

# Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus  
For the week of December 6 - 13, 2020

**We remember with Christian Sympathy** the family of **Dolly Powers** who went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup>. She received a Christian funeral on Friday, December 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Birthdays This Week

- 6 Tony Bowles
- 6 Barb Ellerbrock
- 7 Linda Go
- 7 Olivia Showman
- 8 Lillian Cramlett
- 8 Elizabeth Fodor
- 8 Amie Hoebing
- 8 Chad Purcell
- 9 Emily Drescher 15
- 9 Nathaniel Hurley
- 9 Bill Perry 85
- 9 Heidi Schlipman
- 9 Eldon Schoch
- 11 Valerie Spillman

## Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 6 Sarah Lucas
- 7 Brady Essington
- 7 Heather Feinstein
- 8 Olivia Badamo
- 8 Elizabeth Fodor
- 8 Olivia Hoebing
- 10 Rita Boerema
- 10 Steve Voepel
- 11 Kelle Baird
- 11 Rob Tipton
- 11 Charla Weisenburger
- 12 Mayce Bent
- 12 Mike Schoch

## Anniversaries This Week

- 11 Kirk and Sharon Vahle 44 years
- 11 Lewis and Joan Walbring 55 years

## Scrip Update

Week ending:	15 - Nov	22 - Nov	29 - Nov
Profit:	\$140.06	\$62.05	\$58.86
# orders:	19	7	5
Avg Profit/Order:	\$7.37	\$8.86	\$9.81
Overall Profit:	<b>\$3,057.64</b>	<b>\$3,119.69</b>	<b>\$3,178.55</b>

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.

**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

**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, at 7 & 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.

**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.

## ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund \$5000.00 Matching Gift

It has been a good week for the Endowment Fund. We were stalled at \$1500 match for quite some time. This past week we received \$3300 toward the match which brings our total to \$4800, just \$200 shy of the goal. God has blessed us with donors that will help us meet the goal by the end of this year as we planned.

We continue to seek ways to raise the funds for the Endowment Fund as we prepare for the future of Christian education for our children who attend St. James School.

Checks should be made to **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.**

## 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*

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

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

## 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](https://www.lcms.org/youthlead) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

We hope everyone had a Blessed Thanksgiving break and stayed healthy. Even though this years' Trimester celebration was quite different, we believe the students had a fun time with the movie event. These next few weeks before Christmas break will likely be fast and furious. Something also different this year was Parent-Teacher conferences. We appreciate all who participated. Even though virtually isn't the best option we are glad that the technology is available to make it possible. Speaking of virtual, this Wednesday during Chapel will be the awards ceremony. In a continued effort to include parents, we will be streaming live via Google Meet. Similar to what we did for the Halloween parade. A link to the virtual meeting will be sent via FastDirect to parents. Just a brief housekeeping note; please mute your mics so there isn't feedback (*move your cursor to the bottom of the screen to see the microphone button*). Sunny, windy, and COLD! The winter weather is now upon us and we will continue to get the children outside as much as possible. So, please make sure to have them dress appropriately with coat, gloves, and hat.

**Christmas Program** Yes, there will be a Christmas program. This year it will be virtual program titled "Jesus Means Christmas to Me". The hope is to be finished recording by **December 15th**.

**St. James students serving...** So far students have brought in \$182 for Chapel monies going towards Open Hands Food Pantry at St. Johns Lutheran Church. This weeks' Chapel money will also go towards the food pantry. Way to go!

**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!

**Bible Verse of the Week:** "Then Jesus answered, 'Were not ten cleansed? Where are the nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?'" Luke 17:17-18

**Supper Table Talk** Review the explanation to the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and note the listing of all the blessings for which we give thanks.

