

The Epistle

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

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Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Hour:

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

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

Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

From Lutheran Church Charities

“You Will Get Back More Than You Give”

For the Lord God is a sun and shield; the Lord bestows favor and honor. No good thing does He withhold from those who walk uprightly.” Psalm 84:11

In a sense, it's impossible to 'sacrifice' anything for God. If you get back more than you gave up, have you sacrificed anything at all? The eternal reward always outweighs the temporal sacrifice. On Judgment Day, our only regret will be over whatever we didn't give back to God. It may seem counterintuitive, but the key to self-fulfillment is self-denial. The selfish part of us has an allergic reaction to the word deny. It's tough to do when we live in the lap of luxury. We don't just tolerate indulgence in our culture, we celebrate it.

But the fundamental problem with indulgence is that enough is never enough. The more we indulge ourselves in food or sex or the amenities of wealth, the less we will enjoy them. We have bought into the consumerist lie that more is more. We mistakenly think the more we give, the less we'll have. But our logic is backward. You ultimately lose what you keep, and you ultimately keep whatever you lose for the cause of Christ.

Author Mark Batterson writes: *'The more you give away, the more you will enjoy what you have. If you give God the tithe, you'll enjoy the 90 per cent you keep 10 per cent more. You'll also discover that God can do more with 90 per cent than you can with 100 per cent...One of our life goals as a family is to reverse tithe and live off 10 per cent while giving away 90 per cent. When we get there, I'm confident we'll enjoy the 10 per cent we keep 90 per cent more. It's the sliding scale of joy.'*

Prayer: Heavenly Father, thank You for providing the fulfillment that You give to me when I give to others. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

Our nation sets aside the fourth Thursday in November to be a Day of National Thanksgiving. Thus our country recognizes on one day what the Holy Spirit moves us as Christians to do on every day of the year, that is, to give thanks to God for His many blessings to us. Our Thanksgiving Holy Communion services are a great opportunity to remember God's goodness to us throughout the year and to praise Him for the abundant bounty He gives us. We will gather as a family of faith on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. or on Thursday, November 28 at 9 a.m. I look forward to serving you in Christian worship during those special services.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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God blesses us with many different things to show us and remind us that He is in control and He is always with us. Recently I met with my doctor and learned that the surgery I had 18 years ago has come to its expiration. At that time I was told that the repair would last 10 years but with God's blessings it has lasted 18 years.

I had back surgery in March of 2001 to repair vertebrae 4 - 5, which had shifted and were compressing my spinal column. When the doctor spoke with Lauri after the surgery he said that if we had waited another two weeks I would have been paralyzed. Praise God for His continued blessings!!

Now, 18 years later, vertebrae 3 has decided to get in the way and is pinching the nerve, which affects my ability to walk and/or stand for long periods of time. The doctor will need to remove the hardware from vertebrae 4 - 5, replace it and add hardware to vertebrae 4 - 3 to relieve the pressure on the spinal column in that area.

God willing, the plan is that I come out of the surgery with much less pain and be able to get around a lot easier. I will have surgery at Mercy Hospital in Festus, Missouri on Tuesday October 22nd and will be hospitalized until Thursday October 24th. After my stay in the hospital I will have a recovery period. Therapy will help to quicken that process. My sister has been visiting with us since October 13th and plans to stay until October 26th to help us. At this time my mother and other sister plan to come and stay with us to help me at home while Lauri is at work.

Lauri has offered to drive me to my shut-in calls and hospital calls for the month of November. Therefore, I am planning to remain as active as possible.

Thank you for your prayers and support during this time. God tells us in Jeremiah 17:14 “Heal me, O Lord, and I shall be healed: save me, and I shall be saved, for You are my praise.”

God's Blessings, Rev. Russell Koen

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

St. Paul wrote to the Church of Christ in Corinth: “Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver” (2 Corinthians 9:7). *God loves a cheerful giver.* But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, Abel gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God’s sight. Abraham was. By faith, Abraham prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel’s God and they His people.

What more shall I say? For time would fail me to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything, yes, even His life, enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us – like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ – give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart – for the joy set before us – the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.



Thank you to all who organized, decorated and attended the Pastors’ Appreciation Reception in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, October 13!

Welcome to Our Family of Faith
October 5 Baptism of Eliza June Schrader



Our St. John’s Lutheran Girls’ Softball team at the pep rally that was given for them before their appearance in the State Softball tournament.

