

# *The Epistle*

**SEPTEMBER 2019**

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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 A. Nebel, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal*

## ***From Lutheran Church Charities***

### **Understanding Your Child**

*My frame was not hidden from you, when I was being made in secret, intricately woven in the depths of the earth. Psalm 139:15*

The psalmist wrote: *'You know me inside and out...you know exactly how I was made, bit by bit...Like an open book...all the stages of my life were spread out before you, the days of my life all prepared before I'd even lived one day'* (vv. 14-16). God already has determined your child's potential; now it's up to you to help him or her discover and develop it. You'll see it in their temperament, their gifts, and their interests.

Resist the temptation to treat all your children the same way; they're different! Cain was a farmer and his brother Abel was a shepherd. Jacob and Esau were twins, yet they couldn't have been more different. And how about the Prodigal Son who left home and became a 'party animal', while his older brother stayed home and became self-righteous and judgmental?

You must love each of your children unconditionally, but develop them individually. Who are

they? What do they like? What do they succeed at? How do they handle change? How do they behave when they're alone?

Start listening to what your children value, what they fear, and what they need. Make sure they're anchored spiritually in God's Word. Don't force them to go the way you wish you'd gone. Help them discover their own identity, and become their biggest backer. If that means putting your own dreams on hold for a while, do it. You'll never regret it.

Your children are your future; your very essence will live on in them. And one more thing: the trees we grow today produce the fruit we eat tomorrow. So pray and ask God to help you understand your child.

**PRAYER- *Heavenly Father, help me understand each child as unique and different than each other and help them develop as You would want them to develop. In Jesus' Name, Amen***

### **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

With the recent opening of schools in our area, I thought that the above devotion is timely and appropriate, especially for those of us who are parents and those of us who are teachers. As you will see from the rest of this newsletter, there is much happening this month. We appreciate your participation and support!

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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There are many changes going on around us especially beginning during the month of September. This is one of the first months we can begin listening to the sounds of the Cicadas announcing the cool nights of fall are not too far away. The sounds of the children playing sports are carried through the quiet evening breeze. School is in session and many of us are back on a regular routine. The weather is changing - it is a little cooler in the mornings and not quite so hot in the afternoon (at least that's the forecast for the week I am writing this article). The sun is setting sooner. The blooming flowers are not as numerous or bright as the growing season slows down.

Hebrews 13:8 tells us: *"Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."* This verse applies to Jesus and His consistent love. Jesus is divine, unchangeable. His covenant of grace does not depend on us or any good we do or fail to do. Jesus is full of grace and forgiveness. It is He who took our sins to a cross to pay the ultimate price for our eternal freedom.

We are members of God's holy church only because it is God Himself, who reaches out to us through the Water and the Word placing His Name both on our forehead and our heart to seal us into an eternal relationship with Him. It is God, who gives us the robes of righteousness when we arrive in His Kingdom. The theme verse for the School year is 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." This verse and this new month of change is a gentle reminder of how God has changed us through His Son.

There is always something changing, but there is one thing that never changes. It is the love the Heavenly Father has for us through His Son, our Savior Jesus. Hebrews 13:8 tells us; "...the Lord is the same yesterday, today, and tomorrow."

His promises are ever true and He never changes. He is always with us, always forgiving us, always protecting us, always comforting us, always strengthening us. Amidst all the changes we endure in life God will never change. God will never leave us and forsake us. What a comfort that is in a changing world.

*Your brother in Christ, Pastor Russell Koen*

### **We Bid a Fond Farewell**

August 5 Transfer out of Evan Guebert to St. Paul's Lutheran in Columbia, Illinois

August 5 Transfer out of Cara Kruse (Voges) and daughter Mya to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Illinois

August 5 Transfer out of Andrea (Hanebutt) Mastrantuono to St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, Illinois

### **The Prayer Chain**

Our Prayer Chain Coordinator is Vickie Heller. We thank her for agreeing to this service. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Vickie at 618/521-7417. Please call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

### **What Is A Steward? From LCMS Stewardship**

Most people will say a steward is a manager. That is correct, but it is only half right. A steward is indeed a manager, but he is a manager of what does not belong to

him. Someone else is the owner, and the steward manages the owner's property on the owner's behalf.

