

# Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus  
For the week of January 10 - 17, 2021

## Birthdays This Week

- 11 Gary O'Dell
- 12 Brian Burner 50
- 12 Bradly Essington
- 13 Hannah Mixer
- 13 Grace Vaughn
- 14 Norma Begeman
- 14 Donna Haire 60
- 14 Melanie Zehnle
- 15 Brett Baird
- 16 Larry Ehmen
- 16 Thom Hurley

## Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 11 Kari Adams
- 11 Marjorie Baker
- 11 William Humphrey
- 11 Lily Kuhn
- 11 Ava Langan
- 13 Savannah Edwards
- 15 Kent Knoernschild

## Scrip Update

Week ending:	29 - Nov	13 - Dec	20 - Dec
Profit:	\$58.86	\$126.43	\$168.70
# orders:	5	14	24
Avg Profit/Order:	\$9.81	\$9.03	\$7.03
Overall Profit:	<b>\$3,178.55</b>	<b>\$3,497.75</b>	<b>\$3,666.45</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. Check out the back side of the updated order form for retailers. We now also have **Shutterfly \$25** in stock. 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. A check for **\$3,700** was gifted back to ORLC for **2020 profits!** Thank you for your continued support of ORLC Scrip and Lutheran education at St. James.

## 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://LCMS.ORG/YOUTHLEAD) FOR MORE INFORMATION.**

**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** The current **\$5,000.00 match challenge has been met and surpassed by \$1,135.00.** This takes us up another level in our work to develop an endowment that will provide future tuition assistance to St. James School for members of our congregation

A committee started the research on creating this fund on 1-31-16 and had meetings throughout that year. We presented our recommendation to the Voters and it was approved with the adoption of the Endowment Fund By-Laws on 9-25-16. Late December 2016, we started collecting funds with a \$10,000.00 matching challenge. We also voted to have the LCMS Foundation invest and manage the fund for us.

As of 11-30-20 we have a balance of \$231,733.00 with the LCMS Foundation and \$5,094.00 on deposit at 1<sup>st</sup> Bankers Trust giving us a total of \$236,827.00 as of December of 2020.

As we look forward to fundraising in the future, there are two sources of monies that we ask you to keep in mind. One, we would ask each of you to consider including the St. James School Tuition Fund in your will. Secondly, consider the Endowment Fund when making a decision about memorials for a loved one.

Of course, we will always accept matching funds challenges! Since we started the Endowment Fund, we have had four major matching challenges: one for \$10,000, two for \$5,000 and one for \$20,000. All have been met. Checks should be made to **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.**

**Thank you** to the Redeemer family for the Christmas card and gift. That was so kind of you. Hope you have a wonderful new year. God Bless,

*Erica Dedert and family*

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

## 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) *More details listed online on page 3 of the Sunday to Sunday.*

**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, January 10:

*Baptism of our Lord – Epiphany 1*

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

Monday, January 11:

Tuesday, January 12:

Wednesday, January 13:

10:00 AM Bible Study (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook  
11:30 AM Holy Communion (RSVP)  
5:00 PM Confirmation (until 6:30 PM)  
6:45 PM Communion (RSVP)

Thursday, January 14:

Friday, January 15:

Saturday, January 16:

5:00 PM Holy Communion (RSVP)

Sunday, January 17:

*Epiphany 2*

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

### Upcoming Events

**February 21:** Horizons Meal Prep 3:30 – 7PM

**May 13:** Ascension Day Service

**July 11-13:** CID District Convention

**July:** LCoSJ Guatemala Mission

**September 11:** Women's Conference

**October:** Central IL Pastors Conference

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

### Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Offerings	December 31, 2020
Needed Each Month	\$25,626.85
Received Last Month	\$31,041.62
Received This Month	\$32,742.75
Needed This Year	\$307,521.00
Received This Year	\$327,166.78
Received This Week	\$4348.75

### Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Offerings	January 3, 2021
Needed Each Month	\$27,296.67
Received Last Month	\$32,742.75
Received This Month	\$4,561.50
Needed This Year	\$327,560.00
Received This Year	\$4,561.50
Received This Week	\$4,561.50

### Responding to Idols - Book Discussion (Zoom format)

Starting on Thursday, January 14, at 3:00 pm

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.

CID Evangelism Executive Ken Schurb will conduct one-hour Zoom discussions of this book every other week, with a break in February.

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 ([kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org)) expressing interest. We will take that as your registration and reply with the appropriate Zoom link. The sessions 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. Be sure to include both your e-mail address and your postal address in your e-mail message to [kschurb@cidlcms.org](mailto:kschurb@cidlcms.org).

**Pray For Our Central Illinois District Missions supported by your church's Mission Dollars to the District.** "Finally, brothers, pray for us, that the Word of the Lord may spread rapidly and be honored."

