

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of May 18 -25, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 18 Shanelle Douglas
- 19 Ryan Vaughn
- 21 Joe Sharrow
- 21 Michele Clevenger
- 21 Erica Parrish
- 22 Eric Fischer
- 22 Leslie Bent
- 22 Carolyn Kaiser
- 23 Bradley Longcor III
- 23 Lily Kuhn
- 24 Eleanor Manton

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 18 Shanelle Douglas
- 19 Connor Ott
- 19 Keagan Mercurio
- 19 Kristin Humphrey
- 19 Joseph Ohnemus
- 19 Derek Ott
- 22 Thomas Killday
- 23 Ricky Goertz
- 24 Emma Showman
- 24 Bill Perry

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 Luth. Ed.

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.** Register early to save a spot and **space is limited.**

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 **Baby Bottle Blitz runs now through Father's Day, June 15th.** Folks will get their baby bottle from church and return it to their church. Between now and Father's Day, they will fill their bottle with spare change, paper money, and even checks!

For the week of May 18: 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 kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUORadio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuoradio), [X](https://twitter.com/kfuoradio), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuoradio).

CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUO AM850 & kfuo.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 kfuo.org or in the KFUO Radio app!

Ascension Service, 6:30 PM at LCoSJ, May 29

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.

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, 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

Monday, May 19:

Tuesday, May 20: 9:15 AM Bible Study
1:30 PM Good Samaritan Home Communion Service
7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, May 21: 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online
11:30 AM Holy Communion
2:00 PM Banner
6:00 PM Elders
7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday, May 22: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
9:00 AM Quilters

Friday, May 23:

Saturday, May 24: 5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, May 25: Easter 6 (DS IV) - Memorial Day Sunday
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
10:15 AM Adult Bible Class

Response Last Weekend to God’s Grace

Attendance	May 11	Offerings	May 11
Saturday at 5:00 PM	35	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Sunday at 9:00 AM	88	Received Last Month	\$22,636.55
Total Attendance	123	Received This Month	\$15,156.62
Holy Communion	111	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Sunday School	9	Received This Year	\$135,782.30
Adult Bible Class	21	Received This Week	\$9,945.62

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	4-May	5-May	11-May
Profit:	\$50.22	\$26.00	\$72.82
# orders:	8	0	9
Profit/Order:	\$6.28	\$1.00	\$8.09
Overall Profit:	\$955.10	\$981.10	\$1,053.92

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.

Uganda Mission: Funds Given so far in 2025 - \$15,000.00 The latest money sent went to finish the faculty dormitory which will also house the boys who are boarding until the boys’ dormitory is finished.

Dollar for Missions Portions of brick are crumbling away, water is leaking in between the masonry frames and the windows, and mortar joints are opening in brick walls. The current Dollar for Missions project is \$25,000 for masonry work and repointing at 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. Please help to provide a space for another 70 years of distributing Christ’s gifts! 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> .

We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. This month we 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 (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

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. 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.



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**
LWML Rummage Sale, July 11 & 12
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 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!** 3rd Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to bellaease.com/event or call 217-209-0632

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.

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