

Sunday to Sunday

A Journal of Our Daily Walk with Our Redeemer, Christ Jesus
For the week of December 14-21, 2025

Birthdays This Week

- 14 Shanna Wemhoener
- 15 Sean Burner
- 15 Eric Fischer
- 15 Adelina Goetz
- 15 Merinda Jones
- 16 John Hallerberg
- 17 Ron Bowles
- 20 Joan Walbring
- 20 Alison Zehnle

Baptismal Birthdays This Week

- 15 Adelina Goetz
- 15 Piper Kuhn
- 16 Sean Burner
- 17 Carol O'Dell
- 17 Adrian Zehnle
- 19 Frank Hanawalt Jr.
- 20 Shirley Foster
- 20 Ryan Schnack

Anniversaries This Week

- 15 Steven & Cheryl Newbrough 30 years
- 19 Jerry and Rosie Meyer 61 years

Quilters will not meet next Thursday.

Snow Removal – Our new contractor will only clear the sidewalks when snowfall is 2 inches or more and they will not use ice melt. We need **volunteers willing to shovel and spread ice melt on Saturday and Sunday for services.**

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. Thank you** for using our cards and donating your unused cards. All donations should be dropped off in the church office.

COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES The final exam care packages have all reached their destinations. I am pretty sure there were lots of smiles as they opened the packages. Each contained some "favorite things" to help students as they prepared for the end of the term. Here is a snippet of what students responded when asked the following: "What have been your favorite things to receive in your care packages?" Responses: The tootsie rolls! Also the tide pods! I use those strictly for my scrubs, it is the only thing I have found that gets the formaldehyde smell out of them!, Laundry pods and candies around finals, The sweet treats and Mac and cheese, Little squishy animals!, Coffee K cups, popcorn, Any of the fun snacks, The snacks, Snacks!

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

Youth Christmas Party for High School & Junior High on Sunday, December 14 from 7 – 8:30 PM. Please bring a white elephant gift (**\$10-\$20 range**) We will play some games together and then split up for a White Elephant exchange. It's a great night of holiday fun. Please bring a friend along!

LOVING OUR NEIGHBORS - The Love Our Neighbors Food Collection will continue through **Sunday, December 21st.** Please bring all items by that date to the various baskets in and near the Narthex. After that time, the donations will be donated to various food pantries in Quincy. Thank you for joining with Sunday School to Love Our Neighbors.

Coats and more for ECFC The Coats for ECFC help serve the at-risk population that is usually below the poverty level. Many times, these children have a single parent, a missing parent who may be incarcerated or are homeless. These children show up without coats due to circumstances that they have no control over. A new coat means the world to them. Children learn best when they are clean, fed, and clothed. A coat can change their world. Their faces light up, bodies are warm, and their minds are ready because they feel the comfort and warmth of the coat. In addition to new coats, other items are also welcome donations: hats, gloves, mittens, sweatpants, sweatshirts, underwear and socks for both boys and girls, sizes 3, 4,5 and 6. Please leave your donations by the Christmas tree by the south entrance. We will continue to collect these items through February.

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. 2750 E Sangamon Ave. Springfield, IL

For the week of December 14: on KFUE AM850 & kfuo.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 kfuo.org or in the KFUE Radio app!

This Week at Our Redeemer

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

Monday, December 15:

Newsletter Deadline

Tuesday, December 16:

9:15 AM Bible Study
 1:30 PM Good Samaritan Home Service
 7:00 PM Choir

Wednesday, December 17:

10:00 AM Bible Study *Streamed online*
11:30 AM Holy Communion
 5:45 PM LWML Soup & Sandwich Supper
7:00 PM Advent 3 Mid-week Service - Nazareth with Pastor Eden

Thursday, December 18:

6:45 AM Coach House Bible Study

Friday, December 19:

Saint James School Half Day of School

Saturday, December 20:

5:00 PM Holy Communion

Sunday, December 22:

Advent 4 (DS III) - Poinsettia Deadline

9:00 AM Holy Communion *Streamed online*
 10:15 AM Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

Response Last Weekend to God's Grace

Attendance	Dec. 7
Saturday at 5:00 PM	54
Sunday at 9:00 AM	81
Total Attendance	135
<i>Total Communed</i>	<i>135</i>
Adult Bible Class	24
Sunday School	24
Advent 2 Mid-Week	30

Offerings	Dec. 7
Needed Each Month	\$33,872.35
Received Last Month	\$28,704.47
Received This Month	\$6,942.55
Needed This Year	\$406,468.21
Received This Year	\$334,508.38
Received This Week	\$6,942.55

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
Overall Profit:	\$2,719.29	\$2,741.79	\$2,814.29	\$2,921.48	\$2,980.10

Thank you for your continued support of Lutheran education.

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**

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 1-4 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!

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 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

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

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.*

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

For the week of December 21: 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: Merry Christmas! On Thursday, December 25th at 10 a.m. CT, Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO will broadcast their Christmas Day service live on KFUE. But the celebration doesn't stop there! Join us as we rejoice in the coming of our Savior during the 12 Days of Christmas! Tune in December 24th-January 6th for special programming and beautiful sacred music in honor of the season!

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

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