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### **CHRIST, OUR SAVING SUBSTITUTE**

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At 2 Corinthians 5:21 the apostle Paul wrote, "(God) made Him who knew no sin to be sin for us, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." This is one of the plainest and most powerful passages in the Scriptures that declare the work of Jesus Christ as our Substitute to be our Savior.

The apostle refers to "*Him who knew no sin*." This, of course, is Jesus Christ, the only man ever who had no sin, who was entirely pure and sinless. Paul then says something very surprising about Christ, something that would completely shock us if we didn't understand it. He says that God made Christ "*to be sin*"!

We understand that Paul is employing figurative language here. He does not mean that God the Father transformed His Son's essence – that He changed Christ into something different, so that He was no longer true God and true man, but something evil. Rather, Paul says God made Christ "to be sin" in order to declare very graphically and powerfully how completely and thoroughly Christ was bearing the guilt of all mankind's sin. God the Father had charged His Son with the sin of the whole world, so that Christ was completely covered with it, entirely sin-soaked, so to speak. When God looked on His guilt-laden Son it was as though all He could see was sin! This is the sense in which God made Christ "to be sin."

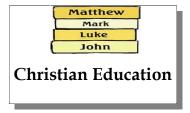
God then punished all sin in Christ. This means He punished Christ in our place. That's why Paul says this was "for us." Christ became sin as our Substitute. He switched places with us, if you will. The Sinless became sin, so that we sinners could become sinless.

Paul says it like this: "so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God." With the guilt of all our sin laid on Christ and taken away by His death, we are now guilt-free. For the sake of Christ, God now looks at us and sees only goodness and purity and holiness. He graciously gives us credit for Christ's righteousness. Just as surely as Christ, being thoroughly covered with our sin, became sin, we who trust in Christ, being thoroughly covered with His righteousness, have become righteousness!

And when we have Christ's own righteousness, indeed, when we *are*, as He says, the righteousness of God, we have all the blessings God has granted His holy people. These blessings include the certainty of everlasting life, a guaranteed inheritance stored up for us, a place reserved for us by our Savior's side, where we will live and reign with Him for time without end!

This Scripture proclaims very clearly how Jesus Christ is so much more than just a good teacher, so much more than an example of moral living, so much more that someone who came merely to demonstrate His love. He is our Substitute – the Sinless One who became sin, so that we unrighteous ones could become righteousness! In this way He is our one and only Savior, to whom we owe all our praise and thanks.

- Pastor Bishop



# Sunday School \*\*Jerfect Attendance\*\* January 2022

None

#### MARCH ANNIVERSARIES



#### March 01

Robert & Mariliee Gregory

#### March 03

Danny & Patricia Sego

#### March 04

Tom & Megan Etter

#### March 05

Gary & Lisa Pool

#### March 09

Robert & Debra Dant Monroe & Dorothy Sheckler

#### March 20

Keith & Terry Gleason

#### Mar 29

Mike & Deana Thompson

#### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**



#### March 1

Jerry Bohannan

#### March 02

Penny Bollinger Terry Gleason Elizabeth Kammeyer Emilie Kesselmayer

#### March 03

Amy Ashbaker Darla Schorr James Widby

#### March 04

Benjamin Donovan Jeffrey Hillman Gary Pool

#### March 05

Matthew Gudzinskas Matthew Ruder Cooper Theleritis

#### March 06

Heath Norman

#### March 07

Donna Hansen Karen Nafziger Dorothy Sheckler

#### March 08

Melinda DeHoog Melissa Turney

#### March 09

Gerald Norman Jacob Norman Robert Scott

#### March 11

Douglas Tiona

#### March 13

Adam Becker Justin Emery Kaitlyn Gudzinskas

#### March 14

Nicholas Kesselmayer Samantha Whitlatch

#### March 15

Marilyn Liescheidt

#### March 17

Merle Wiseman

#### March 18

Jennifer Kesselmayer

#### March 19

Waltraud Hupke Blair Ivey

#### March 21

Henry Lappie

#### March 23

James Heidbreder Stephanie Whitlatch

#### March 24

Ruth Negley Shirley Schott

#### March 25

Roy Dagit Laura Dobbelaire Patty Gardner Diane Gould

#### March 27

Kennedy Britton Katie Dougherty Isabella Watson

#### March 29

Macey Dalton Ryan Lappie Donald Schoedel

#### March 30

Tyler Ruder Julie Widby

#### March 31

Kevin Wieland

#### **PARISH NOTES**

# Church Attendance # of Attend. Services 2022 513 15

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Jan 2022	513	15
Jan 2021	457	15
Jan 2020	524	12

