

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of November 16 - 23, 2025

Birthdays This Week

16 Andrew Allen
16 John Church
16 Lori Klauser
20 Roger Eden
20 Jesse Schweitzer
22 Rod Allensworth
22 Matt Wepler

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

17 Lori Klauser
19 Amy Killday
22 Angie Nixon
22 Jesse O'Briant

Anniversaries This Week

20 Ryan and Tina Vaughn 21 years

Many thanks to all involved in the brunch in my honor. Thanks also for the cards, gifts and kind words. All were very much appreciated. And thank you to the people of Our Redeemer for giving me the opportunity to serve as choir director these past years. To God alone be the glory!

Reva

Quilters will meet again on **Thursday, November 20 at 9 AM.**

They will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.

You are Needed to Make a Joyful Noise!

Please consider joining Choir; we meet on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM** and are especially looking for women to join us! Families are welcome and no experience is needed. We sing in church once a month.

High School Youth Our next event is to **deliver Thanksgiving Baskets on November 23.**

December will be a Christmas party.

Junior High Youth We will meet the second Wednesday of each month from **5:30-6:30 pm.** They can invite their friends.

Current Dollar for Missions project: 45-year-old insulation in the chancel ceiling at Wittenberg Lutheran Center, Normal has fallen from its original place under the roof. It needs to be **replaced**, in what figures to be an expensive job calling for ingenious work involving a high ceiling. This DFM project is for **\$10,000.** For more, see <https://www.cidlcms.org/ministry-dfm-current-project.html>

Offerings donated to Lutheran Bible Translators from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of **October** were **\$169.00.**

Thank you for the prayers for my son Josh during his cancer treatments. We are thankful God has blessed him with great results and now is in remission. *Shelly Holtman*

The Sunday School children's offerings for September and October were designated for the Kidz Packs program through Horizons Social Services. A check for \$172.53 will be sent to them to help feed area children on the weekends with a bag packed with various quick fix food items.

Thanksgiving Cards are now available. Christmas cards are coming soon. All cards are still **50 cents** each.

Another round of college care packages has been completed. Recipients received some sweet treats along with their items! Care Packages are prepared for current members or a son/daughter of a current member. These are both for local college students and those attending away from home. If a college student missed the first package, they can fill out the form and be included in future mailings!

College students should use this form to submit information and addresses for the 2025-2026 school year. Students are encouraged to complete the form as there are specific questions for them. Information and addresses must be submitted each year (*even if it remains the same.*) COMPLETE the REQUEST FORM to be included. The request form can be accessed at <https://forms.gle/Z5UuVhzZVB7bKzmcA> If there are any questions, those may be directed to Melissa Knapp or Malinda Eden.

We had some non-food items donated last year, and chips were donated in August (*thank you!*). A Thrivent card was used to purchase a large quantity of the items to stock our care package shelves for the fall. We always welcome donations! (*Monetary donations that help cover postage and other items can be noted for "College Care Packages."*) **Here are some ideas if you wish to drop off items:** *Vanilla or chocolate puddings cups, packages of instant oatmeal, Ramen packs of chicken, beef, etc., individual macaroni and cheese packets, microwave popcorn packs, hot chocolate packets, drink mix packets to add to water, Fun size of Snickers, Reese peanut butter cups, skittles, starbursts, etc., packs of gum, individual packs of nuts, trail mix packets, and peanut butter cracker packages.*

Thank you for the abundance of Pharmacy Pill Bottles! We have a great supply for the upcoming boxes. You are welcome to continue placing clean bottles (washed so no tablet residue remains) and with the labels removed (they will be covered by another label) in the college care package basket by the stairs.

All donated items and pill bottles can be dropped off in the designated College Care Package basket near the top of the stairs by the south entrance.

