

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of May 4 -11, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 4 Quinton Hibbert
- 7 Barb Vahle
- 7 Tracy Bugh
- 8 Mike Vahle
- 9 Wanda Spohr
- 9 Lynn Wombles
- 9 Hugh Sharrow

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 4 Shelby Gooding
- 4 Archer Ott
- 4 Mary Morse
- 5 Phillip Weisheit
- 5 Mayzie Parrish
- 7 Debbie Manton
- 8 Glenna Nicholson
- 9 Amanda Zehnle
- 10 Lennox Hines
- 10 Josh Jefferson

Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at 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! Feel free to check out the video at <https://youtu.be/n3BqVeNC0tg> or find more information on our website <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-a-dollar-for-missions.html>

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.

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

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.



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

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

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

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!

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. 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.

Volunteers Needed: once a week to help assemble bulletins and once a month for the newsletter. You can help with bulletins or newsletter or both if you enjoy the fellowship that goes along with doing it, Depending on # of people who volunteer the bulletin takes about an hour and a little longer for the newsletter. Contact the office if you can help!

For the week of May 5: on KFuo AM850 & kfuo.org: On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) we are continuing our study of Israel's history as we enter the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 2-6. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we study the book of beginnings! This week, we'll discuss chapters 14-18. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (**5/10 at 10 AM**) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will address the Sacrament of the Altar and the Office of the Keys. What are some common misconceptions surrounding both of these? Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFuo Radio app!

Armed Forces Sunday, **May 18**

Elders' meet on Wednesday, **May 21 at 6 PM**

Church Council meets Wednesday, **May 21 7 PM**

Independence Day Sunday, **July 6**

Veterans Day Sunday, **November 9**

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, May 4: Easter 3 (DS IV) Saint James School Sings at Saint James
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Monday, May 5:

Tuesday, May 6: Pastors' Conference at Concordia Warsaw
9:15 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, May 7: 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online
11:30 AM Holy Communion
2:00 PM Banner

Thursday, May 8: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilters

Friday, May 9: Blood Drive at LCoSJ

Saturday, May 10: 5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 11: Easter 4 (DS I) – Mother's Day & CareNet Baby Bottle Blitz
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
10:15 AM Sunday School & Adult Bible Class

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Apr. 27	Offerings	Apr. 27
Saturday at 5:00 PM	38	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Sunday at 9:00 AM	85	Received Last Month	\$37,252.17
Total Attendance	123	Received This Month	\$22,636.55
Holy Communion	104	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Sunday School	10	Received This Year	\$120,605.68
		Received This Week	\$2,545.55

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Mar	16-Mar	30-Mar	6-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr
Profit:	\$29.76	\$95.97	\$88.33	\$27.59	\$113.61	\$63.31
# orders:	6	11	15	6	16	10
Profit/Order:	\$4.96	\$8.72	\$5.89	\$4.60	\$7.10	\$6.33
Overall Profit:	\$516.07	\$612.04	\$700.37	\$727.96	\$841.57	\$904.88

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.

FREE - The remaining Thrivent t-shirts have been MOVED to the COUNTER in the church LOUNGE. Please stop by and take whatever you can use or give to others.

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.

Biscuits and Gravy Breakfast – May 10, 7:30-10 am, St. John's rural Bath. You are invited to enjoy a menu of biscuits and gravy, corned beef and hash, ham, scrambled eggs and assorted homemade pastries all for a donation of your choice. Funds raised will go toward the support of the State Fair Booth for the Lutheran Layman's League of the Central Illinois District. In Christ, Pastor Brian Lesemann (banbleseemann@juno.com)

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](#)

Vocatio: High School retreat June 21-27, 2025 Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! [Concordia Seminary, St. Louis](#) invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend [Vocatio: High School](#) on the campus of Concordia Seminary. This retreat encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the Seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! [Registration](#) is \$200 and closes May 31. [Register today](#)



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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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