

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of February 16- 23, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 16 Conall Wolfmeyer
- 17 Violet Reinhart
- 17 Ryne Lubben
- 17 Isabelle Hillerts
- 17 Kim Pracht
- 19 Amy Buss
- 21 Jason Klauser
- 21 Marty Otto
- 22 Lincoln Stark

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 16 John Go
- 16 Randy Ellerbrock
- 17 Cameron McDowell
- 18 Billy Hindbough
- 20 Bennie Hines Jr.
- 21 Charles Bowles
- 22 Ellie Bowles

February-themed **college care packages** were shipped out earlier this month to **ten students**. Packages for **six local students** were made available for pickup in the church lounge. There are always some sweet treats, salty snacks, and a fun item along with a note signed by congregation members! The **Sunday School children** will be decorating and signing cards for the **March care package**. The children will also help assemble and pack the care packages filled with all sorts of items to bring a smile to recipients. Our Redeemer College Care Packages are prepared for current members or a son/daughter of a current member. These are both for local college attendees and also those attending away from home. **THANK YOU** for **continued donations** of items for the packages. There is collection bin under the table by the south entrance for donation of items.

LWML is continuing to **visit** and **send cards** to **shut-ins**. If you know of someone who should be added to the list, please let **Wanda Spohr** know or contact the church office.

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for **January** were **\$130.00**.

Portions of brick are crumbling away, water is leaking in between the masonry frames and the windows, and mortar joints are opening in brick walls. The current **Dollar for Missions project** is **\$25,000 for masonry work** and **repointing** at **University Lutheran Church in Champaign**. These funds will help to correct masonry wear-and-tear on the 70-plus-year-old church and student center. University Lutheran Church has served many thousands of students with the Gospel of Christ. Please help to provide a space for another 70 years of distributing Christ's gifts!

Camp CILCA summer programs in 2025 are **only \$75 in honor of CILCA's 75th Anniversary**. Registrations are coming in faster than usual and **space is limited**, so register early to save a spot.

ORLC Baseball Caps in both men's and women's styles are now available at the Scrip table for a **\$15 donation to LWML Missions**. Checks made payable to ORLC (*please put "Hats" in the memo line*) and can be left in the church office or placed under the church office door. – *Evangelism*

Join the Central Illinois **LLL District Convention** on **Saturday, March 1**. Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer, President Emeritus, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis and former Lutheran Hour® Speaker will be sharing the keynote address. **Saturday, March 1 – Camp CILCA**, 4124 Camp Cilca Rd., Cantrall, IL **9 AM** Doors Open, 9:30 AM Convention begins, 3 PM Convention concludes. **Complete Registration form by February 23**. Visit <https://www.cilca.org/> to download a registration form. Registration fee is \$25 per person and includes lunch.

Join the Central Illinois LLL District Convention to learn more about LHM resources to share with your congregation and to connect with other ambassadors from around the district.

Please sign up in the Narthex to help with the **Lenten Dinners** from **March 5** through **April 9** We are attempting to include a variety of members to "plan and cook" these meals. Basic meals are encouraged: pizza, salad, and dessert; taco bar and dessert; spaghetti, salad, and dessert. Please consider donating your time and energy to help with these fun meals. A Thrivent card will be available to cover the cost of food. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. LWML will give donations to missions.

All Three Churches Combined Choir will sing every other Sunday during Lent: **March 9** at **Our Redeemer**, **March 23** at Saint James (*both services*), and **April 6** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John (*both services*)

Elders and Church Council Meetings are both **February 19, 2025**

ATTENTION SOUP AFICIONADOS! It was such a hit last year; we're doing it again... **a soup cook-off on March 8th** immediately following the Saturday night service! We're only accepting 8 soups for judging this year, so do not procrastinate! **It's FREE to enter your soup, includes your meal, and one vote for the evening!** Advance tickets to attend the festivities are \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 and under. Your ticket includes a taste of every soup, one vote and a meal of sandwiches, chips, desserts, and drinks. Please join us for food, fun, and fellowship! Soup entries and advance ticket sales begin Feb. 8th after every church service, or you can contact the church office! A shout out to Arjee Weisheit, our 2024 Soup Chef winner, with her Chicken & Rice soup! All proceeds will fund LCMS – Disaster Relief.

March 22nd, 2025 is the **Spring Fling!** This year's theme is **Game Night!** Cocktail hour with drinks and games starting at **5 pm**. Silent auction will open at **5:30 pm**. Eat at **7 pm**, and the live auction will start following dinner. We need **donations** to make our Game and Cocktail Hour a hit! **We Need:** *Various **Gift Cards** of any amount (*minimum of \$5, please*) ***Bottles of Wine** (*sealed, any brand/price*) ***Bottles of Bourbon** (*sealed, any brand/price*) ***Board Games** (*can be used and/or missing pieces*) ***Baskets** for Silent Auction Items (*New/Good Condition*) Monetary donations are welcome to help us purchase the above items! Please drop off any donations to the school office or contact us to arrange pickup.
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This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, February 16:

Epiphany 6 (DS III)
9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday, February 17:

Tuesday, February 18:

9:15 Bible Study
 1:30 PM *Communion Service at Good Samaritan*
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, February 19:

10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*
11:30 AM Holy Communion
 2:00 PM Banner
 6:00 PM Elders
 7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday, February 20:

6:45 AM *Coach House Bible Study*

Friday, February 21:

Saturday, February 22:

5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, February 23:

Epiphany 7 (DS IV)
9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Feb. 9
Saturday at 5:00 PM	48
Sunday at 9:00 AM	74
Total Attendance	122
Holy Communion	94
Adult Bible Study	18
Sunday School	11

Offerings	Feb. 9
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$35,568.62
Received This Month	\$9,904.55
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$45,473.17
Received This Week	\$3,482.00

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	12-Jan	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	10-Feb
Profit:	\$95.85	\$28.26	\$54.40	\$65.55	\$40.00
# orders:	12	5	6	9	1
Profit/Order:	\$7.99	\$5.65	\$9.07	\$7.28	\$40.00
Overall Profit:	\$95.85	\$124.12	\$178.52	\$244.07	\$284.07

Thank you for your purchases and support. We now have some **\$10** and **\$25** in **Kentucky Fried Chicken**, **\$25 Visa**, and **\$100 Menards** in stock.

