

This Week With Our Lord, May 28-June 4, 2017

When activities are in the Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation.

SUNDAY, May 28- Freedom Celebration Sunday

Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Checks after services

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 Fellowship Hall

Saturday, June 3-

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

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

Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Max Diewald

SUNDAY, June 4-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Riley Candler

Greeters: John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms, Lois Mesnarich

9:30 a.m. Youth and Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (John)

10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Aubrey Piel

Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the school cafeteria

WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 5/21- General Fund: \$8293.07; School: \$2335; Chicken Dinner: \$50. Our expenses over income for 2017 are \$154,641.88 through April. Our total liabilities are \$1,339,243.21. *God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9:8)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1 Peter 5:7 "...casting all your anxieties on Him, because He cares for you."

We have a Father in heaven – and He really cares for us and loves us. That is the basis of generosity, because such knowledge spells the end of anxiety and worry, which is where tight-fisted greed comes from.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 423; Communion: 190; Adult/Youth Class: 43 Sunday School: 34

Thursday May 25 Ascension Day- Worship: 63 Communion 59

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class to review the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church will form over the summer if there is enough interest. This 12-week class can lead to communicant membership at St. John's but is also a good refresher course for those whose catechism instruction was years ago. Please contact Pastor Nebel for more information.

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

As another generation comes along that knows not the Lord or what He has done, God enables His people to do the best of things in the worst of times. Listen to "The Best of Things in the Worst of Times" (Philippians 1:27) with the Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Ken Klaus, on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sunday at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks noted in the bulletin of those donating.

THIS SUNDAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+The students study "John's Vision of Heaven." Salvation for us has been accomplished by the sacrifice of God's own Son, Jesus, on the cross. Bearing His name on us through Holy Baptism and trusting in Him as our Savior we have the right to the tree of life awaiting us in a heavenly home. Families may discuss "How does John describe heaven? How do we have God's promise of life in heaven?"

+This is our last Sunday of Sunday School until Rally Day on August 20. If you would like independent study material for your child to use at home over the summer, please contact Pam Henry at 618-779-0015.

FUNERAL ARRANGEMENTS:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of Rev. Martin Schultz, a son of our congregation in the pastoral ministry at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Wood River, Illinois and the son of our member Mary Schultz. He died in the Lord suddenly while preaching an Ascension Day sermon on Wednesday. Visitation will be at St. Paul on Monday from noon to 5 p.m. The funeral will be there on Tuesday at 10 a.m.

PERSONAL CARE KITS:

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief: 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. Our Evening Guild is sponsoring this mission project. The collection basket is in the church entryway.

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!

NO CHICKEN DINNER:

The Voters Assembly elected to discontinue the annual Chicken Dinner normally scheduled for the first Sunday in June.

UPDATE ON A FORMER ST. JOHN'S VICAR:

Rev. Mike Maddick, vicar at St. John's in 1983-84 and now pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in State Center, Iowa, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for esophageal cancer that was diagnosed in December. Recently his wife Melanie has been diagnosed with an estrogen based breast cancer. She had a mastectomy this past Thursday and now will receive her own chemotherapy treatments. Their address for cards is 1244A 190th Street, State Center, IA, 50247. They will appreciate our prayers. There is a Go Fund Me support fund for them. More information can be found at www.TrinityLutheranSC.com.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/28- Craig Crafton, Lisa Kloepper, Lucas Quintin; 5/29- Paige Liefer, Fred Wiegand; 5/30- Alexcis Crafton, Daniel Hemmer, Ryan Langrehr, Mary Nebel, Edward Schneider, Anne Sievers, Tanner Van Dorn, Alex Wild; 5/31- Ryan Muench, Lucille VanHoy; 6/1-Cindy Nebel, Courtney Pollard, Tiffany Stellhorn, Amy Sutton, 6/2- Matthew Liefer, Jennifer Jeffries, Ashlyn Stellhorn; 6/3- Derek Poston, Fern Schnepel. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Leona Dannenbrink, Leroy Guebert, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Bill and Alice Smith, Wilma Uffelmann, Leonard and Norma Vogt, and Jody Winkelmann

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Nina Guebert, Bernadine Kruse, H. Edward Liefer, Donald Salger, Clifford Stellhorn and Eunice Stumpf; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Doris Koch

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Twila Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Melba Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Wilma Stellhorn, Edna Voss and Wilma Wagner

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Lisa Kloepper is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Lisa at 282-2426. Please call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

CONGRATULATIONS!

+Our grade school track teams competed very well last weekend in the Lutheran State Track Meet held on the campus of Concordia University-Chicago. Out of 51 teams our girls' team finished 11th (Claire Grohmann placed in four events) and our boys' team finished 12th (Caleb Guebert placed first in the long jump event). Great work representing our school and community!

+St. John's member Sydney Schweizer, a senior at Red Bud High School, was chosen as the school's student of the month for May. This program is supported by the Red Bud Lions Club.

