



2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

Lent is a journey. The 40 days of Lent remind us of the 40 days of Christ in the wilderness being tempted by Satan. These weeks of Lent have been observed for centuries by the Church around the world. Lately though, many churches have rejected the historic church calendar and have created their own "40 days" events not connected with the season of Lent. Churches today are littered with programs called "40 days of purpose" or "40 days of connection." There is certainly nothing wrong with having "purpose" or "connection" in and among the church family. However, the 40 days of Lent allow us to have a connection with all the saints on earth as we journey together with our eyes on Jesus as we hear the witness of Scripture and see Him going to the cross where we witness the purpose for which He came to earth for us.

Throughout our Lenten journey, the theme will be "For Us". God has a plan and a purpose for us, His children. We see this plan carried out in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Our preaching rotation will be a little different as we will be including Immanuel – Macomb to join the three Quincy churches. Our schedule for Lent and Holy Week is as follows:

Lenten & Holy Week Worship Schedule: All Services begin at 7:00 PM

March 4 "For He Seeks Us" *Pastor Hull (Macomb)*

March 11 "Healing From Demons" *Pastor Hayden (St. John)*

March 18 "The Robe of Human Frame" *Pastor Eden*

March 25 "For Us Betrayed" *Pastor Eden*

Maundy Thursday "For Many Means for You"

Good Friday "His Dying Breath"

Easter Schedule:
Easter Vigil: 5:00 PM Saturday
Sunrise Service: 6:30 AM
Easter Breakfast 7:30 – 9:00 AM
Divine Service 9:00 AM

Come and hear the words of Christ throughout these days of Lent and Easter.

In Christ,

Pastor Eden

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

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|---------------------|---|------------------------|
| 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 |
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| 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 |
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| Board of Elders | Ted Hea (<i>2nd term</i>) – Head Elder & Livestream | 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 |
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| Evangelism Board | Barb Vahle (<i>2nd term</i>) – Greeters | Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026 |
| | Carol Allen (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027 |
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| Property Board | Gary Hyer (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027 |
| | Mike Pettit (<i>1st term</i>) | Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026 |
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| Stewardship Board | Michele Urbon (<i>2nd term</i>) – Attend Slips | Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026 |
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| Youth Ministry | Connie Louderback (<i>2nd term</i>) | Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026 |
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| 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
(January 1 – 31, 2026)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Oliver Gray Thewis – January 4, 2026

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Michael Gene “Mike” Herschler – January 3, 2026
Patricia J. Florey – January 29, 2026

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]

Patricia J. Florey – January 5, 2026

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

| Membership | January 1, 2026 | Gains | Losses | January 31, 2026 |
|-------------------|------------------------|--------------|---------------|-------------------------|
| Baptized | 543 | +0 | -1 | 542 |
| Confirmed | 426 | +0 | -1 | 425 |

March Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 13)*

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

Assignments for March 2026

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

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

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|---------------------------|---|
| 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 – March 4, 2026 |
| Lent 3 Midweek at 7:00 PM | Bill Haire – March 11, 2026 |
| Lent 4 Midweek at 7:00 PM | Bob Mehl – March 18, 2026 |
| Lent 5 Midweek at 7:00 PM | Chet Vahle – March 25, 2026 |

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

Registration Slips: Mary Lazzeri

Drivers: Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

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*

Assignments for April 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

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|----------------------------|---|
| Saturdays at 5:00 PM | Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton*, Brian Schenck |
| Sundays at 9:00 AM | Larry Foster*, HELP NEEDED* , Steve Hyer, Paul Johnson |
| Maundy Thursday at 7:00 PM | Jerry Lunt*, Jerry Manton*, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Steve Hyer |
| Good Friday at 7:00 PM | Clint Gooding |
| Easter Vigil at 5:00 PM | Bob Mehl*, Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Darrell Drescher* Bill Haire* |
| Easter Sunrise at 6:30 AM | Larry Foster*, Ryan Vaughn*, Chris Knapp*, Chris Clevenger |

