

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of December 30, 2018 - January 6, 2019

Hospital: Todd Schroeder, Elaine Hyer

Serving in Special Ways Today

Communion Assistants this Week:

Sunday: 9 AM – Larry Foster and Brad Ehmen

Communion Assistants next week:

Saturday: 5:00 PM – Rob Edwards

Sunday: 9 AM – Jeff Wolfmeyer, Randy Wolfmeyer

Ushers this week:

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

Greeters:

Sunday: 9:00 AM

East – Sonny & Jane Voepel

West – Harold & Ruth Ann Snowden

Birthdays This Week

- 30 Elizabeth Burner
- 31 Savannah Edwards
- 31 Jane Howlett
- 1 Wade Pellman
- 3 Judi Burner
- 3 Michele Urbon
- 5 Brady Essington

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 30 Charlie Church
- 30 Donna Church
- 30 Gail Church
- 30 John Church
- 1 Ben Knoernschild
- 1 Stacy Luker
- 1 Kent Schnack
- 1 Mary Tipton
- 1 Tim Westberg
- 3 Jessica Hibbert
- 5 Ann Knoernschild

Anniversaries This Week

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| 30 | Aaron and Janice Tronsgard | 12 |
| 3 | Gary and Kathy Hyer | 44 |
| 3 | Dustin and Ann Nickelson | 15 |
| 3 | Chet and Barb Vahle | 43 |

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

Bethesda - All donations made through December 31 will be matched up to **\$75,000**.

Many, Many Thanks to all the members who have greeted for Our Redeemer Lutheran Church services in 2018. As it is written in **Romans 15:7**, “So warmly welcome each other into the church, just as Christ has warmly welcomed you; then God will be glorified.”

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**.

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.

Help is Needed with the Newsletter on **Wednesday, January 23 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.

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 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 30:** *Christmas 1*
9:00 AM Christmas Musicale Communion Service
- Monday, December 31:** *New Year’s Eve*
6:00 PM Service at St. James
- Tuesday, January 1:** *New Year’s Day*
- Wednesday, January 2:** NO Bible Study
NO Youth Choir
NO Confirmation
- Thursday, January 3:** 6:45 AM Bible Study at Coach House
- Friday, January 4:** 11:00 AM Bulletin Crew
- Saturday, January 5:** 10:00 AM American Heritage Girls Meeting
5:00 AM Holy Communion
- Sunday, January 6:** *Epiphany of Our Lord*
9:00 AM Holy Communion
10:10 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
6:00 PM National Youth Gathering Meeting at LCoSJ



Upcoming Events

- January 7** School Resumes
- January 16** Church Council
- January 20-21** Confirmation Retreat
- January 27** Voters Meeting

Response Last Weekend to God’s Grace

Attendance	December 23, 2018	Offerings	December 23, 2018
Saturday 5:00 PM	51	Needed Each Month	\$28,151.52
Sunday 9:00 AM	125	Received Last Month	\$21,634.70
Total Attendance	176	Received This Month	\$26,581.23
Holy Communion	156	Needed This Year	\$337,818.25
Adult Bible Class	16	Received This Year	\$299,004.85
Sunday School	23	Received This Week	\$5,702.62
Teens	5		
Christmas Eve– Children’s	144	Christmas Day	43
Christmas Eve– Candlelight	119	Communion	43

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