

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of March 23 - 30, 2025

Birthdays This Week

23 Clayton Hibbert
24 Anna Ehmen
24 Bob Mehl
24 Allie Hastings
26 Glenna Nicholson
26 Kristin Humphrey
26 Dick Reichert
27 Jerry Manton
28 Evita Helm

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

24 Isabelle Hillerts
24 Jeff Wolfmeyer
25 Ryne Lubben
26 August Ott
26 Brian Schenck
27 Matt Wepler
28 Ella Ehmen
28 Anthony Blickhan
28 Rod Hibbert
29 Bonnie Hallerberg

Anniversaries This Week

28 Al and Missy Ebel 47 years

Sunday School children decorated and signed cards for the **March care package**. The children also assembled and packed 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.

In March, Sunday School offerings are designated for the Quincy Neighborhood Federation for their needs and programs for area youth.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class for February were \$150.00.

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.

Current Dollar for Missions project is **\$25,000** for **masonry work** and **repointing** at the **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 over 70+ years.

Camp CILCA summer programs 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 are now available at the Scrip table for **\$15 donation to LWML Missions**. Checks made payable to ORLC LWML (*put "Hats" in the memo line*) and can be left in the church office or placed under the church office door.

All Three Churches Combined Choir will sing **March 23** at Saint James (*both services*), and **April 6** at the Lutheran Church of Saint John (*both*)

Sunday, March 23 is our next **Youth Night** and **Youth Gathering meeting**. All youth are invited to join us from **6:30-8 PM**. The youth gathering group will break off halfway through for their meeting. And this will be an **important meeting**. We will be **meeting the youth from Palmyra**. And we are **voting on our activities**. Hope you all can join us.

Youth Group and *Friends of the Youth Group* will **serve the Lenten Meals** on **March 26** and **April 9**. Please help if you can!

Quilters will meet on Friday, March 28 at 9 AM.

Dear Members, In the January Voter's Meeting Chet Vahle gave the first reading of changes to the ORLC constitution and bylaws. These changes include the change to a not-for-profit organization. The fundamental reason for the change is better legal protection for church and its officers. Details of all the changes are in a document in the Narthex. To adopt these changes, **a majority of the voting membership is required at the April 27, 2025, 10:15 AM meeting. This is approximately 55 registered voters. Please consider attending the April 27th meeting.** If a majority of the voting members cannot be assembled, the changes will be voted on with a standard quorum in the September meeting. *Larry Foster*

Your Ladies Aid **LWML can't thank you enough for your generous support of our second Soup Cook-off!** To all you soup chefs... everyone was a winner because your soups were all so delicious! But the votes were cast and *Heidi Armbruster was voted our Top Soup Chef of 2025* with her Birria soup! Congrats, Heidi! Also, many thanks to everyone who attended, tasted, voted, and enjoyed the fun and fellowship that evening! It was a fabulous time, and we look forward to hosting it again next year! Thank You! Thank You!

Camp CILCA Women's Retreat on March 28-29. The 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**, the Director of Synod Relations at the Lutheran Church Extension Fund. 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**. Register online at www.cilca.org/womens-retreat. If you have questions or need help registering, contact Lauren at program@cilca.org

Camp CILCA's Annual Banquet on Sunday, March 30 is an evening celebrating God's work of *Creation* and *Redemption*, especially as those works are enjoyed, proclaimed, and taught at Camp CILCA. Join us for an evening of music, food, great speakers, and friends. This year, Executive Director at Camp Concordia, Pastor BJ Fouts will be our speaker discussing the impact of camp. Tickets are \$40 and must be reserved in advance by contacting the camp office (217-487-7497/camp@cilca.org).