We are God's stewards. Our stewardship is that God has made us managers of what belongs to Him: "For we brought nothing into this world, and we cannot take anything out of the world" (1 Tim. 6:7)

Everything that we have and everything that we are comes from God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy. God is the owner. This is not only because He created all things; He is also the redeemer. He has redeemed – that is, purchased – and won all things. Therefore, it all belongs to Him.

We are simply managers of everything in this world. Like Joseph in Egypt, we are put in charge of managing what belongs to God. What a privilege. Think about that for a minute. The all-knowing, all-powerful, all-wise God has asked us to manage his possessions on His behalf here on earth.

And by doing this, He invites us to take part in the allocation of His good gifts. He wants us to give our input and advise Him in where His gifts are to be used. What a privilege indeed. But what a responsibility! "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required" (Luke 12:48b).

We are not the owners. And while He puts us as managers, we are still to do with His property what He wants done with it. That means we need to know what He desires and wills for His property.

How do we know this? How can we know the will and mind of God? We find the will of God in the Bible. There God tells us what His will is for all of His gifts. He tells us how we are to spend our time and use our talents and treasures. He instructs us in the use of our minds, bodies, and souls.

There is nothing we have that doesn't belong to Him. "Or do you not know that your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit within you, whom you have from God? You are not your own, for you were bought with a price. So glorify God in your body" (1 Cor. 6:19–20).

God informs us of the big picture, the overarching policy, of how we as His stewards – managers and custodians – are to manage His property. And that is stewardship. It is simply doing what God wants us to do with what He has given us.

As St. Paul said, "Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness" (Rom. 6:13). So, let's dive into God's Word, and listen to what He desires from His stewards.



*St. John's students and teachers gather at the school bell on August 20 for the official opening of the school year.*

**From the Principal's Pen**

School is off to a great start! The classes are getting settled and forming a routine! We have a great staff and great students and look forward to a great year!! The PTL gave us a warm welcome with the sign on the front yard to begin the year and individual signs for the new Kindergarten students.

Our theme this year is "Life in Christ..." Our theme verse is from 2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 5:17, "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come." For September the entire phrase is "Life in Christ...is a Life Created by God!" I will share our verses with you each month so you can pray with us.

Our enrollment is down a little from last year with 168 students in K-8, 41 in preschool and 69 in daycare for a total of 278. We give thanks for all of our students as we pray and learn of our Savior each and every day. We welcome Patti Schnepel as our 1<sup>st</sup> grade aide, Lara Vause is serving as our resource teacher and Stephanie Valleroy is teaching third grade. Mrs. Sue Guebert and Mrs. Pat Malik will help in the office while Julie Ratz is out of the office for medical leave. Mrs. Becky Rhodes will begin work on September 3 as the morning custodian. We look forward to our year together!

Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy was installed as a teacher to St. John's Lutheran Church and School on August 18. She has taught in our school for seven years at various grade levels from Kdg.-3. The following people were given a certificate and gift from the congregation in celebration of years of service: Bill Becker-25 years to the LC-MS, Lauri Koen-25 years to the LC-MS, Cindy Nebel-20 years to the LCh-MS, Betty Schmitz- 25 years to St. John's Lutheran School and 30 years to the LC-MS. Absent from the picture were Kelli Shields - 10 years to St. John's Lutheran Daycare and Nancy Whelan-15 years in the teaching ministry.

The baseball and softball teams are having a great year so far. The baseball team took second place at the Marissa tournament and the girls placed third at the

same tournament. Both teams had fun and a great experience at the Grizzlies stadium playing against Red Bud Elementary School. The Cross Country team also has had many practices and has their first meet on Aug. 31 in Edwardsville. We wish them well!

