

The Epistle

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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 A. Nebel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

From Lutheran Church Charities

Ten Commandments for a Great Marriage

Marriage should be honored by all, and the marriage bed kept pure, for God will judge the adulterer and all the sexually immoral. Hebrews 13:4

Here are Ten Commandments for building a great marriage: 1) God said, 'Honor...marriage,' so remain faithful to one another. Forsaking all others, put your mate before your mother, your father, your son, and your daughter. Your mate is your lifelong companion. 2) Remember, 'You...are the temple of God and...the Spirit of God lives in you' (1 Corinthians 3:16). Don't abuse your health with excessive food, tobacco, drugs, and alcohol, and hopefully you'll enjoy a long, healthy life around the people you love. 3) Never permit your business or hobby to make you a stranger to your own family. 'Children are a gift from the LORD...a reward from him' (Psalm 127:3), and the most precious gift you can give them is your time. 4) Don't forget that cleanliness is a virtue. 5) Willingly share all your worldly goods, and don't make your mate a beggar. 'Go all out in...love...as Christ did for the church - a love marked by giving, not getting' (Ephesians 5:25). 6) Don't forget to say, 'I love you.' Even though your love may be constant, your mate never gets tired of hearing those words. 7) Remember that the

approval of your spouse is worth more than the admiring glances of a hundred strangers. 8) Keep your home peaceful and in good repair, for out of it comes the joys of old age. 9) Always forgive with grace, for who among us doesn't need to be forgiven? 'Be gentle with one another, sensitive. Forgive...as quickly and thoroughly as...Christ forgave you' (Ephesians 4:32). 10) Honor God, and your children are much more likely to grow up and honor you (see Proverbs 22:6).

Prayer- *Heavenly Father, all important things in life take work - continuous work. Thank You for my "mate". In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Encourage Your Pastor

He appointed the priests to their duties and encouraged them in the service of the LORD's temple.

2 Chronicles 35:2

The Bible says King Josiah 'set the priests in their duties and encouraged them for the service of the house of the LORD'. Josiah did two things: he instructed them, and he encouraged them. Why? Because one without the other doesn't work! How often have you left church feeling lifted, encouraged and inspired by the sermon? Question: Have you ever thought of telling your pastor how much it meant to you, or sending them an email to let them know you appreciate their ministry? Pastors get more kicks than kisses. Some 37 per cent quit the ministry because of discouragement. Did you know that? Even the great apostle Paul got discouraged: 'When we arrived in Macedonia province, we couldn't settle down. The fights in the church and the fears in our hearts kept us on pins and needles. We couldn't relax because we didn't know how it would turn out. Then the God who lifts up the downcast lifted our heads and our hearts with the arrival of Titus. We were glad just to see him, but the true reassurance came in what he told us about you: how much you cared...how concerned you were for me. I went from worry to tranquility in no time!' (2 Corinthians 7:5-7). Titus encouraged Paul in two ways: **1) By showing up.** 'We were glad just to see him.' Like it or not, when you don't go to church you're saying, 'Pastor, you're not worth coming to hear.' **2) By offering encouragement.** 'True reassurance came in what he told us.' This week, encourage your pastor.

Prayer- *Heavenly Father, help me encourage my pastor(s) and those who have a spiritual role in my life and thank them for being used by You to guide and direct me. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

If You Want It, Give It!

Give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together and running over, will be poured into your lap. For with the measure you use, it will be measured to you." Luke 6:38

One night a man came to Mother Teresa's house and told her about a family of eight who hadn't eaten for a week. When she got there she saw the faces of little ones suffering from malnutrition, so she gave them a sack of rice. Then the children's mother did something interesting. She kept half the rice and went out carrying the other half. When she returned Mother Teresa asked, 'Where did you go?' She answered, 'To my neighbors; they're hungry also.' Mother Teresa says, 'I wasn't surprised that she gave; the poor are usually very generous. But I was surprised that she knew they were hungry. As a rule, when we're suffering we've no time for others.' The Bible teaches that when you focus on the needs of others God will make sure your needs get met too (see *Ephesians 6:8*). So if you want it, give it! Here's why: 1) Giving is the key to blessing. Jesus said, 'If you give to others, you will be given a full amount in return. It will be packed down, shaken together, and spilling over into your lap.' 2) The seed you sow now decides the size of the harvest you'll reap later. No seed is too little to multiply if you're willing to sow it. By finding a cause greater than your own self-interest and pouring yourself into it, you discover two things. First, it's okay to acknowledge your limitations as long as you don't build your life around them. Second, God's blessing is released when you give what you have instead of talking about what you don't have. So if you want it, give it!