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS - Sunday School offerings starting in November will be to LOVE OUR NEIGHBORS by helping those in our community who may be struggling. All offerings received during Sunday School opening, both monetary and items, will be distributed locally. The Sunday School invites the entire congregation to join them in their mission. The Sunday School youth will be placing baskets in the narthex and by the south entrance for collection of food and goods for our community. Here are ideas for items:

canned vegetables, canned fruit, ramen noodles, spaghetti sauce, plain rice, pasta, ready to eat shelf stable meals, canned milk, powdered milk, peanut butter, jelly, crackers, paper products, body soap, deodorant, feminine hygiene products, diapers, dish soap, laundry detergent, toilet paper, etc.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me." - Matthew 25:40

This Week at Our Redeemer

Sunday, November 16: *Pentecost 23 (DS IV) - First Communion*
St. James School Sings
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Monday, November 17:

Tuesday, November 18: 9:15 AM Bible Study
 1:30 PM Communion Service at Good Samaritan
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, November 19: **10:00 AM Bible Study Streamed online**
11:30 AM Holy Communion
 6:00 PM Elders Meeting
 7:00 PM Church Council

Thursday, November 20: 6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study
 9:00 AM Quilters

Friday, November 21:

Saturday, November 22: **5:00 PM Holy Communion**

Sunday, November 23: *Pentecost 24 (DS I)*
9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
High School Youth Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Nov. 9
Saturday at 5:00 PM	49
Sunday at 9:00 AM	86
Total Attendance	135
<i>Total Communed</i>	<i>114</i>
Sunday School	25
Adult Bible Class	28

Offerings	Nov. 9
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$42,676.67
Received This Month	\$12,165.62
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$311,026.98
Received This Week	\$4,588.62

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	5-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	9-Nov	10-Nov
Profit:	\$100.81	\$124.04	\$44.22	\$176.19	\$22.50
# orders:	13	16	8	17	1
Profit/Order:	\$7.75	\$7.75	\$5.53	\$10.36	\$22.50
Overall Profit:	\$2,374.83	\$2,498.87	\$2,543.10	\$2,719.29	\$2,741.79

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.

November 29: Christmas Decorating

November 30: Voters' Meeting at 11:15 AM

December 3: LWML Advent Soup & Sandwich Supper

December 10: LWML Advent Soup & Sandwich Supper

December 17: LWML Advent Soup & Sandwich Supper

December 21: Sunday School Bible Bowl

February 1, 2026: Lutheran Hour Ministries Sunday

February 1, 2026: St. James School sings at the Lutheran Church of Saint John at 10:30 AM

March 8, 2026: St. James School sings at St. James Church at 10:30 AM

St. James Church Secretary Position –We are immediately opening the position for applications. If you or someone you know is interested in a **part-time (about 20 hours/week) position**, please email Pastor Riley at mriley@stjamesquincy.org for more information (job description, etc.).

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The following students are some of the students receiving care packages from ORLC. (Some students preferred not to have their information shared.)

- Becky Altenberger, National University of Health Sciences, Graduate school, Naturopathic Medicine
- Alayna Schlipman, Bradley University, Graduate school, Dietetics
- Elle Ehmen, University of Mississippi, Senior, Elementary Education
- Harrison Knapp, University of Alabama, Senior, Computer Science & Mathematics
- Elizabeth Hea, University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, Junior, Clinical Psychology
- Thalia Wolfmeyer, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee, Junior, Physics
- Lily Hayes, John Wood Community College, Sophomore, Criminal Justice
- Anderson Knapp, University of Alabama, Sophomore, Biology
- Grace Vaughn, Illinois College Sophomore, Biology
- Bradley Longcor, Santa Clara University, Freshman, Undecided
- Elizabeth Lucas, John Wood Community College, Freshman, Chemistry

