A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus For the week of February 27 – March 6, 2022

### **Birthdays This Week**

- 27 Gary Cramlett
- 29 Laura Essington
- 1 Lily Hayes
- 1 Phoebe Hayes
- 1 Donna MacFadden
- 3 Evie Ajdinovich
- 3 R.P. Schaller
- 4 Jack Tronsgard

# Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 27 Jessica Campbell
- 28 Austin Fischer
- 28 Judi Burner
- 28 Brian Burner
- 1 Reva Ehmen
- Brooke Gooding
   Maggie Nixon

## Scrip Update:

Week ending:	6-Feb	13-Feb	20-Feb
Profit:	\$62.77	\$69.96	\$83.54
# orders:	11	8	9
Profit/Order:	\$5.71	\$8.75	\$9.28
Overall Profit:	\$427.94	\$497.91	\$581.45

Now available for pre-order: **Casey's** gift cards in \$25, \$50, or \$100. These are cards that we happen to have in stock, but would like to sell in order to reduce inventory of certain denominations. Are these businesses you frequent? Stop by the scrip table, and we can help you fill your order, while helping us clean up our stock! Arby's \$25, Bed, Bath & Beyond \$25, Buffalo Wild Wing \$10, Panera \$5, Shell \$25 and \$50, Steak and Shake \$10, and Taco Bell \$5, and Walgreens \$100.

As we **prepare the way for Lent and Easter**, ORLC is looking to put on display your photos and items from The Holy Land. If you have some memories to share (*We can make copies so you keep the originals.*), please **contact Sandy Callahan** and help out! We would love to have you write a bit about your experiences as well.

**Sunday School Offerings** for Feb and March will be used for items for donation to Quanada to help serve their clients.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the month of January was \$107.75.

### Christian Easter Cards.are on the card rack!

Serving our Community: We continue to collect hats, mittens, socks, underwear, sweatpants, etc. for the QPS children until the end of February. Our next designated collection will be for Quanada and the clients they serve. As some clients have limited access to food storage and ways to prep food, we are suggesting items that can be made with a microwave. POP TOP LIDS are extremely helpful! Collection through the end of March. Here are some ideas: Soups/Stews/Chili, Crackers, Oatmeal packets, Microwave ready rice, cereal/granola bars, canned meat (chicken, etc.), pouches of tuna, tuna/chicken salad kits, individual cups of fruit, packets of nuts/trail mix, pudding cups, Ready to eat meals

Sunday School Teacher Needed for 1st to 4th grade teacher. Please help if you can!

# Special meeting of the Voters Assembly on

**March 6**. Copies of the meeting announcement and matters to be addressed are on the Narthex table. Please make plans to attend the meeting and help conduct congregational business.

#### Lenten Meals Start Ash Wednesday, March 2 Wednesdays from 5:45 to 6:30 PM "For A Donation" (All are welcome to come and eat.) By Friends of ORLC Youth Group. Please Sign-up in Narthex. All proceeds go to help fund ORLC Youth

going to the LCMS National Youth Gathering this July. \$14,200 is the estimated cost of the trip for youth and chaperones.

The **ORLC youth in grades 6, 7 & 8** are invited to fellowship with the youth of St. John's at their church on **March 9, Apr. 13 and May 11 from 6:30 to 8:00**. Bring a friend and have a fun time. For more info call Jamie Louderback 217-430-4760.

Future NYG meetings are 6:30 PM on March 13 at LCoSJ, there is no meeting in April, and the meeting on May 15 at 6:30 PM is for youth and their parents.

Help the ORLC Youth Group raise funds to attend the National Youth Gathering by directing your Thrivent Choice Dollars to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church. Call the church secretary to designate those dollars to the Youth Group.

Please join Bible Study Tuesdays at 9:15 AM as we study The Patriarchs, encountering the God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob.

How can we be better neighbors in our communities? How can we get to know our neighbors and love them not just with words but also with deeds? CID LLL Convention Saturday, March 5 at Mount Calvary Lutheran Church, 2055 S Franklin St. Rd., Decatur, IL. Theme for this year's convention is "Love your neighbor as yourself." Luke 10:27. Speaker is Rev. Dr. Walter Maier, III who will speak on The Lutheran Church in the 21st Century. Doors open at 8:30 a.m. with the convention beginning at 9:30 a.m. Registration fee is \$20 per person and includes the lunch meal. Make checks payable to CID LLL District. Complete registration form and mail to Deloris Blessman, 24204 CR 1850 N, Topeka, IL 61567. For more information, please contact by email at delorisblessman@yahoo.com Zoom is available. Please contact Deloris for the link. There will be a presentation by the Pro Family Group in Illinois. **Deadline for registration is February 28** 

**Greenmount Cemetery ANNUAL CLEAN-UP** from March 14 – 18.Remove all items by March 13 and not to replace them until March 19. This is a complete clean up - everything must be removed, except for the Shepherds' hooks/staffs, but all items need to be removed from the hooks.