Prayer- Heavenly Father, help me be a person who gives and is attentive to the needs of others so I can serve them as You would serve them. In Jesus' Name, Amen

From the Pastors' Desks

You may have noticed that there are a couple of extra devotions in this month's newsletter. I have included them because they reflect the messages we are hearing in our Lenten midweek worship services under the theme, "Jesus Christ is the Same, Yesterday, Today and Forever." Please join us for these special services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. or 7 p.m.!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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"This is love; not that we loved God, but that He loved us and sent His Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins." 1 John 4:10

What is Lent? Lent is a period in our church year we set-aside before Easter, to meditate on God's great love for us through the death and resurrection of His Son Jesus Christ. It is a time for reflection and repentance. Let us look at the word LENT.

The letter "L" in Lent serves to remind us of the great LOVE God has for us undeserving sinners. In the hymn "My Song Is Love Unknown" the hymn writer asks, "Who am I, that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh and die?" "While we were still sinners, Christ died

for us" Romans 5:8. "Who am I?" God tells us in 1 Peter 2:9 "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people belonging to Christ, that you may declare the praise of Him Who called you out of darkness into His wonderful light." I am His chosen child, chosen to declare His praises, His love, His forgiveness to the world.

The letter "E" in Lent reminds us that His love is EXCEPTIONAL. Exceptional in that God sacrificed His Only Son for the souls of His adopted children. God's love is unconditional. God's love reaches even those who have rejected Him. Verse two of "My Song Is Love Unknown", tells us that even though we rejected Him; He is still my Friend. "We love because He first loved us" 1 John 4:19. "Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God." 1 John 4:7 God's EXCEPTIONAL love enables us to love all His children.

The letter "N" in Lent tells us that God's love allowed sinful mankind to Nail Jesus to the Tree for our sins. Verse five of "My Song Is Love Unknown" states, "Yet, cheerful He, to suffering goes, that He His foes...might free."

Jesus not only completed our redemption – paying our debt – but He did it willingly. The people wanted an earthly king not a spiritual deliverer. God sent His people a Messiah who freed them from the bondage of all sin. God's EXCEPTIONAL LOVE did not wait for us to get our act together; for we cannot. Instead, His love stood silently by as His Son, our Savior, cried out "Father forgive them for they do not know what they are doing." Luke 23:34

God's LOVE is so EXCEPTIONAL that He allowed His Son to be NAILED to the TREE, to die, so the sons of man would never taste eternal death. He spared us from the punishment we deserve. "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

God sent His Son to suffer and die for us. Jesus willingly and cheerfully chose to be humiliated and die for the sake of His friends who rejected Him.

During this Lenten Season remember the letters for L E N T: that the LOVE of God is so EXCEPTIONAL that He allowed His only Son to be NAILED to the TREE for you and for me.

Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell E. Koen

PTL Dinner Auction

The 10th annual PTL Dinner Auction will be March 17 at the Hecker Community Center. Donations now are being accepted, especially in the \$500 range as a prize for one of the games. Ticket order forms and donation forms are available in the school office.

Celebrate our Auction's 10th Anniversary on March 17! You will not want to miss this celebration. Our goal is to raise \$100,000. Please help us by attending and donating to our school's largest fundraiser. This is a great opportunity to meet other school families.

Evening Guild News

Evening Guild Gathering: Everyone is invited to a Bible Study led by Pastor Nebel in the Fellowship Hall on March 20th at 7 p.m. A business meeting with the election of officers will follow. Hostesses are: Chairman, Lisa Kloepper, Lauri Koen, Nancy Jones and Nancy Langrehr.

March Food Drive for Human Service Center: All members of our congregation are encouraged to donate non-perishable food for Human Service Center. The collection basket is in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Easter Egg Hunt is Saturday, March 31st at 9 a.m. on the north side of school. We will need filled plastic eggs (taped) by Friday, March 30th.

The quilting schedule for March is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The quilting room is a great place for fellowship!

