

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of January 17 - 24, 2021

Prayers & Christian Sympathy for the family & friends of **Pastor K. Michael Simminger** who went to his heavenly home on Friday, January 1. He was given a Christian burial on Wednesday, January 6.

Birthdays This Week

17 Luke McElfresh
17 August Ott
18 Sky Fischer
18 Kirk Vahle
21 Ellie Bowles 85
23 Kris Kutcher

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

18 Amie Hoebing
18 Briana Robertson
18 Gage Scharnhorst
19 Tory Hufendick
19 Jonah Tronsgard
19 Alison Zehnle
20 Eldon Schoch
21 Norma Begeman
22 Donna White

Scrip Update

Week ending:	13 - Dec	20 - Dec
Profit:	\$126.43	\$168.70
# orders:	14	24
Avg Profit/Order:	\$9.03	\$7.03
Overall Profit:	\$3,497.75	\$3,666.45

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.

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, 25th 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 4th, North on 4th to Broadway,

East on Broadway to 48th, South on 48th 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.**

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

Please join the **Quilters every second and fourth Thursday** in the Fellowship Hall from **9 AM until 11 AM** as they continue to make quilts for Lutheran World Relief. No sewing experience is necessary. You will be tying knots. Please join them for wonderful fellowship and service. The Quilters will again meet on **Thursday, January 28 at 9 AM** and will continue to meet on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month from now through May. Please contact Connie Louderback at 217-430-3118 with any questions.

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

As of 11-30-20 we have a balance of \$231,733.00 with the LCMS Foundation and \$5,094.00 on deposit at 1st 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 we have met. Checks should be made to **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund.**

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.

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

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

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 KFUE.org, excite your imagination and comfort your soul on Cross Defense with Rev. Tyrel Bramwell (**1/18 at 2:00 PM**), hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (**1/19 at 2:00 PM**), and worship with us in chapel services weekdays at 10:00 AM. Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or your favorite podcasting app.

No school Martin Luther King Jr Day, **Monday, January 18th**

Student Midterm reports will be going home **Friday, January 15th**

Lutheran Education Week is **March 1st**

Mark Your Calendar...The PTL has announced the date for the **2021 Spring Fling; Saturday, May 15th**. The Spring Fling is a dinner, silent auction, and live auction, and is the one major yearly fundraiser for St. James Lutheran School. It is organized by members of the PTL and helps the school fund a variety of items. Examples of what the Spring Fling funds include: salary of the PE teacher, classroom fund for each teacher for supplies each year, technology upgrades, manipulatives for classrooms, and updates for classrooms/facilities/playground.

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 17:

Epiphany 2

9:00 AM Communion Worship Service (RSVP) Streamed on Facebook
Martin Luther King Jr. National Day of Service – No School

Monday, January 18:

Tuesday, January 19:

Newsletter Deadline

Wednesday, January 20:

Voters' Meeting Information Deadline

No Bible Study

No Communion

No Confirmation

Thursday, January 21:

Friday, January 22:

Saturday, January 23:

5:00 PM Holy Communion (RSVP)

Sunday, January 24:

Epiphany 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

February 7: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday

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

May 13: Ascension Day Service 6 PM

May 15: Spring Fling

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	January 3, 2021
Needed Each Month	\$27,296.67
Received Last Month	\$32,742.75
Received This Month	\$8,467.50
Needed This Year	\$327,560.00
Received This Year	\$8,467.50
Received This Week	\$3,906.00

2021 Souper Bowl of Caring is an annual fundraiser that provides both financial and food donations for our local food pantries in Quincy. This year the four food pantries participating are: **Open Hands at the Lutheran Church of St. John**, Catholic Charities, **Quanada**, and **Horizons**.

This past year has been especially challenging for those in need in our community due to Covid. We will be changing how we collect donations this year. We still plan to collect both non-perishable food items and monetary donations.

As a participating organization, we hope that you would collect food items and monetary donations within your group. Once you have collected food items and/or monetary donations, you can drop them off at one of the participating food pantries. Since I am with Open Hands, it would be best if you could drop off your items at the Lutheran Church of St. John Open Hands pantry.

Another option is to do a monetary donation from your organization. We will be creating a GoFundMe page in the near future, so individuals and businesses can donate without exposure to people. I will be e-mailing more information regarding this option in the coming weeks.

The committee is hopeful we will have a better year this year, as there has been an increased need in the community. Last year we raised over \$3,700.00 after expenses, and we collected nearly 8,000 food items. This is lofty goal, but with the support of local businesses/organizations it is possible. Thanks, Steve Barteau - Lutheran Church of St. John - Open Hands Food Pantry

*For churches outside the St. Louis area for the week of January 24: This week on **KFUO.org**, study Mark 3-4 on Sharper Iron's "The Gospel in Action" with Pastor Timothy Appel and guests (weekdays at 8:00 a.m. CT), study 2 Corinthians 10-12 on Thy Strong Word with host Pastor Brady Finfern and guests (weekdays at 11:00 a.m. CT),*

and worship with us in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. CT. Find these programs on demand at kfu.org or on your podcast app!

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.

Reminder to Designate Your Thrivent Choice Dollars by March 31st Thrivent Financial members have **until March 31** to direct their Choice Dollars for charity. **Don't let them expire!** Designate your Choice Dollars and **put God's Word in the hands of someone who does not have the Bible** in their own language. Just log in to your Thrivent account today to direct your Choice Dollars. If you need help with the Thrivent site, contact your Thrivent representative. **Put God's Word in someone's hands.** Designate your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Lutheran Bible Translators today!

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) **Guidelines are:**

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
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