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, March 23:

Lent 3 (DS III)

8:00 AM & 10:30 AM – Three Churches Choir sings at Saint James
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School
 6:30 PM Youth Night and Gathering Meeting at LCOSJ

Monday, March 24:

Pastor Eden to Preach at Golden 6 PM

Tuesday, March 25:

9:15 Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, March 26:

10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*
11:30 AM Holy Communion
 5:45 PM Meal
7:00 PM Lenten 3 with Pastor Riley (Pastor Eden at LCoSJ)

Thursday, March 27:

6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

Friday, March 28:

9:00 AM Quilters

Saturday, March 29:

9:00 AM Uganda Zoom call at Saint James
5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, March 30:

Lent 4 (DS IV)

9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Bible Class & Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

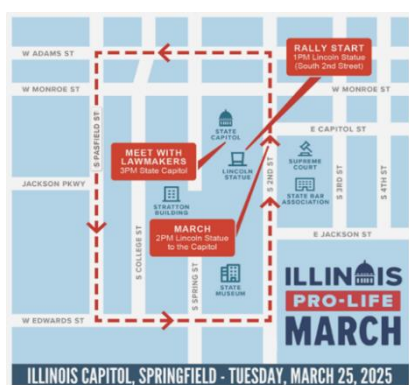
Attendance	Mar. 16
Saturday at 5:00 PM	51
Sunday at 9:00 AM	80
Total Attendance	131
<i>Holy Communion</i>	<i>110</i>
Adult Bible Study	22
Sunday School	15
Mid-week Lenten 2	40

Offerings	Mar. 16
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$25,147.72
Received This Month	\$26,019.62
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$86,735.96
Received This Week	\$14,058.62

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar
Profit:	\$96.79	\$29.76	\$95.97
# orders:	14	6	11
Profit/Order:	\$6.91	\$4.96	\$8.72
Overall Profit:	\$486.31	\$516.07	\$612.04

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.



2025 Illinois Pro-Life March is scheduled for **March 25th** in Springfield. **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.

<https://www.cidlcms.org/il-prolife-march-2025.html>

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.

In 2024 **ORLC** received **\$2,316** in **Thrivent Choice Dollars®** grant funding. **Thrivent Clients have until March 31 to direct remaining 2024 Choice Dollars®.** 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.

Know someone interested in full-time ministry? Vocatio: Retreat April 6-8, 2025, Lutheran retreat that offers an introduction to life as a seminarian, time to spend in God's Word, and the opportunity to learn from some of the brightest theologians in the church? Three-day retreat (**April 6-8, 2025**) geared toward college students and second-career men and women who are considering serving as a pastor, deaconess, missionary or chaplain. To register visit csl.edu/vocatio-retreat or Google "Vocatio: Retreat Concordia Seminary."

FREE Thrivent t-shirts, little notebooks, and VBS CDs available on the scrip table. Both adult and some youth sizes are available.

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

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

Care Net continues to offer free and confidential services to women, men, and their families who are dealing with an unplanned or crisis pregnancy. The **kick-off for the Baby Bottle Blitz is Mother's Day, May 11th**, and it **runs through Father's Day, June 15th**. Folks will get their baby bottle from church and return it to their church. Between Mother's and Father's Day, they will fill their bottle with spare change, paper money, and even checks!

Armed Forces Sunday, May 18

Memorial Day Sunday, May 25

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 meals, snacks, drinks, and materials. For more information and to register: [Continuing Education Detail](#)

Independence Day Sunday, July 6

Veterans Day Sunday, November 9

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.

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

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

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Many seniors are concerned about the high cost of nursing home care and believe their only estate priority is protecting assets. But there are many other legal and financial issues that should be considered, including how to bless family with inheritance and support ministries that the Lord has laid on the heart. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can broaden your consideration. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

March 23, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. Part of that tension flows from immediate needs versus long-term needs in our lives. Some of God's saints hesitate to commit to creating an estate gift for ministry because they say, "What if I need those funds before I die?" As long as the funds remain in your name, you always have access to use them. Yet, your estate plan is in place for things that you don't use during your earthly life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help explain this. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

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