

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of December 19 - 26, 2021

Birthdays This Week

- 20 Joan Walbring
- 20 Alison Zehnle
- 22 Emma Fischer
- 22 Bev Post
- 22 Kari Vahle-Adams
- 23 Kaiden Weisheit
- 23 Carole Lannerd
- 23 Darrell Drescher
- 25 Briana Robertson

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.
- 20 Shirley Foster
- 20 Ryan Schnack
- 22 David Ott
- 24 Andrew Allen
- 25 Paul Weisheit
- 25 Kainalu Klauser

Anniversaries This Week

- 19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer 57 years
- 23 Brad and Karol Ehmen 21 years

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	21-Nov	28-Nov	12-Dec
Profit:	\$102.48	\$77.32	\$147.93
# orders:	13	12	19
Profit/Order:	\$7.88	\$6.44	\$7.79
Overall Profit:	\$3,892.94	\$3,970.27	\$4,292.29

Please keep ORLC SCRIP in mind when buying gift cards for purchases or gifts! We have a variety of cards in stock, and a list of those that can be ordered! Just stop by the scrip table! You can also download the app, use our unique code, and buy e-gift cards online for your purchases! Here are some highlights of some cards we have in stock: ARBYS (\$25), BED, BATH & BEYOND (\$25), BUFFALO WILD WINGS (\$10), STEAK N SHAKE (\$10), SHELL (\$25, \$50,), KOHLS (\$25,) TCBY (\$10), MENARDS (\$25), HOME DEPOT, (\$25), LOWES (\$25), TARGET (\$25) and VISA (\$50, \$100.) We are SO close to having \$4,000 in overall scrip profit this year! ORLC SCRIP will write one more check by the end of the year for at least \$1,000! Thank you for your continued support! If you would like to start using scrip, just stop by the table and ask! We are glad to show you how it works!

ONLY 13 DAYS LEFT TO MEET THE \$5000 MATCHING CHALLENGE TO THE ST. JAMES TUITION FUND

We are at \$4275 and need \$750 to match the challenge.

**Your check can be made out to:
Our Redeemer Endowment.**

Please let us know We have **Hearing Devices available** to assist in listening to the Church services! Anyone who would like to use a device contact the Church Office for arrangements and one will be set up for you. Thank You

More free Thrivent t-shirts are available on the scrip table. Youth sizes also.

Today is the Last Day to order Poinsettias!

The following Sunday School children will receive awards TODAY for their excellent and faithful attendance during the first trimester of Sunday School this fall. Each will also receive a \$5 gift card for local place in which they might enjoy some frozen yogurt, a refreshing specialty drink, or a meal! Congrats! Thank you parents and family members who bring your children to Sunday School. The awards will be presented during the Sunday School hour.

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| Jack Ajdinovich | Amelia Knapp |
| Savannah Edwards | Jamison Knapp |
| Allie Hastings | Archer Ott |
| Lily Hayes | Auggie Ott |
| Phoebe Hayes | Evan Sass |

We are looking for a Sunday School teacher for 1st to 4th grade students to start in January. Please see Melissa Knapp.

Sunday School for youth will not be held on Dec. 26th and Jan. 2nd. It **will resume on January 9th.**

Serving our Community:

Illinois Veterans' Home Thank you for your donations of comfort items for the Illinois Veterans Home residents. Collection of items will continue through the end of December.

Quincy Public Schools: Thank you for your continued donations of hats, mittens, underwear, sweatpants, and socks for QPS. We have passed along donations, and they have already given them all out to children as we have had some cold days! They appreciate the ongoing support and are happy to share your donations with the children. Collection of items will continue through the end of January.

The Church is in need of an assistant to help Malinda Eden in coordinating the Funeral Dinners for our members. This position is to assist in meal planning and to assign volunteers for meal prep and serving the dinners. It is important for the people of Our Redeemer to know that if Malinda is out of town or has a prior commitment the church will still be able to provide a funeral dinner. Please consider being a part of this very important service we provide for our Church members. Contact the Church office.

We need volunteer drivers to assist church members in need of transportation for appointments, and shopping items! If you would be willing to help in this important service to our members please contact the church office to be included in our drivers list. Thank you!