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

Registration Slips: Mary Lazzeri

Drivers: Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

Counters: Renee Benedetto and Doug Allen

Service Recording:

- April 2 at 7 PM – Larry – *Maundy Thursday*
- April 3 at 7 PM – Jeff – *Good Friday*
- April 4 at 5 PM – **HELP NEEDED** – *Easter Vigil*
- April 5 at 6:30 AM – Keith – *Easter Sunrise*
- April 5 at 9 AM – Jeff – *Easter Service*
- April 12 at 9 AM – Ted
- April 19 at 9 AM – Nicholas
- April 26 at 9 AM – Larry

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, 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 Weppler.



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, 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 wicklancerc@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

March News & Notes

Upcoming Events

March 8, 2026: *St. James School sings at St. James Church at 9:00 AM*

April 26, 2026: Director of 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 March 1: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org: We're continuing our study through the book of Genesis on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*). Tune in as we discuss chapters 24-26! Join us on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as Pastor Booe leads us through the book of Numbers! This week's studies will take us through chapters 15-18. Join us for the Wednesday broadcast of our Lent service from Peace Lutheran here in St. Louis (**3/4 at 11 AM**). On Concord Matters this Saturday (**3/7 at 10 AM**), we'll be studying the Sacrament of the Altar as discussed in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

ATTENTION SOUP AFICIONADOS! It's soup cook-off time again!!! Your LWML is hosting the **Soup Cook-off on March 7th** immediately following the Saturday night service! We only accept 8 soups for judging, so do not procrastinate! **It's FREE to enter your soup, which includes your meal, and one vote for the evening!** Advance tickets to attend the festivities are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Your ticket includes a taste of every soup, one vote and a meal of sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Soup entries and advance ticket sales are available after every church service, or you can contact the church office! A shout out to Heidi Armbruster, our 2025 Soup Chef winner! All proceeds will be funding LCMS – Disaster Relief.

2026 is St. James' 175th anniversary year! To celebrate the big year, St. James is hosting a family event each month. Our first event is a chili cookoff on **March 7 at 5 PM** at St. James. You are invited to join for the event. Come taste some yummy chili and vote for your favorite! If you would like to enter a chili for competition, please register by March 3 using the link found on our website <https://www.stjamesquincy.org/175th-anniversary-2026> Thanks for celebrating with us.

Illinois Pro-Life March (*formerly the Illinois March for Life*) the biggest & best pro-life event in Illinois. When: **Thursday, March 19, 2026**; Rally at **1 PM**; March at **2 PM** Where: The Lincoln Statue in front of the Illinois Capitol Building, 401 S 2nd St. Springfield, IL 62701 Why: To celebrate, defend, and speak out for LIFE! Keynote speakers: Joshua Mercer and Kramer Soderberg Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring a chartered motor-coach to travel to Springfield. Cost—FREE! (bring your own sack lunch) Call/text Jake Reed for more information & reservation 217- 577-1555 Board bus at 9:00 at Town & County Inn and Suites, 110 N. 54th Please join with your fellow Adams County Pro-Lifers for this important event!

'But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.' Joshua 24:15 -A majority of practicing Christians participate in spiritual conversations, prayer and Bible-reading with their households. -Fatih heritage impacts Christians' beliefs and practices for the long term. Join with others at the **Central Illinois LLL District** at the **annual convention** on **Saturday, March 21** at Christ Lutheran Church in Normal, Illinois. Rev. Dr. Peter J Scaer, Chairman and Professor of Exegetical Theology, Concordia Theological Seminary Fort Wayne Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour® will provide the keynote address. Polly Faszholtz Gregali, Community Facilitator, LLL will provide a virtual presentation with LHM Updates. The registration fee is **\$25.00 per person** including lunch. 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. Strengthen and encourage your faith walk as you encourage others in their faith journey as partners in His mission.

