

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of September 17 - 24, 2023

Birthdays This Week

- 17 William Schlegel
- 17 Curt Spohr
- 18 Stan Yelton
- 19 Alex Fitch
- 19 Vicki Wemhoener
- 19 Mark Vahle
- 20 Piper Kuhn
- 21 Rosie Meyer
- 21 Heath Heitman
- 21 Rhonda Hummel
- 22 Gretchen Kemp
- 22 Jerry Lunt
- 23 Ace Weisenburger III

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 18 Sam Killday
- 18 KayLynn Blickhan
- 18 Melanie Drescher
- 19 Nathan Hoebing
- 20 Gabriel Vaughn
- 20 Gene Bluhm
- 22 Janice Voepel
- 22 Pat Weppler
- 23 Frank Baird
- 23 Roger McGartland

Anniversaries This Week

- 17 William and Kristin Humphrey 46 years
- 18 Pat and Leila Weppler 19 years
- 19 Anthony and Nichole Blickhan 14 years
- 19 Jerry and Becky Lunt 42 years

College Care Packages - We are gearing up for the first college care package assembly and mailing of the school year. These will be sent to our sons and daughters attending college, locally or elsewhere, or are currently serving in the military. If you have not already submitted the information this school year for your son or daughter, please do so as soon as possible so that we can include them in our first mailing. We will need the name of the college student or military member along with their college address or base mailing address.

PLEASE SIGN ALL OF THE NOTECARDS IN THE NARTHEX TODAY!

Thirteen (13!) care packages will be put together this first round! Two of those are for local National Guard members who have been stationed in southern Texas since last October! (*They said the care packages really lift their spirits!*) If you would like to **donate items**, we will have a collection bin near the south entrance. Some ideas: *gum, chocolate candy bars, Skittles, Sour Patch, tic-tacs, mints, Ramen noodle cups, oatmeal cups, granola bars, protein bars, drink mix packets, dried fruit, trail mix, hot chocolate mix packets, pop tarts, individual bags of chips, pens, post-it notes, pudding cups, microwave popcorn, small hand sanitizers, eyeglass cleaner wipes, playing cards, pocket size Kleenex, travel size hand lotion, ponytail holders, toothbrushes, laundry pods, band-aids, mini slim Jims (beef jerky,) hand lotion, granola bars, fruit/cereal bars, Keurig type k-cups, etc.* Collection of items will be ongoing through the year. We have 3 care packages planned for the fall and 3 more in spring. If you would like to help the program with a Thrivent Action Team, please contact us! Thank you for your support to help stay connected and encourage them - *Melissa Knapp and Malinda Eden*

Upcoming activities for our youth.

High School Youth (9th-12th grade) -2nd Sunday of each month, 6:30 pm meet at St. John to hang out, play some games, share a devotion and prayer. -4th Sunday of each month, time TBA we will have an activity somewhere in the community

Junior High Youth (6th-8th grade) -3rd Sunday of each month, 6:30 pm meet at St. John for activities and Bible study.

Here are the specifics for September:

September 17, 6:30-8 pm. Junior High youth are invited to join us for an evening of minute-to-win-it fun and games. Friends are welcome.

September 24, 4 pm – High School Youth are invited to an afternoon of paintball. We will be leaving St. John at 4pm. Cost is \$20 each. You need to **sign up by September 19**. Friends are welcome, everyone just needs to sign-up ahead of time. If you have any questions about our activities, please let Jamie know.

Isaiah Bible Study starting Tuesday,

September 12 at 9:15 AM. This study by Melissa Spoelstra is subtitled "Striving Less and Trusting God More". Please join us for this seven-week video-led study. Please see Gretchen to get a copy of the workbook.

