

Sunday to Sunday

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

Birthdays This Week

17 Ron Bowles
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

17 Carol O'Dell
17 Adrian Zehnle
19 Frank Hanawalt Jr
20 Shirley Foster
20 Ryan Schnack
22 David Ott

Anniversaries This Week

19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer 59 years
23 Brad and Karol Ehmen 23 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 November and December 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.

Both ORLC Youth Groups will meet **Dec. 17, 6:30 PM**, at the Lutheran Church of St. John for the Christmas Party. Each youth is to bring a White Elephant gift to exchange. It should cost no more than \$5 or be something small and crazy they want to get rid of. *There will be no youth meetings on Dec 24.*

Both ORLC Youth Groups will be **hosting fellowship meals on Dec. 20 at 5:45 PM**. Each youth is asked to **help out between 5:30 and 6:45 PM**. Please come, bring a friend, and enjoy a fellowship meal before the Advent church service.

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.

Please prayerfully consider and fill out our new **Time & Talent Survey**. We would like to update our records to give you the best opportunities to serve the Lord with gladness!

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.

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

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of **November** were **\$182.00**.

For the week of December 17: on KFUE.org: Look ahead to the Fourth Sunday in Advent on The Coffee Hour (**12/20 at 9 AM**), dive into Advent hymnody on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), and study 1 Corinthians 15-16 on Sharper Iron's "Nothing but Christ Crucified" (*weekdays at 8 AM*). The 12 Days of Christmas begins December 24 with music and messages for the Christmas Season! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app.

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>

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!

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/aBaprf1qv3wQ9Ths5> Reach out to amy.holmes@cidlcms.org with questions.

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.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, December 17:

Advent 3 (DS IV)

- 9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
- 10:15 AM Sunday School only
- 11AM – Noon Children’s Program Rehearsal
- 5:30 PM St. James Family Night
- 6:30 PM Both Youth Christmas Party at LCoSJ

Monday, December 18:

Tuesday, December 19:

- 1:30 PM Communion Service at Good Samaritan
- 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, December 20:

- 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 21:

No School

- 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

Friday, December 22:

No School

Saturday, December 23:

- 5:00 PM Holy Communion Service

Sunday, December 24:

Advent 3 (DS IV)

- 9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
- 10:15 AM Sunday School only-Christmas Lesson
- 7:00 PM Children’s Christmas Eve Program
- 9:00 PM Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

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!

Merry Christmas

Response Last Weekend to God’s Grace

Attendance	Dec. 10
Saturday at 5:00 PM	34
Sunday at 9:00 AM	109
Total Attendance	143
Holy Communion	125
Adult Bible Class	29
Sunday School	23
Wed. Advent	30

Offerings	Dec. 10
Needed Each Month	\$31,768.90
Received Last Month	\$31,047.88
Received This Month	\$13,658.62
Needed This Year	\$358,605.00
Received This Year	\$284,873.51
Received This Week	\$4,918.62

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	5-Nov	6-Nov	12-Nov	26-Nov	3-Dec	10-Dec	11-Dec
Profit:	\$65.07	\$62.00	\$53.02	\$160.87	\$72.47	\$106.84	\$35.50
# orders:	10	2	7	20	10	14	1
Profit/Order:	\$6.51	\$31.00	\$7.57	\$8.04	\$7.25	\$7.63	\$35.50
Overall Profit:	\$2,969.74	\$3,031.74	\$3,084.76	\$3,245.64	\$3,318.10	\$3,424.95	\$3,460.45

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!

QUESTION OF THE WEEK: Is God impersonal, a remote being, way out there?

To hear an answer to this question, go to <https://www.cidlcms.org/myth-or-faith/1.1.m4a>

If you would like to receive every week an e-mail message with a new question and a link to audio answering that question, e-mail secretary@ourredeemerquincy.org

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.

Upcoming Schedule for Sunday School Lessons:

Dec 31 - No Sunday School

Jan 7 - Bible Bowl

For the week of December 24: **KFUO Radio**, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on **KFUO.org** via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfu.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUOradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [Twitter](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE.org:** Enjoy the Twelve Days of Christmas on KFUE Radio, with special Christmas music, Scripture, and greetings **until January 6**. Blessed Christmas! Christ is born!