Registration deadline is March 16, 2026.

Join us in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 28, 2026 to grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to Lutheran young adults, ages 18-30. Married or single are welcome. Pre- and Post Conference activities are planned for **March 27** and **March 28**. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. More information and registration is available at martinpluskatie.org. **Please register no later than Friday, March 20th.**

March News & Notes *(continued)*

HELP!!! Would whomever has offering envelope 185 contact Gretchen please?

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES THANK YOU for the generous donations for the college care packages! Packages will include snacks, hygiene items, and some fun and cozy items, too! The first package of the year was mailed out (or available for pick up by local students)! A student let me know that the package arrived and the snacks will be especially useful during their study sessions! During March, the Sunday School youth will help fill the care packages with your donations of items and snacks!

Join us for this year's Hope for Horizons fundraiser! Friday, April 17th from 5–7:30pm at the Quincy Country Club Together, we'll gather to support Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry and help further the mission of feeding both the body and the soul. Join us for a silent auction featuring unique items donated by amazing local artists, businesses, and supporters. The online auction opens April 1st—stay tuned! We'll also host a live auction at the event, so grab your tickets now and don't miss out. Tickets are available NOW for \$50 and include a complimentary glass of wine and light appetizers. Together, we'll gather to support Horizons Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry.

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.

Our Redeemer, **Thank you** for the **donations of children's clothing and winter accessories** to **Early Childhood**. Your kindness and thoughtfulness give us the tools to care for our young students and their families.
With gratitude, **ECFC School Nurses April and Dawn**

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**.

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.

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*

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** 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**.

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.

March News & Notes *(continued)*

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.

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.

Executive Director Position Opening - LCMS District Church Extension Fund Have you ever felt like your work could be more gratifying? That you're devoting all your time and effort to a business that doesn't match your values or that is constantly striving for new goals without meaning? That you could be devoting your skills to a better and higher cause? If these questions give you pause, please give prayerful consideration to applying for the position of Executive Director of the Central Illinois District Church Extension Fund (CID-CEF), a stand-alone not-for-profit corporation located in Springfield, Illinois. This position will give new meaning to your work life as you devote your time and effort to the Mission of growing God's Kingdom by extending loans and grants to the churches, schools, and agencies that reside within the Central Illinois District. You will have responsibility for the administration, management, and operations of the CID-CEF under the direction of their Board of Trustees, which are comprised of pastors, bankers, and lay people from the LCMS within the District. Your responsibilities will include all loaning functions, internal investment operations, external investment of funds, financial reporting, marketing, policy, legal, and insurance requirements, in accordance with sound business practices but with primary responsibility to the service and support of our churches and schools. Qualifications for this position include a Bachelor's degree in Business, Accounting, or Finance, with six to ten years of progressive management experience in a related financial environment. If you would like a new perspective on work and a more satisfying and fulfilling career where your efforts will benefit a higher cause, please contact Darin Gehrke at 217-883-1247 or Kevin Schultz at 217-341-8622 for a full job description and qualifications.

Scrip Update:

| Week ending: | 1-Feb | 8-Feb | 15-Feb |
|------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Profit: | \$58.51 | \$79.41 | \$63.07 |
| # orders: | 7 | 11 | 7 |
| Profit/Order: | \$8.36 | \$7.22 | \$9.01 |
| Overall Profit: | \$329.33 | \$408.74 | \$471.81 |

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education!

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.

