



2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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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	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
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
(February 1 – 28, 2026)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Ellen Hines	February 12, 2026
Ruth Hall (internment only)	February 21, 2026
Lynda Hinkamper	February 28, 2026
Steve Kaiser	February 27, 2026

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+4B, +4C]

Baptisms [+0B, +0C]

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+4B, +4C]

Paul Johnson	February 8, 2026
Rhonda Johnson	February 8, 2026
Nicholas Johnson	February 8, 2026
Scott Wymer	February 8, 2026

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

Losses [-4B, -4C]

Death [-4B, -4C]

Ellen Hines	February 1, 2026
Ruth Hall	February 16, 2026
Lynda Hinkamper	February 18, 2026
Steve Kaiser	February 22, 2026

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2026	Gains	Losses	February 28, 2026
Baptized	543	+4	-5	542
Confirmed	426	+4	-5	425

Pastoral Report
(March 1 – 31, 2026)

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 [-5B, -4C]

- Death** [-0B, -0C]
- Transfers Out** [-5B, -4C]
 - Gene Bluhm March 1, 2026
 - Nancy Bluhm March 1, 2026
 - Brett Lehman March 21, 2026
 - Brianna Lehman March 21, 2026
 - Riley Lehman March 21, 2026

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

Membership	January 1, 2026	Gains	Losses	March 31, 2026
Baptized	543	+4	-10	537
Confirmed	426	+4	-9	421

2026 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – Mar. '26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	102,590.78	94,500.00	8,090.78	108.6%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	0.00	750.00	-750.00	0.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	1,500.00	1,500.00	0.00	100.0%
021 · 021 Tuition Endowment Funds	0.00	1,375.02	-1,375.02	0.0%
Total Income	104,090.78	98,125.02	5,965.76	106.1%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	4,250.00	4,249.98	0.02	100.0%
Personnel	50,454.72	50,467.77	-13.05	100.0%
Program	14,739.91	15,133.71	-393.80	97.4%
Property	8,564.35	14,124.96	-5,560.61	60.6%
Total Expense	78,008.98	83,976.42	-5,967.44	92.9%
<u>Net Income</u>	26,081.80	14,148.60	11,933.20	184.3%

Assignments for May 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Ryan Vaughn*, Alex Schlipman
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Tom Killday*, Barb Vahle, Chris Clevenger

Altar Care: Wanda Spohr, Gretchen Wolfmeyer, Anita Wolfmeyer, **HELP NEEDED**

Registration Slips: Glenn & Susan O'Briant

Counters: Wanda Spohr and Rosie Meyer

Service Recording:

- May 3 at 9 AM – Jeff
- April 10 at 9 AM – Larry
- April 17 at 9 AM – Ted
- April 24 at 9 AM – Nicholas
- April 31 at 9 AM – Keith

Drivers: Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES: Mark & Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, Michael Goodwin, Robert Goodwin, Kristian Guzman, John Haines, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Levi Meyer, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Andy Tipton, Marc Troxel, Charles Wheeler.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS: Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Jim Elliott, 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

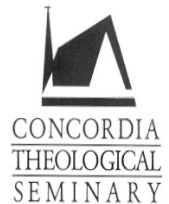
Our Seminary Students

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 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 – Katherine Reddick & Susan Weiss

Substitutes – Hannah Ajdinovich
Allie Dedert
Monica Foster
Phoebe Hayes
Amelia Knapp

May News & Notes

Upcoming Events

May 4-8, 2026: Teacher Appreciation

May 14, 2026 5:00 PM St. James 8th grade Graduation in Sanctuary

September 13, 2026: ORLC Picnic at Upper Moorman large shelter house from 4 to 7 PM

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION AVAILABLE: ORLC is seeking a part-time office administrator. This position is Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM, with a starting pay of \$18.50 per hour. The ideal candidate will have strong computer, communication, and organizational abilities and be comfortable managing a variety of office responsibilities. Resumes may be submitted to pastor@ourredeemerquincy.org

RADA - The remaining inventory of Rada items will be available at the Scrip table until the stock is depleted. Make all checks payable to ORLC PLUS. Cash and checks can then be deposited in the cash box on the wall by the greeting cards.

Love Our Neighbors Around the World

Have you noticed our goat herd is growing? We have over \$270 in Sunday School offerings and are working towards our third goat! We will continue to collect monies until the end of August. Would you like to help this Sunday School project? You can now find special mission offerings envelopes by the goat display if you would like to contribute to the Sunday School offerings. Envelopes designated as Sunday School Offerings Project can be placed in the offering baskets in the narthex.

The goats are being used as a symbol for our project, but there are many ways that the Gifts of Love program is helping families around the world. Other animals are also part of the program such as chickens, sheep and swine.

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.

APRIL FOOD DRIVE: St. John's Food Pantry is especially in need of canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned meat (such as tuna and chicken). We will be collecting these items through Sunday, April 26. There is a white basket in the Narthex for you to place your items.

DRIVER NEEDED: Sue Schweitzer is in need of a ride to church on Sunday mornings. If anyone would be able to bring her, even occasionally, it would be much appreciated. Please contact Pastor Eden (217)653-9159 for more details.

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.**

May News & Notes *(continued)*

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.

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.

FREE - the remaining **Thrivent t-shirts**, both youth and adult, have been moved to the counter in the lounge. Feel free to take what you can use!

