



2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Ever since 2017, which was the 500th Anniversary of the posting of the 95 Theses, I have shared with you significant events in the life of Luther which corresponded 500 years ago. In the year 1526, there are no major battles – the Peasant's War is over. There are no major theological debates. He was not brought before Emperor Charles V. He cannot travel because he has been declared an outlaw.

However, 1526 is a significant year because in that year Luther published the German Mass. He had already published the New Testament in German and the people were eager to worship in the German language rather than Latin.

The year of our Lord 1526 was also significant for Luther as his wife Katie gave birth to Hans Luther the first of their six children.

That year was really a transitional period for Luther. His focus was shifted away from the intense controversy of the previous eight years and moved him toward family life and life in the church. Martin Luther was one of the five most influential people to walk this earth since Jesus. Yet it seems that his most cherished accomplishments seem to surround his wife and six children.

He was a man who was rightfully showered with accolades for all of his writing and debate, yet his favorite part of his work in the church was being a parish pastor. I can relate – not with the accolades but with the reality that I have the best job in world.

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
(December 1 – 31, 2025)

Official Acts

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

Membership Changes

Gains [+0B, +0C]

- Baptisms [+0B, +0C]
- Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]
- Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]
- Transfers In [+0B, +0C]
- Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+0B, +0C]

Losses [-1B, -1C]

- Death [-1B, -1C]
Michael Gene "Mike" Herschler – December 23, 2025

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2025	Gains	Losses	December 31, 2025
Baptized	546	+4	-7	543
Confirmed	430	+3	-7	426

February Puzzle Answer (*Puzzle on Page 14*)

The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord. Romans 6:23

Pastoral Year-End Report (January 1 - December 31, 2025)

Official Acts

Baptisms

March 9, 2025 -- Eleanor "Nora" Jane Ott
March 18, 2025 -- Alyssa Michelle Crow
April 5, 2025 -- Canaan Henry Mayfield

First Communion

November 16, 2025 -- 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

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

January 6, 2025 -- Darlene Elizabeth Herman
March 15, 2025 -- Katherine Elizabeth "Kitty" Hall Schuckman
March 22, 2025 -- Janice Carol Colvin
March 27, 2025 -- Carl William Muehring
May 13, 2025 -- Richard "Dick" Reichert
June 23, 2025 -- Bernard Weisenburger
September 5, 2025 -- Charles William "Bill" Perry

Weddings

October 10, 2025 -- Evita Helm & Noah Nutting

Membership Changes

Gains [+4B, +3C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

April 5, 2025 -- Canaan Henry Mayfield

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+3B, +3C]

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

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

Losses [-7B, -7C]

Death [-6B, -6C]

January 28, 2025 -- Janice Carol Colvin
February 28, 2025 -- Katherine Elizabeth "Kitty" Hall Schuckman --
March 19, 2025 -- Carl William Muehring
May 8, 2025 -- Richard "Dick" Reichert
August 21, 2025 -- Charles William "Bill" Perry
December 23, 2025 -- Michael Gene "Mike" Herschler

Transfers Out [-1B, -1C]

February 14, 2025 -- William Beesing

Assignments for February 2026

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*, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Dennis Fleming*, Doug Allen*, Parker Armbruster
Ash Wednesday at 7:00 PM	Ryan Vaughn*, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Parker Armbruster 2/18/2026
Lent 1 Midweek at 7:00 PM	Randy Wolfmeyer 2/25/2026

Altar Care: **Kathy & Gary Hyer**, Michele Clevenger, Renee Benedetto

Registration Slips: Gina Eickelschulte

Counters: Doug Allen and Amy Edwards

Service Recording: February 1 at 9 AM – Ted
 February 8 at 9 AM – Nicholas
 February 15 at 9 AM – Keith
 February 18 at 7 PM – Jeff *Ash Wednesday*
 February 22 at 9 AM – Larry
 February 25 at 7 PM – Ted *Lent 1 Midweek*