March Birthdays

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|----|---------------------|----|---------------------|----|------------------|
| 1 | Donna MacFadden | 13 | Brian Schenck | 22 | Lauryn Sharrow |
| 1 | Lily Hayes | 14 | Charlie Church | 22 | Don Blattner |
| 1 | Phoebe Hayes | 14 | Kathy Ragsdale | 23 | Clayton Hibbert |
| 2 | Nicholas Johnson | 14 | Mary Tipton | 24 | Anna Ehmen |
| 3 | Holden Jones | 14 | Jessica Scharnhorst | 24 | Bob Mehl |
| 6 | Layne Bent | 17 | Mary Morse | 24 | Allie Hastings |
| 6 | Brandon Hufendick | 17 | Jeff Wolfmeyer | 26 | Glenna Nicholson |
| 7 | David Drescher | 18 | Ella Ehmen | 26 | Kristin Humphrey |
| 8 | Christopher Schnack | 18 | Erin Fischer | 27 | Jerry Manton |
| 9 | Chad Manton | 20 | Ciera Clevenger | 28 | Evita Nutting |
| 11 | Bella Campbell | 20 | Connor Clevenger | 30 | Aubrey Stark |
| 12 | Evie Ajdinovich | 22 | Tiffany McLaughlin | 30 | Maria Caldwell |
| 12 | Deanna Hibbert | 22 | Michele Austin | 31 | Arjee Weisheit |
| 12 | Savannah O'Dell | | | | |

March Baptisms

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|----|-------------------|----|---------------------|----|-------------------|
| 1 | Reva Ehmen | 11 | Jason Klauser | 21 | Richelle Anderson |
| 1 | Brooke Gooding | 11 | Amya Allensworth | 22 | Sophia Brown |
| 1 | Maggie Nixon | 11 | Danielle Deeter | 22 | Jane Voepel |
| 7 | Allison Smith | 13 | Rob Edwards | 23 | Layne Bent |
| 8 | Becky Lunt | 15 | David Pellman | 24 | Isabelle Hillerts |
| 8 | Jerry Manton | 15 | Justin Harvey | 24 | Jeff Wolfmeyer |
| 9 | Gary O'Dell | 15 | Mandy Creely | 25 | Ryne Lubben |
| 9 | Ellen Stockhecke | 16 | Gretchen Kemp | 26 | August Ott |
| 9 | Brandon Hufendick | 16 | Connor Smith | 26 | Brian Schenck |
| 10 | Josh Holtman | 16 | Elizabeth Burner | 27 | Matt Wepler |
| 10 | Randy Wolfmeyer | 17 | Marty Otto | 28 | Ella Ehmen |
| 10 | Addison Buss | 17 | Emily Drescher | 28 | Anthony Blickhan |
| 10 | Jeremy Holtman | 18 | Amy Buss | 28 | Rod Hibbert |
| 11 | Bella Campbell | 19 | Donna Haire | 29 | Bonnie Hallerberg |
| 11 | Emma Campbell | 20 | Jessica Scharnhorst | 31 | Jane Howlett |

March Anniversaries

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| 10 | Paul and Rhonda Johnson | 26 years |
| 28 | Al and Missy Ebel | 48 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...

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

Mar. 7 – Soup Cook-off

Apr. 9 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

Apr. 24 & 25 – District Convention, Decatur

May 7 – Monthly mtg., 6:30 pm, Fellowship Hall

February News

Thank you, Jane & Michele U. for being our gracious hosts.

We held a very short meeting to plan the Ash Wednesday Lenten meal and give Soup Cook-off updates.

The focus of the meeting was a Bible study led by Barb entitled ‘Not the World’s Peace’ from the Lutheran Woman’s Quarterly.

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**

Healing Spaces for At-Risk Children - \$10,000

Children who come to Dakota Boys & Girls Ranch have experienced many heartbreaking traumas. The purpose of this project is to build Zurcher Cottage, a psychiatric residential treatment facility to provide Christ-centered care for these at risk children.

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!!

