Bowles	41 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](http://www.lwml.org).

**Our 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**

**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.

**UPCOMING...**

**May your  
 Christmas be  
 blessed and your  
 New Year  
 prosperous!**

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

***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!**



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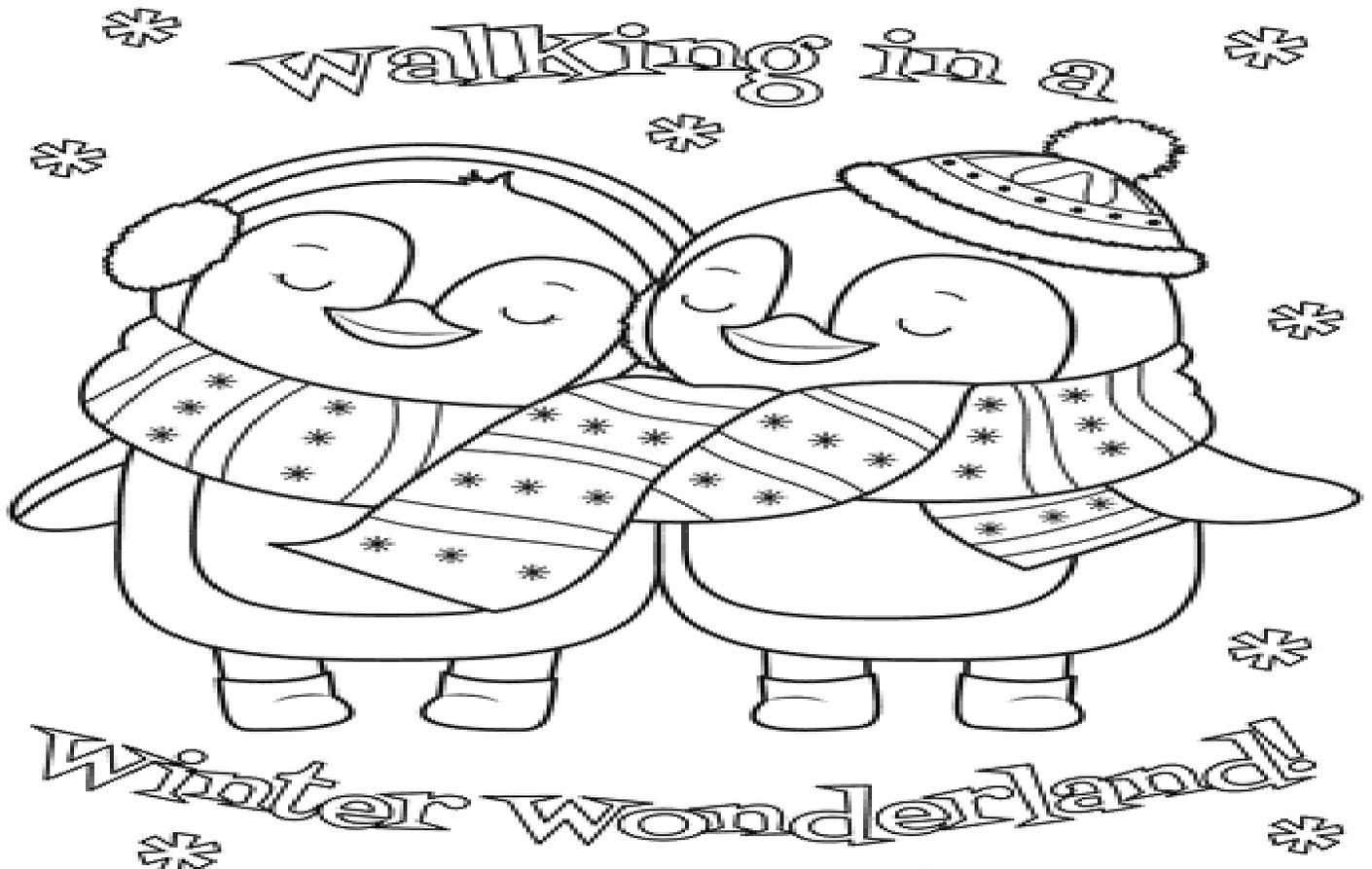
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Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is a Synod-wide program focused on forming and recruiting full-time church workers. Supplying the church with workers is one of the highest priorities for The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod (LCMS). SAS is striving to develop 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.

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# Coloring Page:



W	E	A	T	H	E	R	W	G	S	F	P	S	F	M
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See how many of these words you can find in the puzzle. The words can be forward, backward or diagonal.

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| 1. Snow    | 5. Shovel    | 9. Slippery  | 13. Scarf    |
| 2. Snowman | 6. Cold      | 10. Slide    | 14. Hat      |
| 3. Winter  | 7. Freezing  | 11. Sledding | 15. Earmuffs |
| 4. Weather | 8. Snowflake | 12. Skating  | 16. Mittens  |

# PUZZLE PAGE

## OBEDIANCE

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn one way to show obedience to God's commands

A B C D E F G H I J K L M  
Z Y X W V U T S R Q P O N

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G L      B L F

*(Answers on Page 4)*