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

Assignments for March 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Bob Mehl*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Jerry Lunt*, Josh Hennig*, Parker Armbruster
Lent 2 Midweek at 7:00 PM	Jeff Wolfmeyer 3/4/2026
Lent 3 Midweek at 7:00 PM	Bill Haire 3/11/2026
Lent 4 Midweek at 7:00 PM	Bob Mehl 3/18/2026
Lent 5 Midweek at 7:00 PM	Chet Vahle 3/25/2026

Altar Care: **Laurie Bronson**, Carolyn Cramlett, Rosie Meyer

Registration Slips: Mary Lazzeri

Counters: Mary Lazzeri and Kathy Hyer

Service Recording: March 1 at 9 AM – Jeff
 March 4 at 7 PM – Keith *Lent 2 Midweek*
 March 8 at 9 AM – Larry
 March 11 at 7 PM – Ted *Lent 3 Midweek*
 March 15 at 9 AM – Nicholas
 March 18 at 7 PM – Keith *Lent 4 Midweek*
 March 22 at 9 AM – Larry
 March 25 at 7 PM – Ted *Lent 5 Midweek*
 March 29 at 9 AM – Nicholas *Palm Sunday*

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, 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 wicklander@csf.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

February 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

For the week of February 1: on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), we're continuing our study through the book of Genesis! This week we'll cover chapters 11-13. Tune in for Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we look at the miracles of Jesus in the Gospels! Don't forget to join us on The Coffee Hour this week (*weekdays at 9 AM*) — we'll be introducing the all-new online edition of the Book of Concord from CPH, sharing this month's Searching Scripture feature, and bringing you Episode 5 of our latest history series, "The Battle for the Augsburg Confession." Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

For the week of February 8: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: We're continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*). Tune in as we discuss chapters 14-17. Join us on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as Pastor Booe leads us in a new study of the book of Numbers! On Concord Matters this Saturday (**2/14 at 10 AM**), we'll be studying Holy Baptism as discussed in the Large Catechism. What is the power, profit, and purpose of Baptism? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

Junior High & High School Camp CILCA Retreat on February 15-16 All youth are invited to join us for an overnight retreat at Camp CILCA. Our time will include games, worship, study, and lots of fun. Meet at Lutheran Church of Saint John at 1 PM. Cost is \$40 per person. **Register by Feb 1.**

LENTEN DINNER HOSTING We are looking for four volunteers / hosts or group for each **Wednesday at 5:45 PM** during Lent. These dinners are a wonderful opportunity to learn more about your fellow parishioners...their hobbies, what they like to do for fun, even where they work! Our hope is for the whole congregation to take part in this hosting rather than only one group. The average attendance is around 30, so very manageable with four. The simpler the meal the better for preparation and clean-up.

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**.

Love Our Neighbors with Coats and Clothing at ECFC Thank you for contributions of scarves, hats, gloves, mittens, coats, and pants for our little friends at the Early Childhood and Family Center. The first collection of items have been delivered to the nurses at ECFC for distribution as the needs arise. We will continue to collect and distribute items through the end of February. There is a basket by the south entrance in which you can place your donations. The January and February Sunday School offerings will also be designated for the any additional items they can use to fill this need.

The **college care package program** will resume for the spring term. Donations are welcome and can be left in the designated basket by the south entrance. If you are a college student who would like to take part in the program, but had not yet signed up last fall for this school year, you can still do so! Contact Melissa Knapp and she will send you the link to complete. Please do so as soon as possible, as the next package is being planned and assembled for distribution in 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.

