

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of December 3 -10, 2023

Birthdays This Week

- 3 Carol O'Dell
- 3 Morgan Longcor
- 3 Cheryl Newbrough
- 3 Jeff Wemhoener
- 3 Tad Douglas
- 4 Phyllis Cook
- 4 Allan Murphy
- 4 Cindy Klingele
- 6 Barb Ellerbrock
- 6 Tony Bowles
- 7 Olivia Showman
- 7 Linda Go
- 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire
- 8 Lillian Cramlett
- 8 Amie Hoebing
- 8 Chad Purcell
- 9 Eldon Schoch
- 9 Nathaniel Hurley
- 9 Heidi Armbruster
- 9 Emily Drescher
- 9 Bill Perry

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 3 Jaela Vaughn
- 3 Emily Wepler
- 3 Michael Herschler
- 3 Donna Johnson
- 4 Janice Tronsgard
- 4 Alexis Hibbert
- 4 Clayton Hibbert
- 6 Sarah Lucas
- 7 Brady Essington
- 7 Heather Feinstein
- 8 Elizabeth Dobbelaire
- 8 Olivia Hoebing
- 8 Olivia Badamo

Anniversaries This Week

- 4 Richard and Mary Lazzeri 52 years
- 5 Bob and Kriss Frink 53 years

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**

COATS FOR ECFC KIDS The Sunday School will be **designating their offering for Nov. and Dec. to help buy coats for the kids in need** at the QPS Early Childhood and Family Center. We will also be **collecting new coats in size 3, 4, and 5/6**. There will be a collection area by the south entrance. The Coats for ECFC help serve the at-risk population that is usually below the poverty level. Many times these children have a single parent, or a missing parent who may be incarcerated or are homeless. These children show up without coats due to circumstances that they have no control over. **A new coat means the world to them. Children learn best when they are clean, fed, and clothed. A coat can change their world.** Their faces light up, bodies are warm, and their minds are ready because they feel the comfort and warmth of the coat.

Looking for someone to play the piano for the Children's Christmas Eve Service to accompany the children for "Away in a Manger," please see Melissa Knapp as soon as possible. **Rehearsals are on Sundays from 11:00 - 12:00 for December 3, 10, 17, and possibly 24th.**

Christmas cards and many others are available on the card rack. All cards are still just **50 cents** each.

Mini-Christmas Silent Auction is happening now by the stairs. All of these beautiful, donated items are **raising money for LWML Missions**, so come, bid on these items, and help a good cause!

We plan to do fellowship meals before Advent services. If a church group is **willing to serve** one of the meals, **please get in touch with Connie Louderback.**

For the week of December 3: on KFUE.org: Advent music begins this week, and the 12 Days of Christmas runs **December 24 - January 6**. Study 1 Corinthians 10-11 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), study Micah 3-7 on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and Melancthon's Greeting to the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (**12/9 at 10 AM**). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

ORLC Quilters will meet again on **December 7th & December 14th** from **9 - 11 AM**.

Looking for a way to serve your neighbor? Camp CILCA is holding a **Joyful Hearts Retreat** (*one-day retreat for adults with disabilities*) on **December 8-9**. Volunteers are needed to help campers participate in activities, get ready for bed, eat meals, and learn about the birth of our Savior. If you would like to volunteer, please contact Lauren at program@cilca.org or call 217-487-7497.

Immanuel - Macomb Pastor Installation - All are invited to join in celebrating the installation of Reverend Christopher Hull as Pastor to Immanuel Lutheran Church and Student Center on **Sunday, December 10, 2023**. The service will be held at the student center near the WIU campus (*303 N Clay Street, Macomb, IL 61455*) at **4 PM**. We look forward to celebrating together God's provision of another worker in His field here in central Illinois.

Life Skills with Laura: Join us the **2nd Tuesday of every month** at Bella Ease, 707 Broadway, **5:30-6:30 PM**. Register at bellaease.com/event or call 217-209-0632 - **December 12** Social Skills. Dinner and Childcare Provided.

Winter Community Give Away held at Bella Ease at 707 Broadway on **December 15th from 3:30 to 5 PM** until supplies run out. Food, winter apparel, hygiene, and household supplies. **Register by December 14th** by calling 217-209-0632.

Please join us for our Daniel Bible Study starting **Tuesday, January 9, 2024, at 9:15 AM**. Please contact Gretchen in the office if you would like to purchase a workbook!