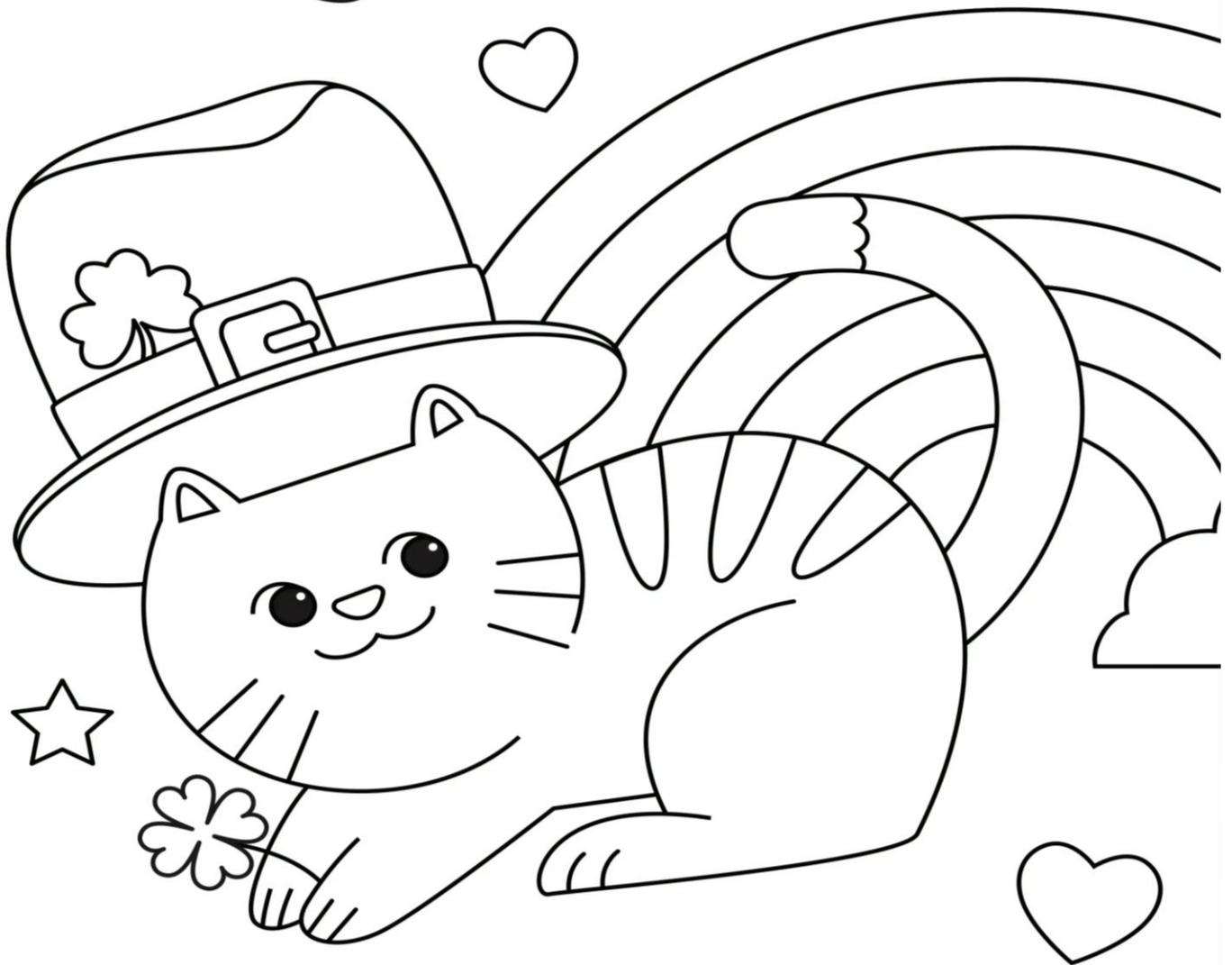
Light of Jesus Christ to Unwed Homeless Mothers | \$75,000

A Place of Refuge (APOR), in Wisconsin, is a sanctity of life ministry that positively impacts the lives of unwed, homeless pregnant women and their preborn children. Women can reside at the Refuge House for their entire pregnancy and up to a year following the birth of the child. APOR teaches life and parenting skills. This grant will fund the purchase of a new van for transportation to church, Bible studies, doctors’ appointments, and grocery shopping, plus a set of five parental skill books to be gifted to each new mom.