Upcoming events include more games and opportunities to support all the baseball, softball and cross country events. We have a no school day on September 2 for Labor Day and an early dismissal on September 18 at 1:18 p.m. Our Grandparent/Special Guest day will be on Sept. 27 with the day beginning with chapel and an early dismissal at 11:18 a.m. No lunch or after school care will be available that day. We look forward to a full house as we have had in the past!

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



*St. John's Lutheran School students sang during the 7<sup>th</sup> inning stretch of the St. Louis Cardinals baseball game at Busch Stadium on Sunday, August 25. They and their families endured a three-hour rain delay before the game began in order to enjoy this opportunity.*



*The August 18 years of service recognition included teachers Bill Becker (25 years to the church); Lauri Koen (25 years to the church); Cindy Nebel (20 years to the church); and Betty Schmitz (25 years to St. John's and 30 years to the church). Recognized but not pictured are Nancy Whelan (15 years to the church) and Kellie Shields (10 years to our daycare).*

## St. John's Lutheran School Important Dates 2019-2020

September 2- No school/Office Closed, Labor Day  
September 10- PTL Meeting, 7pm  
September 13 & 14- Class of 2021 Rummage Sale  
September 18- Early Dismissal, 1:18pm  
September 19- Cougar Fun Run  
September 27- Grandparents Day, 11:20am dismissal/No ASC  
September 30- Fall Picture Day  
October 10- 11:20 a.m. dismissal/No bus services or ASC  
October 11- No school/Teachers Institute  
October 14- No school/Office Closed, Columbus Day  
October 18- Fall Festival, 4:30pm  
October 22- Early Dismissal/PT Conferences, 1:48pm  
October 23- P/T Conferences 3:15-7pm  
October 24- Early Dismissal, 1:48pm  
October 25- No school/PT Conferences  
November 8- Early Dismissal, 11:20am  
November 11- No school/Office Closed, Veterans Day  
November 12- Fall picture retake day  
November 13- PTL Meeting, 7pm  
November 27- No after school care  
November 28 & 29- No school/Office Closed, Thanksgiving  
December 4- Early Childhood Christmas, 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
December 11- K-2 Christmas Service, 8:30am & 7pm  
December 18- 3-8 Christmas Service, 8:30am & 7pm  
December 20- Early Dismissal, 1:48pm/No ASC  
December 23-January 3- Christmas Break  
December 24 & 25- Office Closed  
December 31 & Jan 1- Office Closed  
January 6- School Resumes  
January 20- No School/Office Closed, M.L. King's Birthday  
January 29- Early Dismissal, 1:18 pm  
February 5- PK & Kindergarten Open House (tentative)  
February 9- Students sing at Church, 8am service  
February 12- PTL Meeting, 7pm  
February 14- Heart Challenge/Jump Rope for Heart,  
11:20 a.m. dismissal and No ASC  
February 17- No school/Office Closed, Presidents Day  
February 26- Early Dismissal, 1:18 pm  
March 2- No school/Office closed, Casimir Pulaski Day  
March 3- Regional Science Fair  
March 13- Early Dismissal, 11:20 am/No ASC  
March 21- Dinner Auction  
March 26- Family Fun Night  
April 3- Early Dismissal, 11:20 am/No ASC  
April 5- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Confirmation  
April 9- No after school care  
April 10- No school/Office Closed, Good Friday  
April 13- No school/Office Closed, Easter Monday  
April 14- PTL Meeting, 7 pm  
April 17- Spring Musical/Book Fair  
April 25-May 2- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class trip to Washington DC  
May 1 & 2- Class of 2021 Rummage Sale  
May 3- PTL Plant Sale/Class of 2021 BBQ  
May 5- Teacher Appreciation Day  
May 20- Tentative last day of school



*Thank you to all who worked so hard to extend the fence along E. S. 6<sup>th</sup> Street for the protection of our softball players. Thank you to the PTL for providing the funding for this project!*

## Evening Guild News

**On Tuesday, September 17** at 6:00 p.m. our Evening Guild is hosting an "Australia Day" with special guest Janel Kassing. We are inviting all women of St. John's to attend. Janel traveled to Australia this spring for the National Home Extension Convention. In high school Janel started corresponding with a pen pal from Australia. She will share her interesting stories on her travels, the foods, the people, and the life "down under."! We will begin with an Appetizer / Salad Buffet featuring Australia's popular treats, served by the Guild members. Hostesses are: Arlou Papenberg, chairman, Dorothy Papenberg, Darleen Scheffert, Betty Schmitz and Olivia Schmitz. All St. John's women are welcomed to gather "down under" in the Fellowship Hall.