FIREMEN'S PICNIC PARADE:

We invite you to take part in the Firemen's Picnic Parade by walking with our St. John's float on Sunday, June 25 at 4 p.m.

A REMINDER 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.

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 KFUE AM 850 will be the keynote speaker. The cost is \$65. You can register online at OAFc.org.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Please stop by our table in the entryway and let us check your blood pressure for you today! If you choose between food items that have a label with "no trans fat," "Zero trans fat," or "not a significant source of trans fat," choose the one that says "No trans fat." It is the most accurate. With the other two labels, the product still can contain half a gram of trans fat per serving.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a cross-focused, Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. All programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Have a question or comment? Find us at @KFUEradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUE AM850, we hear from Lutheran Heritage Foundation's Executive Director Rev. Matthew Heise on his recent travels (5/30 @8:45am), continue our new study of 2 Samuel on Thy Strong Word, and hear from guest pastors regarding the Daily Lectionary readings from the Treasury of Daily Prayer (*weekdays @ 8am*).

NEW LUTHER EXHIBIT AT CONCORDIA HISTORICAL INSTITUTE:

Concordia Historical Institute on the campus of Concordia Seminary in Clayton is exhibiting rare books and coins documenting the 500-year history of the Reformation. The "Pressed into Service by the Word of God" this special exhibit explores—through books and coins—the history of Martin Luther (1483–1546) and the Reformation that began on October 31, 1517. Exhibit hours are Mondays - Fridays (9:30 a.m.–3:30 p.m.). Call [314-505-7900](tel:314-505-7900) for more info.

GOLF TOURNAMENT FUNDRAISER:

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

Tournament sponsorship is \$50; Corporate sponsorship is \$1,000

LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES SUMMER CAMP:

“Survival Through Christ” is July 16-21st at Camp Sherwood Forest in Cuivre River State Park, Troy, Missouri for high school youth (Class of 2017 to 2021). The cost is \$135 for application postmarked by June 16, \$155 for those up to July 6 (\$50 deposit due with application). Forms are on the church bulletin board. Contact Bob Milkert (618/558-8668 or LTMPCAMP@aol.com) or see Chelsea Nebel for more info.

LIFE NETWORK BIKING FOR BABIES:

Saturday, June 10, 8:15 a.m. Four routes available (5.5, 15, 30 and 50 miles). Begins at Life Network, 722 N. Market Street, Waterloo. Entry fees (per individual or family) include gift bags. Call 939-4224 or email dgeist@htc.net with questions. Online registration and route maps are on their website.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND:

Connect Plus: 3% fixed rate for 2-year note on first \$5000 for new LCEF investors 18 and older with \$500 minimum to open. Call 800-843-5233 or visit www.lcef.org.

CARDINALS GAME:

The St. Louis Cardinals have invited our students back for another performance. Our students will sing on the field for the August 27th 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. A form has been sent home that needs to be filled out and turned back into the office. These tickets SOLD OUT QUICKLY last year, so please return your form as soon as possible for us to guarantee tickets.

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 and then type in “Koester.” Instructions will appear.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

Destroying life or belittling dignity belongs to the devil’s work (1 Peter 5:8). These methods inevitably end tragically for all involved (Acts 1:16-19). Christ’s comfort invites sufferers instead to entrust their anxieties—and those who cause them—to a faithful Creator (1 Peter 5:7). *Holy Father, place our souls in Your hands that we may place Your hands on souls. Amen.*

RED BUD ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

Are you interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for 3 or 4 months during the 2017-2018 school year? The Red Bud Rotary Club is seeking two more families who live in the Red Bud school district to host a high school student for the next school year. Contact Dian Keil at [618-604-2284](tel:618-604-2284) or dian1212@live.com

LOCAL CHAMBER TOUR:

The Red Bud Chamber of Commerce will host a Man Cave/Garden Tour on Sunday, June 11 from 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. On the tour you will see the gardens of Bob and Ann Ashley, Charlie and Sharon Guebert, Roger and Diane Brueckman, COSLHS, and Dennis and Jill Phegley. Our man cave this year will be hosted by Daniel and Terri Liefer. Plus, stop by Relics and Restoration to pick up your free plant (while supplies last); they will serve a flavored lemonade. The Buzy Bee will serve a flavored tea. Tickets are \$10 and are on sale at IGA, Keil Pharmacy, and area banks. Please contact Kathy Valleroy (618-791-8450) or Rebecca Cooper (618-282-3866) with questions.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

“The Book Nook” church library is open for your use in the Fellowship Hall. We thank David Blankenship for his excellent craftsmanship in constructing the new shelves and for the Evening Guild inspiration for this project. Featured now is a new book “The Messengers: Discovered” authored by Lisa Clark (formerly of Waterloo) and published by CPH. It is described as Christian, fiction and futuristic, especially geared to youth.

