A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus For the week of December 18 - 25, 2022

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

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.
- 20 Shirley Foster
- 20 Ryan Schnack
- 22 David Ott
- 24 Andrew Allen

Anniversaries This Week

19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer

23 Brad and Karol Ehmen

58 years 22 years

Gloves, Hats, and Mittens Collection We are going to start collecting socks, hats, mittens, gloves, etc. for the community. All sizes are welcome. We will distribute first to local schools, Quincy Neighborhood Federation, and then local food pantries and mini food pantries as our donations and supplies allow. Items may be left in the collection bin near the south entrance.

If you are interested in being on the substitute

teacher list for Sunday School, please contact Melissa Knapp at 217-653-9501. You can list what classes you prefer: lower grades (PreK to 2nd) class, the Junior High class (currently 3rd through 8th) and/or the High School class.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible

Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for the **month of November were \$147.00**.

Volunteers are needed for Altar Guild for

March, June, July, and December. If anyone is interested in volunteering to please contact Dennis Fleming at 217-242-7598. Thank you

College Care Packages Update Finals Week:

Two sets of care packages have successfully been sent out to our college students and the next shipment is scheduled to be sent out in time for their semester finals week. There are individual cards for the students located on the table in the Narthex for you to sign and/or write a note of encouragement which will be especially appreciated during finals week! The students have expressed their gratitude in receiving these boxes from their home congregation and truly enjoy the thoughtful notes and well wishes. The following is a list of our young people participating at this time: Elizabeth Dobbelaire (Fodor), Julianna Eden, Ella Ehmen, Maddi Ehmen, Kate Foster,Harrison Knapp, and Alayna Schlipman.

Thank you for the card and generous gift. It was unexpected but greatly appreciated. We love our church family. Hope you have a blessed Christmas.

Love, The Dedert Family



Free Piano – Please contact Becky Lunt if interested. It needs to be tuned!



ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment

Fund – In September of 2016, the ORLC congregation approved the creation of an endowment fund. The objective of this fund was to raise enough money to be able to pay the full tuition for children of our membership to attend St. James School and thus receive a superior education in a Christian environment. The ORLC Endowment Fund currently has investments with the LCMS Foundation. At this time, assets total approximately \$230,000. The Endowment Fund Committee continues in its mission to increase the Fund's investments. Over the years, several members of our church have generously donated money for "matching challenges." If you are interested in doing this, or including the Endowment Fund in your estate planning, or remembering a loved one with a memorial, or simply making a personal gift to the Fund, contact anyone on the Endowment committee. Also, if you have investments that require RMD (required monthly distribution), those can be donated to the Endowment Fund tax-free until **December 31**. Larry Foster – fosterml5@gmail.com

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For the week of December 18:

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@KFUOradio on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u>, and <u>Instagram</u>. **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO.org:** Enjoy music for the seasons of Advent and Christmas, hear history and theology of Hymns for Advent on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM), and study Exodus 28-32 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). The Twelve Days of Christmas begins December 24 through January 8! Hear special Christmas programming during this time. Regular programming resumes January 9!

Upcoming Events:

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at 5 PM January 12: Quilters

February 19-20: Camp CILCA Confirmation Retreat February 26: St. James School sings ORLC 9 AM April 9: Easter

2023 Offering Envelopes are now available.

A Night of Hope: Where God, Art, and Mental Health Meet Join Tanner Olson, Heidi Goehmann, and Blake Flattley, for a night of poetry, music, and tools for meeting our mental health with hope. This event connects people to resources that help them breach stigma, rest in God, and build strength to love themselves and those around them well, no matter the challenge. Join us at Trinity, Auburn, for this event geared toward high school youth and adults on Sunday, January 29, 2023 from 2 pm- 6 pm. Please contact the church office for more information and reach out to Trinity, Auburn at <u>tlcauburnil@gmail.com</u> with questions.

Thank You to those who have thought of us during this time with gift cards, thoughts, and prayers. Your thoughtfulness is heart-warming! *Evelyn & Cameron*

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

Church members, students, families, and friends please join us for Caroling on **Sunday, December 18th at 5:30 pm** Grab your coats and your family; we want to gift our neighbors with some Christmas Caroling. You don't have to have the voice of Frank Sinatra to join us for a fun-filled family event. Meet in the cafeteria.

Our Christmas programs were held this week and went amazingly. A big thank you to Mrs. Bowles, 5th/6thgrade teacher, for directing the 1st – 8th-grade program and to Mrs. Sherry Strackeljahn for directing the PreK – K program. This year we also added a new role, that of student director, Miss Paysli Dieterle, 5th grade who did an outstanding job. Also, thank you to Mr. Dale Strackeljahn for running sound and technology.

