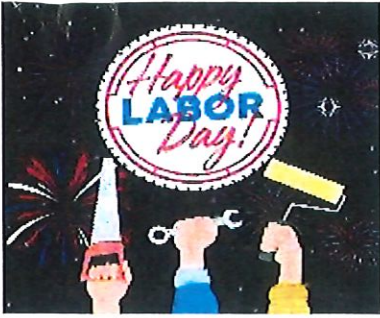




2026 Newsletter

Our Redeemer Lutheran Church

The Lutheran Church – Missouri Synod

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September News & Notes

FREE St James Hoodies and Thrivent Tee Shirts are on the Scrip Table.

BY POPULAR DEMAND, we are extending our Love Our Neighbors Around the World project through the Church Picnic on September 13! More goats have joined the herd! We now have \$920 in Sunday School offerings! If you would like to contribute, there are special Sunday School Offerings Project envelopes by the display in the narthex, or you can donate to the free will offering at the Picnic. 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 September, October and November 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.

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.

Church Picnic Sunday September 13, 2026, from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at Upper Moorman Park, large shelter house. Fish, chicken, potatoes, drinks and tableware will be provided. Please bring a side dish or dessert. A sign-up sheet is in the narthex. The event is free, with a Thrivent Action Team grant underwriting the basic food costs, but there will be a free will offering to benefit our Sunday School's Love Our Neighbors Around the World project for Lutheran World Relief's Gifts of Love program.

September 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:	20-Jul	26-Jul	2-Aug	9-Aug	10-Aug
Profit:	\$34.75	\$71.30	\$38.25	\$51.02	\$24.00
# orders:	1	11	1	6	1
Profit/Order:	\$34.75	\$6.48	\$38.25	\$8.50	\$24.00
Overall Profit:	\$1,556.87	\$1,628.16	\$1,666.41	\$1,717.44	\$1,741.44

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

September 8, 2023: The Quincy and Jacksonville LWML Zones Fall Rally.

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

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

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.**

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.

We give thanks to Lord God Almighty that Suzanne Troxel was discharged from the hospital. We praise God for His Mercy and Grace in this miraculous healing. Thank you for all of your prayers. Sincerely,
Donna Troxel

Time, Talent, & Interest Survey

Let us know how you would be willing to serve and be involved at Our Redeemer. We would like to help get you connected to the many ways that your gifts can be used to serve God and His people in this place. There is also a special section in the survey for YOUTH! You can pick up a paper copy of the survey on the narthex table. Return completed surveys to the designated basket. If you prefer to fill it out online, you can scan the QR code below. An email has also been sent out to congregation members that includes a direct link to the survey. Please complete the survey by August 31st.



COLLEGE & YOUNG ADULT CARE PACKAGES



We would like to continue to connect with and support our young adults as they enter college, trade schools, military service or enter the workforce. If you are a member or the daughter/son of a member and would like to connect with church events, activities, materials, then fill out the special survey form to receive encouraging packages. PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BY AUGUST 31st to be included in the first round of care packages.

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. – July '26</u>	<u>Budget</u>	<u>\$ Over Budget</u>	<u>% of Budget</u>
001 · 001 General Offerings	223,242.98	220,500.00	2,742.98	101.2%
019 · 019 ORLC Scrip Fund	1,000.00	1,750.00	-750.00	57.1%
020 · 020 Bequest Fund \$ Designated	3,500.00	3,500.00	0.00	100.0%
021 · 021 Tuition Endowment Funds	5,500.00	3,208.35	2,291.65	171.4%
Total Income	233,242.98	228,958.35	4,284.63	101.9%
<u>Expenses</u>				
Mission	10,500.00	9,916.65	583.35	105.9%
Personnel	114,358.93	117,758.10	-3,399.17	97.1%
Program	25,605.12	35,312.05	-9,706.93	72.5%
Property	39,846.14	32,958.30	6,887.84	120.9%
Total Expense	190,310.19	195,945.10	-5,634.91	97.1%
<u>Net Income</u>	42,932.79	33,013.25	9,919.54	130.0%