Quilters meet on **Thursday, September 14,** and **September 21** from **9-11 AM.** *Everyone is welcome!* Men, women, and students are needed to help tie knots. *Anyone can join the fellowship.*

MAKE PLANS TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL

ORLC PICNIC! Our annual picnic is on **Sunday, September 17,** at Upper Moorman Park shelter house. Gather at 4 PM, eat at 5 PM. The menu is fried fish and potatoes with baked beans, all donated so that part is free of charge. Iced tea, lemonade, and table service will be provided by the church. **Bring a salad or a dessert to share.** Please sign up on the sheets on the table in the Narthex, indicating the number attending, or email or call/text Chet Vahle directly with that information at cvahle88@yahoo.com or 217-316-1345, so we have a fair idea of how many will attend. Join your friends and fellow parishioners for a few hours of fellowship to celebrate the end of the summer and the beginning of the school year.

Good News for the St. James School Tuition

Endowment Fund: An anonymous donor has offered to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** so whatever you contribute will effectively be doubled! This matching challenge will run until the end of the year. If you have any questions about it, please check with. *Chet Vahle, Marty Otto, Jeff Wolfmeyer, Jerry & Becky Lunt, and Larry Foster* Checks should be made out to: **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible

Translators from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the months of March, April, May, June, July and August were **\$878.00.** Since Alvina Federwitz is now retired, we are contributing to the mission work of **Nathan and Sarah Federwitz.**

Senior Choir has resumed Additional voices for all parts are encouraged and welcomed.

Church & School Event - They're back...there was such a great response to last year's event that we're planning more for this year. The first event will be **Sunday, September 17th** beginning at **5:30 pm**; "the S'mores, the merrier". Come have some hot dogs, s'mores, and backyard games. A full calendar of events is provided below so you can mark your calendars. If you plan on attending, please take a moment to let us know by clicking on this link <https://forms.gle/xBxDQrB8KVTVF5au5>

Practice & Drills - *Fire House & Drill **10/6/23 at 9:30 am**

Garage Sale - are you doing some fall cleaning and have items you don't need anymore? The school is having a Garage Sale on **Saturday, October 21st**, and is accepting donations on **Friday, October 20th 3 pm - 5 pm** for items. *Donations cannot be accepted prior to 10/20* and we have the discretion to turn away items. A big thank you to Eliza Miller for volunteering to coordinate this event.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, September 17: *Pentecost 16 (DS III) Kids Sing at St. James*
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
4:00 PM Church Picnic

Monday, September 18:

Tuesday, September 19: *St. James School Pictures*
 9:15 AM Women's Bible Study
 1:30 PM Communion Service at Good Samaritan
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, September 20: 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online
 11:30 AM **Holy Communion**
 2 – 4 PM Banner Committee
 5:00 PM Confirmation (until 6:30 PM)

Thursday, September 21: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
 9:00 AM Quilters

Friday, September 22:

Saturday, September 23: **5:00 PM Holy Communion Service**

Sunday, September 24: *Pentecost 17 (DS IV)*
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
 11:15 AM **Voters' Meeting**

Another way to **Give to Our Redeemer Lutheran Church**

1. Open your phone camera
2. Scan the QR Code



3. Click the link displayed
4. Donate

Thank you for your donation!

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Sept. 10
Saturday at 5:00 PM	37
Sunday at 9:00 AM	98
Total Attendance	135
Holy Communion	121
Adult Bible Class	29
Sun. School Teens	6

Offerings	Sept. 10
Needed Each Month	\$31,768.90
Received Last Month	\$24,691.06
Received This Month	\$13,248.00
Needed This Year	\$358,605.00
Received This Year	\$191,847.92
Received This Week	\$5,224.00

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	6-Aug	13-Aug	20-Aug	27-Aug	3-Sept	10-Sep
Profit:	\$175.88	\$57.97	\$50.36	\$37.53	\$98.41	\$101.34
# orders:	22	8	7	7	9	11
Profit/Order:	\$7.99	\$7.25	\$7.19	\$5.36	\$10.93	\$9.21
Overall Profit:	\$2,040.16	\$2,098.13	\$2,148.49	\$2,186.02	\$2,284.44	\$2,385.78

We now carry additional denominations of **TARGET cards!** We have a limited stock of **\$25, \$50, and \$100** in the inventory. *Thank you for your continued support!*

