

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of January 2 - 9, 2022

Communed: Dennis & Pat Baker, Pat Florey, Steve Florey, Marilyn Hanawalt, Frank Hanawalt Jr., Wayne Buesking, Martha Canada

Birthdays This Week

- 3 Michele Urbon
- 3 Jane Voepel
- 5 Brady Essington
- 6 Phyllis Ashby
- 6 Addison Buss
- 6 Linda Knowles
- 7 David Showman Jr.
- 7 Ruth Hall

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 3 Jessica Hibbert
- 6 Myley Longcor
- 8 Tony Bowles

Anniversaries This Week

- 3 Gary and Kathy Hyer 47 years
- 3 Dustin and Ann Nickelson 18 years
- 3 Chet and Barb Vahle 46 years
- 8 Tony and Susan Bowles 37 years

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	12-Dec	19-Dec	26-Dec
Profit:	\$147.93	\$102.56	\$169.71
# orders:	19	15	18
Profit/Order:	\$7.79	\$6.84	\$9.43
Overall Profit:	\$4,292.29	\$4,394.85	\$4,564.55

One more check was written for **\$1,564.55** and gifted back to the church, and that brings the **total to \$4,564.55** for **ORLC SCRIP FUND profits for 2021!** Thank you for your continued support!

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! 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!

Thanks to the many who donated to the ORLC St. James School Tuition **Endowment Fund** during the **\$5,000 match** challenge. Our goal was met and surpassed! **Total contributions** amounted to **\$6,477**.

When our committee was established in 2016, our goal was to create an endowment that would be used to supplement the ORLC budget line item for St. James Tuition.

We started actually collecting money for the Fund in December of 2018 and currently have **approximately \$262,000 invested** with LCMS Foundation **and another \$20,000** in our bank account to send to the LCMS Foundation.

How do we fund the endowment?

Solicit seed money from congregation members, promote estate planning to include this endowment, direct mail to St James School alumnae and their families, Thrivent Choice Dollars, encourage church groups to participate, and seek grants from friendly foundations and businesses.

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. Thanks

No Bible Class or Sunday School Today
Classes resume on January 9th.

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

Serving our Community:

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.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible

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

The next **National Youth Gathering meeting** is **Sunday, January 9, 6:30 PM** at The Lutheran Church of St. John. Those youth already signed up for the National Youth Gathering should attend.

Thank you from the Youth Group to all who attended and supported the Advent evening meals. Your generosity was greatly appreciated.

Thanks to the donor who gave the fabric steamer to the banner committee.

A Sincere Thank you to our generous church family who have anonymously donated funds, gift cards, prayers, and moral support to us. Your thoughtfulness and support mean so much to us!

Evelyn & Cameron McDowell

Thank you to the families at Our Redeemer for the Christmas card and generous gifts. Hope you had a very Merry Christmas and a blessed New Year.

God Bless. *Erica, Allie and Nix*

Shirley Dieringer has a new address. Please call or email the church office for that information so you can send her a card.

Junior High 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 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

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. 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.

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. **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, January 2:	Christmas 2 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service <i>Streamed online</i> <i>No Bible Class or Sunday School</i>
Monday, January 3:	<i>Pastor Vacation - School Resumes</i>
Tuesday, January 4:	<i>Pastor Vacation</i> 9:30 AM Bible Study 3:30 PM Jr. High Scholastic Bowl 7:00 PM Choir
Wednesday, January 5:	<i>Pastor Vacation - No Communion, Bible Study or Confirmation</i>
Thursday January 6:	<i>Pastor Vacation</i> 6:30 PM LWML Meeting
Friday, January 7:	<i>Pastor Vacation</i>
Saturday, January 8:	5:00 PM Holy Communion
Sunday, January 9:	Baptism of Our Lord 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service <i>Streamed online</i> <i>10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday school</i> <i>6:30 PM National Youth Gathering meeting at LCoSJ</i>

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	December 24, 2021
Christmas Eve 7 PM	59
Christmas Eve 9 PM	97
Christmas Day	62
Communion 12/25	62
Christmas Musicale	82
Communion 12/26	71

Offerings	December 26, 2021
Needed Each Month	\$27,296.67
Received Last Month	\$24,789.89
Received This Month	\$30,466.52
Needed This Year	\$327,560.00
Received This Year	\$346,158.73
Received This Week	\$9,148.89

Upcoming Events:

March 5, 2022: *Spring Fling*

May 4-7, 2022: *ORLC Picture Directory Photos*

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

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For the week of January 9: CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Study the Gospel of Luke chapters 1-2 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), continue in the Gospel of Matthew chapters 8-9 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM), and hear practical application of our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (Saturday at 10 AM). Listen live or on demand at kfuo.org and the KFUE Radio app!

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. LERT has activated a deployment operation for Kentucky. All operations for LERT will be needed; Information is on the www.lcms-lert.org website.

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.

A big kick-off to a bright future You're invited to join us and celebrate our bright future as Bethesda officially becomes AbleLight, where we believe the world shines brighter when people with developmental disabilities reach their full potential. Multi-platinum Grammy winner **Michael W. Smith** will be on hand to help us celebrate our history and our future, and help shine a light on people with developmental disabilities across the country. This free concert is sure to be a delightful evening of music, faith and community. We hope you'll join us for this historic, one time only event. Please sign up on our website to attend the virtual concert, and please feel free to share with your friends and family. All are welcome! We hope to see you on **Tuesday, January 11th at 7 p.m. CST.**

Announcing the 2022 Central Illinois District LCMS 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/>