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We will do the 8th and 22nd in March. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

SID LWML Spring Retreat: Saturday, March 3 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church in Carbondale. The cost is \$20. Theme: “Be still and Know that I am God” with Lutheran Church Charities Comfort Dog Ministries.

Lower Kaskaskia Zone Spring Rally is Thursday, April 5 at 9:30 a.m. “Women of Faith” is the theme. Barbara Kay will perform as Katie Luther. It will be held at St Paul’s Lutheran Church in New Athens. Lunch costs \$8.

“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

From the Principal’s Pen

Congratulations to our Science Fair winners! Noah Tepe received the Best of Fair trophy, Dustin Salger received the Best of Ag trophy, Simone Liefer had the Best of 7th grade project and Ryker Papenberg had the Best of 6th grade project. Noah Tepe, Simone Liefer, Grace Guebert, Mitchell Fleming, Ashton Liefer and Riley Candler will represent our school at the Regional Science Fair held at SIU-Carbondale on March 6. Best wishes to everyone.

Congratulations to the Girl’s Basketball team and the Cheerleaders as they will compete in the Lutheran Sports Association Tournament the first weekend of March. This is truly an accomplishment for our teams and evidence of many hours of practice and hard work. Thank you to our coaches, Alan Piel, Brand Jones and Lesley Fruth for your dedication to our students. We wish them all well as they compete and enjoy fellowship with other teams. May God grant safe travel for all of our families. A pep rally was

held on March 1 to show our support and love for our team and coaches.

The girls Volleyball season has been going well. The A-team girls won 1st place in the St. John the Baptist pre-season tournament, 2nd place in the St. John Lutheran, Chester, tournament and are seeded in 1st place for Regional’s. The C-team placed 1st in the Red Bud Invitational Tournament held on Feb. 22. Parent Appreciation Night will be held on March 12 as we recognize our 8th grade players and thank our parents who have supported our school and season so faithfully. We wish our girls well as they close the regular season, play in the Okaw Valley Conference tournament and compete in Regional play.

The 10 Annual Dinner Auction is scheduled for March 17. Please plan to attend this wonderful event for our school. The Dinner Auction has helped support our school in so many ways. The building we use each and every day is in part a result of the fruits of the labor of this committee and the people who so generously have supported the auction. We would not have the rooms we now occupy, the new gym, the extra bleachers, the music room, science lab, offices, new library and the furnishings that are included. The dinner auction has helped support and improved the educational facility we use each and every day. Our repositioned playground and new equipment that the students enjoy are a result of this money. Please support our PTL through this wonderful evening of fellowship as we work together for our students. Possible plans for the dinner auction proceeds from this year are four additional basketball goals in the new gym, score board for baseball and softball fields, building signs (St. John’s Lutheran School, Gym and Office), water fountains in the new gym, continued maintenance for the playground (additional mulch as needed) and to help reduce building expansion/debt. God has blessed us and we pray for His continued blessings.

The end of the third quarter is March 2. I know this is so hard to believe! Report cards will go home on March 9. Achievement test will be given March 6-9. We have switched to the Iowa Assessments along with the other schools in the Lutheran Elementary School Association. Please plan to have your students eat a good breakfast and get the proper amount of sleep to do their very best. Students in grades 3-8 will be taking these tests. Mr. Becker and Mrs. Hudak are getting organized for the Spring Musical which will be April 6. It is fun to see the many talents of our students.

Don’t forget our early dismissal days on March 2 at 11:18 a.m., March 21 at 1:18 p.m. and no school on March 30 for Good Friday. Easter is April 1 so there is no school on April 2.

God’s blessings to you, *Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



Our Preschool students perform "It's Not a Box!" at our school's Open House on January 21.

Midweek Lenten Services

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. (Matins) and 7 p.m. (Vespers)

5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall

6:50 p.m. Pre-service Hymn sing in the sanctuary

*"Jesus Christ is the Same Yesterday, Today and Forever"
(Hebrews 13:8)*

March 7- Midweek Lent III: Hebrews 13:5-6 "Keep your lives free from the love of money..."

March 14- Midweek Lent IV: Hebrews 13:7, 17

"Remember and obey your leaders, who spoke the Word of God to you..."

March 21- Midweek Lent V: Hebrews 13:9-10 "Do not be carried away by all kinds of strange teachings."