WHAT: Stewardship Workshop WHEN: Monday, March 14, 2022, meal at 5:30 PM WHERE: St. Peter's Lutheran Church Parish Hall, 300 S. 7th St, La Grange MO Please join us for a Stewardship Workshop led by Reverend Heath Curtis, St. Peter's will provide a meal beginning at 5:30 pm, with the Workshop following from 7 – 9 pm.

#### ST. JAMES LUTHERAN SCHOOL, QUINCY, IL https://www.stjamesquincyschool.org 217-222-8267



During Lutheran Education Week, on **Tuesday, March 1**<sup>st</sup>, we will have our first ever **Parent/Student Paint Night** hosted by Enchanted Canvas. Sign up here <u>theenchantedcanvas.com/product/st-james-private-school-painting-party/</u>.

**2022-23 Re-Registration** - The time is here to re-register for the 2022-23 academic school year. Families, this can be done right on your FastDirect home page.

17<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Fling will be Saturday, March 5th. Watch for invitations coming in the mail soon. If you do not receive one, please contact the school office for a reservation. TEAM SPIRIT DINNER & AUCTION FUNDRAISER Spring Lake Country Club 5215 Clubhouse Drive Quincy, IL 6:00pm Drinks and Brews (Cash Bar) 6:30pm Tailgating Favorites 7:30pm Live Auction 8:30-10:00pm Show Us Your Moves (Live DJ) Wear Your Team Jerseys and Sports Attire!

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 –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.)

Please mark your calendars for **Saturday**, **May 7**<sup>th</sup>; **3pm – 5pm.** We will be celebrating Mr. Landskroener and his upcoming Retirement with an Open House at the school.

**Lutheran Education Week 2022 is February 28<sup>th</sup> - March 4<sup>th</sup>** What is LEW? Lutheran Education Week provides a public opportunity to proclaim and celebrate God's work among us in Lutheran schools. We thank God for the opportunity to provide excellent academic preparation for the children we serve. We are most grateful for the opportunity to share Jesus' amazing love with children and their families.

	This Week at Our Redeemer
Sunday, February 27:	<b>Transfiguration</b> 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service Streamed online 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday, February 28:	Lutheran Education Week
Tuesday, March 1:	9:15 AM Bible Study – <i>The Patriarchs</i> 3:30 PM Jr. High Scholastic Bowl 7:00 PM Choir
Wednesday, March 2:	Ash Wednesday 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online <b>11:30 AM Holy Communion</b> 2:00 PM Banner Committee 5:00 PM Confirmation <i>until 6:00 PM</i> 5:45 to 6:30 PM Meal by friends of the Youth Group <b>7:00 PM Ash Wednesday Service</b>
Thursday, March 3:	6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study <b>6:30 PM LWML Meeting</b>
Friday, March 4:	
Saturday, March 5:	5:00 PM Holy Communion 6:00 PM Spring Fling
Sunday, March 6:	Lent 1 9:00 AM Communion Worship Service Streamed online 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School 11:15 AM Special Voter's Meeting

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

Attendance	February 20, 2022
Saturday at 5:00 PM	29
Sunday at 9:00 AM	76
Total Attendance	105
Holy Communion	93
Adult Bible Class	28
Sunday School	12

Offerings	February 20, 2022	
Needed Each Month	\$30,620.01	
Received Last Month	\$20,402.27	
Received This Month	\$32,387.24	
Needed This Year	\$367,440.01	
Received This Year	\$52,789.51	
Received This Week	\$10,736.24	

### **Upcoming Events:**

May 4-7: ORLC Picture Directory Photos May 7: Retirement (open house) party for Mr. Landskroener 3pm -5pm July 9-13: National Youth Gathering in Houston, TX September 18; Church Picnic

For the **week of February 27**: CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: We usher in the season of Lent with our first Midweek recital and worship service on **3/2 at 11 AM**, study Luke 12-13 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" *(weekdays at 8 AM)*, and study Matthew 18-20 on Thy Strong Word *(weekdays at 11 AM)*. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org, on the KFUO Radio app, or on your favorite podcasting app.

**Cajun Mission Meal** – **Monday, February 28, 4:30-7** at St. John's Lutheran, rural Bath, IL. You are invited to enjoy a wide variety of Cajun food and at the same time raise funds for our district Latino Mission in

Beardstown, IL. The menu will include: jambalaya, gumbo, muffuletta, red beans and rice, beignets, cold spinach salad, virgin hurricanes, and a wide variety of desserts all for a free will offering. For those using google maps our address is: 13961 E CR 1100N Bath, IL, 62617. <u>banblesemann@juno.com</u>



On Saturday, March 5, Lutheran Laymen's League districts and LHM staff will host a virtual workshop to encourage and equip Christians in their vocation as neighbors. Join us for the Spring 2022 LLL Virtual Event, Better Together: Discovering the Gifts in Your Neighborhood. This two-hour event begins at 11 a.m. and will include:
An opening devotion led by Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler, Speaker of The Lutheran Hour
A training session hosted by Jennifer Prophete, Director of Community Engagement

for LHM, and Sara Johnson, The Hopeful Neighborhood Project Coach. During this training, you will learn practical tools that will help you discover the gifts in your neighborhood, using LHM's Better Together resources. These tools will help you live into your vocation as a Christian neighbor.• Live Q&A session with Jennifer and Sara.• And, as always, fun giveaways! Register now for this free event. **Registration is open through March 3.** <u>https://lhm.regfox.com/2022-Ill-spring-virtual-</u>

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**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: <a href="https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students">https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students</a>. 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/scholarships-for-high-school-students/</a>. These opportunities can be found here <a href="https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/">https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/</a>. There are scholarship opportunities can be found here <a href="https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/">https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/</a>. 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: <a href="https://www.betasigmapsi.org/">https://www.betasigmapsi.org/</a>. The Beta Sigma Psi Attional 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: <a href="https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/">https://www.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-for-high-school-students/</a>.