The SID / CID Joint Women's Fall Retreat is on October 4 and 5 at Lake Williamson Christian Center in Carlinville. The theme is "A Women of Joy" with guest speaker Deb Burma. Reservations must be made by Sept. 14 to attend. Information is at [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org)

Our quilting chairman is Judy Guebert. If you have a quilt you would like to have quilted contact her at 618-979-2206. The group that quilts is always looking for more help. The times are listed below. You are welcome to join in at your convenience.

**Quilting** schedule for September 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! There are many orders waiting. All help is appreciated!

**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. In September that is the 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

### Sunday School News

We are taking a break from classes this summer. We will begin a new year of Christian Education in our Sunday School with Rally Day activities on Sunday, August 18. We will introduce a new curriculum from Concordia Publishing House called "Enduring Faith." Our teachers will meet on Tuesday, August 6, at 7 pm. in the school library. Our Intergenerational class will be on Sunday, Sept. 1, at 9:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

### Secret Angels

Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are interested in serving as a Secret Angel for one of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade day school students or public school confirmation students. You will pray for your student and encourage your student in studies with regular notes and small gifts (twice a month perhaps) and occasional larger gifts (for example, birthday, Christmas). You will be given an information form that the student has completed. Your identity will be revealed to your students at the Rite of Confirmation in the spring. Thank you!

### Adult Instruction Class

Those interested in taking part in an instruction class this fall that will cover the basics of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church should see Pastor Nebel. This 12-week class is a good review for those whose confirmation instruction was years ago. It leads to the Rite of Confirmation and communicant membership at St. John's for those who desire to join our family of faith.

### ELDER ZONES FOR 2019: (Chairman, Kevin Liefer)

- Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins-  
Elder Ron Kunkelmann (282-3504)
- Zone 2: Sue Conboy thru D/K Grohmann-  
Elder Stuart Langrehr (282-2736)
- Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman-  
Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)
- Zone 4: Ryan Herriman thru T/E Krick-  
Elder Adam Guebert (618/290-2403)
- Zone 5: Wil & Martha Krick thru Janel Maes-  
Elder Kevin Liefer (618/521-9126)
- Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau-  
Elder Quentin Stenzel (282-4661)
- Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader-  
Elder Garon Schnepel (813/240-8978)
- Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner-  
Elder Stanley Langrehr (282-3481)
- Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner-  
Elder Bill Becker (282-2958)

### A Little Word from Your New RFE Seminarian

Hello everyone and peace be to you from God our Father and our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Amen. Pastor Nebel has suggested that I write a few brief words to introduce myself to the congregation and that is a solid idea.

Anyway, I am 26 years old and am from the city of Rockford in the north-central region of Illinois. I was baptized as an infant at the Lutheran Student Center & Chapel of St. Timothy the Learner in Macomb, Illinois. Ironically, I would return to that very town to attend my undergraduate school of Western Illinois University. My background is in history and education.

My childhood church was Redeemer Lutheran Church in Rockford and then my current church is St. Andrew Evangelical Lutheran Church-LCMS in Rockton, Illinois. Rockton is a small town in the Rock River Valley area as part of the Greater Rockford Area. To say that Lutheranism is in my blood would be an understatement at this point. Back in my home congregation, I was a member of both the vocal choir and bell choir, read scripture readings on a regular basis, and often served as an announcer for my organizations that I was a part of. I also was involved with VBS for a couple years.