NEW BIBLE STUDY AVAILABLE ONLINE:

“Hope and Healing” is 12 session Bible study to assist victims of sexual assault, rape and domestic violence. In Christ, there is hope for those who are survivors of these acts. You can get a copy in the church office or download one yourself at www.lcms.org (click “Social Issues”, then “Domestic Violence” to find it).

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

618-853-7300 www.coslhs.org

We honor and are thankful for those who have died in the service of our country so that we have the freedom to provide a Christ-centered education.

Parade Time: Looking for people to join our Parade Crew for Fireman's Picnic June 25 and Steeleville 4th of July. If you are interested in representing Soldier Nation on our float, tossing out swag, and having a great time, contact Michele Christman at mchristman@coslhs.org or call the school office.

Garden Tour: Come visit the COS FFA Garden on the Red Bud Chamber of Commerce Garden and Man Cave Tour, June 11 from 1-6 p.m. We will be collecting items for the Red Bud food pantry the day of the tour. Tickets for the tour are \$10 and will be available from banks in Red Bud, IGA, Kutting Edge, and Keil's Drug Store.

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2017-2018. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Michele Christman, mchristman@coslhs.org.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 21 & 22. Volunteers are needed to help organize and work at the rummage sale. We prefer that items be brought to school after July 5. If you need assistance getting donations to school, please call and we will make arrangements to help.

Summer Hours: 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday to Thursday. Closed Memorial Day.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education. Page 7



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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618-237-5802 or home 282-3050

Pastor Russell Koen 618-282-1958

Principal - Deitt Schneider 618-806-3049 or home: 824-6335

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms [618-201-5654](tel:618-201-5654); Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

Matthew Foster, Interim Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz and Aid – Shawn DeRousse

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer and Stephanie Valleroy

Third Grade – Lauri Koen

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian) and Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) - Michelle Hines

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – Justin Palm

Custodians – Loren Harms, Alan Ohms, and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Jennifer Pfannebecker, Chelsea Wegener, Kristi Martel, Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Lori Moses, Danyelle Gargac, Heidi Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Tiffany Wiegard, Gerry Thompson, Morgan Woosley

Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner

Secretary: Becky Biffar Treasurer: Kara Wagner Board of Finance: Cindy Steele

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Trustee Chair: Kenneth Langrehr Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Kaleb Barriger

(8 a.m.) Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele and Olivia Schmitz

Acolyte: Mitchell Fleming

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Acolyte:

Acolyte: Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Vernitta Wolter

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Seventh Sunday of Easter 2017

WELCOME to St. John's Lutheran Church! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE: During the offering, please sign the black Friendship register at the end of the pew. We ask our guests to please fill out the red side of the card marked "Guests" in the attendance book and give it to an usher. We invite you to worship with us again very soon.

HEARING AND VISION ASSISTANCE: See an usher if you would like to check out a hearing assistance device during our worship service. You can sit anywhere you wish while wearing this device. You can adjust the volume as you desire. Please return it to an usher after worship. Large Print copies of the complete worship service and bulletin notes are available from an usher.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

SCHOOL: St. John's Lutheran School provides a quality Christ-centered education for our congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer classes from pre-school through eighth grade. Our school building is located two blocks south of the church. For information about our school and enrollment please call our principal, Mrs. Deitt Schneider, at the office (282-3873).

DAY CARE: St. John's provides a quality Christian-based day care. The curriculum includes an emphasis on Christian instruction with the full intent of following Dr. Martin Luther's ideal of leading a child to grow in spirit, mind and body. Full and part-time care is available for children ages six weeks to six years. Before- and after-school child care also is offered.

Worship is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m.

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

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS:

Total Pledged- \$2,598,991; Total Pledged Giving- \$2,225,887.96 (86%); Non-Pledged Giving- \$422,504.20; Total- \$2,648,392.16. Please consider completing the pledge (promise) you made as we have concluded this three-year capital campaign. Blue envelopes are available in the entryway for your use. Thank you!

RED BUD 150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS:

Cookbooks again are available to purchase for \$12 at Cowell Insurance, City Hall, Dietrich Bank, and Buena Vista Bank (north branch).

ELDER ZONES FOR 2017: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: Deborah Adams to Rodie Collins: Elder Ron Kunkelmann
Zone 2: Susan Conboy to Dennis/Kathy Grohmann: Elder Scot Heller
Zone 3: Randy/Deb Grohmann to Roger/Kim Herriman: Elder Alan Piel
Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick: Elder Mike DeRousse
Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes: Elder Kevin Liefer
Zone 6: Pat Malik to Harry/Dorothy Peters: Elder Jeremy Walker
Zone 7: Alan/Amber Piel to Don Schrader: Elder Gerald Hanebutt
Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner: Elder John Tepe
Zone 9: Steve Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner: Elder William Becker

ISSUES, ETC.:

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