

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of November 22 – 29, 2020

Prayers and Christian Sympathy for the family of **David Wombles** who went to his heavenly home on Wednesday, November 11. The service of christian burial was held on Saturday, November 21.

Birthdays This Week

22 Rod Allensworth
22 Heather Feinstein
22 Matt Wepler
23 Dexter Goetz
23 Lori Post
24 Marjorie Baker
24 Derek Ott
24 Paul Weisheit
25 Carolyn Cramlett
25 Rob Tipton
27 Jeremy Holtman

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

22 Angie Nixon
23 Dexter Goetz
23 Ace Weisenburger III
24 Ethan Clevenger
24 Quinton Hibbert
26 Ethan Sass
27 John Baker
27 Robert Gooding
28 Jan Colvin
28 Erik Mix

Anniversaries This Week

22 Larry and Reva Ehmen 58 years
26 Harry and Barb Hall 45 years
26 Jim and Shelly Holtman 35 years
28 Dennis and Patricia Baker 50 years
28 Gene and Nancy Bluhm 39 years

Scrip Update

Week ending:	25- Oct	1- Nov	15- Nov
Profit:	\$66.05	\$69.69	\$140.06
# orders:	10	9	19
Avg Profit/Order:	\$6.60	\$7.74	\$7.37
Overall Profit:	\$2,856.40	\$2,917.59	\$3,057.64

Looking for dinner options? We have **McAllister's Deli, Panda Express, IHOP, and many more!** There are a variety of \$5 and \$10 gift cards available including **FIVE BELOW**, Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. Planning ahead? Place your order with payment, and will have them ready the following week! **CONTACTLESS DELIVERY is now available!** Just call the church office (217-223-1769) to place your order and then you can swing by to pay and pick up.

Because of COVID-19, we are unable to safely have our usual Children's Christmas Eve program. Instead, the church elders have decided to offer **two Candlelight Christmas Eve services**, one at **7 PM** and one at **9 PM**.

Did a new family move into your neighborhood? The Evangelism Committee has a **Welcome basket in the Pastor's Lounge** that you can give them while introducing yourself & inviting them to our church.

This week on KFuo.org, begin studying 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), finish Titus on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and consider how our Lutheran Confessions tie into our practice and vocation as Lutherans on Concord Matters (**11/24 at 2:00 p.m.**). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

A congregation member who attended our service on Sunday, November 15, 2020, has tested positive for COVID-19. Since people can be contagious for two days prior to showing signs of illness, please be mindful and identify anyone that you were in close contact with (under 6 feet) for more than 15 minutes total. Please contact your health professional if you are experiencing any symptoms that may be related to COVID-19. Please continue to wear a mask and wash your hands regularly and thoroughly.

Our church sanctuary is cleaned and sanitized after every service (four times a week). We will continue to be diligent with this practice to help keep God's house safe for all who gather together.

Please make sure you sign the sheet in the Narthex. It is recommended that you let us know when you attend in the event contact tracing is necessary **when someone contracts COVID-19.** You can also sign up online or call the church office.

We will **Decorate for Christmas on Saturday, November 28 at 9:00 AM.** Please help if you can.

Thanksgiving praise to ORLC Members: THANK YOU for sharing your gifts from God with CINDY SPOHR. Evangelism Committee

Thank you so much to those of you who have already donated to help me. I'm extremely grateful and humbled by your generosity. *Cindy Spohr*

Thank you to my Redeemer Church Family for all of the cards and words of comfort at the untimely death of my husband. God's blessings to all of you. *Renee Benedetto and family*

Thank you to those of you who sent cards and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated and our prayers were answered. No Cancer was found !!! *Evelyn McDowell*

2021 Envelopes are now available on the table by the stairs. Please let the office know if you would like **Together in Mission** envelopes.

Looking for safe, flexible and dependable transportation for high school student/athlete. Pay dependent on schedule, mostly afternoons but would like morning availability - Thanks! 217-316-3089

ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund \$5000.00 Matching Gift We have received \$1500.00 toward the \$5000.00 challenge. Every dollar you give will add 2 dollars to the Endowment Fund. Please consider a donation to this fund as we continue to prepare for the future of Christian education for our children who attend St. James School. We have mailed about 75 letters, soliciting contributions from former students, parents & grandparents. It has been a difficult task to find these addresses and if you know of contacts that have moved away from Quincy and have an address for them, please let Brad Ehmen, Marty Otto, or Larry Ehmen know. **Checks should be made to ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.**

ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL

217-222-8267

We're happy to say the only roller coaster this week was the weather, 70's to begin the week to a mid-week storm, resulting in a colder end to the week.

Please know we continue to monitor the COVID numbers within Adams County and Illinois. As you've likely seen in the media or social media several surrounding schools are making plans to go remote or considering that possibility. The St. James School Board and school administration continue to monitor the situation. If Quincy Public Schools announce they are going remote, which does not mean St. James will be as well. The decision-making bodies for our school are either a mandate by the Governor's Office or a decision by our School Board. (Please note however, if QPS goes remote, since we utilize their transportation system, we will not have bus service.) Our goal is to keep face-to-face instruction and we will do all we can do to continue that. As an update on cases here at St. James, we have had 3 positive cases; all which have recovered and are back. All positives were faculty; we had no cases within the student population, only contact case quarantine.

What do we ask of you?

- Continue to monitor your FastDirect account for communication
- If your child is experiencing any symptoms, fever, etc... do not send them to school
- Make sure to be engaged with your child and their Google Classroom account

Our intentions are to be as transparent and get messages out as quickly as possible. This is a day-by-day matter and things change quickly; so, we appreciate your patience.

St. James students serving... So far students have brought in \$87 for Chapel monies going towards Open Hands Food Pantry at St. Johns Lutheran Church. This week's Chapel money will also go towards the food pantry.

Old Christmas Cards If anyone has old Christmas cards, the PreK4 class needs old/used Christmas Cards some for an art project. Just send with your child OR bring to the school or church office. Thank you!

NO School Monday, November 23rd - Friday, November 27th

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, November 22:

Last Sunday of the Church Year

9:00 AM Communion Worship Service (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook
10:15 AM Bible Class (in the Sanctuary, Bring Your Own Bible)

Monday, November 23:

Tuesday, November 24:

Parent Teacher Conferences

Wednesday, November 25:

Parent Teacher Conferences

No Bible Study

No Private Communion

No Confirmation

7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook

Thursday, November 26:

Thanksgiving (No School) (Church Office Closed)

Friday, November 27:

(No School) (Church Office Closed)

Saturday, November 28:

9:00 AM Decorate the Church for Christmas

5:00 PM Communion Worship Service (RSVP)

Sunday, November 29:

Advent 1

9:00 AM Communion Worship Service (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook

10:15 AM Bible Class (in the Sanctuary, Bring Your Own Bible)

11:15 AM Voters' Meeting

3:30 PM Prep and Serve at Horizons until 7:00 PM

Upcoming Events

December 2: Advent Midweek Service

December 9: Advent Midweek Service

December 16: Advent Midweek Service

December 24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7 PM & 9 PM (RSVP)

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 6 PM

January 3, 2021: Take down Christmas Decorations

May 13, 2021: Ascension Day Service

July 11-13, 2021: CID District Convention

July 2021: LCoSJ Guatemala Mission

September 11, 2021: Women's Conference

October 2021: Central Ill. Pastors Conference

July 9-13, 2022: National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX

Help Needed: A few families are needing **Rides to church on Sunday**. If you can help, please contact Pastor Eden or the church office.

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Offerings	November 15, 2020
Needed Eah Month	\$25,626.85
Received Last Month	\$22,968.09
Received This Month	\$21,200.50
Needed This Year	\$307,521.00
Received This Year	\$284,582.91
Received This Week	\$4,545.00

Through the Old Testament in a Church Year

You can find resources that survey the Old Testament in a year. Here, however, is one that does so in a *church year*. Going through Old Testament history in chronological order, it correlates various Old Testament incidents with the church year's themes and emphases.

