

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of November 30 – December 7, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 30 Kristen Buerstatte
- 30 Rod Hibbert
- 30 Brandon McGartland
- 1 Kaitlyn Fischer
- 1 Larry Foster
- 1 Harrison Knapp
- 1 Max Showman
- 1 Kayla Terstriep
- 2 Brian Manton
- 3 Tad Douglas
- 3 Morgan Longcor
- 3 Cheryl Newbrough
- 3 Carol O'Dell
- 3 Jeff Wemhoener
- 4 Phyllis Cook
- 4 Cindy Klingele
- 4 Allan Murphy
- 6 Barb Ellerbrock

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 30 Erica Dedert
- 30 Pat Florey
- 30 Kari Frink
- 30 Keaton Jones
- 30 Nora Meyer
- 3 Mike Herschler
- 3 Donna Johnson
- 3 Jaela Vaughn
- 3 Emily Weppeler
- 4 Alexis Hibbert
- 4 Clayton Hibbert
- 6 Sarah Lucas

Anniversaries This Week

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| 1 | Brett and Brianna Lehman | 3 years |
| 4 | Richard and Mary Lazzeri | 54 years |
| 5 | Bob and Kriss Frink | 55 years |

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>

Christmas cards are now available. 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 There is a marked bushel basket for donation of items for future care packages. If there are any questions, please contact Melissa Knapp.

High School Youth 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.

Voters' Meeting Sunday at 11:15 AM

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS - Sunday School offerings

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. Sunday School invites the entire congregation to join them in their mission. 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**

Join Choir! Please consider making a joyful noise with us; we meet on **Tuesday nights at 7 PM** and are especially looking for women to join us! Families are welcome and no experience needed!

Come join us in Sunday School! Youth of all ages participate 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!

This Week at Our Redeemer

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

Monday, December 1:

Tuesday, December 2:

Pastor's Conference at Immanuel Macomb

9:15 AM Bible Study
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, December 3:

10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*

11:30 AM Holy Communion

5:45 PM LWML Soup & Sandwich Supper

7:00 PM Advent 1 Mid-week Service Jerusalem with Pastor Riley

Thursday, December 4:

6:45 AM *Coach House Bible Study*

6:00 PM LWML Christmas Party

Friday, December 5:

Saturday, December 6:

5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, December 7:

Advent 2 (DS IV)

9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*

10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Nov. 23
Saturday at 5:00 PM	62
Sunday at 9:00 AM	78
Total Attendance	140
<i>Total Communed</i>	<i>131</i>
Sunday School	15
Adult Bible Class	16

Offerings	Nov. 23
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$42,676.67
Received This Month	\$24,559.47
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$323,420.83
Received This Week	\$6,846.85

Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Nov	10-Nov	16-Nov
Profit:	\$176.19	\$22.50	\$72.50
# orders:	17	1	7
Profit/Order:	\$10.36	\$22.50	\$10.36
Overall Profit:	\$2,719.29	\$2,741.79	\$2,814.29

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.

December 10: LWML Soup & Sandwich Supper, Advent 2 Service at **7 PM** – Bethlehem with Pastor Hayden

December 17: LWML Soup & Sandwich Supper, Advent 3 Service at **7 PM** – Nazareth with Pastor Eden

December 21: Sunday School Bible Bowl

December 24: Children's Christmas Program **7 PM**, Christmas Eve Candlelight Service **9 PM**

December 25: Christmas Day Divine Service **9 AM**

December 27: No Saturday Evening Worship

December 28: Christmas Musicale **9 AM** (*No Sunday School*)

December 31: New Year's Eve Service at Our Redeemer **6 PM**

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!

Immanuel Lutheran in Springfield is inviting you to its first **German language Christmas Worship Service**. If you speak the language and would like to praise God in German, this will be a Gottesdienst für alle. Or, if you don't speak German, come experience worship in a different language and see how the Word of God is comforting and effective even through a language barrier. Almost all of the worship service will be familiar since we will use a traditional divine setting. The sermon will also be spoken in German, but an English transcript will be provided so everyone will be able to follow along. Please invite anyone you think might be interested to join us on **December 21st, 6:30pm** at Immanuel Lutheran Springfield 2750, E Sangamon Ave. Springfield, IL 62702

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.

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.*

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.*

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@lfn.org

For the week of November 30: on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org: It's time for a new series on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*)! "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" will begin airing this week, with a focus on Paul's two epistles to the Thessalonians. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) for a new study on the book of Malachi! Don't forget to join us this weekend for Concord Matters (**12/6 at 10 AM**). In our current study of Luther's Large Catechism, we are taking a deep dive into the Lord's Prayer. Listen in as we discuss the 1st Petition. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

For the week of December 7: 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 kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! Find us on social: **@KFUEradio** on [Facebook](https://www.facebook.com/kfuo), [X](https://twitter.com/kfuo), and [Instagram](https://www.instagram.com/kfuo). **CHRIST FOR YOU this week on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.org:** We are continuing our series "Yearning for the Day of Christ's Returning" on Sharper Iron (*weekdays at 8 AM*)! This week, we'll be studying 1 Thessalonians 3-5. Tune in to Thy Strong Word (*weekdays at 11 AM*) as we begin a new series for the time of Advent. "Prophecy and Fulfillment" will take us through Old Testament prophecy and New Testament fulfillment, tracing God's promises from Isaiah to the birth of Christ. On Concord Matters this Saturday (**12/13 at 10 AM**), we'll be discussing the 2nd Petition of the Lord's Prayer. Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!