March 25- Palm/Passion Sunday: Hebrews 13:11-13 "Jesus suffered to make us holy."

March 29- Maundy Thursday: Hebrews 13:1 "Keep on loving each other as brothers."

March 30- Good Friday: Heb. 13:3 "Remember those in prison as if you were their fellow prisoners, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering."

March 31 (5 p.m.) & April 1 (10:30 a.m.)- Easter Festival: Hebrews 13:14 "For here we do not have an enduring city, but we are looking for the city that is to come."

April 1, 6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise

8 a.m. Senior Youth Easter Breakfast in the old gym

Adult Bible Class Opportunities

Sunday: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall, "Preaching"

Sunday: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. School Library, "Psalms: Lighthouse" (Pastor Koen)

Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. FH (Women's) "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller)

Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall "To the Hebrews"

Thursdays: 8:15 a.m. FH (Women's) "To the Thessalonians" (Julie Fehr)

1st and 3rd Saturdays: FH, Men's Bible Breakfast "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

February 3 Baptism of Bently Louis Valentine

We Bid a Fond Farewell

February 7 Death of David Koch, Sr.

February 15 Death of William Smith

February 28 Death of Leroy Guebert

Men's Club Meeting

Our Men's Club will gather on Thursday, March 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Our special guest will be Stacie King. This is Dr. Paul Schrieber's Parkinson's Disease coach from Memorial Hospital Health & Sports Center. Everyone is invited to hear of the exciting therapy that he is receiving there.

Senior Youth Activities

Our March meeting is Sunday the 4th at noon in the church basement. We are helping to serve the Wednesday Lenten suppers in the Fellowship Hall. We will set up for the Easter Breakfast in the old gym at 9 a.m. on Saturday the 31st. We will serve the breakfast on Sunday, April 1 after the Sunrise service. We need all the help we can get! *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 will be at Edison's in Edwardsville on Saturday, March 3rd. We will leave the school parking lot at 9 a.m. and return by 2 p.m. We will need parent drivers. The cost of the event is \$16 which includes all access to laser tag, bowling and arcade games. This can be paid the day of the event to Edison's. There is a restaurant on the premises so your child can bring extra money for snacks, lunch and soda. Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow ([618-972-5366](tel:618-972-5366) or mroscow@htc.net or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page).



With this determined look on his face, the pins don't stand a chance against Noah Tepe at Junior Youth Bowling on February 11.

March Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller

Communion Cloths:

Sunday School News

Perfect Attendance for February- Nursery: Jackson Carnahan, Henry Schnepel; Pre-Kdg: Aiden Arbeiter, Natalie Kassing, Holden Wagner; 1st Grade: Clare Carnahan, 2nd Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Josef Biffar, Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner; 4th Grade: Noah Kassing; 5th Grade: Jakob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 8th Grade: Maggie DuFrenne

Get To Know Your Sunday School Teacher- Lynn Langrehr has served in our Sunday School for 15 years doing music on the primary level and keeping attendance records. Her favorite pastimes are reading and gardening. She is married to Stanley. They have sons Ryan and Mark, both in the Chicago area. Her favorite Bible story is the death and resurrection of Jesus for it shows God's great love for us. What she likes most about Sunday School is helping the children praise the Lord with songs. She wants the parents to know that Sunday School is a time not only to learn about Jesus but to share our faith with others, fellow students and those they sing to at Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place.

Singing in Worship- While on that topic of singing, the primary Sunday School children will sing in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 8. Their song will be "Make Me a Servant."

Class of 2019 Friday Fish Fry

On Friday, March 23, from 4-7 p.m. our 7th grade class will hold a Fish Fry fundraiser in the school's old gym. The cost of \$10 will buy you fish, potato fries, baked beans, German potato salad, slaw, stewed tomatoes, applesauce and dessert.

Lutherans for Life Essay Contest

Any Lutheran in grades six through twelve is invited to write a life-affirming essay on the theme "From Age to Age the Same" and Bible verse from Isaiah 46:3b-4. Essays are to be completed by March 15. Students in grades 6-8 should write one up to 400 words. Students in grades 9-12 should submit essays up to 750 words. Only one essay per congregation can be submitted for each age range. The top essay at the state level will received a \$100 award, \$75 for second place and \$50 for third place. Check the church bulletin board for more information.