A few personal notes for any that are interested. My hobbies include radio-control aircraft, reading, and writing. I am also a dedicated learner. If you give me something new to learn, chances are, I'll want to know about it. I also really enjoy history as a subject. Please forgive me, also, if I don't understand jokes or sarcastic remarks. It's not my strong suit. Lastly, I'm currently not married. I look forward to serving this parish faithfully. God's blessings to you all!

*Seminarian Wade Waterstreet*

### Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

- Sundays at 9:30 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Nebel)
  - Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fritsche)
  - Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. "Joshua" (Pastor Nebel)
  - Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. "2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)
  - Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fehr)
  - Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. Advanced Bible History (D. Mueller)
  - 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays: Men's Bible Breakfast (Pr. Nebel)
- Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies topics that you can do on your own! There are many interesting topics available and more to come.

### **Senior Youth Activities**

Our next meeting is Sunday, September 8 at noon in the church basement. We still welcome all new members to attend this meeting. We will make a NYG presentation to St. John's Men's Club on September 12.

We will show the movie "Unplanned" in the church basement on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. The Senior Youth invites anyone to watch and join in the discussion following.

Our October meeting will be on the 6<sup>th</sup> at noon in the church basement. We are planning to sell Hemme Bros Cheese again in October.

We still have boxes of all-occasion greeting cards for sale. There are 30 embellished cards in every sturdy and pretty storage box for \$30.

*God's blessings, Terry & Susie Harms*

### **Junior Youth Activity**

Our Junior Youth will go to the Back to the 80s Arcade between Waterloo and Columbia on Saturday, September 21 to enjoy retro games and fun. They will leave our school at 12:30 p.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend and drivers will be needed. The cost is \$12.50 but bring money for snacks.

The Southern Illinois District is holding a Junior High Youth Retreat at Camp Wartburg on Friday, October 4 to Saturday, October 5 (6 p.m. to 6 p.m.) under the theme "REAL. PRESENT. GOD." The \$55 registration cost is due by September 27 at campwartburg.com. Call Lauren at 618/939-7715, ext. 10 with your questions.

### **Mum Sale**

Purple, white, red, bronze and yellow mums are for sale at \$8 to support the St. John's Class of 2021. Pre-order by September 4. Presale pick-up in the school parking lot is Friday, September 13 from 2:30- 7:00 p.m. The open sale is Saturday, September 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Karen Liefer at 618/357-1695. Order forms are in the church entryway. They are great flowers to have around because they are very quiet!

A Service of Installation for President Matthew C. Harrison, the vice-presidents, other officers, and board and commission members of The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod and other Synodwide entities is Friday, September 13, 7 p.m. at the Chapel of St. Timothy and St. Titus, Concordia Seminary, St. Louis. This Vespers service is open to the public. A brief reception in Koburg Hall will follow the service.

### **Rummage Sale**

The annual fall rummage sale will take place on September 13 and 14th. Friday's sale is a preview sale \$2 at the door beginning at 4 o'clock and ending at 7:30 PM. Saturday's sale is a bag sale beginning at 7:30 AM and finishing at noon. All help is appreciated from every seventh grade family and there is a sign-up going out online. All donations can be brought to the North entrance of school. If the doors are locked, they can be left under the awning. All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the seventh graders' Washington DC trip.

### **Cougar Prowl Fun Run**

It's that time of year again...time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run!!! This will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> from noon-2:30 p.m. Like last year, students will get sponsors and then run or walk laps around the fun run course set up behind school between the ball fields. This is a great fitness awareness event that is put on by our PTL and was one of our biggest fundraisers last year!! Each student will get a free t-shirt, Fun Run water bottle and smart snack. There is a chance for each classroom to receive participation awards!! Pledge envelopes and informational flyers have gone home!

### **Vocal Choir And Bell Choir**

Choir will start on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school music room. We will sing on average two Sundays per month (either the early or late worship service). In addition, we will also sing on Reformation Sunday (October 27<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Day (November 28<sup>th</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Day. We appreciate all the help we get!!