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

Coloring Page:

Happy 
St Patrick's
Day!  



PUZZLE PAGE

HE'S SPECIAL

By

Bill Schlegl

Write that letter that follows each letter given. You will learn why Jesus is so special to us.

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(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!

Holiday Inn
4821 Oak St
Quincy, IL 62305



Easter Lilies



For Easter, we are planning to order Easter lilies for the chancel. You may help underwrite the cost of these lilies with a special donation. The lilies 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 lilies will be included in the bulletins for Easter.

The lilies will be available for **\$11.99 each**. *There is a bulb shortage this year which has increased the price.* You will be able to take your lily or lilies home after the conclusion of the Easter 9:00 am service. If you would like to sponsor one or more Easter lilies, please fill out the form below and give it to one of the ushers, or bring or mail it to the church office.

**All orders must be received at the church office on or before
Sunday, March 29, 2026.**

Please include payment with your order.

I would like to sponsor _____ Easter lily (lilies).

The lily is (lilies are) given:

in loving memory of _____

in honor of _____

in thanksgiving for blessings received

to the glory of God and the beauty of his house

Name: _____

(Please bring or mail this completed form with your payment to the church office.)

LCMS Foundation Newsletter Article – March 2026

“I took my car to one place for an oil change, another for the brakes, and still another for a tune up. Yet my car just doesn’t seem to be running right, and no one is offering to step in to help me.”

That same scenario might be true about your Christian estate plan. You might be tempted to focus on one thing at a time, a will here, an insurance policy there, a conversation with the financial planner periodically and then the annual tax preparation. But do we think about how all those things are linked together? We need to, in order to have a comprehensive plan.

In a busy world, focused on quick productivity, we often miss the opportunity to weave the conversations of all our advisors together. In addition, inviting your pastor into these conversations, and your family, can bring a fullness otherwise missed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help facilitate conversations in your circle of important people. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

For the week of March 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 kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/KFUEradio), [X](https://twitter.com/KFUEradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/KFUEradio). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org**: On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 a.m. CT*), we're continuing our study of the book of Genesis, picking up with chapter 27! Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 a.m. CT*) as we continue our series through the book of Numbers. On Concord Matters this week (*3/14 at 10 a.m. CT*), we're continuing our study of the Sacrament of the Altar as described in the Large Catechism— what benefit can be found in partaking of the Lord's Supper? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

There will be no junior high youth activity in the month of March.

However, we will be joining with St James for their **high school youth night**. It will be on **Sunday, March 15**. Meet at St. James at **3 pm** and return by **7 pm**. We will be going to **Siloam Springs** for a hike with **dinner provided**. Any questions about the event can be directed to Pastor Riley at St. James.

Blood Drive Tuesday, March 10, 12pm—5:00pm To sign up to donate, go to

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive> <http://www.lcosj.org/i-am-grace-overflowing>



Love Our Neighbors at ECFC

Thank you for your donation of hats, coats, and clothing for the children at Early Childhood and Family Center. The Sunday School offerings for January and February totaled \$191.40. Those offerings were used to purchase long sleeve shirt and sweatpants for the nursing office to use when a child needs a fresh set of clothing for the day.

Love Our Neighbors Around the World

The Sunday School offerings for March, April and May are designated for the **Lutheran World Relief's Gifts of Love** program. The Gifts of Love helps to make a lasting difference for families around the world. You may spot some goats in the church building as they represent the goal for these offerings. "A hearty goat can survive in parts of the world where other farm animals cannot. Goats are easy to care for and to breed. In addition to nutritious milk and cheese, goats provide rich manure to fertilize crops. Goats provide families with a lasting source of nutrition and income." Once we total our Sunday School offerings, the children will place a bell on the goat to symbolize \$5 raised towards the \$100 goal for providing one goat to a family.