

# Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus  
For the week of November 23 - 30, 2025

## Birthdays This Week

23 Dexter Goetz  
23 Lori Post  
24 Derek Ott  
24 Paul Weisheit  
25 Carolyn Cramlett  
25 Rob Tipton  
27 Pat Griffin  
27 Jeremy Holtman  
28 Dorothea Dobbs  
29 Adrian Zehnle

## Baptismal Birthdays This Week

23 Dexter Goetz  
23 Ace Weisenburger III  
24 Teddy Buerstatte  
24 Quinton Hibbert  
26 Ethan Sass  
27 Robert Gooding  
29 Karen Lohmeyer  
29 Jim Ott

## Anniversaries This Week

26 Harry and Barb Hall	50 years
26 Jim and Shelly Holtman	40 years
28 Dennis and Patricia Baker	55 years
28 Gene and Nancy Bluhm	44 years

**Quilters** will not meet the week of Thanksgiving.

**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.**

**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. New at the card rack this **Christmas**: a **"pop-up" nativity card**. Each card stands up to portray the real meaning of Christmas! The perfect card to send someone who does not have space for a large nativity set or someone needing the visual reminder of Jesus' birth. Cost per pop-up card **\$1.00**.

**COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES** One more college care package is being wrapped up for final exams! **Please sign the card in the narthex (one signature and it is copied for all recipients!)** with words of encouragement as they about ready to wrap up the fall term. There is a marked bushel basket for donation of items for future care packages. If there are any questions, please contact Melissa Knapp.

## 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**

**Come join us in Sunday School!** The Sunday School youth of all ages participate in the opening in many ways each week. They serve as ushers in collecting offering. Each week one youth attends to altar care by lighting the candles with a remote and when appropriate, changing the colors of the altar cloth linens. The youth read Bible verses for the weekly devotion. They can also volunteer to help lead actions for songs, The first Sunday of the month a puppet play is presented by the older kids as our opening devotion. Both birthdays and baptismal birthdays are celebrated with our treasured vintage pink cake. Wanda Spohr provides piano accompaniment during opening. Cyndi Ott and Melissa Knapp lead the Sunday School opening. Gretchen Wolfmeyer organizes and leads the monthly puppet plays during opening. Twice each term, a Bible Bowl is held where the first grade through high school students get to "buzz in" answering questions about the Bible. In the spring, the Sunday School youth will help prepare the college care packages by making cards for the students and filling boxes. Once our opening is done, the youth can choose a snack and drink on their way to their classroom. The Sunday School teachers are currently covering Old Testament stories for the younger grades and world religions for the upper grades.

Our Preschool and Kindergarten class is led by Gina Eickelschulte. Cyndi Ott leads the first through fourth grade class. The junior high and high school class is led by Gretchen Wolfmeyer. Pastor Eden leads the adult Bible class in the fellowship hall.

Ask your child about what they are doing and learning in Sunday School each week. All are invited to come join us from 10:15 - 11:15 for Sunday School! The youth meet in the Sunday School opening room next to the fellowship hall. We hope you can join us soon!

**High School Youth** Our next event is to **deliver Thanksgiving Baskets this Sunday, November 23**. December will be a Christmas party.

## This Week at Our Redeemer

**Sunday, November 23:**

*Last Sunday in the Church Year (DS I)*  
**9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online**  
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
*High School Youth Deliver Thanksgiving Baskets*

**Monday, November 24:**

**Tuesday, November 25:**

9:15 AM Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Choir

**Wednesday, November 26:**

*No School*  
**7:00 PM Thanksgiving Eve Service**

**Thursday, November 27:**

*Thanksgiving Day – No School*

**Friday, November 28:**

*No School*

**Saturday, November 29:**

**9:00 AM Christmas Decorating**  
**5:00 PM Holy Communion**

**Sunday, November 30:**

*Advent 1 (DS III)*  
**9:00 AM Holy Communion Streamed online**  
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
**11:15 AM Voters' Meeting**

### Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Nov. 16
Saturday at 5:00 PM	56
Sunday at 9:00 AM	142
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>198</b>
<i>Total Communed</i>	<i>143</i>
Sunday School	24
Adult Bible Class	24

Offerings	Nov. 16
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$42,676.67
Received This Month	\$17,712.62
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$316,573.98
Received This Week	\$5,547.00

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	19-Oct	26-Oct	9-Nov	10-Nov	16-Nov
Profit:	\$124.04	\$44.22	\$176.19	\$22.50	\$72.50
# orders:	16	8	17	1	7
Profit/Order:	\$7.75	\$5.53	\$10.36	\$22.50	\$10.36
<b>Overall Profit:</b>	<b>\$2,498.87</b>	<b>\$2,543.10</b>	<b>\$2,719.29</b>	<b>\$2,741.79</b>	<b>\$2,814.29</b>

*Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.*

**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

**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 at least once a month.

**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
- Julianna Grawe, Blessing Rieman College of Nursing, Senior, BS Nursing

Students were asked, **What are you most excited about this year?** Responses: *Getting more involved with on-campus clubs and beginning to take a leadership role within them. Finishing my second year of medical school and getting into rotations after that. Getting to do all the senior fun traditions and student teaching!* Finishing my math degree. *Anatomy and physiology. Meeting new people. Graduating soon!!* The classes. *Basketball.*

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

**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](mailto:mriley@stjamesquincy.org) for more information (job description, etc.).

**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](mailto: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](https://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!** 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays from 6-7:30 PM, 707 Broadway. Childcare available. RSVP to [bellaease.com/event](https://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](https://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.

**For the week of November 23:** KFJO Radio, the broadcast voice of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere on KFJO.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfjo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: @KFJOradio on Facebook, X, and Instagram. CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFJO AM850 & kfjo.org: We're continuing our series, "Songs of Thankfulness and Praise" on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*)! Each day, we'll study a new hymn of Thanksgiving from Lutheran Service Book. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we wrap up our study of the Gospel of Matthew. This week, we are covering chapters 26-27. Don't forget to join us this Saturday (**11/8 at 10 AM**) for Concord Matters! We're beginning a new study of the Lord's Prayer in the Large Catechism. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfjo.org or in the KFJO Radio app!

**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](mailto: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](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org)

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