

# *The Epistle*

*May 2017*

**St. John's Lutheran  
Red Bud, Illinois**

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**Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

**Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Christian Education Hour:**

**Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people.

*Rev. Mark Nebel, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Russell Koen, Pastor*

## *For Your Devotions*

### *From Lutheran Church Charities*

#### **Constructive Complaining**

***So Moses brought their case before the LORD.***

***Numbers 27:5***

When you get a reputation as a complainer, people will begin to avoid you. There's an interesting story in the Old Testament about the five daughters of Zelophehad. Here was their problem. Their father had died in the wilderness before the Israelites entered the Promised Land. He had no sons to inherit his land, and the law didn't allow women to receive it. Consequently, without a father, brothers, husbands, sons, or other men in their immediate family, Zelophehad's daughters were left out completely. It wasn't fair, but it was the law. So rather than complaining to others, the sisters presented their 'petition for an inheritance' to Moses and the leaders. And When Moses brought their case before God, He agreed with the women and granted their request (see Numbers 27:1-11).

Now, what do you think the outcome would've been if they'd gone around whining to everyone and anyone who'd listen instead of going directly to those who could do something about it, namely Moses and God? It's doubtful they'd have obtained their

inheritance. Understand this: God can't bless complainers! The sin of complaining angered Him to the extent He stopped an entire generation of Israelites from inheriting the Promised Land when they were standing on the very threshold. You say, 'Well, I've suffered an injustice, so who should I complain to?'. The Lord, the One who can do something about it! The psalmist wrote, *'I pour out my complaint before Him; I declare my trouble before Him' (Psalm 142:2)*. And that's the best advice you can take!

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, keep me from complaining and help me take constructive action to do something about the situation. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **From the Pastors' Desks**

The Winter 2016 edition of *The Lutheran Quarterly* contains an article about the 20<sup>th</sup> century German Lutheran theologian Peter Brunner. I found this summary interesting and helpful for appreciating the distinctiveness of our Lutheran confession:

Brunner emphasizes that the Holy Spirit brings faith through the means of grace instituted by Jesus. Through the means of grace, the Holy Spirit produces faith, which is also necessary to receive them salvifically. By remaining and living in worshipping communion, faith takes personal shape in the life of the individual, which is what God created human beings for as His own likeness.

The Triune God, creation, salvation, faith-formation, worshipping in communion as a family, living in faith as an individual, all elements of biblical, confessional Lutheranism.

Today's church-goer all too often is treated as a "consumer" who can be manipulated by slick marketing, and numbed in worship by a show of flash and pizzazz, razzamatazz and all that jazz, meanwhile succumbing to a "bait-and-switch" where the congregation tries to pass itself off as one thing, but all the while hiding what it (or at least the pastor) truly, believes, teaches and confesses.

Not so with us. As confessional Lutheran Christians our worship and teaching is based on Jesus Christ, Him crucified and risen from the dead, God's revealed Word of law and gospel, the saving sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper and the guidance of the 16<sup>th</sup> century Reformation writings. As pastors, we are held accountable to preach and teach this because that is what you, as a family of faith here at St. John's have proclaimed now for 162 years.

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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**Sunday Bible Classes- 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.**

*In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel*

We continue our study of the Gospel of John. The theme of this book is that Jesus is the Son of God and authorized agent of the heavenly Father.

*In the School Library with Pastor Koen*

**Ascension Day Holy Communion Service**

We will observe the ascension of our risen Lord Jesus Christ into heaven with only one service of Holy Communion, at 7 p.m. on Thursday, May 25. Since school will not be in session at that time, we only will have the evening service.

**Weekly Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall**

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (Fehr)

Wed., 9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study (Fritsche)

Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Bible Class on Leviticus

Thursday, 6:30 a.m. Bible Class on Mark

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays: Men’s Bible Breakfast (Romans)

**Evening Guild May News**

**Dutch Treat Night** – Tuesday, May 16<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. held at Market on Main with Joyce Carnahan as guest speaker. Meal catered by Lisa’s Restaurant - Devotions by Patricia Liefer. Installations of officers: Sharon Guebert, Pres., Judy Guebert, Vice Pres., Marie Voges, Treasurer and Dorothy Papenberg, Secretary. Approximate cost \$20.00 – please RSVP by noon May 12<sup>th</sup> to Sharon Guebert at 282-6468.