MUSIC FOR MISSIONS – St. John's Lutheran Church in Pekin is hosting a **Sacred Music Concert and Hymn Sing in support of our Immanuel Lutheran Student Center**, our LCMS Central Illinois District Campus Ministry at Western Illinois University, Macomb, on **Sunday, November 16, 2025, at 2:00 p.m.** We will join together in singing some hymns, and in listening to sacred organ, choir, vocal solo, and hand bell music, all under the theme, "Hymns of Our Heavenly Home." Featured musicians will include guest organist Peter Wykert, vocalists Allison Harley and Jennifer Rosa, as well as the St. John's Hand Bell and Sanctuary Choirs. A **free will offering** will be gathered to help support our Immanuel Lutheran Student Center in Macomb, which is conducted under the leadership of Pastor Chris Hull. Refreshments will be served following the program. Please set aside the time to participate in and enjoy the music program, and to support our Central Illinois District mission work. The church is located at 711 Court Street in Pekin. For more information you may contact the church office at 309-347-213

For the week of November 16: 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](https://www.facebook.com/kfue), [X](https://twitter.com/kfue), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfue). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfue.org:** This week begins a new series on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*)! "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" will take listeners through a study of some of the hymns of thanksgiving in Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we continue our series on the Gospel of Matthew! This week's study will cover chapters 22-25. Don't forget to tune in to Concord Matters this Saturday (**11/22 at 10 AM**). We'll be starting a discussion of the Lord's Prayer as found in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfue.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

November 16, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. Your will can include a Christian preamble, a statement of faith captured in permanent record, meant to give confession of your faith and encouragement for beneficiaries of your estate to practice faithful stewardship, just as you have. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor has samples to share with you to get you started. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org

Make a night of focusing your heart and mind on the reason for the Christmas season with **Journey to Bethlehem** hosted by **Zion Lutheran Church and School Lincoln, IL**. You will travel back to Bethlehem and follow in the footsteps of Mary and Joseph by encountering shepherds and the songs of angels, wandering through the marketplace and crowded inn, and arriving oh where the greatest gift of all was born. All are welcome to this **FREE indoor walk-through event** to celebrate the birth of Jesus at Zion Lutheran School, 1600 Woodlawn Road Lincoln, IL from **4:00pm - 6:00pm (doors open at 3:30pm)** on **Saturday, December 13**. Check out *Journey to Bethlehem* on Facebook to see event details and updates!

Rev. Dr. Peter Scaer, SPEAKER FOR LLL Convention 2026 Mark your calendars: March 21, 2026, at Christ Lutheran Church, Normal, IL, the Lutheran Laymen's League will have their Annual Convention. And EVERYONE IS INVITED. Our speaker will be Rev. Dr. Peter J. Scaer, Chairmen and Professor of Exegetical Theology at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, Indiana. He is often on: CTSFW Lectionary Podcasts, Lutheran Center for Religious Liberty podcasts, Facebook and You Tube. His topic will be "Act Like Men: Be Strong in Christ." For more information, email delorisblessman@yahoo.com.

Celebrate 100 Years in Clayton with Concordia Seminary 3 p.m. (CT) Sunday, April 26, 2026 Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus Mark your calendars! Concordia Seminary is celebrating 100 years at its iconic Clayton, Mo., location — and we want you to be part of it. Plan to join us for a special chapel service Sunday, April 26, 2026, honoring our milestone anniversary with the theme: "O Christ the Living Stone – a lasting legacy, a firm future." Won't be able to attend in person? Plan to watch the livestream at csl.edu/live.

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 questions 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 Fundraiser: 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 have approved up to **\$10,000 in 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 the 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.*

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

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

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

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.

ORLC Baseball Caps are available at the Scrip table for **\$15 donation to LWML Missions**. Checks made payable to ORLC LWML (*put "Hats" in memo line*) & can be placed under the church office door.

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November 23, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. An estate transfer can be a simple financial transaction, harsh and cold. Or the transference of gifts to family or ministry can be a faith guided, prayer covered, activity including specific plans to shower others with the grace of Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this focus. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org

November 30, 2025 - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. The big decision to make is whether an estate plan is merely a legal/financial activity or is it an activity of faith. For much of our life, we view our occupations as ways to gather resources necessary to support this life, all blessed by the Lord. Often attached to that "gathering" is a sense to protect what we have gathered. Sometimes, the gathering and protecting distract us from the place where true grace filled blessing is found, in the use of God's gifts, to reflect Jesus. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you keep this grace filled focus. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org