

# 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

- 7 Linda Go
- 7 Olivia Showman
- 8 Lillian Cramlett
- 8 Amie Hoebing
- 9 Heidi Armbruster
- 9 Emily Drescher
- 9 Nathaniel Hurley
- 9 Eldon Schoch
- 11 Valerie Spillman
- 13 Ted Hea

## Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 7 Brady Essington
- 8 Olivia Hoebing
- 11 Kelle Baird
- 11 Pat Griffin
- 11 Rob Tipton
- 12 Mayce Bent
- 12 Mike Schoch

## Anniversaries This Week

- 11 Lewis and Joan Walbring

## 60 years

**Special Voters' Meeting on Sunday, December 14, 2025**, right after church for a correction to the 2026 budget.

**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 & Junior High Youth December 14 at 6:30 PM** will be a Christmas party. Please bring a white elephant gift (\$10-\$20 range)

**For the week of December 7: KFUE Radio**, shares Christ for you anytime, anywhere 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](http://kfuo.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**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!

Offerings donated to **Lutheran Bible Translators** from the **Sunday Morning Adult Bible Class** for the month of **November** were **\$192.00**.

### This Week at Our Redeemer

- Sunday, December 7:** *Advent 2 (DS IV)*  
**9:00 AM Holy Communion** *Streamed online*  
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
- Monday, December 8:**
- Tuesday, December 9:** *Pastors' Conference at Immanuel Macomb*  
 9:15 AM Bible Study  
 7:00 PM Choir
- Wednesday, December 10:** 10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*  
**11:30 AM Holy Communion**  
 5:45 PM LWML Soup & Sandwich Supper  
**7:00 PM Advent 2 Mid-week Service** - Bethlehem with Pastor Hayden
- Thursday, December 11:** 6:45 AM *Coach House Bible Study*  
 9:00 AM Quilters
- Friday, December 12:** 6:30 PM *Saint James School Christmas Program*
- Saturday, December 13:** **5:00 PM Holy Communion**
- Sunday, December 14:** *Advent 3 (DS I)*  
**9:00 AM Holy Communion** *Streamed online*  
**10:15 AM Special Voters' Meeting in Sanctuary**  
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

### Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Nov. 30	Offerings	Nov. 30
Sunday at 9:00 AM	80	Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
<b>Total Attendance</b>	<b>80</b>	Received Last Month	\$42,676.67
<i>Total Communed</i>	80	Received This Month	\$28,704.47
Adult Bible Class	23	Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Sunday School Teens	3	Received This Year	\$327,565.83
Advent 1 Mid-Week	27	Received This Week	\$4,145.00

### Scrip Update:

Week ending:	9-Nov	10-Nov	16-Nov	23-Nov	30-Nov
Profit:	\$176.19	\$22.50	\$72.50	\$107.19	\$58.62
# orders:	17	1	7	11	6
Profit/Order:	\$10.36	\$22.50	\$10.36	\$9.74	\$9.77
<b>Overall Profit:</b>	<b>\$2,719.29</b>	<b>\$2,741.79</b>	<b>\$2,814.29</b>	<b>\$2,921.48</b>	<b>\$2,980.10</b>

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

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

**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.*

**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.*

**For the week of December 14: 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](https://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**: We're 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 5-2 Thessalonians 2. Tune in to *Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 AM)* as we continue our series, "Prophecy and Fulfillment, looking at Old Testament prophecies fulfilled by Christ in the New. On the Coffee Hour this week (*weekdays at 9 AM*), we have some fun things to share, including a new learning opportunity through Concordia Nebraska, and an update from the Lutheran Heritage Foundation. Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfue.org](https://kfue.org) or in the KFUE Radio app!

**December 7, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. For many years, we focus on building and accumulating. Eventually, however, we must pass on financial assets to others, primarily family or ministries. If done correctly, this “passing on” is a plan for continuing the use of God's gifts, conveying His blessings. This isn't giving up at all, as we look to inherit our eternal inheritance. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you gain this perspective. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org)

**December 14, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. Estate documents often read and sound very legal. They are. But it is possible for you to insert language in a will or trust that reflects your Christian faith to all who will be benefactors of your estate. Your LCMS Counselor can supply examples to get you going. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org)

**December 21, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. To provide continuity in the estate planning process, it is essential to speak with family about your plans, so they can see the blessing prepared. It is equally essential to express to ministry leaders the desires you

have for the gifts that will flow to ministry, as you express your faith purpose behind the gift. Your LCMS Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in these conversations. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org)

**December 28, 2025** - We can face competing priorities when we think about planning our estates someday. As we wrap up this year long consideration, we must ponder whether we see our estate plan as an expression of our Christian faith or just giving up on life. As we complete this year, we keep in mind that in Christ, we will never finish but simply transfer into the glorious life the Lord has prepared for us. We never let death have the final word, for Jesus has conquered it. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in putting your life-celebrating plan together. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or [scott.radden@lfnd.org](mailto:scott.radden@lfnd.org)