## January Sunday School Attendance

2022:	133
2021:	163
2020:	180

#### March Videographer

Jim Lonergan

#### **March Worship Committee**

Jim Lonergan

#### **March Acolytes**

Mar 02	7:00	Abby Hall
<u>Mar 06</u>	8:00 10:30	Abby Hall
<u>Mar 09</u>	7:00	Briella Hoover
<u>Mar 13</u>		Madison Sego Briella Hoover
<u>Mar 16</u>	7:00	Madison Sego
<u>Mar 20</u>		Abby Hall
Mar 23	7:00	Abby Hall
<u>Mar 27</u>		Briella Hoover Madison Sego

Mar 30 7:00 Briella Hoover

#### March Communion Assistance

8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mar 06 Randy Couch Jon Bolt
8:00 a.m. 10:30 a.m.	Mar 20 Tom Ivey Jon Bolt

#### March Ushers

#### <u>8:00</u>

Ray Barnes Daryl Dagit David Kesselmayer Garret Kesselmayer Daniel Rees

<u>10:30</u>
Brian Lundeen
Mike Nauth
Dan Watson
Dan Watson Mike Wilson

## LENTEN VESPERS AND HOLY WEEK SERVICES

## <u>Lenten Vespers Services,</u> <u>Wednesday evenings</u> <u>at 7:00 p.m.</u>

This year our sermon series is ""Psalms of His Suffering"

Mar 2 – "They Hate Me without Cause" Psalm 69:4

Mar 9 – "Why Do the Nations Rage?" Psalm 2:1-3

Mar 16 -- "They Pierced My Hands and My Feet" Psalm 22:16

Mar 23 – "They Divide My Garments Among Them" Psalm 22:18

Mar 30 - "All Those Who See Me Mock Me" Psalm 22:7-8

Apr 6 - "They Gave Me Vinegar to Drink" Psalm 22:7-8

#### TREASURER'S REPORT January 2022

	<u>January</u>	<u>Y-T-D</u>
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Building Fund C Sunday School I Memorial Fund	Fund Checking	22,509.19 11,311.53 148,365.42
TOTAL ASSET	ΓS	601,515.87
Checking Acct I	Balance	205,110.26 205,110.26
LIABILITIES Payroll Liabilitie Misc. LCMS Or Total Liabilities	gs Fund	2,387.98 92.34 <b>2,480.32</b>
Fund Balance Net Income (Los Capital Account Total Fund Bal	s	2,019.67 597,015.88 <b>599,035.55</b>
TOTAL LIABI FUND BALAN		<u>601,515.87</u>

<u>CHURCH DOORS:</u> If you unlock one of the doors to the church, please check to see if it is locked before you leave. Thank you.

#### HI-LITES OF ST. JOHN'S VOTERS ASSEMBLY February 14, 2022

Mike Nauth called the meeting to order. A quorum was present. Pastor Bishop opened with devotions.

Joel Kilgus, Principal at GSLS, gave a report on what is happening at the school. COVID cases are at zero. Mrs. Dobbelaire's class will have parents coming in to look at class projects. Since COVID began 2 years ago, some students have fallen behind. GSLS has purchased a Reading intervention course for first grade has begun to help with reading progression, kindergarten and second grade to follow. The reading curriculum is 20 years old and the auction funded item will be for a new curriculum. They are working to reschedule events that were postponed. Teachers are working hard and the school appreciates all of the support from the churches.

The January Parish report was reviewed. A motion was made by Ray Barnes, seconded by Randy Couch, to accept the report. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Quest Dobbelaire, seconded by Ross Gould, to approve the January meeting minutes. Motion carried.

