

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of April 20 - 27, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 21 Gina Eickelschulte
- 21 Amanda Zehnle
- 23 Joseph Ott
- 23 Craig Gooding
- 25 Gary Hyer

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 20 Erin Fischer
- 22 Holden Jones
- 22 Tiffany McLaughlin
- 22 Kim Pracht
- 23 Grace Vaughn
- 24 Donna MacFadden
- 24 Glenda O'Briant
- 26 Reagan Spilker

Anniversaries This Week

- 20 Dennis and Brenda Fleming 40 years
- 21 Brad and Kim Scharnhorst 35 years
- 24 Brian and Jennifer Burner 2 years

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.



Save a Life: May 9, 9 am – 2 pm BLOOD DRIVE Lutheran Church of St. John, 3340 State Street, Quincy

<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/find-drive>

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

For the week of April 20: on KFuo AM850 & kfuo.org: Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) continues its study through 2 Samuel, picking up with chapter 17. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we've just begun a new series in the book of Genesis! Join us as we study chapters 5-9. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday. (**4/26 at 10 AM**) for a discussion of repentance as found in the Smalcald Articles. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFuo Radio app!

Quilters need your used sheets. Please contact the church office to drop them off.

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of March were **\$238.00.**

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!

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*

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

Tuition Assistance Fund for St. James School Looking for another way to help students at St. James Lutheran School in addition to ORLC's Endowment Fund?

St. James Lutheran Church has been funding a Tuition Assistance Fund to help tuition costs to student families each year. **This year \$18,000 in tuition assistance was used and this coming 2025-2026 school year the need is going to be about \$22,000.** To help offset the burden on St. James Church, the school's Board of Education is asking each church to help replenish the tuition assistance fund in time for this coming year. **The ORLC church council is recommending to the voters to assist with \$10,000 to be voted on April 27th at the Voters Meeting.** Even with ORLC's help, there is still a need for this coming year and beyond. Questions can be directed to ORLC Board of Education Representatives, Heidi Armbruster & Ryan Vaughn. **If you would like to help, Please make checks payable to: "St. James Lutheran School" with "Tuition Assistance Fund" in the memo line.** Your donation will only be used for Tuition Assistance to school families. Checks can be delivered to the school office, given to either of ORLC's Board of Education representatives, or placed in the Education mailbox in the ORLC lounge. Thank you for your consideration and support of Lutheran Education.

In 2024 ORLC received \$2,316 in Thrivent Choice Dollars® grant funding. 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.

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.

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, April 20:

Easter Sunday (DS I)

6:30 AM Holy Communion Streamed on Facebook

7:30 AM Easter Breakfast

9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online

No Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday, April 21:

No School

Tuesday, April 22:

9:15 AM Bible Study

7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, April 23:

Thursday, April 24:

6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

9:00 AM Quilters

6:00 PM St. James School Open House

Friday, April 25:

Saturday, April 26:

9:00 AM 5K Family Fun Walk at Bob Mays Park

5:00 PM Holy Communion - Pastor Mahsman to Preach

Sunday, April 27:

Easter 2 (DS III) - Pastor Mahsman to Preach

9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online

10:15 AM **Voters' Meeting** - No Bible Class – All Voters Needed

10:15 AM Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Apr. 13
Saturday at 5:00 PM	45
Sunday at 9:00 AM	82
Total Attendance	127
<i>Holy Communion</i>	115
Adult Bible Study	19
Sunday School	13

Offerings	Apr. 13
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$37,252.17
Received This Month	\$16,503.00
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$114,472.13
Received This Week	\$8,618.62

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr
Profit:	\$96.79	\$29.76	\$95.97	\$88.33	\$27.59
# orders:	14	6	11	15	6
Profit/Order:	\$6.91	\$4.96	\$8.72	\$5.89	\$4.60
Overall Profit:	\$486.31	\$516.07	\$612.04	\$700.37	\$727.96

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.

St. John's Youth are hosting a **5K Family Fun Walk** to help them raise money for the National Youth Gathering on **Saturday, April 26, 2025**. The walk will start at **9 AM** at Bob Mays Park. The Youth will join thousands of youth from around the country for service, learning, and fun. The walk along the Bill Klingner Trail will include a fun scavenger hunt for the kids with a goodie bag at the end of the walk for each child. Fun for all ages! Thank you for supporting the St. John's Youth! Register here: WWW.LCOSJ.ORG

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday is May 4th. Gifts will be used to support our CID students who are attending an LCMS seminary or university to become a pastor, teacher, deaconess, or other called church worker. Please plan to make a generous gift now or on May 4th. Gifts may be designated "CID Scholarship Fund" to be used for the 2025-2026 school year or be designated "CID Scholarship Endowment Fund" to provide gifts every year for this ongoing need. Checks may be given through your church or sent to the Central Illinois District -LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Since the need for called workers is so great, we also ask you to encourage those who may be good candidates to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

If you are considering a major gift, or would like to include scholarships for CID seminarians or church worker students in your estate planning or through a life insurance policy or IRA, please contact CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander, at (217) 416-8842 or c-olander@msn.com for assistance. Thank you.

Next **Elders' Meeting** will be **May 21, 2025 at 6:00 PM**

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 meals, snacks, drinks, and materials. For more information and to register:

[Continuing Education Detail](#)

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

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

April 20, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Sometimes hurt happens in a family and never resolves. That unresolved hurt can translate into a parent removing a child or other heir from the gift plan of the estate. Talking through an estate plan is the perfect time to be reminded to try again at reconciliation. Your pastor can really help in these matters. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in reaching out for help. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

April 27, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we think of the tension that is produced by differing opinions by family members. Family can have different opinions about whether current needs are more important, or if a future plan from an estate is. Balancing current and future goals, both for family inheritance and support of ministry is a vital part of a Gift Plan. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to think this through. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

For the week of April 27: 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](#), [X](#), and [Instagram](#). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org:** We wrap up our study of 2 Samuel on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) and continue straight on into a study of 1 Kings! On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we continue our study of Genesis, discussing chapters 10-13. Don't forget to tune in on Friday (**5/2 at 11 AM**) for Free-Text Friday, Thy Strong Word's "wild card" episode, which airs on the first Friday of every month! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

ANNOUNCEMENT FOR MAY 4, 2025 Central Illinois District annual Scholarship Sunday is today, May 4th. The cost of education at one of our synodical colleges is about \$43,600 per year, and about \$47,000 at one of our seminaries. Annual unmet needs after grants, loans, scholarships, parents' contributions, etc., average about \$14,752 for undergraduates and about \$38,576 for seminarians. Please include these needs in your prayers and make a generous gift to help support the unmet needs of our 10 college students and 7 seminarians as they prepare to serve the Lord as His called servants. You may use a "Will They Always Be There?" envelope provided by your church or mail your gift directly to: Central Illinois District – LCMS, 1850 N. Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626.

Don't forget to pray for, thank, and encourage those called church workers who are presently serving you, as well as those who are studying to serve the Lord and you. If you are considering or know someone who would be a good candidate to study for a called vocation in the church, please speak to your pastor about them and send their names and contact information along with your check to the district office. Thank you for your faithfulness!

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HAPPY
Easter