Each Wednesday we have all school Chapel beginning at 8:45 am. Chapel themes this year are tied to over 2022-23 Yearly Theme – Making Disciples for Life. Parents, grandparents, guardians, and guests are welcome to join us every Wednesday.

	This Week at Our Redeemer
Sunday, December 18:	Advent 4 9:00 AM Holy Communion Service Streamed online 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
Monday, December 19:	No School
Tuesday, December 20:	No School 9:30 AM Women's Bible Study 1:30 PM Good Samaritan Home Service 7:00 PM Choir
Wednesday, December 21:	No School 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online 11:30 AM Holy Communion 2:00 PM Banner
Thursday, December 22:	No School 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
Friday, December 23:	No School
Saturday, December 24:	7:00 PM Children's Christmas Eve Service 9:00 PM Christmas Candlelight Service
Sunday, December 25:	Christmas Day 9:00 AM Christmas Day Holy Communion Service Streamed online

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

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Attendance	December 11, 2022		
Saturday at 5:00 PM	45		
Sunday at 9:00 AM	83		
Total Attendance	128		
Holy Communion	99		
Bible Class	27		
Sunday School	20		

Offerings	December 11, 2022		
Needed Each Month	\$30,620.01		
Received Last Month	\$27,073.77		
Received This Month	\$33,272.62		
Needed This Year	\$367,440.01		
Received This Year	\$316,616.15		
Received This Week	\$7,929.62		

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	14-Nov	20-Nov	27-Nov	4-Dec	
Profit:	\$35.50	\$40.72	\$80.13	\$107.25	
# orders:	1	9	9	8	
Profit/Order:	\$35.50	\$4.52	\$8.90	\$13.41	
Overall Profit:	\$3,714.42	\$3,755.15	\$3,835.27	\$3,942.52	
We now have MCDONALDS gift cards in stock in \$10 and \$25 amounts!!!					

SUNSET HOME 2022 CHRISTMAS RESIDENT GIFT WISH LIST - Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased!" God Bless you this holiday season.

No Bible Class & Sunday School

Dear Family and Friends,

Once again, it's that time of year when we rely on the generosity of our community to help make the holiday season joyful for our residents. Please send your gift or cash donations to purchase gifts to Sunset Home, 418 Washington, Quincy, IL 62301. We would like to have **all donations by Monday, December 19, 2022**. Donations can be dropped off at the front door without coming into the building during the pandemic. Thank you for making our resident's Christmas special. We deeply appreciate your kindness and are thankful to have family and friends like you during this Christmas season.

- □ Kleenex
- Brushes & Picks
- □ Adult Coloring Books
- Colored Pencils
- 2023 Wall Calendars
- Liquid Hand Soap
- Small Trinkets
- Gift Items
- Throw Blankets

- □ Wall/Door Hangings
- Perfume/Body Sprays/Cologne
- Seek 'n Find Word Search Books –
- Large Print
- Jewelry
- Liquid Body Wash
- □ Lotion Scented & Unscented
- □ Women & Men's Gripper Socks

□ Ladies and Men's Pajamas: Size S-XXL

- Men's & Women Undershirts Size M-XXL
- □ Ladies Shirts: Size S-XXL
- □ Women & Men's Sweatshirts &
- Pants Size S-XXL
- □ Candy, Soda Pop, Snacks, etc.

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Announcing the 2023 Central Illinois District LCMS Youth Bible Bowl: "Judges and Ruth." In the best way you know how, study these two biblical books about a difficult period of history for God's people. And talk within your circuit about holding your Circuit Bible Bowl in the weeks before the District Bible Bowl scheduled for Sunday, April 16, 2023 at 3:00 p.m. at Camp Cilca. The Bible Bowl provides an opportunity for our youth (6th-12th grade) to be involved in Scripture study and thus to grow in their knowledge of God's Word and to deepen their faith. Each circuit gets to send its top two teams to Springfield. For more information on how you can hold a Bible Bowl in your circuit, please contact Pastor Mark Eddy at Zion Lutheran Church, Taylor Ridge, Illinois.

Celebrate the history and work of the LCMS Considering a trip to St. Louis? We invite you to join us **April 27–29, 2023**, for **Lutheran Days STL**, a celebration of the history and work of The Lutheran Church— Missouri Synod. Explore St. Louis — a city rich in the history and present work of your church — and participate in activities and learning opportunities at area Lutheran sites and institutions, including the LCMS International Center. Designed for student groups, youth and adults, this event will have something for everyone! At the end of Lutheran Days STL, join fellow Lutherans in standing for life at the annual March to the Arch life march on Sat., April 29, in St. Louis. More information will be posted on the LCMS.org event page.