Review Of The Reformation

(The following message was given by David Snyder at our School Alumni Dinner on Saturday, February 3. It is printed with his permission. Thank you!)

I did spend quite a few hours digging through old files and books that had accumulated over the years and I will attempt to provide a review of the reformation as my father could have covered it. Dad was very interested in history and, if I remember correctly, he liked to provide details of

the time of the reformation, not only about the people involved, particularly Martin Luther, but also the political and religious climate during the 1500s which helped fuel the reformation fire so to speak. I cannot begin to be as dynamic and effective as my father was, but I will attempt to provide you all a short history lesson on what God caused to happen to accomplish the Protestant Reformation. (On the table in the back) you will find some of the items I uncovered, including a poster that dad would have on his wall in his classroom. It shows some of the events and people involved in the Reformation.

So let's start with the political and religious climate during the 1500s. Europe was in the late stages of the Middle Ages and just entering the Renaissance era. The Church in Rome was very powerful (politically and spiritually) in Western Europe (and in fact ruled over significant territory in Italy called the Papal States). But there were other political forces at work too. There was the Holy Roman Empire (largely made up of German speaking regions ruled by princes, dukes and electors (one in particular is elector Frederick The Wise which played a significant role), the Italian city-states, England, as well as the increasingly unified nation states of France and Spain. The power of the rulers of these areas had increased in the previous century and many were anxious to take the opportunity, which will be touched on later, offered by the Reformation to weaken the power of the papacy (the office of the Pope) and increase their own power in relation to the Church in Rome and other rulers.

Keep in mind too, that for some time the Church, even though it was all-powerful, had been seen as an institution plagued by internal power struggles (at one point in the late 1300s and 1400s, the church was ruled by three popes simultaneously). Popes and Cardinals often lived more like kings than spiritual leaders. Popes claimed temporal (political) as well as spiritual power. They commanded armies, made political alliances and enemies, and, sometimes, even waged war. The selling of Church offices and nepotism (favoritism based on family relationships) was rampant. Clearly, the church was less focused on the caring of souls than it was primarily a political organization more focused on power and wealth. The Word of God was never read by the people and seldom was it read by the priests. The Pope was the supreme ruler, and with such powers, was able to turn whatever he chose to his own personal advantage. One of which is the sale of indulgences. The Pope claimed he had received authority of God to draw from the reservoir of merit (built up by all the good works of the saints) to be used for the benefit of sinful men who had accomplished less good than what was needed for salvation. Their sorrow and repentance was replaced by the use of money which was, at the time of Luther, used primarily to build St. Peter's Basilica in Rome.

Actually, before Martin Luther, the corruption of the Church was well known for some time, and several attempts had been made to reform the Church (notably by John Wycliffe and Jan Hus (who was burned at the stake in 1415), but none of these efforts successfully challenged church practices until Martin Luther's actions, and the support he received, in the early 1500s.

Martin Luther claimed that what distinguished him from previous reformers was that while they attacked corruption in the life of the church, he went to the theological root of the problem—the perversion of the church's doctrine of redemption and grace.

So, now that we have a background on the political and religious landscape, we can review the man and events that led to the nailing of the 95 theses and what followed.

Luther's Family

To understand Luther's roots, we start with where every person's roots are first planted, nurtured, and grown: with his parents and their upbringing.

Martin Luther was born on November 10, 1483 at Eisleben, a village of Saxony in Germany. He was dedicated to God through Holy Baptism the following day, which happened to be St. Martin's Day in the church year calendar, thus he was named Martin.

Martin's father, Hans, was from a peasant farming family; his mother, Margarethe, from an educated, well-off family. Hans left the family home in Mohra to work in the copper mines in Eisleben, and with the help of his wife's established family, rose from working the mines to owning the mines. Family life was very strict for Luther. However, during this time, and because his parents had the means, Martin was able to go to school, starting at the age of 4.5 years. Luther was a very good student, however, he once stated that his early school years were full of hard work and floggings, but little was actually taught.

