



2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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To the people of God at Our Redeemer,

There have been a number of changes at Our Redeemer in the past months. We welcome our new office manager Tammy Radecki. We have also welcomed a new choir director, Katherine Marshall. During this transitional period, I have been wanting to take a fresh look at how we do things. You may have noticed that, in the past few months, there has been no opening letter to the newsletter.

At our Spring Pastor's Conference, I inquired of my brother pastors what other churches do in regard to publishing a newsletter. Very few send out a bulk mailing as it is costly in postage, paper, and copying costs. We are moving the newsletter to be predominantly distributed via email or read on the website. We will send paper copies to those who desire one, and there will be copies on the narthex table.

In regard to the letter from the pastor, this will no longer be a regular feature. For special occasions, or if the Spirit moves me to write, then I will include something. However, as we have a rising number of homebound members that I visit each month, spending a half a day or so writing something to put in the newsletter makes accomplishing my monthly visits more difficult.

It is amazing to me that I have been your pastor for 17 years as of this past June. I cannot express how blessed I am to be your shepherd. For me, it is the people of God at Our Redeemer who have made Quincy feel like home.

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	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

(May 1 – 31, 2026)

Official Acts

Baptisms

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Carol Muehring May 20, 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]

Carol Muehring May 13, 2026

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2026	Gains	Losses	May 31, 2026
Baptized	543	+4	-11	536
Confirmed	426	+4	-10	420

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – May '26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	174,076.32	157,500.00	16,576.32	110.5%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	1,250.00	-250.00	80.0%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	2,500.00	2,500.00	0.00	100.0%
021 · 021 Tuition Endowment Funds	<u>5,500.00</u>	<u>2,291.69</u>	<u>3,208.31</u>	<u>240.0%</u>
Total Income	183,076.32	163,541.69	19,534.63	111.9%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	6,750.00	7,083.31	-333.31	95.3%
Personnel	77,001.35	84,112.94	-7,111.59	91.5%
Program	22,834.63	25,222.87	-2,388.24	90.5%
Property	<u>30,461.51</u>	<u>23,541.62</u>	<u>6,919.89</u>	<u>129.4%</u>
Total Expense	137,047.49	139,960.74	-2,913.25	97.9%
<u>Net Income</u>	46,028.83	23,580.95	22,447.88	195.2%

Assignments for July 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Stan Yelton*, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Jeff Wolfmeyer*, Jerry Lunt*, Parker Armbruster, Dennis Fleming

Altar Care: Mary Lazzeri, Anita Wolfmeyer, Laurie Bronson

Registration Slips: Rhonda Johnson

Counters: Becky Lunt, Jane Haschemeyer

Service Recording:

- July 5 at 9 AM – Keith
- July 12 at 9 AM – Larry
- July 19 at 9 AM – Ted
- July 26 at 9 AM – Nicholas

Drivers: Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

July Puzzle Answer (*Puzzle on Page 12*)

I Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:9

Remembering In Our Prayers



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, Jim Ott, Kathy Ragsdale, Joann Reichert, Bill Schlegl, Eldon Schoch, Todd Schroeder, Sue Schweitzer, Emanuel Voepel, Arlene Nunn, and Carolyn Kaiser.

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

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John & Martha Semeniuk

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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

July News & Notes

Upcoming Events

July 10 & 11: LWML Rummage Sale

July 25, 2026: AED Training at ORLC from 8 am to noon. Sign up to attend.

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

You are Invited to a Wedding Shower Open House at St. James School Gym on July 11th from 1 – 4 PM, for Nick Seibert and Katherine Brand. RSVP to Kelli @ 217-316-1348.

July News & Notes *(continued)*

Special Voters Meeting July 12, 2026 - Presentation of the Church Council Recommendation to accept the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Motion –

On June 17, 2026 the Church Council of Our Redeemer Evangelical Lutheran Congregation of Quincy, Illinois, a religious corporation, its board of directors, recommends that the corporation accept the General Not For Profit Corporation Act of 1986. Please see the document CERTIFIED CORPORATE RESOLUTION TO MAKE ELECTION for details of statements related to the acceptance of the General Not For Profit Corporation.

OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR POSITION HAS BEEN FILLED: Tammy Radecki began on June 2. Office hours will be Tuesday through Friday 8:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

DISCOUNTED RADA Just a few discounted items remain on the Scrip table. Cash and checks, payable to ORLC PLUS, can be placed in the cash box on the wall by the greeting cards.

BIBLES SALE There are two regular print Bibles available for purchase on the scrip table. Cash or checks, payable to ORLC, can be left in the marked envelopes in the designated basket by the display.

Love Our Neighbors Around the World *More goats have joined the herd! We now have \$520 in Sunday School offerings!* We will continue to collect monies until the end of August. If you would like to contribute, there are special Sunday School Offerings Project envelopes by display. **Lutheran World Relief's Gifts of Love** program is helping families around the world.

DRIVER NEEDED: Sue Schweitzer needs 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 Rummage sale will be Friday, July 10 from 3 – 7 pm and Saturday July 11 from 8 – noon. You can bring your items to the Sunday School opening area on Tuesday thru Friday from 8:30-2:30 or any other time the church is open for services or meetings. Remember everything needs to be in sellable condition and no clothes or TV's. All monies collected are donated to local and national missions and to date—this being our twelfth year—we have donated over \$31,000. We appreciate all your donations! I bet you all have STUFF you don't use or need!!!!

Attendance Cards: Only the families with students at St. James need to fill out the attendance cards each week unless you have new contact information for the church office or are a visitor who wants to provide contact information.

There is a **LOST & FOUND** basket on the table in the narthex with a few items that were found in the sanctuary.

The **KIDS CORNER** (on the table across from the busy bags) has some puzzle pages and other activities young ones (or young at heart) might have an interest.

– *Evangelism Committee*

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!

There is now an **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** on the usher's stand in the narthex. A training session led by first responders will be held on **JULY 25th, from 8am – noon**. This class is for any ORLC member who is interested in being trained. Please sign up on the sheet in the narthex. Please take copies of the information sheet of what will be covered in the training. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vahle by calling or texting her at (217) 316-1329.

CareNet If you still have a CareNet Baby Bottle please return it to the church ASAP.

GREETERS for Sunday Service sign-up sheets for June, July, and August are located on the table in the narthex. You may sign up as an individual or a family. If you have any questions, please contact Barb Vahle by calling or texting her at (217) 316-1329.

July News & Notes *(continued)*

There are a variety of devotions, calendars, portals of prayer, and other items available on the table at the top of the stairs.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of May were \$256.00.

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 N. Grand Ave. 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.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	10-May	11-May	17-May	31-May	7-Jun
Profit:	\$72.42	\$36.50	\$22.15	\$124.75	\$46.55
# orders:	9	1	4	10	6
Profit/Order:	\$8.05	\$36.50	\$5.54	\$12.47	\$7.76
Overall Profit:	\$1,055.86	\$1,092.36	\$1,114.52	\$1,239.27	\$1,285.82

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.

Our first check of \$1,000 for 2026 has been gifted back to the church. Thank you being a patron of this program that in turn helps with Lutheran education.

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.**

You are invited to a birthday open house for Shirley Foster who will be turning 90 in October. The open house will be June 27th from 2 to 4 pm at the Golden Community Building, 307 Quincy St. Golden Illinois. Please come and help the Foster family celebrate this event.

SUNDAY SCHOOL YOUTH attendance cards from the spring term are available for pick up in the church lounge.

Scrip will only be sold before and after the service on Sunday and after Bible Study on Wednesdays. Any scrip questions can be directed to Malinda or Melissa.

Sunday to Sunday items need to be submitted by Tuesday at 5 pm in order to be included for next week's issue. For emails, include both secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org and helper@ourredeemerquincy.org.

Tuesday Morning Bible Class will not meet again until August 11, 2026

ALTAR CARE VOLUNTEER NEEDED for the month of August. If interested, contact Dennis Fleming at 217-242-7598.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGE THANK YOUS

*Thanks for everything! - **Julianna Grawe**, graduated from Blessing Rieman with a Bachelor's in Nursing.*

*I have greatly appreciated being blessed with the care packages! - **Grace Vaughn***

*Thank you for the care packages. They help cheer up during the most stressful parts of the semester and it's great to know that I'm thought of. - **Harrison Knapp***

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.

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: HyVee UPCs. They benefit the St. James school library.