This audio resource will consist of a series of *Issues, etc.* interviews with CID staff member Ken Schurb during the 2020-2021 church year. The typical interview will run about 25 minutes, closer to 20 minutes if listeners fast-forward through various announcements. The interview recordings will be available on demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive>

The series will commence on Thanksgiving Day, November 26, 2020, with an hour-long premiere that will highlight the biblical teachings of Creation (appropriate for Thanksgiving) and of the Fall and first prophecy of the coming Deliverer (for the First Sunday in Advent). In each succeeding week, God willing, you will find at least one interview, occasionally more than that, to unfold the story of the Old Testament through the church year. The series will end on the Sunday before Thanksgiving in 2021.

After listening to each of these interviews, you can ask yourself:

1. Now, how did that go? – What was the Bible story on which the interview centered?
2. Now, what is the Lord saying to me? – What was the Law in this biblical account? Where was the Gospel?
3. Now, how does this apply? – What applications to life did this interview state? Or which others might be suggested by it?

Listen for these interviews week by week. Dig into the Old Testament. At the same time, renew your acquaintance with and appreciation for the church year. It all centers in Christ!

ACROSS OUR DISTRICT

YouthLead Training

February 25-28, 2021 – St. Louis, MO

YouthLead (formerly Lutheran Youth Fellowship) has equipped teens to develop and use their leadership skills as they serve Christ within their congregations and communities. The Synodical annual leadership training event in St. Louis is led by our teen Executive Team and gives teens the tools they need to mature in their faith, become leaders in their congregations, and reach out to their peers with the love of Christ.

Who is Invited Any high school youth who is an active member of an LCMS congregation can join us. We encourage you to contact your district before you register as some districts have supports for those attending this training. (CID has budgeted limited scholarship funds). We prefer teens attend with an adult leader from their congregation. Arrangements can be made for them to come unaccompanied.

Registration for youth and adults is \$375. This covers your food, housing, supplies and a shirt during the whole training. You will need to also cover your transportation to and from St. Louis. REGISTRATION IS OPEN NOW. GO TO LCMS.ORG/YOUTHLEAD FOR MORE INFORMATION.

Responding to Idols- Book Discussion (Zoom format)

Identifying idols stands out as important in evangelism. When the church brings the Gospel to people around us, we should understand the idols we are up against. And we need to recognize the idols in our own hearts and lives.

Idolatry lies at the heart of all sin, so our dealing with it cannot be superficial. For when we sinners fail to fear and love and trust in God, we all find substitutes. We look for substitutes not only for God as Creator, but also as Redeemer and Sanctifier.

As a theologian and a preacher, Martin Luther had much to say about idolatry. Even when he wasn't using the word "idolatry," he was engaging with the subject. He did so regularly as he expounded God's Word in pulpit and classroom.

The book *The Unholy Trinity: Martin Luther against the Idol of Me, Myself, and I* by Michael Lockwood (CPH, 2016) lays out Luther's multi-faceted case against idolatry and for the one saving God. This book applies the reformer's biblical insights to our times today. For our idolatrous culture takes even good things and casts them as ultimate things. It coaxes us to do likewise. Against this, Dr. Luther provides stimulating spiritual help, centered on Christ.

Starting on Thursday, January 14, CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will conduct one-hour Zoom discussions of this book every other week, with a break in February. Sessions will be live on Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on: Jan. 14 (Introduction and chapter 1), Jan. 28 (chapters 2 & 3), Feb. 25 (chapter 4) Mar. 11 (chapter 5), Mar. 25 (chapter 6), Apr. 8 (chapter 7), Apr. 22 (chapter 8), May 6 (chapter 9). Any "make-up" session that proves necessary would occur on May 20. These conversations are open to all members of CID churches. Pastors and other rostered church workers are especially encouraged to participate. Send an e-mail expressing interest. We will take that as your registration, and reply with the appropriate Zoom link. The sessions on the above dates will be recorded. If you cannot participate live, you can view the session later.

There is no cost for the sessions. In fact, CID will provide the first 25 registrants for these sessions a *gratis* copy of the book *The Unholy Trinity*. (Please reimburse the District \$3.00 for shipping costs.) If you register by January 3, 2021, we can mail a copy of the book early enough for you to read the introduction and chapter one before the first session on Jan. 14. Be sure to include both your e-mail address and your postal address in your e-mail message to kschurb@cidlcms.org