UPDATE Inkjet Cartridge Recycling: We have had an overflowing response to the ink cartridge recycling project. Recently, **106 cartridges were donated** to the collection box at church, and mailed off to Planet Green Recycling. We will be receiving a **check for \$88.75** for our recycling efforts! Those funds will be **sent to the Uganda Mission!** This is **in addition to the \$12.75 check** that we received earlier this year. Each cartridge is examined for it's value. Even the ones which they cannot use and refill we will **receive 25 cents** each for our effort. Your combined efforts of simply recycling your inkjet cartridges will result in a larger sum being sent to Uganda. Here are ways you can help:

1. Bring your used INKJET cartridges and deposit them in the collection box outside of the church office. OR
2. If you prefer to mail your own cartridges (at least 7) you can do so by using our **PROGRAM ID: 31683** at planetgreenrecycle.com to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and then mail.

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS is a Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our LCMS CID Campus Ministry at ISU in Normal, at the Wittenberg Lutheran Center. The event will be held at St. John's Lutheran Church, 711 Court St., Pekin, Illinois on **Sunday, October 1, 2023, at 2:00 p.m.** Music for Missions will feature guest organist Peter Wykert, Cantor of Trinity Lutheran Church, Peoria. It will also include music from vocalists, choir, and handbells, as well as congregational singing. A free-will offering will be gathered to support our Wittenberg Lutheran Center at ISU. Refreshments will be served following the program.

Join us **September 27** for the ‘**Set Apart to Serve**’ resource launch. Register now: Set Apart to Serve town hall September 27. Just over two weeks to go! For the past several months, Set Apart to Serve has been working with 35 pilot congregations, schools, and LCMS entities representing all 35 LCMS districts to field test church work recruitment resources. Now, after incorporating their feedback, we are ready to launch these resources Synodwide! On **Wednesday, September 27, from 1 to 2 p.m.** Central time, Set Apart to Serve (SAS) will host a virtual town hall. SAS leadership will: Provide a brief overview of SAS; Share what we learned working with the pilot participants; Introduce resources and tools to help congregations, schools, and entities with raising up the next generation of church workers; and Provide next steps on how to make SAS work in your congregation. The goal of SAS is to create an intentional culture of church worker formation and recruitment in every LCMS congregation, Lutheran school, and entity. We invite you to join us in this important work of the church. This town hall will be recorded. If you're unable to attend the live event but intend to watch the recording, please register as an attendee so your church or organization will be eligible to receive a free welcome kit.

— *The Set Apart to Serve Team*

“Pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest” (*Matt. 9:38*).

Register for town hall: lcms.org/set-apart-to-serve To Learn more, visit the Set Apart to Serve website to learn more about the initiative. For more information, email us at setapart2serve@lcms.org or call 888-843-5267.

Dollar for Missions: A Dollar for Missions gathers many small gifts – one dollar at a time! – to add up to a big impact for the spread of the saving Gospel of Christ. Our current project is to **provide payments to churches for pastors visiting 4 new prisons or county jails in 2024**. To watch a video about his next project, follow the link here: <https://youtu.be/JcC9nwejYK8>

For the week of September 17: KFUE.org: Begin the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), study The Cause of Sin in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**9/23 at 10 AM**), and study Leviticus 18-22 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

Join us for our **Small Church Summit in 2024!** Please note that there will be two events happening on different dates, but they will be covering the same topics. This will allow those in Central IL and those in Southern IL to attend a session within their district. However, you are welcome to attend both if you would like!
SID -- January 6 (*Weather date: January 27*) Messiah Lutheran Church, 1091 13th St. Carlyle, IL
CID -- February 3 (*Weather date February 10*) Faith Lutheran Church, 2320 N Kickapoo, Lincoln IL 62656
Both events will be from **10 am-2:30 pm** with Registration beginning at 9:30 am. Please use the following link to register today! <https://forms.gle/aBaprf1qv3wQ9Ths5> Feel free to reach out to amy.holmes@cidlcms.org with any questions.

For the week of September 24: KFUE Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUE.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @**KFUEradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Study Leviticus 23-27 on "The Holiness of God" on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Joshua 7-11 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and dig into Good Works in the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**9/30 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!