At 18, Martin entered the University of Erfurt. Martin studied law as was planning on that profession as this is what his father wanted him to do. It was at this university that Martin had his first access to the Bible, which he accidentally found in the library, and he read it considerably. In 1505, he received a M.A. degree and planned to practice Law. It was at this time that God stepped in to take a definite hand in molding his future. *(continued next month)*

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. March 3	5 p.m. Addison Dilley
Sun. March 4	8 a.m. Lucas Guebert 10:30 a.m. Owen Liefer
Wed. March 7	8:30 a.m. Easton Lucht 7 p.m. Cody Strong
Sat. March 10	5 p.m. Olivia Schluter
Sun. March 11	8 a.m. Jacob Kuehner 10:30 a.m. Claire Diewald

Wed. March 14	8:30 a.m. Melayna Crafton 7 p.m. Hannah Schoenbeck
Sat. March 17	5 p.m. Katie Schneider
Sun. March 18	8 a.m. Aubrey Piel 10:30 a.m. Isaac Moll
Wed. March 21	8:30 a.m. Ryker Papenberg 7 p.m. Madison Falkenhain
Sat. March 24	5 p.m. Dylan Minnemann
Sun. March 25	8 a.m. Abby Vallett 10:30 a.m. Michael Watters
Thu. March 29	8:30 a.m. Carolyn Mulherin 7:00 p.m. Hannah Sievers
Fri. March 30	8:30 a.m. Dylan Minnemann 7:00 p.m. Colton Liefer
Sat. March 31	5 p.m. Hannah Sievers
Sun. April 1	6:30 a.m. Riley Candler 10:30 a.m. Simone Liefer

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. March 3	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. March 4	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Carl and Flo Zschiegner
Sat. March 10	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. March 11	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
Sat. March 17	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. March 18	8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
Sat. March 24	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. March 25	8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms and Lois Mesnarich 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. March 31	5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. April 1	6:30 a.m. Ken & Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

There are openings in our 10:30 a.m. schedule for a couple or for two individuals to serve as greeters. Please call the church office if you are willing to help!

March Church and School Calendar

Thursday, March 1-

6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Hebrews)
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Julie Fehr
6:00 p.m. Bell choir practice in the church balcony

Friday March 2- *Girls Basketball and Cheerleaders at Lutheran State*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel led by Mrs. Schmitz
4:30 to 7 p.m. Fish & More Dinner at Christ Our Savior LHS

Saturday, March 3-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Angels)
9:00 a.m. to 2 p.m. Junior Youth to Edison's in Edwardsville
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 4-

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

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

Monday, March 5- *No School! Casimir Pulaski Day*

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 6- *School Science Fair at Carbondale*

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Pastors' Circuit Conference at Christ, Jacob
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, March 7-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Doris Mueller in the FH
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th grades Public School Confirmation classes
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 8-

6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Hebrews)
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Julie Fehr in the FH
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 9-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel led by Mrs. Falkenhain

Saturday, March 10-

9:30 a.m. C Team Volleyball at St. Mary's Chester
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 11- *Daylight Savings Time begins!*

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
6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 12-

6:00 p.m. Girls Volleyball ABC at home versus Smithton
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 13- *Volleyball Regionals here*

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
12:30 to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 14-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Doris Mueller in the FH
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation classes
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 15- *Volleyball Regionals here*

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the FH ("To the Hebrews")
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Julie Fehr in the FH

Friday, March 16-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel led by Mrs. Steele

Saturday, March 17-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction is at Hecker Community Club

SUNDAY, March 18-

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

Monday, March 19-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, March 20-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 21-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Doris Mueller
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
1:18 p.m. Early school dismissal
2:00 p.m. 8th grade Public School Confirmation class
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 22-

6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Hebrews)
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Julie Fehr
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 23-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel led by Mrs. Schmitz
4-7 p.m. Class of 2019 Fish Fry Fundraiser in the old gym

Saturday, March 24-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 25- *Palm Sunday*

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
7:00 p.m. Road to Calvary Pageant at church

Monday, March 26-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in the school library

Tuesday, March 27-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

Wednesday, March 28-

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Doris Mueller
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th grades Public School Confirmation classes

Thursday, March 29- *Maundy Thursday*

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Julie Fehr in the FH
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

Friday, March 30- *Good Friday; No School!*

8:30 a.m. Good Friday worship service at church
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae (darkness) service at church

Saturday, March 31-

a.m. Senior Youth set-up for Ester Breakfast in the old gym
9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt in front of the school
5:00 p.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion
SUNDAY, April 1- *The Resurrection of Our Lord*
6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the school's old gym
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion