

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of March 4 - 11, 2012

Hospital: Pat Powers, Lela Dodd (Home), Sarama Schnack

Communed: Pat Powers, Loren & Sarama Schnack

Scrip Schedule Sheet:

Mar 3: Amy Killday

Mar 4 between: Randy and Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Mar 4 late (2):

Mar 10: Kari Mercurio

Mar 11 between:

Mar 11 late (2):

Mar 17: Tina & Ryan Vaughn

Mar 18 between:

Mar 18 late (2): Amy Killday

Mar 24:

Mar 25 between: Randy and Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Mar 25 late (2):

MEN'S CLUB - March 19, 7 p.m. at Our Redeemer. Topic – Fatherhood. This series is from Lutheran Hour Ministries and is described this way: Fatherhood is more than providing half the genetic material at conception; it's being there for the long haul. In *Fatherhood with Joel Biermann* the Concordia Seminary professor and dad relates how being a father is a demanding pursuit with a heavenly goal-raising kids who know Jesus as their Lord and Savior. This is a four part series. We invite especially the new fathers or soon to be fathers to join us.

Voter's Meeting - Approved summer schedule. Normal Sat night service. **One service @ 9:00 on Sunday morning & No Sunday School for children or adults. June 10th - August 19th.**

Volunteer Teacher of the Year nominations are being taken by the CID now until March 12, 2012. Guidelines and forms are in the church office. Previous nominees may be entered again.

Year End Reports & Envelopes are on the East table in the Narthex. **Please pick them up!**



PLuS is looking for wrapped candy donations for the Children's Easter Egg

Hunt. Please drop off your candy donations by Sunday, March 18th in the Easter basket under the table by the stairs.

Please join your fellow sisters in Christ for a Book Study! - This study will kick off on Sat., March 10th @ 10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will be meeting once a month to discuss the book entitled 'The Case for Christ'. Since it's the first time we've done this, we will be tweaking what we do as we go along, but are anticipating a very enjoyable journey as we go through the book and look forward to the wonderful insight we will gather from each other! Please call Michele Clevenger at 217-224-7881 or email her at m.l.clevenger@comcast.net with any questions or to sign up. The participant's books are \$9.99. There is also an interactive DVD that will be used at each session (six sessions total). The books need to be ordered ASAP, so contact Michele today!

Wednesday Lenten Service Desserts:

Mar 7 Montana Group Mar 21 Youngish Adults
Mar 14 Montana group Mar 28 Montana group

Greenmount Cemetary Annual Cleanup is March 12 -16. All families are asked to remove everything except Shepherd's hooks by March 11th. Please do not replace them until March 16th.

Firehouse Pizza: This restaurant is run by a local Christian family and is offering a 10% discount to anyone who tells them the name of their church when they order. This offer is good from now through May 31, 2012. Dine-in, Carry-out, Delivery, and Take & Bake are available.



The Rada Cutlery is an on-going fundraiser. Once we have enough orders that total around \$60 to \$70, we will place *an order*.

IN STOCK RADA ITEMS ARE NOW AVAILABLE EVERYDAY in the OLD CHAPEL. Just make your selections and leave your payment. NO TAX. NO SHIPPING. If you would like to order any additional items, please fill out an order blank to submit with your payment. Rada has a variety of, products: cutlery, stoneware soy wax candles, and quick mixes. **Catalogs are available. Please take one.** Sales to benefit Lutheran education! Thank you to all of you who have placed orders. We hope you are enjoying your items, and we appreciate your support!



It's time to order or renew your Lutheran Witness subscriptions. Cost is now \$15.60 per year. If you wish to discontinue your

subscription please let us know that too. Orders must be in by April 1.

Concordia is pleased to announce their **Visitation Events.** *March 16, 2012*, is for college students thinking about becoming Pastors & Deaconesses. There is no registration fee. You can receive housing in the dorms and at the end of the day a dinner will be provided. For registration forms and a detailed schedule see the secretary. *June 23-28, 2012* is **Vocatio**, a fun event for youth entering 9-12th grade. This has a fee of \$150, but it includes meals, housing and all the entertainment, including a ballgame or a musical at the Munny.

Kohl's Cares - Go to www.Kohlskids.com between Feb. 1st and Mar. 15th to nominate a young volunteer (ages 6-18) who is doing great work to benefit their community. They could win \$50.00 to a \$10,000 scholarship. See the poster & tear off pad. It's on the table in the Narthex.

New member carry-in, March 25th: At 5:00 p.m. we will have the questioning of our 8th grade confirmands. Then at 6:00 p.m. we will have the carry-in to welcome all who have joined our congregation since this time last year. Chicken will be provided. Please sign up in the Narthex, so we know how much to order.

St. James Cinnamon Rolls: Their LWML and their Youth Groups will be making the Homemade rolls. Orders may be placed with any of the members of these groups. Order deadline is March 25th. Delivery date is Sat., March 31st.

OAFC Events: *Please sign up for our upcoming weekend by Mar. 5th, so we can make plans.* Join us so we can spread the Good News of Jesus and helps make the Central Illinois Area grow. If you have any questions about the weekend or upcoming weekends please contact Jamie Louderback at 1-217-430-4760 or jamieoafc@live.com. Here is an updated list of the 2012 weekends, so that you can make plans.
 March 16-18, Christ, Peoria, IL
 March 11-18, (Spring Break team – talk to Jamie)
 April 20-22 Redeemer, Peru-Mission Group
 May 18-20 Concordia, Geneseo, IL
 June 29-July 1, Faith, Monticello, IL
 Jul. 12-18, Summer Training, Good Shepherd,
 July 18-27, 10 day travel team
 August
 September 21-23 Good Shepherd, Sherman, IL
 October
 November
 December New Year's TBA

NAPKINS - There are a few packages of napkins left in stock for sale. They are now located by the greeting cards. All napkins are now "free will donation." The sale of greeting cards (and those few remaining napkins) support the PLuS group and Lutheran education. Thank you!

All Thrivent Members: If you have "Choice Dollars" you were sent an important letter involving changes for 2012 & 2013 In order for ORLC to continue to receive Choice Dollars , member will have to return the tear-off slip at the bottom of the letter. A stamped, addressed envelope is provided to return the tear-off slip.

Domestic Abuse Re-lief is **begging** for volunteer help. This new non-profit organization works much like Habitat for Humanity except they rehab old homes and provide them to victims of domestic abuse and their children. They are presently working on 505 Sycamore and 614 Elm. Call 217-653-4989 for more information.

Sunday School offerings in March it will go to the Banner Committee.

Birthdays This Week

- 5 Robert McGartland
- 6 David Bent
- 6 Kara Vahle
- 7 Darrell Drescher
- 8 Rachel Boerema
- 8 Christopher Schnack
- 9 Alex Doran
- 9 Brandon Hufendick
- 9 Erin Humphrey
- 9 Chad Manton
- 9 Brett Scharnhorst

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 8 Doreetha Elliott
- 8 Rebecca Lunt
- 8 Jerry Manton
- 9 Ruth Hall
- 9 Brandon Hufendick
- 9 Gary O'Dell
- 9 Ellen Stockhecke
- 10 Jeremy Holtman
- 10 Joshua Holtman
- 10 Randy Wolfmeyer

You're Invited: to an Applebee's Flapjack Fundraiser on Saturday, March 24th from 8-10 a.m. to help support the 7th & 8th grade Marine Biology Trip to Key Largo, Fla. See a participating 7th or 8th grad St. James student to purchase a ticket for \$5.00 each.

Food Bank – Our Church still offers food to our families who need a helping hand. If you know of someone who needs some help, contact the church office @ 223-1769



14th Annual CID Day at the Ballpark - As Spring Training rolls around, preparations are underway for our day at the Ballpark. This year we are going on Saturday, July 21st, @ 3:15 p.m. Our seats for contest between the Cubs and the Cardinals will be in the Infield Terrace sections - the same level as last year but behind home plate. Cost per ticket is \$40 (20% off of the premium game-day price of \$50). Order forms will be available later this spring. Start getting your groups together so you can order your tickets early. First day to submit orders will be May 29. For more info, see our webpage:

<http://www.grace-strasburg.com/cidday>.

Mullin benefit on May 12. Mark your calendars and plan to attend this benefit for the Mullin family. Keith Mullin tragically died in October of 2011 and left his wife, Marlena, and two girls, Taylor and Carley. The funds from this benefit will help cover day to day living expenses for the family. There will be food, a silent and live auction, and music from the band Keith was part of Raised on Radio and other bands as well. The benefit will be held at the State Room, 434 South 8th Street, in Quincy, on Saturday, May 12, from 1 pm – 8 pm. Also, donations are needed for the auction! If you have something to donate for the live auction or would like to put a silent auction donation basket together, or [contribute a monetary donation](#), please contact Jo Bender at the Lutheran Church of St. John, 222-8579.

LENTEN SCHEDULE

March 7	“Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread”	Pastor Latzke
March 14	“Forgive Us Our Tresspasses, As We Forgive Those Who Tresspass Against Us”	Pastor Mueller
March 21	“Hallowed Be Thy Name”	Pastor Bender
March 28 - Service of Corporate Confession and Absolution	“Thy Kingdom Come”	Pastor Eden
April 5 - Maundy Thursday	“Lead Us Not Into Temptation”	Pastor Eden
April 6 - Good Friday	“But Deliver Us From Evil”	Pastor Eden

All services begin at 7:00 P.M.

Remembering In Our Prayers



REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE IN OUR NATION'S MILITARY SERVICES: Mark and Kari Adams, Mark Borg, Paul Boriack, Steve Clark, Aaron DeWerff, Cindy Flesner, Michael Goodwin, John Haines, Blake Hemmann, Zach Howerton, Ryan Keller, Jason Klauser, Dan Meyer, John Miller, Jeremy Myers, Amanda Schwartz, Jeremy Schwartz, Aaron Schmitt, Ryan Thruston, Marc Troxel, Kristen Vahle, and Patrick Wepler.

REMEMBER IN PRAYER THOSE WITH ONGOING HEALTH NEEDS: Nick Austin, Sean Burner, Chris Clevenger, Joann Durbin, Max Ellerbrock, Joseph Hoebing, Roger Hyer, Kim Long, Michael Morgan, Nancy O'Neal, Nancy Ott, Karen Lannerd Sams, Cole Schullian, Jenita Stephens, Kory Tournear, Janet Terwische, Jacob Weimer, Vicki Wemhoener and Judy Wessel.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-IN MEMBERS AND FRIENDS: Norma Baird, Dolores Bruenger, Guye Dedert, Maxine Delven, Gloria Douglas, Barbara Ebel, Doreetha Elliott, Ralph Genenbacher, Paul Hagemann, Ruth Holt, Merle Kuntemeier, Florence & Dorothy Lavery, Jesse Leenerts, Bob McGartland, Jacqueline Mickens, Marilyn Newman, Dorothy Pflantz, Patricia Powers, Dora Rodefeld, LaVora Scoggan, Ike Shaffer, Lucille Stuffing, Thea Suelman, Ida Utterback, Robert Wemhoener, Lucille Wiskirchen.

Keep Our Missionaries in Your Prayers

Our Family in Turkey
Apple of His Eye Mission Society,
The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Latvia,
The Lutheran Church of the Redeemer, Harlow, Essex, U.K.,
The Independent Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany,
Mrs. Alvina Federwitz in Liberia, West Africa,
Jonathan and Carrie Federwitz and their children in Papua New Guinea,
Danny and Becca DeLoach and their children in Pasadena, California (Studying for Doctorate)
Mrs. Julie Lutz, home on furlough.



Our Seminary Students

Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN:
Joel Brassfield, 143 Grafton Court, Kohler, WI 53044



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

Superintendents – Melissa Knapp & Hannah Ott
Kindergarten – Suzanne Troxel
Grades 3 & 4 – Hayley Ott
Grades 7 & 8 - Cyndi Ott

Pre-school – Kari Mercurio & Susan Weiss
Grades 1 & 2 – Monica Foster
Grades 5 & 6 - Donna Haire
High School – Steve & Donna Schoch

Serving in Special Ways Today

Altar Committee: Kriss Frink, Chris Schaller, Carolyn Cramlett

Communion Assistants this week: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Bill Haire
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – Bill Dicks & Brad Ehmen
 Sunday: 10:15 a.m. – Steve Kaiser & Ryan Vaughn

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Ushers: Saturday: 5:00 p.m. – Gary McElfresh
 Sunday: 8:00 a.m. – Gary Cramlett, Bob Jording, Larry Post, Terry Lannerd
 Sunday: 10:15 a.m. – Bill Schlipman, Ray, Kathy & Maddie Miklius

Greeters: Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - East – Larry & Beverly Post
 - West – Gary & Carolyn Cramlett
 10:15 a.m. - East – Evelyn McDowell
 - West – Ruth Hall

Registration Slips: Ruth Essington

Counters: Mary Lazzeri & Barb Ellerbroch

Parish Nurse for March: Donna Troxel

Drivers: Roger or Steve Hyer

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	February 25 & 26, 2012		February 25 & 26, 2012
Sat. Night	61	General Fund	\$5,865.50
8:00 a.m.	88	Specials	\$65.00
10:15 a.m.	78	Kleinsorge Income	
Total Attendance	227	Building Fund	
Holy Communion	167	Endowment Funds	
Sunday School	32	Memorial Fund	
High School	6		
Adult Bible Class	32	Total	\$5,930.50
Wed. Lenten Service	61		

\$7,120.64 is needed in General Fund per week to meet budget.

Offerings donated to the Lutheran Bible Translators, from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class during the month of **February** was \$174.11.

✠ This Week at Our Redeemer ✠

Sunday

March 4

Lent 2

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:10 a.m. Blood Pressure Screening in Library
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Holy Communion
Lutheran Education Week Kick off

Monday:

March 5

Tuesday:

March 6

9:00 a.m. Circuit Pastor's Conference @ ORLC
7:00 p.m. Senior Choir

Wednesday:

March 7

12:30 p.m. Thrivent Advocates meeting @ ORLC
1:00 p.m. **NO** Bible Study (*on 2 Peter*)
4:00 p.m. Youth Choir
5 – 6:00 p.m. Confirmation Class
7:00 p.m. Lenten Worship Service with dessert afterwards by Montana Group

Thursday:

March 8

6:45 a.m. Bible Study (*on 1 Corinthians*) @ Coach House
9:00 a.m. Quilters

Friday:

March 9

Saturday:

March 10

10:00 a.m. LWML Sponsored Book Study on "A Case for Christ"
5:00 p.m. Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Spring Fling @ the Senior Center (ends Luth. Ed. Week)

Sunday:

March 11

Lent 3

8:00 a.m. Holy Communion
9:10 a.m. Sunday School
10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

Upcoming Events

Mar. 4-10 - Lutheran Education Week

Mar. 10 – LWML sponsored Book Study

Mar. 10 – Spring Fling –

Mar. 23 – 4:00 p.m. - 8th graders evening at Pastor's house

Mar. 25 – Questioning of Confirmands & Carry-in to welcome new members.

June 4-7 – Vacation Bible School

July 16-26 – Montana Adventure

July 21 – CID Day @ the Ballpark (Cardinal - Cubs Game)

July 23-27, 2012 – Youth Houseboat Retreat

St. James Lutheran School Cookbooks for sale! These are hard-cover, 3 ring bound cook-books listing hundreds of recipes submitted by the church & school families. The cost is \$20 per cookbook. They are available in the Old Chapel.

St. James School Association Meeting Highlights –

1. The association is governed by a 9 member board. Each church provides 3 members that serve 1 year terms. Each member can serve 2 consecutive terms. Elections will be staggered. This board has the authority to determine/set costs and make operating school decisions.
2. The association will not own property at this point. The association will rent from St. James. The rent is 70% of repair/operating costs for St. James school and church. For example, if the St. James church sanctuary needs a roof, the school is responsible for 70% of that cost.
3. Funding for the association is tuition (\$4200 today) plus a baseline funding formula. The proposed baseline funding is \$30 per baptized member. This baseline value can be adjusted from \$15 to \$50 per baptized member.
4. The tuition and baseline funding costs will be determined by the 9 member school board.
5. The proposed cost split is 67% church/33% parents for all churches. Our current cost split is 85% church/15% parents. The baseline funds will not be split with the parents.
6. Once in the association, a church can pull out. However, it will take one entire school year to complete.
7. At our present enrollment, this will cost an additional \$20k to \$30k per year for the church/parents.
8. The association has authority to spend up to \$15,000 on remodeling without approval of the three churches.
9. This is a proposed plan. Changes can be made. The committee needs thoughts/ideas/changes from the congregation members.

Pros/Cons To Joining the St. James School Association –

Pros –

1. St. James is subsidizing tuition at the amount of \$50,000 per year for the last several years. To share the financial load is “the right thing to do”.
2. Provides the school with stable finances.
3. Gives each church 3 votes to determine costs.
4. Continues the good working relationship between the 3 churches.

Cons–

1. Joining the association is about buying the financial liability of the school. This will be a long term financial liability for our congregation. Our congregation will be responsible for 1/3 of the finances.
2. The school board has the ability to set costs. If for example enrollment declines or the board decides to add curriculum/personnel, the board has the ability to increase funds to make the costs balance. At the present time, St. James is 33% (approximately \$100,000) of a \$300,000 budget. We as a congregation will lose direct control of that portion of our finances. At present, St. James tuition and personnel at the church make up about 80% of our budget.
3. Additional cost. At our anticipated enrollment of 27 students, this will add an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 to our budget. The cost will need to be covered by the church or parents. This additional cost includes baseline funding. Baseline funds are given to the association even if no ORLC children attend St. James school.