<u>Treasurer's Report</u> – Nancy Drockelman presented the treasurer's report for January. Nancy indicated we had income of \$2,019.67 for January. Nancy reported that we opened a new account at Vanguard in the amount of \$102,096.50 which was the funds we received from the sale of the parsonage.

A motion was made by Dave Drockelman, seconded by Bob Oliverius, to approve the January Treasurer's Report. Motion carried.

<u>Board of Trustees</u> – Gary Pool that the City of Pekin's billing supervisor has been contacted regarding the high waste water bills for October and November. An adjustment for the two months has been applied for and the supervisor that we should see this reflected on the February bill.

The first phase of the basement classroom remodel is near completion and the cost of the project is on track to fall under the \$10,000 budget. The new ceiling, lighting and electrical wiring has been installed. WE are now in the process of finishing the painting and wrapping the five beams with new material.

The new baseboard trim has been installed in the preschool/kindergarten classroom and the new blinds for this room are in the process of being ordered.

GP Systems completed some minor repairs to the boiler system this week as the system was found to be shut down last Sunday, February 6.

The Trustees continue to plan for and gather cost estimates to remodel the men's bathroom downstairs with hopes to complete this project yet this year.

Old business – The Trustees would like to complete the basement classroom remodel with new flooring installed at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00 The Shaw Flooring carries a 15 year warranty and has a 30 mil wear layer.

Motion was made by Bob Oliverius and seconded by Jennifer Kesselmayer to complete the remodel with new flooring installed at a cost not to exceed \$16,000.00. Motion carried.

<u>Board of Elders</u> – Randy Couch reported the Elders will be meeting with the Board of Worship in March to discuss the cost and feasibility of purchasing Lutheran Service Books (LSB).

Board of Finance - No report.

<u>Board of Christian Education</u> – Quest Dobbelaire reported the GSLS Auction is coming up on March 26.

He mentioned that the remodel of the Nursey/Pre-K room is completed. Stop by and see the updates.

Sunday School is still in need of 6-8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher who share teaching with two other teachers.

The Youth Group will meet this Sunday, Feb. 20, for wacky gym games and tacos. The Board is hoping to combine our Youth Group with Trinity Lutheran's youth in the future and will strive to have better communication between youth and leaders by setting up group text to send out reminders for upcoming activities.

<u>Board of Worship</u> – Diane Gould reported that the committee did meet this month, but does not report at this time.

<u>Board of Evangelism</u> – Sandy Tennell reported they are looking at having a music program sometime this fall and are beginning plans for the Marigold Festival.

<u>Board of Stewardship</u> – Sandy Ferguson reported that we are delivering 4 boxes from the Share Program each month.

<u>Long Range Planning Committee</u> – Ross Gould reported that he and Randy Couch are planning to have a committee meeting in the near future.

Educational Grant Fund Committee – The Secretary read the report presented by the Committee. Old Business: Motion was made to reimburse Jackie Nauth for tuition and fees incurred while studying the Colloquy Program through the Concordia University Education Network. The motion passed. It was noted that Mrs. Nauth received a grant from the CID and a Borland Fund scholarship that reduced her out of pocket expense by \$3654.

New Business: Also discussed was a request to make some amount of E.G.F. money available annually to aid students at Good Shepherd with tuition costs. Since current bylaws do not allow that, Treasurer Dagit advised that the next step should be to research any original E.G.F. documents to see if they include procedures to modify the bylaws. That research is underway.

We also discussed the idea that Good Shepherd could setup a permanent Scholarship Fund to help qualified students with tuition costs. The Scholarships could be funded by the congregations of the three churches. The opinion of the committee is that such a Fund would best be administered by the School and its School Board, not any of the three churches.

Ross Gould mentioned that GSLS does provide scholarships at this time.

<u>East Bluff Property Committee</u> – No report.

<u>Constitution By-laws Committee</u> – No report.

<u>Unfinished business</u> – Mike Nauth indicated that there are still several positions on committees that are open. These include the Financial Secretary and Trustee positions. Nancy Drockelman reported that Financial Secretary is not needed as we have 4 couples at this time. Trustees are ok.

New business — St. John's will need a Lay Delegate and an Alternate for the 2022 District Convention which will be held July 17-19, 2022. The congregation approved Randy Couch as Lay Delegate and Dave Drockelman as the Alternate.

Ray Barnes made a motion, seconded by Dave Drockelman to nominate Rev. Michael Mohr for President of the Central Illinois-District. Motion carried.

Gary Pool thanked the volunteers who helped with all the work in remodeling the basement classroom.

A motion was made by Bob Oliverius, seconded by Ray Barnes, to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried.

The meeting closed with the Lord's Prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

Sandy Ferguson for Linda Wagner Secretary

#### IN OUR PRAYERS

If you know of anyone who needs to be added, please let the church office know.

All our shut-ins Pastor Niemann Stacie Kendall Billie Jackson Joe Goodin Peggy Patten Rosetta Turner Joyce Long **Brittany Allen** Robert Rilea Stanley Ehmke Jill Jennings Caralee Bohannan Pat Flatley Mary Beck Mae Houge Debee Pitchford **Butch Williams** Jeff Sayles Joe Schiavone Gabriella Kesselmayer Karen McCammon

Robert Scott Sandy Morgan Flo McClure Rick Jarvis Larry Turner Robert Gregory Michelle Watson Mary Mantovani Keith Gleason Rhonda Lappie Peggy Farlin Marlana Montgomery Anna Knussman Donna Corso Jeff Ferree Paula Jensen Addie Burling Julie Rilea Susan Waddell Lila Lisenbee

And all those who have been affected by COVID –19.



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## Reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st

Thrivent Financial members have until March 31 to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire!** Designate your Choice Dollars and **put God's Word in the hands of someone who does not have the Bible** in their own language.

Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help with the Thrivent site, contact your Thrivent representative.

**Put God's Word in someone's hands.** Designate your <u>Thrivent Choice Dollars</u> to Lutheran Bible Translators today!

#### MARCH LIBRARY CORNER

By Eileen Tiona



Mar 3

"He calls his friends and neighbors together and says, Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." Luke 15:5

I have some new books in the library for your reading enjoyment. Pat Proehl has donated a series of 8 books listed below.

The Amish Blacksmith, The Amish Clockmaker, The Amish Groom, The Amish Seamstress, The Amish Bride, The Amish Nanny, and the Amish Midwife, by Mindy Clark, and The Amish Widower by Virginia Smith.

The books listed below were donated by Donna Hansen. The Mercy and The Judgement, by Beverly Lewis, A Plain Leaving by Leslie Gould, and Mary's Son, A tale of Christmas by Darryl Nyznyk.

An unknown donor has donated Downfall by Terri Blackstock.

Chicken Soup for the Soul, The Cat Really Did That was donated by me.

Thank you to Pat and Donna and the unknown donor for the above books. I always appreciate when books are donated.

Please come in and check out all these new books and all the other books available for your reading enjoyment.

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Remember to change your clocks on Saturday, March 12th.



Spring ahead one hour

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HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

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#### **GOOD SHEPHERD LUTHERAN SCHOOL**

Parent-Teacher Conferences 4 to 7 pm

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Mar 4	Early Dismissal, PreK at 12 N & K-8 @ 12:30 pm
Mar 8	Preschool—Kindergarten Roundup 6 to 7:30 pm
Mar 10	Spring Pictures (K-8 & Tuesday/Thursday Pre school)

Sports Team Pictures after school

Mar 11	Spring Pictures	(Preschool)

Mar 26 Good Shepherd Auction

Mar 31 Book Fair Begins (3/31 thru 4/7)

Good Shepherd Lutheran School's 16th Annual Benefit
Auction — "Take Ewe Out to the Ball Game!" — Saturday,
March 26, 2022! Please complete a reservation form NOW to
reserve your spot at our auction! Our popular "Heads/Tails
Bead Game", the "Purse Game", the "Pick 3" Live Auction
Game—"Three Strikes—You Win!", and the Duck Decoy
Draw will all return! [Contact Terry Norman at 309-840-1877 if
you would like to purchase decoys but cannot attend the Auction.]. Next week we will have special news about the Purse
Game!

Our final two awesome classroom projects that we highlight this week are: Miss Schuette's 3rd Graders — a Wooden Flower Box (special thanks to Miss Schuette's Grandfather!) decorated by the students; and Mrs. Fuelberth's Preschoolers — a Fused Glass Lawn Ornament with flower petals placed by the students (special thanks to Jody Goss, owner of "Touch of Glass" in Pekin!). Thank you so much to these dedicated teachers and their talented students! Next week we will highlight some special Live Auction items!

This year's Fund-An-Item is the Fountas & Pinnell Classroom literacy instruction system which will replace GSLS's almost 20-year-old Reading Curriculum. Thank you so much to the donors who have already contributed to this very needed Fund-An-Item!

Contact any Auction Committee Member if you wish to help GSLS by becoming a member of the Auction Committee. We need new and fresh ideas!

#### Camp CILCA Lowdown

March 20 - Annual Banquet
Will be held at Camp CILCA's Dining Hall
Contact the Camp Office to reserve your tickets
217-487-7497 camp@cilca.org

April 29-May1 - Women's Scrapbooking Retreat

May 28 - Act Like Men Field Day Competition For men of all ages to make connections across generations, learn and sharpen new skills, and grow strong in the Lord.

May 29 - Annual Hog Roast 10:30 am Worship 11:30 - 2:30 pm Hog Roast Dinner

May 31 - Junior Counselor Training 10 am to 2 pm at Camp



The Sunday School Department would like to thank Gary Pool, Dave and Garret Kesselmayer for finishing up the trim in the Nursey-PreK Sunday School room. We invite the congregation to stop in and see the renovations that have been made.

St. John's., Your gift in this Epiphany season is greatly appreciated. R. Rohn, Founder of Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

Also from Lutheran Heritage Foundation, The Rev. Dr. Matthew Heise wrote: Thank you! God bless!

Lutherans for Life sent a thank you letter for our donation to them.

Our Sincere thanks! You help the Seminary stay strong in the mission of our Lord Jesus. We are grateful to you. Vicki Biggs, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis.

The Share Program would like to thank all who have donated food and funds to supply items to those individuals who need some help. We could not provide items without your help.

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#### HOSPITALIZATIONS AND HOME COMMUNION VISITS

If you or someone from your family is hospitalized or scheduled to go into the hospital, please contact the church office, so that Pastor Bishop knows about it and can visit

you in the hospital. The hospitals do not contact us. Sandy calls the hospitals on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to find out if there are any St. John's members there. If you tell them when you are admitted that you are a St. John's member, you will likely be on their list. So please help us stay informed so Pastor can serve you.

If you or someone else you know in the congregation has difficulty getting to church and needs to be on the Home Communion list, even if just for a while, please contact the church office, so that Pastor Bishop can visit you. This is an important part of his pastoral work, and he wants to do his best to serve everyone in need.

Thank you for your help with this.

#### **CHANGES TO DIRECTORY**

Stacy Candler, 11955 Herman Rd., Pekin Brock (Brigette) Norman, 1333 Farm View Ct., East Peoria, 61611

Heath (Karson) Norman, 108 Danielle Lane, North Pekin Need new addresses for:

Don & Lois Riemersma (last address in Chesterfield, MO)

&

Lori (Stephen) Svendsen

**SHUT-INS of the MONTH:** Even though some of our members cannot attend church, we want to keep them in our thoughts and prayers and let them know they are not forgotten. Please send a card or pay a visit to these shutins this month.

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Shut-ins for March are: Sharill Andrae, Pekin Manor, 1520 El Camino Dr., Rm. #208, Pekin; Lois Becker, Villas of Holly Brook, 5301 W. Everett Dirksen Pkwy, Apt. 6, Peoria, 61607; Lucille Benker, 2741 Village Court, Pekin and Carl Cox, Autumn Accolade, 13516 Townline Rd., Rm. 207, Green Valley 61534.

Thank you from your St. John's Ladies Guild.

#### **ORGANIZATIONS**

#### YOUTH GROUP

Our Youth Group will meet on Sunday, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. to enjoy a film, discussion and an ice cream sundae bar.