**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 6:**

**Advent 2**

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

**Monday, December 7:**

**Tuesday, December 8:**

**Wednesday, December 9:**

**10:00 AM Bible Study (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook**  
**11:30 AM Holy Communion (RSVP)**  
**5:00 PM Confirmation until 6:30 PM**  
**7:00 PM Advent 2 Midweek Service (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook**

**Thursday, December 10:**

**Friday, December 11:**

**Saturday, December 12:**

**5:00 PM Communion Worship Service (RSVP)**

**Sunday, December 13:**

**Advent 3**

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

**Upcoming Events**

- December 16:** Advent Midweek Service 7 PM
- December 24:** Christmas Eve Candlelight Services at 7 PM & 9 PM (RSVP)
- December 25:** Christmas Day Service at 9 AM
- December 31:** New Year's Eve Service at 6 PM
- January 3, 2021:** Take down Christmas Decorations
- February 21, 2021:** Horizons Meal Prep 3:30 – 7PM
- 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

**Response Last Weekend to God's Grace**

Offerings	November 29, 2020
Needed Eah Month	\$25,626.85
Received Last Month	\$22,968.09
Received This Month	\$31,041.62
Needed This Year	\$307,521.00
Received This Year	\$294,424.03
Received This Week	\$7,659.62

**Services at St. James:** Advent services on **December 2, 9, & 16 at 12:10 & 6:30 PM; Christmas Eve** services at **5 & 7 PM** with sign up by calling their office (217-222-8267); **Christmas Day** service at **10 AM** with no sign up required.

**Services at the Lutheran Church of Saint John:** Advent services on **December 2 & 9 at 6:00 PM. December 16,** the Sunday School will have their video Christmas Program. (More information to come.) Traditional **Christmas Eve** Candlelight services at **3 & 8 PM** and a **6 PM** Contemporary service in the in the Family Life Center. **Christmas Day** service at **9 AM** in the Sanctuary. Signup links are at [www.lcosj.org](http://www.lcosj.org)

**This week on KFUE.org**, hear Advent midweek service from Village Lutheran Church **12/9 at 12 PM**, study Advent with the Prophets on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), and consider the practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (**12/8 at 2 PM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**Through the Old Testament in a Church Year** Available on demand at <https://issuesetc.org/archive> The series will continue weekly and end the Sunday before Thanksgiving 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!

### **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 PM** on: **January 14** (Introduction and chapter 1), **January 28** (chapters 2 & 3), **February 25** (chapter 4) **March 11** (chapter 5), **March 25** (chapter 6), **April 8** (chapter 7), **April 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 January 14. Be sure to include both your e-mail address and your postal address in your e-mail message to [kschurb@cidcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidcms.org)

**Lutherans For Life 2021 Illinois Essay Contest** Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents **For students in Grades 6 through 12** Any Lutheran student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation e.g. confirmation class, youth group when validated by a pastor or teacher. **Contest Guidelines** Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: **God Chose You** with the bible verse: **"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit"**. (John 15:16)

1. Not incorporating the theme and verse in the essay will disqualify the entry.
2. Examples of topics the essay could deal with are, but not limited to: abortion, the handicapped, adoption or foster care, infanticide, cloning, stem cell research, physician assisted suicide or euthanasia etc.
3. Essays should include student's name, grade (Identify school or church) and email address. All entries submitted by a teacher or pastor, should include their name and email address. This information should be submitted on the rubric page used in grading the essay. Teachers are encouraged to consult the rubric (see Gretchen) and submit qualified entries.
4. All sources for references, statistics and quotes should be incorporated within the essay and then included in a bibliography at the end. Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words.
5. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word or Google Docs to by April 1, 2021 to [cathy.benning.os@gmail.com](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com)
6. There will be a \$100 first place award & a \$50 second place award for each of the two. The two first place category winners will advance to the national contest. Email the address above with questions.
7. Grand Prize for the national winning entry at each level: \$250 plus free conference registration to a 2021 Regional Conference and one night stay at the conference hotel.
8. All entries become the property of Lutherans For Life.

For questions or resources on the sanctity of life, see: [lutheransforlife.org](http://lutheransforlife.org)