4. Since the school is attached to the church, the school is responsible for 70% of the operating costs for St. James School and church. If the St. James sanctuary needs a roof, the school will be responsible for 70% and our church will be responsible for 33% of that cost.
5. Joining this association may limit our churches ability to achieve long term goals such that have been proposed by the long range planning committee. It may use funds that would be required to accomplish those goals.

Thoughts/Questions For Our Redeemer –

1. Below are some projected costs for our church and parents. The costs reflect our projected student enrollment with different baseline funding and split combinations.
2. Our church has 4 large financial items pending: 1. Joining the St. James school association. 2. The addition of a staff person. 3. The starting of a pre-school. 4. Some proposed remodeling in the downstairs opening room and Sunday school classrooms. Financially, how does joining the association fit into those plans?
3. Here are some thoughts about finances. After 10 years of deficit spending, we were in the black last year by \$2000. We have been making financial ends meet by spending dollars from our savings accounts. We had a growth in giving of about 5% which is approximately \$15,000. If you project that this year, the church may have additional funds of approximately \$15,000 to spend. We approved an additional staff person that will require about \$40,000 per year (approximately 50% of that cost this year). As a result, we will be approximately even financially speaking this year with some deficit next year. How does an additional \$20,000 to \$30,000 in tuition costs fit in? Those costs will come from the church/parents.
4. The script sales will help in offsetting higher tuition costs. Current projections are about a \$6000 profit for this year.
5. Currently, St. James is about 33% of our budget. Do you wish to have an outside board control that much of our budget?
6. This is a financial liability. Does this limit our ability to accomplish future growth of the church and long range planning objectives?
7. What do you think? Pastor and I need your thoughts/ideas/changes. You can call me Larry Foster at 217-434-8708 or send me email at fosterm15@gmail.com.

Please EVERYONE read & review this document and give feedback to Larry Foster at the above phone # or email!

Projected Costs For Joining the St. James School Association –

Current Year –

Students - 25.

Cost. Split is 85% Church 15% Parents. Total Cost – \$105,000. Church = \$89,250. Parents = \$15,750. Church cost/student = \$3570 Parents cost/student = \$630

Proposed Association Funding And Formulas-

The following table presents projected costs with different baseline costs and church/parent splits.

Students - Projecting 27.

Baptized Membership is 592.

Total Cost = Baseline + Tuition.

Baseline = Baptized Membership * Rate. Not split with parents and must be given if no ORLC students attend St. James school.

Example – At our projected student enrollment and baseline funding formula, additional cost to the church and parents is \$26,160. That includes a student increase of 2.

St. James School Association Projected Costs										
Students	Tuition	Baseline Rate	Baseline Cost	Total Cost	Church Split	Parent Split	Church Cost	Parent Cost	Church Cost /Student	Parents Cost /Student
27	4200	30	17760	131160	85	15	114150	17010	4228	630
27	4200	30	17760	131160	67	33	93738	37422	3472	1386
27	4200	30	17760	131160	50	50	74460	56700	2758	2100
27	4200	50	29600	143000	67	33	105578	37422	3910	1386

Thank You

Larry Foster – President ORLC

AMAZING DESERT JOURNEY VBS DECORATIONS WISHLIST!

Children attending the Amazing Desert Journey will learn that our earthly lives can be refreshed and renewed by God's Word in the oasis of His Church, while our Savior Jesus is leading us to our true home in heaven.

We will be transforming our VBS space into a scene from the Saharan Desert. Your help through the donation of items is needed!

Places to find needed items...Garage sales! Thrift stores! Maybe in your own home! ☺

(If you would like an item returned to you – please mark each of those items with your name on masking tape.)

CHECK OUT THE PHOTOS ON THE VBS BULLETIN BOARD FOR SOME INSPIRATION!

This is just an initial list of items...we will add more in the weeks to come!

Empty glass spaghetti jars (with label removed) (or any larger type glass jar.)

Tent Canopies (with roof) – we will hang sheets/sheers from the sides

Sheets – SOLID color, or STRIPED

Sheer curtains

Woven Rugs – Striped, Patterned or solid color

Woven Placemats – Striped or solid color

Colorful Pillows – for children to sit on at various sites

Items with Natural Fibers/natural colors:

beaded necklaces

twine

Baskets, baskets, basket...tall, short...all sizes!

Large Coffee Bean Bags

Empty Wine Crates (natural color)

Items for the Marketplace display:

Coffee Beans, Wild rice

Artificial fruit (apples, grapes, lemons, limes, etc.)

Battery Operated Tealights

LED string lights

Packing Paper (to stuff our burlap bags)