**Quilting** schedule for May is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Baldwin Sight Center:** Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center on the 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of each month. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot those days at 1 p.m.

*“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:30-31*

**Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief**

Our 2017 Congregational Mission Project sponsored by Evening Guild is to collect a personal care item each MONTH. **May collection for care kits:** For the month of May, all members of our congregation are encouraged to donate a metal nail clippers with an attached file for our mission project. A basket for this collection is on the table in the church entryway. Thank you!

The book of Hosea is a unique book. It talks about the life of a prophet and compares it to the relationship God has with His children Israel. The Prophet, Hosea was married to a woman who committed adultery. God asked Hosea to stick it out, to remain with her and he did. Hosea forgave Gomer and welcomed her back into his home.

The theme of this book is suffering love. Our God's love is so great that He waits patiently, calling us to repent to turn from our sinful ways. God wants our hearts. He wants us to be with Him again, forever. He wants to restore the marriage that was severed in the Garden of Eden.

Hosea had every right to cast Gomer out of his house. She was not faithful. She slipped around shacking up with others. Yet Hosea welcomed her back. That is how God loved Israel and loves us today. He says to you and to me, "I should abandon you, but I cannot do it."

When we repent, we receive the blessings of our Savior’s forgiveness. Jesus Christ is our wounded Healer. He suffered for us on the cross. "He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities, the punishment that brought us peace was upon Him, and by His wounds we are healed."

We are forgiven and restored by the blood our Savior shed on the cross for us. By grace we are back in God's eternal presence. We receive His blessings as we gather to worship. By faith we confess with the Psalmist, "I love the house where You live, O Lord, and the place where Your glory dwells." By faith we pray, "O Lord, it is good to be back in Your presence again." God has restored the relationship He had with us in the Garden. God is good at healing. That is Hosea's message to the people. "You have fallen apart, but God will put you together again." His love for us has been renewed through His Son, Jesus Christ.

*Your Brother in Christ, Rev. Russell E. Koen*

### **From the Principal's Pen**

The final count is on! The students are counting down the days till the last day of school! No doubt, the teachers are also. The year passes so quickly, especially during these last days. It seems there is always so much yet to do and the time just passes away. Such is life!

The track team has been very successful. They have had several First and Second Place finishes and look forward to a few more meets to achieve even more. Several students have qualified for the Lutheran State Track Meet in River Forest which is a great gathering of students from many of the Lutheran Schools around the state.

Ashley Ottoson will participate in the State Science Fair to be held in DeKalb on May 5 and 6. We wish her well and are happy to have her represent our school.

Several students were VFW Auxiliary Coloring Contest winners: Logan Gibbs- PK-3, Kendyll Cos-PK-3, Aubrey Kiefer – PK-4 and Sofia Jones – 4<sup>th</sup> grade. Congratulations! Logan and Aubrey are District winners and are invited to the Carlyle post at 1250 Franklin St. on May 6 for a parade and Loyalty Day proceedings.

Many field trips will be taken in May. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and parents will be on the Washington DC trip the week of April 29 through May 6. The 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade class will help with Special Olympics in Sparta on May 3, Grade 2 will be at the Science Center on May 9, Grade 3 will go to Dairy Queen on May 10, Grades 7 and 8 will have a Seminary tour on May 11, 4<sup>th</sup> grade will be on a Randolph Co tour on May 12 and the Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade will be at Grant's Farm on May 12. I hope I have not missed anyone! The students have some fun events planned for them this month!

Other activities for the month include the Rummage Sale on May 5 and 6, a plant sale on May 7 and a Class of 2018 BBQ with butterfly pork chops, pork steaks, red potato salad, slaw and baked beans on May 7. The Athletic Awards Night will be May 17 at 6:30 p.m. Graduation for our 8<sup>th</sup> graders will be May 23 at 7 p.m.

Looking ahead, Registration/Book Night is scheduled for July 10. A separate flyer will be included in another part of the Epistle with costs for the new school year.

We have a very early dismissal day as the last day of school will be May 17. This means that we only have 13 school days in May!

*God's blessings to you, Deitt Schneider*

### **Welcome to our Family of Faith**

April 2 Baptism of Luke Michael Pollard

### **Calling All Graduates**

Please contact the church office with the names of our St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education this year. We want to acknowledge them in our 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation service on May 23, in our worship bulletins the weekend of May 27-28 and in our June Epistle. Thank you!

### **Senior Youth Activities**

May 7- 7 p.m. Meeting in the school cafeteria

May 30- Trip to Six Flags in Eureka, Missouri

*Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:30*

### **Junior Youth Activities**

The next Junior Youth event is Laser Tag at the Edge in Belleville on Sunday, May 21st. We will leave the school parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and arrive back at 6:00 p.m. We will need parent drivers. The cost for the event is \$24.99 and includes 4 hours of laser tag, pizza and soda. Please leave cash or a check made payable to St. John's Lutheran Junior Youth in the school office. This is open to all 4th to 8th graders who attend our school or who are members of our congregation...this is the last event for the current 8th graders! Please RSVP by May 16th by emailing Jennifer Roscow at [mroscow@htc.net](mailto:mroscow@htc.net) or text/call [618-972-5366](tel:618-972-5366) or leave a message on the Junior Youth Facebook Page. Please also let me know if you are available to drive that day and how many children you can take with you. Your child may also want to bring some extra cash to play the video games, etc. or to purchase other snacks. Please contact Jennifer Roscow or Lisa Quinn with any questions or concerns.

*"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Tim 4:12*

### **From Our Board Of Trustees**

The YELLOW CLOTHING BIN that has been at the church has been moved back to the school parking lot. One (1) of the three (3) PAPER RECYCLE BINS that have been at church also has been moved back to the school parking lot. Two (2) PAPER RECYCLE BINS are still located at the church, but the RECYCLE company will pick them up within the next two (2) weeks. Please now use the two PAPER RECYCLE BINS that are at the school. Thank you!

### **School Families Financial Support**

St. John's Lutheran School for 2017-2018

Book Night: July 12, 2017

Members: Regular and proportionate worship offerings

Non-member Tuition: Sister Congregations: \$2400/ year

Non-Lutheran: \$2500 a year

Registration / Book Fees: \$400per student

\$325 per student for 3 or more children

Lunch: Daycare – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade: \$2.20 or about \$42/ month

3<sup>rd</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> grade: \$2.30 or about \$44 a month

Adult: \$2.70 or about \$52 a month

Milk: \$0.40 per carton or about \$8 a month

Athletics: \$30 a sport per child with \$60 max. a child

Preschool: Reg. fee: \$45 \*\*Pre-Sch. 3-yr \$80/month

\*\*Pre-School 4-year \$100 a month

\$80 x 9 = \$720 a year      \$100 x 9 = \$900 a year

### **From The Cemetery Committee**

With spring mowing season approaching please remember that there is to be no planting other than grass in the cemetery. Also, there are to be no obstacles to mowing or maintenance on the graves including no vases at ground level and no glass containers at all. Decorations may be removed at any time at the discretion of the caretaker or committee. Please do not leave any rubbish on lots, walks or drives. Vehicles are allowed only on the designated driveways.

### **Luther Exhibit At Concordia Historical Institute**

Concordia Historical Institute, located on the campus of Concordia Seminary in Clayton, Missouri, announces a major exhibit of rare books and coins documenting the 500-year history of the Reformation. Under the title "Pressed into Service by the Word of God," this special exhibit will explore—through books and coins—the history of Martin Luther (1483–1546) and the Reformation that began on October 31, 1517. Regular exhibit hours are Mondays through Fridays (9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.). Please call [314-505-7900](tel:314-505-7900) for more information.

### **Financial Support For Corey Koester**

Fellow Lutheran and local resident Corey Koester was severely injured in a vehicle accident early in the morning of March 4 west of Red Bud. He was airlifted to a St. Louis hospital with serious and long-term injuries. We can help during this difficult time when both he and his wife will be off work. From your cell phone or computer type in [gofundme.com](http://gofundme.com) and then type in "Koester." Instructions will appear.