Please plan to attend. The next National Youth Gathering meeting is **Sunday, January 9, 6:30 PM** at The Lutheran Church of St. John. We are asking all our youth and parents to attend.

Thank You to whomever donated the money to us. We are overwhelmed by the caring and generosity shown to us by members of our congregation!

Evelyn & Cameron McDowell

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of November was **\$110.00.**

The school will be on Christmas Break December 20th - December 31st. The holidays give us an opportunity to pause our busy lives and reflect on our proud accomplishments. The season offers us a chance to say "thank you" to the entire school community for all the support that you provide to our students, our families, and our staff.

We're sure you will agree that your children deserve a well-earned break from study – they have been superstars this term. A particular highlight of the festive period was this year's Christmas Programs. We are so thankful we were able to have them in person this year.

We hope you all have a joyous and special holiday season with plenty of time to relax and enjoy family and friendships. Safe travels and warm tidings to each and every one of you!

What wonderful **Christmas Programs** were put on last week. Thank you to everyone who attended. Thank you to our students who practiced many hours. Thank you to our faculty who put in many hours to help get students ready. And, a BIG thank you to Mrs. Bowles and Mrs. Strackeljahn for directing the programs. What a glorious way to celebrate the Coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Read-a-Thon - Drum Roll please, we are so excited to announce that students participating in the Read-a-Thon for the month of November raised \$3,246.00! The total minutes read was 25,177, WOW! The top 5 readers were:

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| 1. Landon Robertson 1521 minutes | 4. Elijah Manock 1300 minutes |
| 2. Adeline Collins 1510 minutes | 5. Gabi Vaughn 1235 minutes |
| 3. William Schneider 1320 minutes | |

Food and Fundraising Eat at these restaurants on the specific date and a portion of sales will be given back to St. James School. Make sure to mention St. James Lutheran School. **December 27th – Papa Murphy's St. James Fundraising days at Papa John's** 2nd Thursday of each month – **January 13, February 10, March 10, April 14, and May 12.** If you present a flyer when ordering, then St. James will receive 20% of the sales. *(You can even order online, and then bring the flyer when you pick up from the store.)*

Mark Your Calendars, the Winter Carnival has been set for **January 15, 2022** from **5:00pm – 7:00pm**. This is a night of food, activities, and FUN! Similar to the Fall Festival, wristbands will be sold prior to and the night of the event.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, December 19:	Advent 4 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service <i>Streamed online</i> 10:15 AM Bible Class and Sunday School
Monday, December 20:	<i>No School</i>
Tuesday, December 21:	<i>No School</i> 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study – <i>Daniel</i> 7:00 PM Senior Choir
Wednesday, December 22:	<i>No School</i>
Thursday, December 23:	<i>No School</i>
Friday, December 24:	Christmas Eve 7:00 PM Children's Service 9:00 PM Candlelight Service
Saturday, December 25:	Christmas Day 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service <i>No Evening Service</i>
Sunday, December 26:	Christmas 1 Musicale 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service <i>Streamed online</i> <i>No Bible Class or Sun. School</i>

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	December 12, 2021
Saturday at 5:00 PM	25
Sunday at 9:00 AM	88
Total Attendance	113
Holy Communion	103
Bible Class	24
Sunday School	13
Wednesday 12/15	40

Offerings	December 12, 2021
Needed Each Month	\$27,296.67
Received Last Month	\$24,789.89
Received This Month	\$15,827.63
Needed This Year	\$327,560.00
Received This Year	\$331,519.84
Received This Week	\$8,029.62

Upcoming Events:

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

January 9, 2022: National Youth Gathering Meeting, 6:30 PM at LCoSJ

March 5, 2022: Spring Fling

May 4-7, 2022: ORLC Picture Directory Photos

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

For the week of December 19: On KFUE.org: Hear "Advent with the Apostles" on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), study Matthew 5-7 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM), and hear the final midweek Advent service from Village Lutheran Ladue at 12 PM on 12/22. Special "Twelve Days of Christmas" programming begins December 24 with sacred music, scripture, and prayer for the Christmas season! Tune in at kfue.org or on the KFUE Radio app.

KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUE.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **For the week of Dec. 26th on KFUE.org:** We celebrate the season of Christmas by taking a hiatus from our regular programming to bring you special Twelve Days of Christmas programming, including Scripture readings, sacred music for the season, and special greetings from our missionaries and military chaplains serving around the globe. Enjoy this programming through Epiphany, January 6! Regular programming returns January 7.

Junior High Scholastic Bowl coming soon!! Scholastic Bowl is a quiz-based competition that tests players on a wide variety of academic subjects, including some non-academic questions, as well. The anticipated start date for Junior High Scholastic Bowl will be **Tuesday, January 11th, 2022, from 3:30 – 4:30 pm** at Our Redeemer. See the flyer or talk to Melissa Knapp for more information. Text Mrs. Knapp at 217.653.9501 to register.

LERT Team Members: As you are all aware, the tornadoes in Kentucky created a path of destruction destroying hundreds of homes and killing at least 74 individuals. Currently, there are 100 individuals still missing. LERT has activated a deployment operation for Kentucky. All operations for LERT will be needed; debris clean-up, counselors, chainsaw crews, and food handlers. Information is on the www.lcms-ler.org website for responses to the Bowling Green, KY tornadoes from December 17 through December 28, with some days not scheduled. Here is the link: [Trainings & Deployments | LCMS Disaster Response \(lcs-ler.org\)](#) There are two deployment options, depending on whether you need lodging. Following FEMA and LCMS guidelines, there will be a background check prior to deploying. The background check is part of the registration process on the website, so allow some time.

LERT volunteers are deploying to the Bowling Green, KY area and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church in Bowling Green. If you are interested, willing & able to go to help, follow the Trainings & Deployments link. Then click on View Details on either the 1st or 2nd Deployment line, depending if you will need lodging at the church or if you are just going for one 8 hour day. They have 28 remaining slots with lodging and 20 without. You must pre-register in order to participate.

Recycling ink cartridges will benefit Our Savior Lutheran Church -- Magamaga in Uganda. Rev. Peter Maganda and the members of Our Savior are buying and distributing food to those in the area. Please help by: 1. Either dropping off your used inkjet cartridges at church (where we will gather and then mail a combined shipment to Planet Green,) 2. **Mailing your used empty inkjet cartridges by following these steps;** Gather 4 or more ink cartridges. Retrieve **FREE USPS** label by using our Program ID Code **31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com, print, and mail.

Announcing the 2022 Central Illinois District LC-MS Youth Bible Bowl topic: Romans and 1 Corinthians. We heard requests for the Bible Bowl to cover Luther's *Small Catechism*. This year's topic is as close to that as it comes. St. Paul discusses the Ten Commandments, the doctrine of God, Christ's atonement, and the work of the Holy Spirit. Paul deals with the church and proclaims the forgiveness of sins (justification by faith), the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Baptism, the Lord's Supper, and the Office of the Keys are explained. And prayer is interspersed with these basic Christian doctrines. Date (**Spring 2022**) and location for the District Bible Bowl will be announced later. But now is the time to study these important epistles of the Bible with your youth and to talk within your circuit about holding a circuit Bible Bowl in preparation for the District Bible Bowl. Each circuit may send two teams to Springfield. For more information on how you can hold a Bible Bowl in your circuit, contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Ill. (zionlcms@juno.com).

Beta Sigma Psi - Alpha Chapter offers a \$3,000 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2022. Digital application forms may be found online at: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students>. The application is due by **March 5th at 11:59PM**. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500 awards. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. If you have any questions please email UIUCscholarship@betasigmapsi.org. The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. These opportunities can be found here <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/> There are scholarship opportunities our organization has to offer Lutheran high school seniors. If you'd like to learn more about our organization, please check out: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/>. The Beta Sigma Psi National Educational Foundation offers scholarships and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. Scholarships for incoming freshmen in Fall 2022 are available at: any accredited 4-year College or University in the United States; Indiana University; Iowa State University; Ohio State University; Purdue University; University of Illinois; University of Missouri, University of Nebraska. These opportunities can be found here: <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/>