In May the Youth Group will help senior members of the congregation with spring cleanup and other helpful chores. So watch for the date and contact us if you would like help

with yard work, etc.

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#### LADIES' GUILD

By Leslie Hauk

ST. JOHN'S LADIES GUILD will meet on Thursday, March 24, at 6:30 p.m. in the church basement for a business meeting. All ladies of the congregation are always welcome/

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#### St. John's Women in Faith LWML

Women in Faith will be meeting on Saturday, March 5, at 10:00 in the church basement to discuss projects for 2022. All women in the congregation are invited to come. Questions? Contact Deanna Bishop at 382-1106 or <a href="mailto:mamabishop13@yahoo.com">mamabishop13@yahoo.com</a>. Hope to see you there!

During the month of March we will be collecting items for the Women's Pregnancy Center. Boxes will be in the Narthex, Annex area and gym for anyone who would like to help donate to this project.

Items we will be collecting are: receiving blankets, Onesies, sweaters, caps, diapers, baby powder, baby lotion, etc.

Thank you in advance for your help in this endeavor.

#### Calling All Pro-life Lutherans

Only a few weeks ago, many of you at St John's Lutheran - Pekin generously donated a total of \$322.57 to the Pennies for Life annual fundraiser for Peoria Area Lutherans for Life. Many other area congregations also joined that effort, and we will report to you the total amount we received once that total is known. Ordinarily, we would not be asking pro-life Lutherans to support our cause again until January, 2023, however a powerful opportunity has been announced by the Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod that we want to make you aware of.

Have you heard about the **Million Dollar Life Match**? LC-MS President Matthew Harrison announced this matching grant program in late 2021, and details of how the program will operate became available in January, 2022. Congregations of the synod will apply for matching grant funds, allowing them to double the impact of their support for Christian "beginning-of-life" care providers in their communities. Because Lutherans for Life chapters are not allowed to apply for grant funds directly, our Peoria Area LFL chapter is partnering with Bethel Lutheran Church in Morton to collect local funds and then apply for the matching grant funds which can range from \$1000 to \$50,000. Bethel has a longstanding history of financial support for Living Alternatives of Tazewell County, a Christian not-for-profit that provides pregnancy screening, ultrasound scans, STI testing, counseling, parent education, and post-abortion support.

Our Peoria Area LFL chapter has also helped support Living Alternatives for many years, and is using this grant opportunity to bless them financially again at this time when they have just opened a satellite center in Peoria, located in the Southside Community Center on Laramie Street. Our chapter has often wondered how we can effectively support Peoria's minority community which is specifically targeted by abortion providers and faces so much crime, financial stress, and family challenges. We will be making a financial contribution through Bethel Lutheran to help fund the local share required to qualify for matching grant funds. We invite you to join us in this unique opportunity to support life by making a donation to Bethel Lutheran Church, designated for the Million Dollar Life Match.

An easy, effective, and painless way for **Thrivent** members to get involved is to direct **Choice Dollars** to Bethel Lutheran Church – Morton, Illinois, to be used for the Million Dollar Life Match. **The deadline for directing any remaining 2021 Choice Dollars is March 31, 2022**, so timing is important if you want to "Live Generously", and effectively double your support for life. Bethel Lutheran and Peoria Area LFL will take it from there.

Anyone who joins in this effort will need to contact Alan Hallberg at Bethel Lutheran to tell him the amount donated by any method (Thrivent Choice Dollars, checks made out to Bethel Lutheran Church, or even cash) so that their donation can be properly allocated.

By email: alan@bethelmorton.org

By phone: 309-263-2417

By mail: Bethel Lutheran Church, 325 E. Queenwood Rd, Morton, II,

61550, Attn: Alan Hallberg

We are thankful to all who decide to participate in this extraordinary opportunity from Synod to support Christian "beginning-of-life" organizations. Anyone who has questions is asked to contact Bob Wegner – Peoria Area LFL chapter president, at <a href="mailto:cbwegner@outlook.com">cbwegner@outlook.com</a> or by phone at 309-481-4886. May God bless you!

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