### **Unity Lutheran Share In The Miracle Dinners**

Central: Thursday, May 4, 6:30 p.m.,

Regency Conference Center, O'Fallon

South: Sunday, May 7, 12:30 p.m.,

World Shooting Complex, Sparta

St. Louis: Thursday, May 11, 6:30 p.m.,

Royale Orleans, St. Louis, MO

Fourteen years of growth and ministry. Lives changed daily by God's Word and God's people. There is no other explanation. It's a miracle! Make your reservations soon. Invite a table of eight. Bring your family, friends, church members, pastor, or neighbors. There is no cost to attend. Reservations are required. An opportunity to make a financial gift will be presented. For more information, contact Development Director Paul Miller at (618)874-6605 or [pmiller@unityesl.org](mailto:pmiller@unityesl.org)

### **Red Bud Community Prayer Breakfast**

On Thursday, May 4th, at 6:30 a.m. there will be a Prayer Breakfast in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital in observance of the National Day of Prayer. Red Bud Regional Hospital is hosting this in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Red Bud, the Red Bud Lions Club, and the Red Bud Chamber of Commerce. A \$10 suggested donation is requested to go towards the buffet. All proceeds will support the Human Service Center. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Julie Hudson at [julie\\_hudson@quorumhealth.com](mailto:julie_hudson@quorumhealth.com) or 282-5456 by April 24th.

### **Apple of His Eye Mission Presentation May 20-21**

Mr. Steve Cohen, Founder of The Apple of His Eye Mission Society in Georgetown, Texas will be at St. John's to speak in worship and present at Bible class on May 20-21.

Mr. Cohen has been a missionary to the Jewish people since 1976. He came to faith in 1973 through the prayerful witness of a Lutheran who took seriously the Biblical mandate to bring the Gospel to all people, including the Lost Sheep of the House of Israel.

He has spoken in over 1,400 LCMS congregations as well as at the Great Commission Convocations. In 1992, he addressed the Synodical Convention in Pittsburgh on the need and urgency of including Jewish people in the mission of the church. Wherever Mr. Cohen gives his presentation he prays that those in the church will take the initiative to invite their Jewish friends to come and consider Jesus from a Jewish perspective.



### **Unity Lutheran Clean-Up Day**

This summer we have the opportunity to do good and show mercy by engaging in mission work right outside our church doors in the Lansdowne neighborhood of East St Louis with LCI's 2<sup>nd</sup> annual "Neighborhood Cleanup" on Saturday, May 27th. Unity Lutheran Church and LCI in partnership Lutheran Churches across the Southern Illinois District will work collaboratively to conduct this "Clean-up Day" of properties in close proximity to Unity Lutheran Church and Unity Lutheran Christian School. Through this initiative, we seek to care for our neighbors' bodily needs and share Christ's love with them, to do good and show mercy. To make this program a success we need your help in the following ways: 1) Keep the clean-up efforts in your prayers; 2) Help with tasks such as yard cleanup, painting, and neighborhood beautification, etc; 3) Help us to identify donated labor and materials; 4) Provide financial support. For more information, contact Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth at [314-724-9949](tel:314-724-9949) or [618-874-6600](tel:618-874-6600). To make a monetary gift today, mail to 4200 Caseyville Avenue, East St. Louis, IL 62204.

### **Golf Tournament Fundraisers**

May 19- 9 a.m. Red Bud Chamber of Commerce

North County Country Club

\$250 (w/ lunch) per 4-person team

Hole Sponsors (\$50) and registration due by May 15

[info@redbudchamber.com](mailto:info@redbudchamber.com)

May 22- 11 a.m. John Mohl Memorial Classic

Acorns Golf Links, Wartburg

\$100 per golfer (w/ lunch) to benefit Camp Wartburg

Registration deadline is May 12

Contact Theresa at 618/939-7715, ext. 11 or

[Thersea\\_thorburg@lcf.org](mailto:Thersea_thorburg@lcf.org)