- † We give thanks for the gift of our Savior's birth and pray for the adherents of various world religions who do not believe that in Jesus Christ the Word became flesh for the salvation of all people. We ask the Lord to shine His saving Gospel light through us to everyone!

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

## **Right to Life of Adams County is sponsoring the 2021 Respect Life Memorial Drive (Car Parade)**

This year, the Right to Life of Adams County Memorial Walk can be bigger, bolder, more distanced, and more comfortable than ever! (in place of our annual Memorial Walk and Service we're having a Car Parade)

**Date:** Sunday, January 24, 2021

**Gathering location:** Church of St. Peter parking lot, 25<sup>th</sup> and Maine

**Time:** 1:30 (Meet 1:00-1:15 to line-up, receive flags, and finish decorating your vehicles)

**Route:** West on Maine to 4<sup>th</sup>, North on 4<sup>th</sup> to Broadway,

East on Broadway to 48<sup>th</sup>, South on 48<sup>th</sup> to Maine, West on Maine to St. Peter

**Pro-life flags** will be provided to the first 50 vehicles. Please decorate your vehicle with additional POSITIVE PRO-LIFE messages. **Take advantage of this great opportunity to speak out for life.**

**Let's make a bold pro-life statement!**

**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**, study the Gospel of Mark on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), continue in 2 Corinthians on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT), and take a moment in creation, scripture, faith, and family on Midday Moments (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. CT). Find these programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or your favorite podcasting app..

## **Lutherans For Life 2021 Illinois Essay Contest Guidelines**

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)

## **"Through the Old Testament in a Church Year"- audio resource by Issues, etc. with Ken Schurb**

You can find resources that survey the Old Testament in a year. Here, however, is one that does so in a *church year*. 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>

## **For 1st Sunday after Epiphany: January 10, 2021**

Soon we in this country will see another presidential inauguration. These have occurred every four years. Each president has left his inauguration fully authorized for his office. Usually, a big crowd gathers to see the event. Even without a crowd, though, the authorization would still occur.

In our church service this coming Sunday, we will focus on the baptism of Jesus. In some ways, this event resembles a presidential inauguration. The Gospels of Matthew and Luke offer details about the crowd or the conversation between Jesus and John the Baptizer. However, Mark's account concentrates on Jesus and His authorization from God. It says:

"And it happened in those days that Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized in the Jordan by John. And when He came up from the water, immediately He saw the heavens split open and the Spirit coming down on Him as a dove. And there was a voice from heaven, 'You are my beloved Son. In You I am well-pleased'" (Mark 1:9-11).

With this event, the story of Jesus begins in Mark. He is the eternal Son of God, certainly qualified to be the Messiah. Now He enters upon His office. God the Father was pleased with Him and what He is doing.

He does not waste time. He gets right to work. Later He said, "I have a baptism to be baptized with, and how great is my distress until it is accomplished!" (Luke 12:50). There, He was speaking of His death.

What began when Jesus was baptized in the Jordan eventually ended on the cross. Jesus died as the Lamb of God, taking away the sin of the world (John 1:29).

The split-open heavens at Jesus' baptism showed what was happening. When He bears your sin, God opens heaven for you.

## **CID News You Can Use:**

We may have been hoping that the COVID-19 pandemic would be over by now. But many of us are still experiencing its affects. Even if we aren't sick, we may be feeling COVID FATIGUE, which may include weariness, loneliness, frustration, fear, anger, and grief.

Yet, in Christ we can still have hope, joy, and peace. Martha Washington was quoted as saying, "The greater part of our happiness or misery depends on our disposition and not on our circumstances." We do not always have the power to change our circumstances. But we do have the power to change our attitude or outlook. We can adjust our disposition by doing the following:

Remember that just as God has gotten us through difficulties in the past, He can do so again. He has provided and will continue to provide the resources and support we need.

Believe that eventually, according to his timing, God will change our circumstances. We are told that a number of COVID vaccines will soon be available. We can trust that eventually this pandemic will end.

Think positive. Norman Vincent Peale wrote "Change your thoughts and you change your world." St. Paul wrote in Philippians 4:8 *"Whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable - if anything is excellent or praiseworthy - think about these things."*

Trust that God works through all situations for the good of those who love him and are called according to his purposes (Romans 8:28). He gives us peace that passes understanding, hope that doesn't fail us, and strength in Christ. God may be working through our difficulties to help us grow, to rearrange our priorities, or to fashion us for better things.

Trust that God is with us always. David said to his son Solomon in 1 Chronicles 28:20, *"Do not be afraid and do not be dismayed, for the Lord God, even my God, is with you. He will not leave you or forsake you."*

Jesus said in John 10:10, *"I have come that they may have life and have it to the full."* He gives us a full life of hope, joy, peace, strength, and contentment even when the world seems to be trying to take these blessings away. Jesus assures us in John 16:33, *"In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world."* Rev. Jeffrey Harter