Thank you for all your cards and prayers at the death of Mike Herscher. – *The Family of Mike Herscher*

February News & Notes *(continued)*

Do you know that the way Christians go about their day and connect with members in their household is a critical aspect of spiritual growth? When the households of your church are spiritually vibrant, your church is more effective at faith formation, outreach, and community engagement. Come to learn more at the **Central Illinois LLL District Convention** hosted at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal on **Saturday, March 21, 2026**. All are welcome to attend. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne Indiana is the guest speaker. Presentation Topics: Rev. Dr. Scaer's presentation topic: "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ" and Polly Faszholz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL Virtual Presentation LHM Update Doors open at 9:00 a.m. and the convention will conclude by 3:00 p.m. Registration fee is \$25 per person and includes the lunch meal. Please complete the registration form and mail with your registration fee to Deloris Blessman, 20204 CR 1850N, Topeka, IL 61567. Please make checks payable to CID LLL District. For more information you can contact Deloris by phone 309-361-1461 or by email delorisblessman@yahoo.com. **Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.**

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.

Vocatio: High School retreat June 20-26, 2026, Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend Vocatio: High School on the campus of Concordia Seminary. This retreat encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! **Registration is \$300 and closes May 15.**

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 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

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.

February News & Notes (continued)

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	28-Dec	11-Jan	25-Jan
Profit:	\$62.62	\$129.17	\$79.03
# orders:	6	15	11
Profit/Order:	\$10.44	\$8.61	\$7.18
Overall Profit:	\$62.62	\$191.79	\$270.82

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education!

Current Dollar for Missions Project: Replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb was dedicated in 1969, but some kitchen equipment in the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the student center (the sexton) has not been replaced since then. DFM funds would be used to replace the original kitchen equipment. **Amount to be funded: \$11,000.00**

NEW!! Dollar for Missions Online Giving New this year, you can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. Many people no longer carry cash but still want to support the Central Illinois District's mission work. One-time and recurring donations are now available online at <https://www.aplos.com/aws/give/LCMSCentralIllinoisDistrict/D4M> All new recurring gifts will be **matched** by a special one-time gift, **up to \$20,000**.

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.

Two Notes from Redeemer Church in the United Kingdom:

Goodbye to the old and welcome to the new year. From Redeemer to all at Quincy, we wish each and everyone a peaceful, faith filled 2026. Whatever befalls may God always be your strength and hope. Again we extend our deep gratitude to you all for your continuing, caring service to us here at Redeemer. The cheque was a Christmas bonus, a wonderful one, so thank you so much, we really thank God and Quincy for helping us keep Redeemer going. Our locum Pastor George will be leaving these shores in April and going back to Australia, his homeland, and to new ventures. So here at Redeemer we are, as yet, not quite sure exactly what will be happening in the near future. However, we have struggled through so far and we put our trust in God that he will provide. We are few in attendance nowadays, 6-8 with a few housebound, who share our online services so they don't miss the comfort our service can give. So once again, many thanks for your donations and may your congregation continue to thrive in faith, health and peace. On behalf of all at Redeemer. *Love and God Bless, Pam*

Greetings from all at Redeemer,

Although rather late we extend to one and all our best wishes and blessings for a peaceful and if possible, a healthy 2026. Christmas seems ages ago and we will be preparing for Lent before we know it, times goes so fast the older one gets. However we all enjoyed our festivities however we celebrated and soon we will preparing to say farewell in April to our beloved Pastor George, who will be winging his way back home to Australia. We are very sad when he goes but trust that God will take care of us as he has done so far. Especially in all the wonderful donations we have received over the years from you at Quincy. I wish we could let you really know just how much you have supported us and enabled to attend to ongoing repairs that we would not have been able to afford. So once more, we thank you so very much for your loving continued care and support. With our love and prayers. *Your family at Redeemer.*

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.

