

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus

For the week of December 23-30, 2018

Hospital: Todd Schroeder

Communed: Marcia Clevenger, Elaine Hyer, Isabelle Hillerts, Lynda Hinkamper, Sandy Callahan, Colleen Westberg, Michael & Missy Simminger

Serving in Special Ways Today

Communion Assistants this Week:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Bob Frink

Sunday: 9 AM – Gary Hyer and Chris Knapp

Communion Assistant for Christmas Day:

Larry Foster and Larry Ehmen

Communion Assistants next week:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Bob Frink

Sunday: 9 AM – Larry Foster and Brad Ehmen

Ushers this week:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Bill Haire

Sunday: 9:00 AM – Gary Hyer, Jerry Manton,
Chet Vahle, Barb Vahle, Ryan Vaughn

Christmas Eve: 7:00 PM – Ryan Vaughn,
Chris Knapp, Larry Post and Gary O'Dell

Candlelight: 10:30 PM - Nathan Hoebing, Steve
Schoch, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Darrell Drescher

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM – Chris Clevenger,
Michele Clevenger, Larry Foster, Monica Foster

Greeters:

Sunday: 9:00 AM

East – Ellie Bowles and Colleen Westberg

West – Rosie Meyer and Renee Benedetto

Children's Service: 7:00PM

East – Bradley & Morgan Longcor

West – Randy & Gretchen Wolfmeyer

Candlelight Service: 10:30 PM

East - Dennis & Brenda Fleming with Denys Stark

West - Marilyn Lehenbauer and Karen Lohmeyer

Christmas Day: 9:00 AM

East – Wanda Spohr and Ellen Stockhecke

West - Howard & Ruth Ann Snowden

Birthdays This Week

23 Darrell Drescher

23 Carole Lannerd

23 Kaiden Weisheit

24 Ann Knoernschild

25 Briana Robertson

26 Charla Weisenburger

27 Donna White

29 Emma Campbell

29 Monica Foster

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

24 Andrew Allen

25 Kainalu Klauser

25 Paul Weisheit

26 Anne Schanbacher

26 Brandon Voepel

27 Carolyn Cramlett

27 Irene Drescher

27 Kristen Vahle

28 Barb Ellerbrock

28 Heidi Schlipman

29 Bethany Foster

Anniversaries This Week

23 Brad and Karol Ehmen 18

23 Steve and Li Voepel 23

26 Don and Bonnie Blattner 54

Sunday School Opening will be in the Sanctuary during the month of December.

Final Program Practice 12/22/18 at 10:30 AM.

On the Counter in the Lounge are devotional books available for free. Anything not claimed will be donated locally.

We have a generous donor who has committed to **matching up to \$20,000.00** to the **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**. We are calling this drive the “**2019 Match Challenge**” and will be in effect during 2019 or until the \$20,000.00 match is made. We decided to kick it off now for the benefit of those that want to make a charitable donation yet in 2018. This is a chance to give to the endowment and have your donation doubled.

Thank you for your support, Endowment Committee

Youth Group News! Thank you to the Thrivent members that have directed their “Choice Dollars” to the Youth Group. Thanks also to the congregation for the generous response to our fundraising for those that are planning to attend the National Youth Gathering next summer. We are currently a little more than two-thirds of the way to achieving our goal of \$9300. The congregation's attendance at the pre-service Advent meals is also appreciated. It was a joy to see good Christian fellowship among those that participated. The next event is National Youth Gathering Team bonding time at St. John's on **January 6, 2019 from 6:00 PM – 7:00 PM.**

Help is Needed with the Newsletter on **Wednesday, December 26 at 10:30 AM.** We need five or six volunteers & with enough help are usually done within 1½ hrs. Please sign-up in the Narthex if you can help.

Quilters will not meet on **Thursday, December 27.**

Please Note Senior Choir will meet Wednesday.

Rev. Steve Southward, pastor at St. Paul Lutheran in Pittsfield, has been conducting prison ministry for many years. The funding for prison ministry from the Central Illinois District has been reduced. The churches of the Quincy Circuit are working together to raise \$2000 for the continuation of his ministry in 2019. We will be collecting funds through the end of January. Any funds collected over the \$2000 threshold will be donated to the Campus Ministry in Macomb, as their funding has been reduced also.

A Word of Gratitude from Taylorville, Illinois

Thank you all for the prayers and the support given on our behalf in the Name of Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We truly appreciate it. To those who offered assistance through monetary gifts or labor thank you. As I go throughout the city of Taylorville, I hear, “Tell those Lutherans, thank you. They did a wonderful job.” So, thank you to LERT and Lutheran Church Charities and all the volunteers that came last Saturday to help move debris to the curb side. One cannot underestimate the help given. What seemed to be an overwhelming task now seems manageable. God bless you all and may He reward you all a hundredfold for your generosity of time and service in His Name. *Rev. Rodney Blomquist*

Confirmation Class is in need of snacks to get them through 90 minutes of class during supertime. Parents and caregivers, please bring in snacks to restock when the kids return to class on **Wednesday, January 9, 2019.**

Lutheran Summer Music (LSM) is the nation's premiere faith-based music academy for high school students. *LSM 2019 will take place June 23-July 21 at Valparaiso University*

Thank You Everyone! The 1st Annual Alumni & Friends Drive for St. James School was a success!!! Our goal was \$25,000 and the **total donated as of 12/13/18** was **\$26,005**. Woo-Hoo!!

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

ST. JAMES CHALLENGE – Getting ready for the next school year is approaching very quickly. Enrollment will begin in mid-January. Word of mouth has proven to be a highly successful marketing tool. Therefore, while seeing many people over the holidays, please participate in a challenge to tell five different families about St. James Lutheran School and the awesome opportunity that lies before them for a strong Christian education along with rigorous academics. Let me know how this goes. If you need further information or just want to talk about it, please contact the school office.
Principal Landskroener

EXTENDED CARE WORKER NEEDED – St. James is looking to hire an Extended Care worker beginning January 7th. This position will be supervising 1st - 8th grade students, Monday - Friday from 3:00 – 5:30 pm, (Wednesday begin at 2:30 pm). If you are interested or know of someone who might be, please contact the school office. (222-8267)

BOXTOPS AND UPC LABELS – Please continue to save General Mills Box Tops, Hy-Vee UPCs and Tyson A+ labels throughout the school year. They help support our school library! Thank you!

COLLECTING LIDS – We are again in the business of collecting lids to purchase a hallway bench. (The current bench will find its permanent home on the playground.) We will collect lids until we have enough to get the bench (200 pounds). You can bring them into the church or school office. The lids must be clean!!

Unacceptable caps include metal lids or trash, soap/lotion pumps, grocery bags, K-Cups, straws, fast food drink lids, plastic pieces that are not a lid. **Acceptable caps** include caps from medicine bottles, milk jugs, detergent, hair spray, toothpaste, deodorant, apple sauce pouch, drink bottle (soda, water, juice, sport drinks), flip-top (ketchup), spout (mustard), spray paint, ointment tube, baby food, shampoo/conditioner, cottage cheese container, mayonnaise jar, yogurt, peanut butter jar, ice cream bucket (under 8 inches), Cool Whip container, coffee can, cream cheese container, butter container and Pringles lids. Remember, the lids must be clean! Thank you for helping us purchase another bench!

EAGLE VISION - EVERYONE deserves our respect **ACT** with kindness **GOD'S LOVE** is our greatest strength **LOVE** one another **EVERY DAY** live for Jesus **SHOW OTHERS** we are Christian

This Week at Our Redeemer

- Sunday, December 23:** **Advent 4**
9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:10 AM Bible Study & Sunday School - **Practice Christmas Program**
- Monday, December 24:** **CHRISTMAS EVE**
7:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Service
10:30 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service
- Tuesday, December 25:** **CHRISTMAS DAY**
9:00 AM Christmas Day Holy Communion Divine Service
- Wednesday, December 26:** 11:00 AM Newsletter Crew
NO Bible Study
NO Youth Choir
NO Confirmation
7:00 PM Senior Choir
- Thursday, December 27:** NO Bible Study at Coach House
NO Quilters
- Friday, December 28:**
- Saturday, December 29:** NO Communion Service
- Sunday, December 30:** **Christmas 1**
9:00 AM Christmas Musicale Communion Service

Upcoming Events

- December 31** *New Year's Eve at St. James 6 PM*
- January 7** School Resumes
- January 16** Church Council
- January 27** Voters Meeting

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	December 16, 2018	Offerings	December 16, 2018
Saturday 5:00 PM	50	Needed Each Month	\$28,151.52
Sunday 9:00 AM	139	Received Last Month	\$21,634.70
Total Attendance	189	Received This Month	\$20,878.61
Holy Communion	147	Needed This Year	\$337,818.25
Adult Bible Class	20	Received This Year	\$293,302.23
Sunday School	18	Received This Week	\$6,170.50
Teens	3	Advent 3 Mid-Week 7 PM	46

Adult Bible Class collected \$152.82 for Lutheran Bible Translators during the month of November.