# Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus For the week of February 23- March 2, 2025

### **Birthdays This Week**

- 23 Theodore Mayfield
- 23 Ricky Goertz
- 24 Levi Cook
- 25 Mike Douglas
- 25 Kara Mercurio
- 26 Shelly Holtman
- 27 Gary Cramlett
- 29 Laura Essington
  - 1 Donna MacFadden
  - 1 Lily Hayes

### **Baptismal Birthdays This Week**

- 25 Dorothea Dobbs
- 27 Jessica Campbell
- 28 Austin Fischer
- 28 Judi Burner
- 28 Brian Burner
- 1 Reva Ehmen
- 1 Brooke Gooding
- 1 Maggie Nixon

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.

The current **Dollar for Missions** project is **\$25,000 for masonry work and repointing** at the **University Lutheran Church in Champaign**. The church and student center building serves as an outpost of the Gospel to the 60,000 students annually at the University of Illinois. Portions of the brick and concrete structure are showing their age and are in need of repair. This project will fund targeted work at repairing and repointing sections of the building exterior, so that the Lord's Word and Sacraments can continue to be given out for many decades to come!

**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 LWML (please put "Hats" in the memo line) and can be left in the church office or placed under the church office door. -Evangelism

**Sunday, February 23** from **6:30-8 pm** is our next **National Youth Gathering meeting** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John. This meeting is for youth and chaperones.

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. 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. 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)

**ATTENTION SOUP AFICIONADOS!** It was such a hit last year; we're doing it again... a soup cookoff 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 & 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 & 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) \*Bostles of Bourbon (sealed, any brand/price) \*Bostles of Silent Auction Items (New/Good Condition) Monetary donations are welcome to help us purchase items! Drop off any donations to the school office or contact us to arrange pickup. <a href="www.facebook.com/stjamesptlqcystjamesptlqcy@gmail.com">www.facebook.com/stjamesptlqcy@gmail.com</a> 217-222-8267

#### This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, February 23: Epiphany 7 (DS IV)

9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online

10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday, February 24:

Tuesday, February 25: 9:15 Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, February 26:

Thursday, February 27: 9:00 AM Quilters

Friday, February 28:

Saturday, March 1: 5:00 PM Holy Communion
Sunday, March 2: Transfiguration (DS I)

9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online

10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

## **Response Last Weekend to God's Grace**

Attendance	Feb. 16		
Saturday at 5:00 PM	44		
Sunday at 9:00 AM	71		
Total Attendance	115		
Holy Communion	95		
Adult Bible Study	23		
Sunday School	15		

Offerings	Feb. 16		
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35		
Received Last Month	\$35,568.62		
Received This Month	\$21,196.17		
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21		
Received This Year	\$56,764.79		
Received This Week	\$11,291.62		

**Scrip Update:** 

Week ending:	19-Jan	26-Jan	2-Feb	10-Feb	16-Feb
Profit:	\$28.26	\$54.40	\$65.55	\$40.00	\$105.45
# orders:	5	6	9	1	11
Profit/Order:	\$5.65	\$9.07	\$7.28	\$40.00	\$9.59
Overall Profit:	\$124.12	\$178.52	\$244.07	\$284.07	\$389.52

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.

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

For the week of February 23: 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). 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 KFUO 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! <a href="mailto:cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat">cilca.org/act-like-men-woodcutters-retreat</a>.]

Cajun Mission Meal – You are invited to celebrate "Fat Monday" with us on Monday, March 3, 4:30-7:00 at St. John's Lutheran, Bath. You are invited to enjoy a wide variety of Cajun food and at the same time support our District's work with Spanish speaking people offering services at St. John's Lutheran Church of Beardstown, Illinois. The menu will include jambalaya, etouffee, gumbo, muffuletta, red beans and rice, beignets, cold spinach salad, virgin hurricanes, and a wide variety of desserts all for a free will offering. (For those of you using google maps the church's address is: 10844 N Co Rd 1400E, Bath, IL 62617.) Thank you and God Bless, Pastor Brian Leseman St. John's Lutheran, Bath, IL Salem Lutheran, Chandlerville, IL



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 dayonly option for \$75. Registration opens December 27. Register online at <a href="www.cilca.org/womens-retreat">www.cilca.org/womens-retreat</a>. If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at <a href="mailto:program@cilca.org">program@cilca.org</a>

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 <a href="http://martinpluskatie.org">http://martinpluskatie.org</a>. 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

Trinity Lutheran Church in Decatur will host our **Summer Continuing Education** Event on **June 9-11**. This year's Guest Instructor will be: Dr. Reed Lessing of Concordia University, St. Paul, MN, who will be speaking on the theme: "DIFFICULT ISSUES IN THE OLD TESTAMENT". This event is open to Pastors, Church Workers, and Lay Members. The cost is \$175 for pastors and church workers, and \$125 for Lay Members, which includes two means, snacks, drinks, and materials. Please use the link below for more information, and to register for what will be a wonderful class! Here's the link: Continuing Education Detail

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

**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 <a href="mailto:barbaravahle@yahoo.com">barbaravahle@yahoo.com</a>

**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.

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**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 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 March 2: 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 <a href="kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFUOradio on <a href="Facebook">Facebook</a>, X, and <a href="Instagram">Instagram</a>. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org</a>: We continue in the books of 1 Samuel on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM) and Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM). Join us on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9 AM) for the latest episode of "Lutherans in Australia" and search the Scriptures with us in the March edition of Lutheran Witness. Find your favorite programs on demand at <a href="kfuo.org">kfuo.org</a> or on the KFUO Radio app!

**Inkjet Cartridge Recycling**. 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'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!** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to <u>bellaease.com/event</u> or call 217-209-0632

**Bella Ease Care Closet** Open Monday-Friday 8:30-4:30 PM, 707 Broadway, for personal Hygiene Products.

Many many thanks for your continued generosity to us here at Redeemer. It seems that your gift always appears whenever we had an unexpected expense. This time, once again, vandals smashed a large window in our lounge which has just now been replaced. So we thank you all and to add that we just cannot explain enough just how much we not only appreciate your donations, but for the love and care we receive from your congregation. It gives us a warm feeling and also less concern for unexpected expenses. Here in Harlow, we had the film crew from Slow Horses, using our hall to store their equipment whilst filming in our little shopping centre across the road. It was amazing to watch and unbelievable to see the vast amount of crew, equipment and not to forget the actors as well. It was a fascinating to see how it all works.

We are hoping we are saying goodbye to the dreadful weather of late as today, fingers crossed, is the start of warmer weather, although it brings the rain. But right now it is lovely to step outside without layering up so much. So we all send our grateful thanks once more and send our love and prayers for each and everyone at Quincy.