February Birthdays

1 Randy Ellerbrock	11 Farren Campbell	21 Marty Otto
4 Kaisley Turner	11 Ellen Stockhecke	22 Lincoln Stark
5 Richelle Anderson	11 Reva Ehmen	23 Theodore Mayfield
5 Jeffrey Smith	12 Jaela Vaughn	23 Ricky Goertz
5 Clint Gooding	12 Donna Eisenbeiss	24 Levi Cook
5 Dan Hufendick	14 Teddy Buerstatte	25 Mike Douglas
5 Sheldon Foulk	16 Conall Wolfmeyer	25 Kara Mercurio
6 Archer Ott	17 Violet Reinhart	26 Shelly Holtman
7 Becky Lunt	17 Ryne Lubben	26 Judi Mohrman
9 Randy Wolfmeyer	17 Isabelle Hillerts	27 Gary Cramlett
9 Cyndi Ott	17 Kim Pracht	29 Laura Essington
9 Aaron Goodwin	19 Amy Buss	
9 Rob Edwards	21 Jason Klauser	

February Baptisms

1 James Jones II	11 Renee Durst	17 Cameron McDowell
1 Jim Lucas	12 Larry Foster	18 Billy Hindbough
2 Monica Foster	12 Stacey Gruen	20 Bennie Hines Jr.
3 Darrell Drescher	12 Harry Hall Jr.	21 Charles Bowles
3 Barb Hall	13 Nathaniel Hurley	22 Ellie Bowles
5 Kirk Vahle	14 Shanna Wemhoener	25 Dorothea Dobbs
6 Melanie Zehnle	14 Bob Frink	27 Jessica Campbell
8 Eric Fischer	15 Tad Douglas	28 Austin Fischer
9 Rebecca Jones	15 Brandon McGartland	28 Judi Burner
11 Mary Lazzeri	16 John Go	28 Brian Burner
11 Don Fink	16 Randy Ellerbrock	

February Anniversaries

5 Rob and Naomi Tipton	20 years
8 Charlie and Pam Church	23 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.

UPCOMING...

Feb. 5 – Monthly mtg. Bible Study, 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Mar. 5 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Mar. 7 – Soup Cook-off

Apr. 2 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

January News
 Thank you, Renee & Connie for being our gracious hosts.

Michele U. reported on our Project Connect booklets at CareNet. We pray the Holy Spirit opens the hearts of those who choose to take the booklets. Also, Wanda reported on the Advent dinners.

Dates were set for future events and Mission Projects were voted on. Barb will lead a Bible Study for next month’s meeting.

Our 2026 Missions Projects

National - Concordia Seminary Food Bank, Dakota Girls & Boys Ranch, Uganda Mission, LCMS Disaster Relief, Lutheran Bible Translators Lutheran Prison Ministry, Orphan Grain Train

Local – Camp Callahan, ORLC St. James Endowment Fund, Camp Cilca, CareNet, Open Hands Food Pantry, ORLC Youth Group, ORLC Tuition Assistance, Neighborhood Federation

**2025 – 2026
 LWML CID Mission Grants**

CID Dollars for Missions - \$25,000

The CID “Dollars for Missions” projects support new church starts, mission-focused augmentations of existing ministries, and established CID Missions. The CID Board of Directors choose one project at a time to fund up to a targeted amount.

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!!*

Christ-Centered Hope for Cancer Patients | \$100,000

The core of Phil’s Friends mission is based on Matthew 25:36, I was sick and you visited me. In the past 18 years, Phil’s Friends has sent nearly 60,000 care packages and more than one million Cards of Hope.

This ministry supports anyone with cancer regardless of age, gender, ethnicity, or income level. It costs \$100 for one year to support a cancer patient. Phil’s Friends is 100% donor supported. This grant will purchase supplies for care packages and Cards of Hope and will pay for shipping and postage to support 1,000 cancer patients for one year.

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

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PUZZLE PAGE

COVENANT

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn God's covenant to us.

SU GI DF

FH HJ EG SU

NP EG

FH NP CE

HJ RT

DF SU DF QS MO ZB KM

KM HJ EG DF

SU GI QS NP TV FH GI

IK DF RT TV RT

BD GI QS HJ RT SU

NP TV QS

KM NP QS CE

(Answers on Page 3)

Oh, The Places
They'll Go!

Please join us for some

Spring Fling

FUN

March

Saturday

21

6:00 PM

This year will be all about how far the kids have come with your support.
Oh, The difference you make!

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