



2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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August News & Notes

FREE Bibles, Hymnals, St. James Hoodies, and Past Photo Directories on the Scrip Table.

Love Our Neighbors Around the World *More goats have joined the herd! We now have \$720 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.

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!

GREETERS for Sunday Service sign-up sheets for August, September and October 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.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of June were \$210.00 and July were \$112.00.

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.

Altar Care Volunteers will be meeting at 10:00 AM Saturday, August 22.

We will be reviewing protocols. If anyone is interested in volunteering, this would be a great opportunity to learn. Serving at the Lord's altar is such a blessing. Thanks and appreciation is extended to all who serve.

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.

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

August 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.

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.

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	7-Jun	21-Jun	12-Jul	20-Jul	20-Jul
Profit:	\$46.55	\$85.60	\$131.45	\$19.25	\$34.75
# orders:	6	10	15	3	1
Profit/Order:	\$7.76	\$8.56	\$8.76	\$6.42	\$34.75
Overall Profit:	\$1,285.82	\$1,371.41	\$1,502.87	\$1,522.12	\$1,556.87

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.

Upcoming Events

August 7, 2026: St. James 175th anniversary banquet

August 22, 2026: Altar Care Volunteers meeting 10:00 AM

September 17, 2026: Pastor Bill Wrede's presents on ministering at Ground Zero for 25th Anniversary of 9/11

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

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.**

A Women's Bible Study Group will begin to gather every Tuesday beginning in August. The first one is August 11th at 9:15 am and they will be studying Hebrews.

Open Position: Head Cook - We are looking for someone who loves to cook and who enjoys interacting with children! Part-time quantity cooking experience required SEND YOUR RESUME to schooloffice@stjamesquincy.org Attn: Mrs. Riley

LWML wants to thank everyone who donated, helped set up, clean up, and purchased items at our recent rummage sale. It was another successful sale with \$3242 in donations. All of these monies will be used for local and international missions! Again none of this is possible without your donations and we can take things during the year in our designated Sunday School room if you have need to immediately move items! Thanks again and God's blessings!

You are all invited to join St. James Lutheran Church and School for our 175th anniversary banquet on Friday August 7 at 5 pm at the Oakley-Lindsay Center. It is a free event. If you wish to attend, please register by filling out the registration form at <https://bit.ly/SJ175Banquet>. visit bikingforbabies.com. To make a donation, visit <https://give.bikingforbabies.com/event/2026missionary/>.

Pastor Bill Wrede is a pastor of the Lutheran Church--Missouri Synod who was serving on Long Island during the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001. He ministered at Ground Zero the entire day and continued to do so for the next nine months. St. Paul's, Havana will host a presentation on September 17, 2026 at 6:30pm in observation of the 25th anniversary of 9/11. Pastor Wrede will recount his experience and what it looks like to serve as a pastor in the midst of tragedy.

There is now an **AED (Automated External Defibrillator)** on the usher's stand in the narthex.

Who's Who at Our Redeemer

President	Larry Foster (3rd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Vice-President	Stan Yelton (3rd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Secretary	Monica Foster (3rd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Treasurer	Michele Clevenger (2nd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Financial Secretary	Renee Benedetto (3rd term) – Counters	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2026
Education Board	Melissa Knapp, S.S. Supt., ex officio	Appointed
	Heidi Armbruster (3rd term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Ryan Vaughn (2nd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Board of Elders	Ted Hea (2nd term) – Head Elder & Livestream	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Jeff Smith (1st term) – Special Services	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Doug Allen (2nd term) – Saturday Volunteers	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Dennis Fleming (3rd term) – Altar Care	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Parker Armbruster (1st term) – Sunday Volunteers	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Evangelism Board	Barb Vahle (2nd term) – Greeters	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Carol Allen (1st term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
Property Board	Gary Hyer (1st term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Mike Pettit (1st term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Stewardship Board	Michele Urbon (2nd term) – Attend Slips	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Youth Ministry	Connie Louderback (2nd term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
Endowment Chair	Larry Foster (2nd term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Monica Foster (2nd term)	Oct. 2025 – Sept. 2027
	Jerry Lunt (2nd term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026
	Becky Lunt (2nd term)	Oct. 2024 – Sept. 2026

2026 Profit & Loss Budget vs. Actual

<u>Income</u>	<u>Jan. – June '26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	200,542.19	189,000.00	11,542.19	106.1%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	1,500.00	-500.00	66.7%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	3,000.00	3,000.00	0.00	100.0%
021 · 021 Tuition Endowment Funds	5,500.00	2,750.02	2,749.98	200.0%
Total Income	210,042.19	196,250.02	13,792.17	107.0%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	7,250.00	8,499.98	-1,249.98	85.3%
Personnel	97,396.58	100,935.52	-3,538.94	96.5%
Program	25,374.13	30,267.46	-4,893.33	83.8%
Property	35,975.61	28,249.96	7,725.65	127.3%
Total Expense	165,996.32	167,952.92	-1,956.60	98.8%
<u>Net Income</u>	44,045.87	28,297.10	15,748.77	155.7%