Bell Choir practices will be on Thursday evenings in the church balcony at 6 p.m. We will polish the bells on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Regular practice begins two weeks later on September 19<sup>th</sup> (no practice on September 12<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduled wedding rehearsal). We have an open slot available if anyone new is interested in playing with us!!! Bell choir plays an average of 1-2 worship services per month plus Thanksgiving Eve (November 27<sup>th</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Eve 5 p.m. service.

### **September Assistants from the Altar Guild**

Flower Servers: Jennifer Fritsche and Diane Guebert

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner

Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

### CPH 150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

Concordia Publishing House invites you to a service of Thanksgiving on the occasion of the 150th Anniversary of Concordia Publishing House. Please join us on Wednesday, September 11, 2021 at 10 a.m., at Holy Cross Lutheran Church for the service. A reception will immediately follow at Concordia Publishing House. RSVP is required and can be done at [www.cph.org/150celebration](http://www.cph.org/150celebration).

### Life Network Event

Life Network's annual WALK-RUN-RIDE will be held September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Waterloo office, 722 N. Market St. This event is the chance to share our passion for protecting the unborn with the community. Event info is on the website, <http://supportmylifenet.com>, or the Facebook page, Facebook.com/lifenetworkofsoill. Thank you so much for your support!

### SID Older Adult St. Louis Day Trip

Wednesday, October 16, board bus at St. Clair Square Water Tower at 8:15 a.m. Visit Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, St. Raymond's Maronite Cathedral (with lunch at your cost), and Intersect Art Center at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Return to St. Clair Square at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$45 by August 30 or \$50 by September 20. Registration forms are on the church bulletin boards.

### Concordia Seminary Lay Bible Institute

How does Christianity differ from Islam? How can we lovingly and effectively share the Gospel with our Muslim neighbors? Find out at the Fall Lay Bible Institute: Jesus in Islam, led by Dr. Abjar Bahkou, associate professor of Practical Theology. By exploring the similarities and differences between Islam and Christianity, this workshop will better equip you to witness to your Muslim neighbor "who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you" (1 Peter 3:15).

When: Saturday, October 5; 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Where: Sieck Hall 202, Concordia Seminary, 801 Seminary Place, St. Louis, 314/505-7000

Registration: \$20 Deadline to register: Sept. 20

### Worship Greeter Schedule

*I was glad when they said to me,*

*"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1*

Sat. Aug. 31 5 p.m. Miriam Poston  
Sun. Sept. 1 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;  
Ken and Joan Ruwald  
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. Sept. 7 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Sept. 8 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber;  
Clyde and Kathy Rowold  
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzell;  
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Sat. Sept. 14 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Sept. 15 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick;  
Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz  
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert;  
Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Sat. Sept. 21 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Sept. 22 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston;  
Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich  
10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers;  
Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Sat. Sept. 28 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Sept. 29 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn  
10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;  
Omer and Neva Liefer

Sat. Oct. 5 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Oct. 6 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer;  
Gerald and Jill Hanebutt  
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf  
*There is an opening 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!*

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Aug. 31 5 p.m. Claire Diewald  
Sun. Sept. 1 8 a.m. Connor Jordan  
10:30 a.m. Karson Liefer

Sat. Sept. 7 5 p.m. Kaci Trost  
Sun. Sept. 8 8 a.m. Grant Krack  
10:30 a.m. Owen Liefer

Sat. Sept. 14 5 p.m. Blake Henry  
Sun. Sept. 15 8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton  
10:30 a.m. Sam Roscow

Sat. Sept. 21 5 p.m. Cadin Voss  
Sun. Sept. 22 8 a.m. Gavin Baldwin  
10:30 a.m. Makayla Liefer

Sat. Sept. 28 5 p.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf  
Sun. Sept. 29 8 a.m. Melayna Crafton  
10:30 a.m. Natalie Korando

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

## September Church and School Calendar

### Saturday, August 31- Cross Country meet at Edwardsville

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

### SUNDAY, September 1-

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

9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Bible class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, September 2- Labor Day! School and Office are closed.