For the week of February 16: on **KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org**: We continue our study of 1 Samuel on *Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM)*, and *Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM)*. Don't forget to tune in to *Concord Matters* this Saturday (**2/22 at 10 AM**) as we begin looking at the Smalcald Articles in the Book of Concord. This week, we'll start with Luther's preface. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

The Act Like Men Woodcutters' Retreat is **February 28-March 1** at Camp CILCA. Hard work, good food, fellowship, and Biblical encouragement to act like men included! cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat.]



2025 Illinois Pro-Life March is scheduled for **March 25th** in Springfield. Appropriately, March 25 is the festival of the Annunciation. **Trinity Lutheran Church** (220 S 2nd St, Springfield, IL, 62701), across the street from the state capitol building, will again conduct an **11 AM Matins service**. Northern Illinois District President Allan Buss will preach. Immediately thereafter, worshipers may walk to the ballroom of the **State House Inn**, one block north of the capitol building, to pick up a **light lunch** consisting of a four-inch ham or turkey sandwich, bag of chips, cookie, and bottle of water. The suggested donation is **\$6**. The Pro-Life **rally** outside the capitol is scheduled to begin at **1 PM**. Actual **marching** should step off at about **2 PM**. Worshipers may park in the State House Inn's west parking lot at the corner of Adams and First Streets.

Camp CILCA Women's Retreat Calling all ladies to join us for the Camp CILCA Women's Retreat on **March 28-29**. The retreat theme is **Lean and Learn**. Join us as we **lean** into God's Word, digging into what God says to us, and **learn** how we live it out in our daily vocation as women. Our speaker is **Rehema Kavugha**. Rehema is currently the Director of Synod Relations at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund, where she has served since May 2019, She also has been the Director of Student Development at Concordia University Nebraska and a Lutheran music teacher. Two retreat options are available: 1) Join us **overnight for \$100** and share a room with two other ladies in Camp CILCA's Christian Growth Center. 2) Select the **day-only option for \$75**. **Registration opens December 27**. Register online at www.cilca.org/womens-retreat. If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at program@cilca.org

Join us for the 2025 Martin+Katie Conference at University Lutheran Church in Champaign, IL on Saturday, March 29, 2025. At this free conference, grow as Christian men and women, meet new friends, get to know each other, and have fun. The conference is open to **ages 18-30**. Married or single are welcome. Registration is required, as capacity is limited. Please **register no later than Friday, March 21st**. Info and

registration are available at <http://martinpluskatie.org>. *Plus:* Extra bonus activities planned for Friday night, March 28, and Saturday night, March 29! All are invited to stay for Sunday Bible Class, Divine Service, and lunch on Sunday, March 30.

Voters' Meeting, April 27, 2025, at 10:15 AM No Bible Class – All Voters Needed to attend

Armed Forces Sunday, May 18

Memorial Day Sunday, May 25

Independence Day Sunday, July 6

Veterans Day Sunday, November 9

AED (Automatic External Defibrillator) is being considered for purchase. The price ranges from \$2,000 to \$3,000. If you would like to help with this project, please contact Barb Vahle at 217-316-1329 or barbaravahle@yahoo.com

Thrivent members can host two Action Teams each year. Each project is allowed **up to \$250** from Thrivent to help get the project going. If you would like to host an Action Team this year, please contact Barb Vahle or Gretchen in the church office for ideas.

Thrivent T-shirts are available downstairs in the Fellowship Hall. Please take one or two!

Altar Care needs your help in 2025. Each team of people is responsible for one month. If you can help, please get in touch with Dennis Fleming.

February 16, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. You may be committed to supporting ministry but may have other charities in mind as well. In Matthew 25, Jesus said, "Whatever you do for one of the least of these you have done it for me." Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain information about the right way to support organizations, discerning if they are consistent with your beliefs and practices. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

February 23, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about distributions from our estates someday, even as we consider gifts that will support ministry. In supporting ministries, there is always the need of "today" versus the needs of the "future". Which should you choose? Saints of the Lord may come up with differing plans about these priorities. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor may be able to help you clearly see how you can do both. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org.

For the week of February 23: 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), [X](https://www.x.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** We continue our study of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) and Job on Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*). Tune in to the Coffee Hour (*weekdays at 9 AM*) to hear the latest installment in our new series on Lutherans in Australia! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or on the KFUE Radio app!

Inkjet Cartridge Recycling. 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's how 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 mail.

Bella Ease Motivation Mondays at 10 AM Set Goals, Create a Plan, Overcome Obstacles, Make Life Happen at 707 Broadway.

Bella Ease Care Closet Open Mon.-Fri. 8:30-4:30 PM, 707 Broadway, for personal Hygiene items.

Bella Ease Join the guys for good food and good discussions. **All Dads are welcome!** 3rd Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to bellaease.com/event or call 217-209-0632

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