Assignments for August 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Jeff Smith*, Dennis Baker
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Larry Foster*, Josh Hennig*, Steve Hyer, Paul Johnson

Altar Care: Amy Killday, Mary Lazzeri, Rosie Meyer

Registration Slips: Laura & Brady Essington

Counters: Wanda Spohr and Brenda Fleming

Service Recording:

- August 2 at 9 AM – Keith
- August 9 at 9 AM – Jeff
- August 16 at 9 AM – Ted
- August 23 at 9 AM – Nicholas
- August 30 at 9 AM – Keith

Greeters: August 2nd Rosie Meyer and Renee Benedetto
August 9th Jane Haschemeyer and Barb Vahle
August 16th Laurie Bronson
August 23rd Rosie Meyer and Renee Benedetto
August 30th Rhonda Johnson and Paul Johnson

Drivers: Marty Otto (*Wednesdays only*)

August Puzzle Answer (*Puzzle on Page 9*)

And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus. Colossians 3:17

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Ron & Ellie Bowles, Wayne Buesking, Sandy Callahan, Donna Church, 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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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

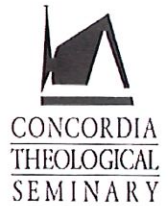
Substitutes – Hannah Ajdinovich

Allie Dedert

Monica Foster

Phoebe Hayes

Amelia Knapp



General 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.

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.

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.

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 Endowment 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.

August Birthdays

1 David Rickey	10 Barb Hall	18 Caleb Buss
1 Dalton Stockdale	11 Abby Fischer	20 ZaKareyah Barnes
1 Austin Jones	11 Nela Church	20 James Jones II
4 Mike Weisenburger	11 Teresa Kemp	21 Abby Hibbert
5 Austin Fischer	11 Steve Hyer	22 Lisa Barnes
5 Melissa Smith	13 Bernie Ott	22 Mike Murphy
6 William Humphrey	13 Joshua Wemhoener	24 Bradley Longcor Jr.
6 Curtis Cramlett	15 Dane Blickhan	24 Lori Schenck
7 Brenda Scharnhorst	15 Caroline Weisenburger	25 Jim Dice
7 Glenda O'Briant	15 Hayley Harvey	26 Cindy Stegeman
8 Mike Pettit	16 Bonnie Hallerberg	26 Jimmy Perry
8 Gage Scharnhorst	16 Gary Gooding	28 Keaton Jones
8 Jackson Goetz	17 Lori Allen	31 Cindy Spohr
9 Cameron Clevenger	18 Renee Benedetto	

August Baptisms

1 Lisa Barnes	12 Mary Herschler	25 Julianna Grawe
3 Dane Douglas	13 Ted Hea	25 Jeff Smith
4 Jane Haschemeyer	13 Chet Vahle	25 Alayna Schlipman
5 Gretchen Wolfmeyer	20 Teresa Kemp	26 Scott Wymer
5 Allie Dedert	20 Heather Meyer	27 Mike Weisenburger
6 Vicki Wemhoener	23 Curtis Cramlett	27 Buddy Weisenburger Jr.
8 Jackson Goetz	24 Gracelynn Smith	28 Linda Waterkotte
9 Lee Hyer	24 Barb Creely	29 Zoey Klauser

August Anniversaries

1 Ray and Gina Eickelschulte	39 years	28 Buddy and Jackie Weisenburger	27 years
2 Adam and Amy Buss	18 years	29 Randy and Michele Austin	34 years
4 John and Laurie Bronson	14 years	29 Jerry and Debbie Manton	45 years
4 Bradley and Morgan Longcor	15 years	31 Steve and Hannah Ajdinovich	13 years
20 Glenn and Susan O'Briant	33 years	31 Jon and Kim Pracht	7 years

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

Coloring Page:



Classroom
Glue
Pencil
Teacher

Desk
Lunch
Rules

English
Math
Snack



PUZZLE PAGE

DOING GOOD

By

Bill Schlegl

Use the backward code to learn the best way to do good.

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

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D L I W

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Pastoral Report
(June 1 – 30, 2026)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Danielle Kay Tipton 6/8

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+2B, +1C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Danielle Kay Tipton 6/8

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

Affirmation of Faith (from other Lutheran) [+1B, +1C]

Lucas Waner 6/14

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2026	Gains	Losses	June 30, 2026
Baptized	543	+6	-11	538
Confirmed	426	+5	-10	421