

# Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus  
For the week of May 11 -18, 2025

## Birthdays This Week

- 13 Henry Holtman
- 15 Hadley Harvey
- 17 Dennis Baker

## Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 12 Emanuel Voepel
- 14 Anna Ehmen
- 14 Anderson Knapp
- 14 Stan Yelton
- 14 Savannah O'Dell
- 15 Thalia Wolfmeyer
- 16 Joseph Ott
- 16 Brenda Scharnhorst
- 16 John Dicks

## Anniversaries This Week

- 11 Brent and Linda Wingerter 40 years
- 14 Darrell and Irene Drescher 59 years

## Good News for the St. James School Tuition

**Endowment Fund** Once again ORLC is blessed to have an anonymous donor offer to **match up to \$5,000.00 in donations** to the endowment fund. This **matching challenge will run until the end of the year**. If you are not familiar with this endowment or have any question about it, please check with any of the committee members.

Checks should be made out to: **ORLC St. James School Tuition Endowment Fund**

*Committee: Michele Clevenger, Marty Otto, Monica and Larry Foster, Jerry and Becky Lunt*

## 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.

**Sunday School will be sending \$76.61** to the Quincy Neighborhood Federation to support their programs. This was the total of March and April offerings. For May, the offerings will be designated for Camp Callahan.

**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.

## For the week of May 11: on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.org:

Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) continues its study through 1 Kings, picking up with chapter 7. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we are continuing our journey through the book of Genesis. Join us as we study together, covering chapters 19-23. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (**4/28 at 10 AM**) for a discussion of confession and excommunication in the church. At [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUO Radio app!

**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!

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Sometimes, we fear planning a future gift to ministry, worried that we might need to use that resource before the Lord calls us home. We can construct a plan for the future yet be free to use those resources today if needed. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can explain. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

**St. James Lutheran School Graduation** for the Class of 2025 is on **May 15, 2025**, at **7 PM** in the Sanctuary

Elders' meet on **Wednesday, May 21 at 6 PM**  
Church Council meets **Wednesday, May 21 7 PM**

**Our next meeting for the National Youth Gathering** will be on **Sunday, June 8 at 6:30 pm**. *This meeting will be for both youth and parents.* This is an important meeting as we will distribute forms that need to be filled out, share a more detailed itinerary and other trip details.

**LWML Rummage sale** will be **July 11 and 12**. Please remember us when downsizing, organizing and spring cleaning. If you need to get rid of items now, LWML has a room in the Sunday school area. We would prefer you **deliver items starting in June** to the Sunday school opening area. *Remember everything needs to be in sellable condition and no clothes or TV's.* As always all proceeds go to missions. This is our 11th year and we have raised \$27,000 for missions. This event is not possible without your donations, thank you all so much. Praise be to God!

**Quilters need your used sheets.** Please get in touch with the church office to drop them off.

**FREE - 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.

**ORLC Baseball Caps** are 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 placed under the church office door.

This Week at Our Redeemer

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

Monday, May 12:

Tuesday, May 13: 9:15 AM Bible Study  
7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, May 14: 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online  
11:30 AM Holy Communion

Thursday, May 15: Newsletter Deadline  
6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

Friday, May 16:

Saturday, May 17: Meal for the Blind at Saint James  
5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 18: Easter 5 (DS III) - Armed Forces Sunday  
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online  
10:15 AM Sunday School Bible Bowl & Adult Bible Class

Response Last Weekend to God’s Grace

Attendance	May 4	Offerings	May 4
Saturday at 5:00 PM	47	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Sunday at 9:00 AM	71	Received Last Month	\$22,636.55
Total Attendance	118	Received This Month	\$5,231.00
Holy Communion	97	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Sunday School	8	Received This Year	\$125,836.68
		Received This Week	\$5,231.00

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	6-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	4-May	5-May
Profit:	\$27.59	\$113.61	\$63.31	\$50.22	\$26.00
# orders:	6	16	10	8	0
Profit/Order:	\$4.60	\$7.10	\$6.33	\$6.28	\$1.00
Overall Profit:	\$727.96	\$841.57	\$904.88	\$955.10	\$981.10

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.

Current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry repair and repointing at University Lutheran Church in Champaign. The all-brick church and student center has been next to the University of Illinois campus for over 70 years. Some portions of the brick and concrete are in need of immediate, special attention. This project will fund this targeted work to ensure the building remains in good shape and always open for the Word of Christ to be shared and preached to the 60,000 students at the U of I. 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>.

Central Illinois District Scholarship Sunday was last Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>. We thank everyone who participated with gifts and prayers in support of our CID seminarians and full-time church-worker students. We ask you to continue to pray for the needs of our students throughout the year. If you were not able to make a gift last week you may still do so today or at any time during the year. The need is great. Please make your check payable to the “CID Scholarship Fund” to be used for current needs or to the “CID Scholarship Endowment Fund” to help provide gifts for ongoing needs. Please place your gift in your church offering plate or send your gift to the Central Illinois District - LCMS, 1850 North Grand Avenue West, Springfield, IL 62702-1626. Pre-addressed “Will they always be there?” envelopes may still be available at church. If you are considering making a gift to ministry of property or a gift through your estate, you may contact our CID Planned Gift Counselor, Rev. Charles Olander at (217) 416-8842 or [c-olander@msn.com](mailto:c-olander@msn.com) for assistance. Since the need for called workers is so great, we ask you to encourage those who are interested in serving to consider pursuing a called church-worker vocation.

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](#)



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.

**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](mailto: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.

Independence Day Sunday, **July 6**  
Veterans Day Sunday, **November 9**

**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](http://planetgreenrecycle.com) to request a **FREE USPS label** to print and mail.

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

**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!** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to [bellaease.com/event](http://bellaease.com/event) or call 217-209-0632

**For the week of May 18: 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](http://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:** On Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) we're continuing in the book of 1 Kings, picking up with chapters 11-14. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we continue our study of Genesis, discussing chapters 24-27. Don't forget to tune in on Wednesday (**5/21 at 9 AM**) for The Coffee Hour as we continue our series on "Delighting in Sabbath" with Pastor Joel Biermann! Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](http://kfue.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**May 18, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Most consider family inheritance as something that happens at the end of life. Yet in current circumstances, family needs might make sense for creating a current distribution to family. How much can you give family today? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in understanding. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

**May 25, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we will consider the balance of future needs with present needs. Creating a future gift in your estate plan to family or ministry might seem frustrating, as you won't get to see the impact it makes. To soften this concern, you can prepare a statement to deliver to family or ministry, expressing your intent for the gift. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you to begin thinking about what you would share. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).