### Tuesday, September 3-

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Chester

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

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at Steeleville

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 4-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Pastor Koen

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

### Thursday, September 5- Cross Country Meet at Okawville

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at home against RBC/St. Joseph

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir polishing in the church balcony

### Friday, September 6-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Kellie

7 p.m. Baseball vs. MCS at Edwardsville Tournament

### Saturday, September 7- Cross Country Meet at Pinckneyville

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

Boys' Baseball B at Edwardsville Tournament

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

### SUNDAY, September 8-

8 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement

### Monday, September 9- Pastor Nebel at SPLHS Trustees meeting

3:00 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

6:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in the school library

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### Tuesday, September 10-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

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

3:30 p.m. Cross Country meet at the Shooting Complex

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball B at Prairie du Rocher

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school library

### Wednesday, September 11-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Mrs. Nebel

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)

7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

### Thurs., September 12- Pastor Nebel at Vicarage Supervisor's Conf.

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

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

4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball at home against St. John, Chester

6:00 p.m. Cartwright/Durbin wedding rehearsal

7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 13- Pastor Nebel at Vicarage Supervisor's Conf.

4-7:30 p.m. 7<sup>th</sup> grade Rummage Sale in the school's old gym

5:30 p.m. Junior Youth leaves for 80s Arcade in Columbia

### Saturday, September 14- Cross Country meet at Smithton

7:30 a.m. to noon 7<sup>th</sup> grade Rummage Sale in the school's old gym

Girls' Softball A tournament at Red Bud Catholic

1:00 p.m. Karly Cartwright/Landon Durbin wedding at church

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, September 15-

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, September 16- Pastor Nebel at LCMS COP meeting at IC

1:45 pm. "Beauty and the Beast" program at school

4:15 p.m. 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Softball at Red Bud Catholic

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

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

### Tuesday, September 17-

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

5:30 p.m. Boys' baseball at St. Mary's in Chester

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 18-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Mr. Becker

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office staff meeting

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

### Thursday, September 19-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

Noon-2:30 p.m. Parent-Teacher League Cougar Fun Run

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### Friday, September 20-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Nicki

### Saturday, September 21-

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

12:30 to 3:30 p.m. Junior Youth Back to the 80s Arcade

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

### SUNDAY, September 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school

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

Noon Showing of the movie "Unplanned" in the church basement

### Monday, September 23- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Camp Wartburg

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### Tuesday, September 24- 6<sup>th</sup> Grade at Camp Wartburg

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

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

### Wednesday, September 25-

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church

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

7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Acolyte Training/Pizza Party at church (tentative)

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

### Thursday, September 26-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### Friday, September 27- Grandparents Day at school

11:18 a.m. Early school dismissal

### Saturday, September 28-

9:00 a.m. St. John's PTL Golf Scramble at North County CC

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, September 29- St. Michael and All Angels

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

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

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

### Monday, September 30- Fall Picture Day at school

7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

### **Pictorial Directories Available**

Copies of our latest pictorial directory are available for purchase from our office for \$50. This money goes for our congregation's debt relief.

### **Ushers Needed**

We welcome anyone to assist with our worship services as an usher. You will be part of a team that serves three months at a time and then is off for a year. See Head Usher Scot Heller or Pastor Nebel if you are interested.

### **Event Reminders On Your Cell Phones**

Remind Me.com is a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith here at St. John's. However, it does not allow for group discussions so that there will not be continued unwanted messages from anyone in the group receiving the text. To join this remind system for St. John's, text the message @8243ad2 (new code) to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

### **Set Up Direct Payments Thru ACH**

Routine payments to St. John's now can be made by direct electronic withdrawal for offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. Simply fill out a form in the school office and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn. It is free to set up. You can make changes or cancel at any time. If there are insufficient funds in the specified account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn and the user will be notified. We hope that this option offers convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our funding. This is completely optional. If you feel more comfortable continuing to make payments via cash or check, please do so!