June 10- 8 a.m. Bob Streuter Memorial Tournament

Roland Barkau Course, Okawville

\$80 per golfer (w/ lunch) to benefit SID Student Aid Fund

Registration is due by May 31 (forms on bulletin board)

Contact 618/234-4767 or [sidlcms.org](http://sidlcms.org)

Tournament sponsorship is \$50

Corporate sponsorship is \$1,000

### **May Assistants from the Altar Guild**

Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Vernitta Wolter

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner

Communion Cloths:

### **Vacation Bible School**

VBS for children who have finished three-year old preschool through sixth grade will be held at church from June 12-16 (Monday through Friday) from 9 to 11 a.m. each day. Junior high and high school students are invited to assist as helpers.

### **Retirement of Former Vicar**

Former St. John's vicar (1976-77) Rev. Josepha Lecke of Faith Lutheran Church in Mt. Vernon, Illinois will retire at the end of June. A special service (10 a.m.) and luncheon will be held for him on Sunday, June 25 at Faith (1104 North 42<sup>nd</sup> Street). Reservations are required by May 15 by contacting [nanjudy70@yahoo.com](mailto:nanjudy70@yahoo.com), [partimer32@gmail.com](mailto:partimer32@gmail.com) or by calling Mike Nordin at 618/731-6775.

### **St. Louis Cardinals Game on August 27**

The St. Louis Cardinals have invited our students back for another performance. Our students will sing on the field for the August 27<sup>th</sup> game at 1:15 p.m. All students are welcome to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th inning stretch. Each student will have to purchase a ticket for the game. Ticket prices are \$25 per ticket and include a voucher for a FREE hot dog and soda. We would like our school to be represented well and sing to impress. These tickets SOLD OUT QUICKLY last year, so please return your form as soon as possible for us to guarantee tickets.

### **Downtown Red Bud Tour**

How much do you know about the historic buildings in downtown Red Bud? In conjunction with the 150<sup>th</sup> celebration of the city, there will be a Sidewalk Walk and Talk to inform the public about the buildings and the occupants that have used them.

There will be a different "walk" on Sunday, June 4. Each Sunday will feature a different section of the downtown area where the historic buildings are located.

For those attending all three walks, their name will be entered for a drawing for both adults and children.

For more information, call Jane Lucht at 967-4208.

### **Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ Training**

Ongoing Ambassadors for Christ will hold its National Evangelism Conference Summer Training "Absolutely Certain" in Nashville, Illinois from June 8-14. Rev. Jonathan Fisk of KFUEO AM 850 will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$65. You can register online at [O AFC.org](http://O AFC.org).

**New Members of St. John's**



*We celebrated the Rite of Confirmation on April 1 for Geoffrey McDaniel (engaged to Kelsie Schoenbeck), Megan Miller (engaged to Tyler Henry) and Danielle Liefer (married to Kristopher Liefer).*

Another Adult Instruction Class to review the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church will form over the summer if there is enough interest. Please contact Pastor Nebel for more information.

**The Rite of Confirmation: April 23, 2017**

Kaleb Bradley Barriger, Kinley Elizabeth Bowles, Wyatt Evan Cowell, Benjamin Gabriel DeRousse, Ethan James Fritsche, Claire Sophia Grohmann, Brendan Loren Paul Harms, Sara Elizabeth Hewitt, Madilyn Jane Hooch, Adam Joseph Kiefer, Jordyn Elizabeth Mulherin, Avery Grace Piel, Annelise Lauren Hunt Quinn, Dylan Michael Roscow, Jenna Katherine Salger, Grace Makenzie Schoenbeck, Christian Michael Stechmesser, Konnor Lane Stellhorn, Parker Cole Van Dorn, Brandon Michael Voss, and Makayla Ruth Whelan

**Fieldworker Call into the Ministry**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> year field education student from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Samuel Thole, received his Divine Call into the Office of the Holy Ministry of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod at the seminary's call service April 26. This summer he will begin his service as Assistant Pastor of Peace/Redeemer Lutheran Churches in Brookings/Flandreau, South Dakota. Congratulations and God's blessings!

**Acolyte Schedule**

Sat. May 6	5 p.m. Katie Schneider
Sun. May 7	8 a.m. Megan Henry
	10:30 a.m. Madison Falkenhain
Sat. May 13	5 p.m. Avery Piel
Sun. May 14	8 a.m. Ashton Liefer
	10:30 a.m. Madilyn Hooch

Sat. May 20	5 p.m. Grace Schoenbeck
Sun. May 21	8 a.m. Ashlynn Crafton
	10:30 a.m. Dylan Roscow
Thu. May 25	Ascension Day 7 p.m. Cody Strong
Sat. May 27	5 p.m. Kaleb Barriger
Sun. May 28	8 a.m. Mitchell Fleming
	10:30 a.m. Carolyne Mulherin
Sat. June 3	5 p.m. Addison Liefer
Sun. June 4	8 a.m. Riley Candler
	10:30 a.m. Aubrey Piel

*If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte and contact the office with the change.*

**Worship Greeter Schedule**

*I was glad when they said to me,  
"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1*

Sat. May 6	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. May 7	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
	10:30 a.m. Jackie Aubuchon; Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. May 13	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 14	8 a.m. Ken and Joan Ruwald; Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
	10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. May 20	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. May 21	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold
	10:30 a.m. Carl and Flo Zschiegner; Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom
Thursday, May 25	7 p.m. Ascension Day Communion Clifford and Arlou Papenberg
Sat. May 27	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 28	8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele and Olivia Schmitz
	10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
Sat. June 3	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sat. June 4	8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich
	10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

## *May Church and School Calendar*

### Monday, May 1-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library  
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school

### Tuesday, May 2-

*District Pastors' Conference at Camp Wartburg*  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### Wednesday, May 3-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the church  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
10:20 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
3:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation classe  
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

### Thursday, May 4-

*7<sup>th</sup> Grade Visit Day at Christ Our Savior LHS*  
6:30 a.m. National Day of Prayer Observance at RB Hospital

### Friday, May 5-

4-7 p.m. PTL Rummage Sale in the school's old gym  
7:30 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School play

### Saturday, May 6-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
8-11 a.m. PTL Rummage Sale in the school's old gym  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
7:30 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School play

### SUNDAY, May 7-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m. PTL Plant Sale in the school parking lot  
11 a.m. to ??? Class of 2018 (7<sup>th</sup> grade) BBQ at school  
12:30 p.m. Unity Lutheran School "Share in the Miracle" Dinner  
7:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the school cafeteria

### Monday, May 8-

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at school

### Tuesday, May 9-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Care Center  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, May 10-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church led by Pastor Koen  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
10:20 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in the school library  
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

### Thursday, May 11-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class (Mark) in the Fellowship Hall  
8:15 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades field trip to Concordia Seminary  
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center at Baldwin  
6:30 p.m. Men's Club meeting and supper at the church

### Friday, May 12-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the school gym lobby

### Saturday, May 13-

Lutheran District Track meet at Belleville  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, May 14- Happy Mother's Day

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### Monday, May 15-

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

### Tuesday, May 16-

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at Market on Main  
*Wednesday, May 17- Last Day of School*

8:30 a.m. School Closing Chapel Service led by Pastor Nebel

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

10:20 a.m. Office Staff meeting

11:00 a.m. School dismissal

6:30 p.m. School Awards Night in the old gym

7:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

### Thursday, May 18-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

*Friday, May 19- Pastor Nebel gone for Clara's graduation*

7:00 p.m. Graduation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran HS

### Saturday, May 20-

*Lutheran State Track Meet in Chicago*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

2:00 p.m. Chelsea Koester/Jason Rippelmeyer wedding

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, May 21-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

### Monday, May 22-

### Tuesday, May 23-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

7:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Graduation Service at church

### Wednesday, May 24-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible class on Leviticus in the FH

### Thursday, May 25-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center at Baldwin

7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

### Friday, May 26-

### Saturday, May 27-

5 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, May 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

*Monday, May 29- Memorial Day! Office Closed*

*Tuesday, May 30- Deadline for June Epistle articles!*

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Senior Youth outing to Six Flags in Eureka

### Wednesday, May 31-

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible class on Leviticus in the FH