For the week of March 6: KFUO Radio, a media ministry extension of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFUO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at <u>kfuo.org</u> and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org: Study Baptism in the Augsburg Confession Article IX on Concord Matters (3/12 at 10 AM), hear Lenten Midweek Recital and Worship Service 3/9 at 11 AM, and study Luke 13-15 on Sharper Iron's "The Beloved Physician's Orderly Account" (weekdays at 8 AM). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUO Radio app.

**Daddy Daughter Dance** - Join us for a fun evening with your little princess on **Saturday, March 12th**. Dinner will be served from **5:30-6:00pm** (free-will donation). The donation will go towards growing our Girls Youth Group. There will be fun activities and dancing from **6:00-7:00pm**! Cost to attend is one canned food item to help stock the Open Hands food pantry! Call the St. John's church office to make reservations, 217-222-8579.

**Do you know any young man who would make a great pastor?** How about someone who would be a great Lutheran school teacher, deaconess or DCE? Jesus gives His church people who work full time in service to the Gospel. He told us to pray for such workers. The LCMS continues to pray, and has begun Set Apart to Serve (SAS), an intentional effort to encourage young people to consider church work as their career. Your opinion can help improve SAS. Please fill out a brief survey at <a href="https://www.lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey">lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve-survey</a> by March 15, and let us know how you think SAS can be beneficial to your congregation. Thank you.

**AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD COLLECTION, FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM** in the Family Life Center at the Lutheran Church of St John. Go to https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive to make an appointment online or call the church office. Share a Pint in March.

Camp CILCA'S Annual Banquet Sunday, March 20, 5 p.m.-8 p.m. At Camp CILCA's Dining Hall! Tickets are \$40 each. Call the camp office (217-487-7497) or email (camp@cilca.org) to reserve your tickets today! The Annual Banquet is an evening celebrating God's work of *Creation and Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. *This year's speaker will focus on, "Why Beauty Matters."* 

**Women's Conference** - No More Perfect - A Women's Conference will be held of **Saturday, April 2, 9:30am-3pm** in the Sanctuary. Our speaker, Jill Savage, will speak on the topic of "No More Perfect", Ecclesiastes 3:11 "He makes everything perfect in His time." The doors open at 9am. The cost if \$30 per person with lunch included. Previously purchased tickets are still valid. Go to http://www.lcosj.org/i-am-grace-overflowing to register. Honest. Vulnerable. Deep. These are just a few words people use to describe Jill and Mark Savage. Jill is an author and speaker who is passionate about relationships. Jill now speaks to thousands of men and women each year about their priorities, passion and their purpose. Their marriage and their family have experienced the highest of highs and the lowest of lows. Because of this, she cares deeply about people and helping them navigate the relationships that mean the most to them. Join us for a day of letting go of perfect! **5K Fun Walk** - Join us for a 5k fun walk on the Klingner Trail along Cedar Creek on **Saturday, April 9th**. There will be fun questions along the trail and painted rocks for the kids to find. Each kid finds one rock and returns it at the end of the walk for a goodie bag. Vote for your favorite themed water stations along the trail. The Loop Route: Start and stop at Large shelter house near Bob Mays Park by north 18th street. Turning point is around is on the east side of 5th Street. Parking is available in the lots on the west and side of 18th street as well as along Koch's lane. Register at https://lutheran-church-of-st-john.communio.org/FUN-RUN/ or at the church, or on the day of the Walk at Bob Mays Park shelter house. Entry fee will be \$20 per individual or \$30 per family.

LWML CID Convention - April 29<sup>th</sup>-(Friday) Servant Event- St. John's Lutheran Church – Chatham April 30<sup>th</sup> (Sat) CID Convention – Our Savior's Lutheran Church- Springfield

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 im23portant 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)

Lutherans For Life 2022 Illinois Essay Contest For Students in Grades 6 through 12 Any student in a Lutheran school or church is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school or congregation, e.g. confirmation class or youth group, when validated by the pastor or teacher. Contest Guidelines Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the theme: Blessed For Life with the Bible verse: "... the Lord protects him and keeps him alive; he is called blessed in the land; you do not give him up to the will of his enemies." Psalm 41:2. (Consider being blessed with the gift of life, blessed by God for one's entire life or blessed to be a blessing to others.) There are monetary rewards for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> places. See Gretchen for a more detailed list of rules and requirements.

**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.