3rd Drawer: For any type used greeting card fronts. Good Samaritan Home residents use them to make items.

4th Drawer: Eyeglasses & Sunglasses for M.O.S.T. Ministries.

5th Drawer: Ink Cartridges for recycling to benefit Uganda Mission.

Church Office Hours are Tuesday through Friday from 8:30 AM to 2:30.

EYEGASSES COLLECTION: Please continue to **donate eyeglasses** (and **non-prescription sunglasses**, too!) in the **MOST Ministries** collection drawer by the church office.

GREETING CARDS There are a variety of greeting cards for all occasions in the display by the church office. Cards include birthday, get well, sympathy, wedding, baptism, graduation, confirmation, new baby, and more! Cards are 50 cents each.

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.

College Students: College Care Packages will resume in the fall. In August, be on the lookout for information about how you can submit your address and fill out a survey to request care package.



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.

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling: Each cartridge is examined for its value. Even the ones which 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 are ways you can help: 1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection drawer 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** - print and mail.

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 the Church Office*** of the amount which you want to be put into the Endowment account.

LARGE PRINT BULLETINS are available at the Usher Stand. A **LARGE PRINT HYMNAL** is also on the usher stand and is available for use. Ask the ushers for any needed items.

HEARING DEVICES are available to assist in listening to the Church service. They are available on the usher stand. Please ask an usher for assistance.

July Birthdays

1	Gabriel Vaughn	13	Kelle Baird	21	Adian Gooding
1	Kadence Perrine	14	Kainalu Klauser	22	LeRoy Goodwin
4	Rosey LaRose	14	Justin Harvey	22	Bill Haire
5	Jayne Jefferson	15	Nathan Hoebing	23	Mary Herschler
5	Cameron Casanova	15	Kathryn Perrine	23	Alex Schlipman
6	Kolton Grawe	16	Jessica Showman	24	Scott Wymer
6	Paul Johnson	16	Jack Ajdinovich	24	Kolten Perrine
7	Ethan Sass	16	Lewis Walbring	26	Madelynn Jones
7	Kat Kittrell	16	Alayna Schlipman	28	Stacy Kuhn
8	Pat Weppler	16	Denise Lucas	29	Zoey Klauser
11	Abigail Kemp	18	Chet Vahle	30	Ray Johnson
11	Hannah Kemp	20	Julianna Grawe	30	Mandy Creely
11	Briana Linder	20	Jane Haschemeyer	30	Rachel Foster
12	Linda Waterkotte	20	Emily Becker		

July Baptisms

1	Melissa Knapp	13	Jamie Louderback	23	Brad Scharnhorst
1	Dennis Fleming	14	Madeline Ehmen	24	Evelyn McDowell
3	Todd Shackelford	14	Craig Wiesemann	24	Sandy Callahan
3	Brenda Fleming	16	Avery Schlipman	27	Emily Becker
6	Hannah Ajdinovich	18	Ciera Clevenger	27	Briana Linder
6	Connie Louderback	18	Connor Clevenger	29	Lynn Sharrow
8	Trent Douglas	20	Cailin Clevenger	30	Max Showman
10	Allan Murphy	21	Bradley Longcor Jr.	30	Paul Johnson
10	Amanda Spilker	21	Bradley Longcor III	30	Brett Baird
11	Isaac Barnes	22	Arianna Fischer	30	Eleanor Manton
12	Carolyn Kaiser	23	Evan Sass	30	Donna Goodwin

July Anniversaries

1	Gary and Carolyn Cramlett	48 years	12	Chris and Melissa Knapp	23 years
2	Bruce and Judi Burner	59 years	15	Mike and Emily Vahle	20 years
3	Rob and Amy Edwards	16 years	16	Justin and Hayley Harvey	15 years
4	Kirk and Vicki Wemhoener	35 years	26	Jeff and Heather Wolfmeyer	23 years
9	Martin and Malinda Eden	32 years	31	Bill and Linda Waterkotte	19 years

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

Coloring Page:



PUZZLE PAGE

THE BEST WAY

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that follows each letter given. You will learn the best way to serve the Lord.

RDQUD

SGD

KNQC

VHSG

FKZCMDRR

BNLD

ADENQD

GHR

OQDRDMBD

VHSG

RHMFHMF

(Answers on Page 4)