

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of May 25 – June 1, 2025

Birthdays This Week

23 Lily Kuhn
24 Eleanor Manton
25 Sandy Callahan
26 Gretta Otto
26 Sherry Yelton
27 Dylan Martin
27 David Bent
28 Stacey Gruen
29 Nick Allen
30 Melanie Drescher
31 Alischia Langan
31 Arianna Fischer

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

25 Olivia Showman
25 Terry Morse
25 Hadley Harvey
26 Christa Holtman
26 Laura Essington
26 Craig Gooding
27 LeRoy Goodwin
31 Wanda Spohr
31 Amy Edwards

Anniversaries This Week

27 Mike and Jane Douglas 47 years
28 LeRoy and Donna Goodwin 58 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

Matching Fund Raiser:

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?

ORLC Voters has approved up to **\$10,000 matching funds** to go to the **Tuition Assistance Fund** at St. James School so whatever you donate will effectively be doubled!

This matching **challenge will run to the end of the year**.

If you are not familiar with this fund, each year St. James offers tuition assistance to families of students not assisted by our Lutheran congregations. The **need for next school year** is estimated to be **\$22,000**.

Please make checks payable to: "ORLC" with "SJLC Tuition Assistance Fund" in the memo line. Your donation will only be used for Tuition Assistance to St. James school families. Contact Ryan Vaughn with questions.

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

Camp CILCA summer programs are **only \$75 in honor of CILCA's 75th Anniversary**. Register early to save a spot and **space is limited**.

Sunday School offerings for May of **\$49.72** will be donated to **Camp Callahan**. Sunday School closed out the school year with our opening led by Ruth Ann Snowden and pianist Wanda Spohr. The 1st graders to High School student then competed in a fun session of Bible Bowl. **Thank you** to our Sunday School teachers, Gina Eickelschulte, Cyndi Ott, and Gretchen Wolfmeyer. **Thank you** to our substitutes this term of Amelia Knapp, Allie Hastings-Dedert, Katherine Reddick, and Hannah Ajdinovich. We appreciate all that give of their time and talents to serve the Lord as part of our Sunday School staff.

We will be **on break until after Labor Day**.

- Melissa Knapp, Sunday School Superintendent

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!

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!

FREE Thrivent t-shirts are again on the Scrip table. 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.

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.

You are invited to St. James for an Open House to celebrate Ms. **Renita Mohr's** retirement after serving St. James Lutheran School for 36 years on **June 1 from 1-3 PM**. Please bring a card for her.

Ascension Service, 6:30 PM at LCoSJ, May 29
Independence Day Sunday, **July 6**

This Week at Our Redeemer

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

Monday, May 26: Memorial Day - Office Closed

Tuesday, May 27: 9:15 AM Bible Study
7:00 PM Choir at The Lutheran Church of Saint John

Wednesday, May 28: 10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online
11:30 AM Holy Communion

Thursday, May 29: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
6:30 PM Ascension Day Service at The Lutheran Church of Saint John

Friday, May 30:

Saturday, May 31: 5:00 PM Holy Communion Pastor Rempfer to Preach

Sunday, June 1: Easter 7 (DS I) Pastor Rempfer to Preach
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
10:15 AM Bible Class

Response Last Weekend to God’s Grace

Attendance	May 18	Offerings	May 18
Saturday at 5:00 PM	54	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Sunday at 9:00 AM	78	Received Last Month	\$22,636.55
Total Attendance	132	Received This Month	\$19,222.62
Holy Communion	107	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Sunday School	11	Received This Year	\$139,848.30
Adult Bible Class	19	Received This Week	\$4,066.00

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	4-May	5-May	11-May	18-May
Profit:	\$50.22	\$26.00	\$72.82	\$72.00
# orders:	8	0	9	8
Profit/Order:	\$6.28	\$1.00	\$8.09	\$9.00
Overall Profit:	\$955.10	\$981.10	\$1,053.92	\$1,125.92

We have surpassed \$1,000 in profits for Scrip. That amount has been gifted back to the congregation. Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.

Dollar for Missions current 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>.

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.



For the week of May 25: on KFUO AM850 & [kfuo.org](#): On Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 AM) we are continuing our study of Israel's history according to the book of 1 Kings. This week, we'll take a look at chapters 15-18. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM) for our study of Genesis! This week's readings will bring us into the beginning of Jacob's story. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (5/31 at 10 AM) for Concord Matters! Pastor Finnern will discuss the Church and how believers are justified. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](#) or in the KFUO Radio app!

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, contact Barb Vahle or Gretchen in the office for ideas.

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.

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

For the week of June 1: 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:** Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*) continues its study through 1 Kings, picking up with chapter 19. On Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*), we are journeying through the book of Genesis. Join us as we continue the saga of Jacob and his family. Don't forget to tune in to the Coffee Hour (*weekdays at 9 AM*) to learn about a new catechetical fiction series from Kloria Publishing, and to join us as we conclude our series on Sabbath with Rev. Dr. Joel Biermann! Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!