Current Dollar for Missions project: Replace original kitchen equipment in the sexton's apartment at Immanuel Lutheran Student Center, Macomb. The Student Center was dedicated in 1969, but some kitchen equipment in the apartment for the live-in student who takes care of the center has not been replaced since then. Funds would be used to replace the original kitchen equipment. **Amount to be funded:** \$11,000.00 **NEW!!** You can now support Dollars for Mission through online giving. 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.**

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.**

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.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of March were \$275.00.

May News & Notes *(continued)*

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	8-Mar	15-Mar	29-Mar	12-Apr
Profit:	\$57.90	\$47.35	\$80.90	\$82.77
# orders:	7	7	12	8
Profit/Order:	\$8.27	\$6.76	\$6.74	\$10.35
Overall Profit:	\$642.80	\$690.15	\$771.05	\$853.82

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education!

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.

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.

Where do we get pastors who preach and care for us with God's Word? Where do we get teachers who teach our children about Jesus in our Lutheran schools? Where do we get our directors of Christian education, deaconesses and directors of parish music? Set Apart to Serve (SAS) is partnering with our seminaries, Concordia universities, districts, congregations and many others to build a Synodwide culture of church work formation and recruitment. You can contribute toward this effort by taking this brief online survey at lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey. Please let us know how all of us can make SAS more beneficial to your congregation. It is important we hear what you have to say.

Congratulations! In 2025, ORLC received \$3681 through the Thrivent Choice® program — and that's worth celebrating! 🎉 Your work strengthens communities, and we're grateful for the impact you make every day. We're excited to share that enhancements to the Thrivent Choice program are coming soon — including broader member eligibility, full-year flexibility, and a new year-end expiration date. Stay tuned — more details will be shared in the months ahead.

BIBLES IN THE OLD CHAPEL. There are some new Bibles, including some Large Print, available for purchase on a table in the old chapel. Each item is marked with the price. Please make all checks payable to ORLC. Checks or cash payments can be left in the marked envelopes in the designated basket by the display.

LWML DISTRICT CONVENTION The 81st Annual Convention of the Central Illinois District Lutheran Women's Missionary League (LWML) will be held Saturday, April 25th at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 1 Bachrach Dr., Decatur. The theme, 'For the Lord will be your Everlasting Light, is based on Isaiah 60:20. Martha Dahlke, LCMS Mission Advancement, will be our speaker. Linda Guterres, VP Communication, will be the LWML representative. Servant events and an evening worship service will begin on Friday afternoon at 1 pm on April 24th. These will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 2727 N Union St., Decatur. On Saturday, our convention will include the above-named speakers, breakout sessions, important business items, and wonderful fellowship with each other. Additional invitation information may be found at www.lwml.org or from your local group.

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

May Puzzle Answer *(Puzzle on Page 14)*

I am the way, the truth, and the life. No man cometh unto the father but by me. John 14:6

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.

May Birthdays

1 Paul Clevenger	15 Hadley Harvey	24 Eleanor Manton
1 KayLynn Blickhan	16 Ryan Vaughn	25 Sandy Callahan
1 Keagan Mercurio	17 Dennis Baker	26 Gretta Otto
2 Thomas Killday	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Sherry Yelton
3 Thalia Wolfmeyer	21 Joe Sharrow	27 Dylan Martin
4 Quinton Hibbert	21 Michele Clevenger	27 David Bent
7 Barb Vahle	21 Erica Parrish	28 Stacey Gruen
8 Mike Vahle	22 Eric Fischer	29 Nick Allen
9 Wanda Spohr	22 Leslie Bent	30 Melanie Drescher
9 Lynn Wombles	22 Carolyn Kaiser	31 Alischia Langan
9 Hugh Sharrow	23 Bradley Longcor III	31 Arianna Fischer
11 Rhonda Johnson	23 Lily Kuhn	

May Baptisms

1 Lauryn Sharrow	10 Lennox Hines	19 Keagan Mercurio
2 Avery Anderson	10 Josh Jefferson	19 Kristin Humphrey
2 Lucas Anderson	12 Emanuel Voepel	19 Joseph Ohnemus
2 Abigail Kemp	14 Anna Ehmen	19 Derek Ott
2 Hannah Kemp	14 Anderson Knapp	22 Thomas Killday
2 Theodore Mayfield	14 Stan Yelton	23 Ricky Goertz
2 Wade Pellman	14 Savannah O'Dell	24 Emma Showman
3 Dawn Ufkes	15 Thalia Wolfmeyer	25 Olivia Showman
3 David Drescher	16 Joseph Ott	25 Terry Morse
4 Shelby Gooding	16 Brenda Scharnhorst	25 Hadley Harvey
4 Archer Ott	16 John Dicks	26 Laura Essington
4 Mary Morse	18 Shanelle Douglas	26 Craig Gooding
5 Phillip Weisheit	19 Kai Barnes	27 LeRoy Goodwin
5 Mayzie Parrish	19 ZaKareyah Barnes	29 Michele Clevenger
7 Debbie Manton	19 Rosey LaRose	31 Wanda Spohr
8 Glenna Nicholson	19 Connor Ott	31 Amy Edwards
9 Amanda Zehnle		

May Anniversaries

1 Jim and Linda Leathers	16 years	14 Darrell and Irene Drescher	60 years
3 Mark and Janice Voepel	29 years	27 Mike and Jane Douglas	48 years
11 Brent and Linda Wingerter	41 years	28 LeRoy and Donna Goodwin	59 years
13 Parker and Heidi Armbruster	3 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!



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WHY

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Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn why we reach out to Jesus.

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