Assignments for September 2026

Ushers: (*denotes Communion Assistants)

Saturdays at 5:00 PM	Bill Humphrey*, Brad Essington*, Darrell Drescher
Sundays at 9:00 AM	Chet Vahle*, Dennis Fleming*, Barb Vahle, Tom Kilday

Altar Care: Glenna Nicholson, Jane Haschemeyer, Mary Herschler

Registration Slips: Jane Haschemeyer

Counters: Anita Wolfmeyer & Sue O'Briant

Service Recording: September 6 at 9 AM – Keith
September 13 at 9 AM – Larry
September 20 at 9 AM – Keith
September 27 at 9 AM – Nicholas

Greeters: September 6 Carol and Doug Allen
September 13 Rhonda and Paul Johnson
September 20 Jane Haschemeyer and Barb Vahle
September 27 Still needed

Drivers: Marty Otto (Wednesdays only)

September Puzzle Answer (Puzzle on Page 9)

Humble yourselves in the sight of the Lord and he shall lift you up. James 4:10

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, Carolyn Kaiser, Donna MacFadden, Arlene Nunn, Jim Ott, Kathy Ragsdale, Joann Reichert, James Ruxlow, Bill Schlegl, Todd Schroeder, Sue Schweitzer, Terry Vaughn and 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

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.

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

September Birthdays

2	Ava Langan	12	Lucas Anderson	21	Heath Heitman
3	Amanda Messman	12	Nichole Blickhan	22	Gretchen Kemp
4	Piper Clevenger	13	Chance Clevenger	22	Jerry Lunt
5	Debbie Baird	14	Becky Altenberger	23	Ace Weisenburger III
6	Reagan Spilker	15	Amelia Knapp	25	Kayzley Parrish
8	Debbie Brassfield	15	Jamison Knapp	27	Alexander Smith
8	Olivia Hoebing	16	David Pellman	28	Hendrix McLaughlin
9	Brad Ehmen	17	William Schlegl	28	Dean Ripper
10	Susan Weiss	17	Curt Spohr	28	Maxine Fink
10	Janice Voepel	18	Stan Yelton	29	Jessica Hibbert
10	Harry Hall Jr.	19	Vicki Wemhoener	29	Brent Wingerter
11	Taylor Barnes Mayfield	19	Mark Vahle	29	Emily Weppler
11	Malinda Eden	19	Chrissy Dietrich	29	Ginger Heitman
12	Avery Anderson	20	Piper Kuhn	29	Denys Stark
		21	Rosie Meyer		

September Baptisms

1	Stefanie Yates	15	Cindy Spohr	24	Melissa Smith
1	Lori Allen	15	Melanie Drescher	25	Phyllis Ashby
2	Hugh Sharrow	18	Sam Killday	25	Ryan Vaughn
4	Jessica Showman	18	KayLynn Blickhan	26	Cameron Casanova
4	Arjee Weisheit	18	Doug Allen	26	Hendrix McLaughlin
4	Austin Jones	19	Nathan Hoebing	26	Brad Ehmen
4	Rachel Foster	20	Gabriel Vaughn	26	Steve Hyer
6	Alex Schlipman	22	Pat Weppler	27	Renee Benedetto
9	Lauren Mueller	22	Janice Voepel	27	Lori Post
10	Audrey Howell	23	Frank Baird	30	Debbie Brassfield
10	Shelly Holtman	24	Jayme Jefferson	30	Caroline Weisenburger
14	Jack Ajdinovich	24	Bruce Burner		