Save the Date! – **2025 LCMS Youth Gathering July 19-23** in New Orleans, LA

New safety procedure...all visitors will be asked to **report to the school main office to sign in** and receive a **visitor badge** to wear during your time on campus. Visitors are asked to use the Madison Street or Parking Lot entry with intercom. Church members are also asked to wear a badge if you will be coming into the school area. This is a measure of security for our students and we appreciate you making their safety a priority.

THANKS(for)GIVING food Our foodbank needs some help, so beginning Friday, November 10th if students bring in (5) canned food donations they get a **FREE Dress Day** (*that same Friday*). Dates are: **12/8 & 12/15**. **Mark your calendars** for our **Christmas Program**. Pre K - 8th grades **Friday, December 8**.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, December 3:

Advent 1 (DS I)

9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
 11AM – Noon Children’s Christmas Program Rehearsal

Monday, December 4:

Tuesday, December 5:

Pastors’ Conference at ORLC

7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, December 6:

10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*

11:30 AM Holy Communion
 2:00 PM Banner (*until 4 PM*)
 5:00 PM Confirmation (*until 6 PM*)
 5:45 PM Advent Meal (*RSVP*)
7:00 PM Advent Midweek Service

Thursday, December 7:

6:45 AM *Coach House Bible Study*
 9:00 AM Quilters
 6:00 PM *LWML Christmas Party, Paloma Diner*

Friday, December 8:

Saturday, December 9:

5:00 PM Holy Communion Service

Sunday, December 10:

Advent 2 (DS III)

9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
 11AM – Noon Christmas Program Rehearsal
 6:30 PM *High School Youth at LCoSJ*

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	Nov. 26
Saturday at 5:00 PM	52
Sunday at 9:00 AM	89
Total Attendance	141
Holy Communion	141
Adult Bible Class	28
Sunday School	22
<i>Thanksgiving Eve</i>	<i>41</i>

Offerings	Nov. 26
Needed Each Month	\$31,768.90
Received Last Month	\$29,743.21
Received This Month	\$31,047.88
Needed This Year	\$358,605.00
Received This Year	\$271,214.89
Received This Week	\$7,676.26

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	29-Oct	5-Nov	6-Nov	12-Nov	26-Nov
Profit:	\$109.56	\$65.07	\$62.00	\$53.02	\$160.87
# orders:	11	10	2	7	20
Profit/Order:	\$9.96	\$6.51	\$31.00	\$7.57	\$8.04
Overall Profit:	\$2,904.67	\$2,969.74	\$3,031.74	\$3,084.76	\$3,245.64

Here are a few in stock items currently available for purchase at the Scrip table:

BATH & BODY WORKS \$10 and \$25, BURGER KING \$10 and \$25, KOHLS \$25, PANERA \$10 and \$25, STARBUCKS \$5, \$10, and \$25, TARGET \$25, \$50, and \$100, and many more!

St. Luke Lutheran Church, rural San Jose, IL will host its annual **Chili and Oyster Stew Supper** on **Monday, December 4, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.** Chili, oyster stew, chicken salad, ham sandwiches, hot dogs, and a wide variety of desserts will be served for a donation. The church is located at 15757 N. County Road 3600 E., San Jose, IL. Please come and enjoy food and fellowship!

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. Use the following link to register today! <https://forms.gle/aBapr1qv3wQ9Ths5> Reach out to amy.holmes@cidcms.org with questions.

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>

College Care Packages: THANK YOU for your continued donations for this program and also to those who were able to sign the notecards that are included in each package. We are well stocked for the next round that will be sent right before final exams! Donation of items can be left in the basket near the south entrance. Monetary donations can be made out to the church and please note on the memo line: **COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES**. These funds will be used for postage as well as any additional items that are purchased for the packages.

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 its 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.

Please update the schedule for SS Lessons/Dates to:

Dec 24 - Christmas Lesson (*special stand-alone CPH lesson/flyer*)

Dec 31 - No Sunday School

Jan 7 - Bible Bowl

For the week of December 10: 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 kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram.

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org: Dive into Advent Hymnody on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), study 1 Corinthians 12-14 on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*), and learn more about the 3rd Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (**12/13 at 9 AM**). Music and programming for the 12 Days of Christmas begins December 25! Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or the KFUE Radio app.

Please prayerfully consider and fill out our new **Time & Talent Survey**. It has been almost ten years since our last one and you might be in a new season of life. We would like to update our records to give you the best opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness!

Please consider volunteering for Altar Care. If you are already signed up, please let the church office know if you are willing to continue serving.