September Anniversaries

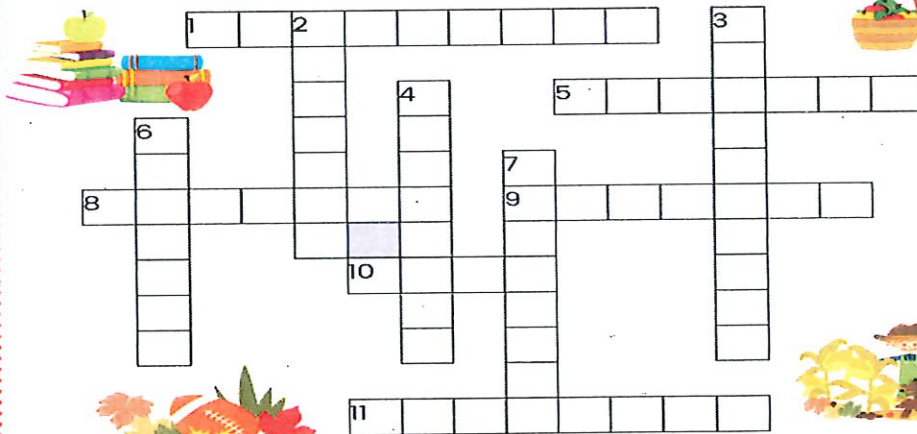
1	Terry and Mary Morse	58 years	17	William and Kristin Humphrey	49 years
2	Allyus and Bethany Fritz	8 years	18	Pat and Leila Weppler	22 years
7	Steve and Mary-Ann Hyer	13 years	19	Anthony and Nichole Blickhan	17 years
7	Greg and Melanie Zehnle	35 years	19	Jerry and Becky Lunt	45 years
13	Eric and Danielle Deeter	12 years	26	Jeff and Allison Smith	17 years
13	Don and Cindy Stegeman	46 years	27	Randy and Gretchen Wolfmeyer	29 years
14	Emanuel and Jane Voepel	63 years	29	Clint and Michele Gooding	8 years

*Congratulations and
Best Wishes to you all!!*

Coloring Page:



September Mini Crossword



ACROSS

1. Trees that lose their leaves
5. Autumnal _ _ _ _
8. To gather crops
9. Fruit grove
10. Tool for moving leaves
11. Holds school supplies

DOWN

2. Popular apple coating
3. Party in stadium parking lot
4. Fall college sport
6. Softly woven, brushed fabric
7. School exercises done at home

HELLO FALL

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PUZZLE PAGE

HUMILITY

By

Bill Schlegl

Write the letter that comes between the two letters given. You will learn why we should be humble.

GI TV LN AC KM DF

XZ NP TV QS RT DF KM UW DF RT

HJ MO

SU GI DF

RT HJ FH GI SU

NP EG

SU GI DF

KM NP QS CE

ZB MO CE

GI DF

RT GI ZB KM KM

KM HJ EG SU

XZ NP TV

TV OQ

(Answers on Page 4)

Pastoral Report

(July 1 – 31, 2026)

Official Acts

Baptisms

Maria Ann Caldwell 7/10

First Communion

Youth Confirmation

Adult Confirmation

Funerals

Weddings

Membership Changes

Gains [+2B, +1C]

Baptisms [+1B, +0C]

Maria Ann Caldwell 7/10

Adult Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Youth Confirmations [+0B, +0C]

Transfers In [+0B, +0C]

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

James Ruxlow 7/29

Losses [-0B, -0C]

Death [-0B, -0C]

Transfers Out [-0B, -0C]

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

Membership	January 1, 2026	Gains	Losses	July 31, 2026
Baptized	543	+8	-11	540
Confirmed	426	+6	-10	422

The Quincy and Jacksonville Zones of the LWML invite you to their Fall Rally on Tuesday, September 8, 2026, at the Lutheran Church of St. John 3340 State St., Quincy, IL. The theme is:

"Great is the Lord. Tell of His mighty acts to all generations." Psalms 145:3-4 The LWML's mission is to proclaim the saving faith of Jesus Christ throughout the U.S. and the world by funding mission projects and 'Serving with Gladness'. Registration begins at 11:30am, lunch at 12:00pm with the Rally beginning at 1:00pm. Registration is strongly encouraged. Contact your local LWML society for details.

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