From the Principal's Pen

Our October colors have been beautiful so far! I do enjoy the daily changes I see as I drive to school each day. Many thanks to all who helped make my birthday so special; it seems I have been celebrating the entire month! I appreciate all the wonderful cards, notes, calls and gifts. God has truly blessed me through all of you!

Congratulations to our Cross Country team for its hard work! We were represented at the Lutheran State meet by Addyson Piel. This national meet was held at Concordia University in Mequon Wisconsin.

We completed our first quarter and were able to present first quarter awards at Chapel on October 23. Following is a list of all awards presented:

Kindergarten: Perfect School Attendance- Perfect School Attendance- Audrey Badger, Jordyn DeWilde, Evlyn Heck, Charlie Liefer, Harper Mounts, Cassidy Palm, Roylee Reitz & Bryson Williams. Perfect Church Attendance- Evlyn Heck & Cassidy Palm.

1st Grade: Perfect School Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Alexa Cheek, Grant Florreich, Aiden Kiefer, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Presley Liefer, Roxy Markotay, McKenzie Niemeyer, Brody Rahn, Connor Rainey & Holden Wagner. Perfect Church Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Grant Florreich, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Abby Stellhorn & Holden Wagner. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Sydney Krick & Holden Wagner.

2nd Grade: Perfect School Attendance- Amelia Cheek, Cooper DeWilde, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Evan Muench, Jozlynn Palm, Kaydence Proctor, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Max Voss, Athena Wolfmeier & Sophia Zeiger. Perfect Church Attendance- Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm & Henry Sachtleben. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Annie Buchheit, Aubrey Kiefer & Henry Sachtleben.

3rd Grade: Perfect School Attendance- Keegan Hudson, Maya Macbeth, Levi Nagel, Jack Sachtleben, Lyle Schlueter, Tessa Stenzel, Brendyn Wegener, Cailyn Wilson & Brooke Wolter. Perfect Church Attendance- Ella Cowell, Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson.

4th Grade: Perfect School Attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Lily Meyer, Norah Wagner & Hollis Wolfmeier. Perfect Church Attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Kade Liefer & Norah Wagner.

Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Mallory Arbeiter & Norah Wagner. Honors- Louis DeWilde, Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Kade Liefer. High Honors- Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Braylin Eggemeyer, Brian Liefer, Karleigh Liefer & Lily Meyer. Highest Honors- Mallory Arbeiter, Addy Schloemann & Norah Wagner.

5th Grade/Letcher: Perfect School Attendance- Lucas McCarthy, Landon Ruebusch, Blayton Sutton, Olivia Valleroy, Ty Voss & Alan Wolter. Honors- Amelia Guebert, Blayton Sutton, Olivia Valleroy, Ty Voss & Alan Wolter. High Honors- Kendall Crafton, Lucas McCarthy, Jenna Whelan & Julia Whelan. Highest Honors- Kinley Macbeth & Landon Ruebusch.

5th Grade/Nebel- Perfect School Attendance- Kate Krack, Ian Moll, Addelyn Rahn, Eve Schwartzkopf, Brodie Stenzel & Colby Voss. Perfect Church Attendance- Connor Bumann & Colby Voss. Honors- Annika Herriman, Colby Voss & Barrett Wagner. High Honors- Kate Krack, Lily Minemann & Addelyn Rahn. Highest Honors- Adeline Buchheit & Brodie Stenzel.

6th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Lily Kent, Morgan Kent, Austin Kiefer, Emma Kiefer, Kadin Liefer, Addie Meyer, Addy Piel, Addison Salger, Alexa Wegener, Kerrigan Zeiger. Perfect Church Attendance- Addie Meyer. Honors- Lily Kent & Morgan Kent. High Honors- Jack Crafton, Grayson Herriman, Addie Meyer, Addy Piel, Luke Quintin, Alexa Wegener & Kerrigan Zeiger. Highest Honors- Emma Kiefer & Evan Kiefer.

7th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Olivia Geraldts, Taylor Guebert, Sofia Jones, Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Natalie Korando, Grant Krack, Christine Liefer, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Lucas Schwartzkoph, Cadin Voss & Crewe Wagner. Perfect Church Attendance- Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Karson Liefer, Makayla Liefer, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Cadin Voss & Crewe Wagner. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Sam Roscow & Daniel Stapleton. Honors- Gavin Baldwin, Olivia Geraldts, Connor Jordan, Natalie Korando, Karson Liefer, Makayla Liefer, Hailey Proctor, Bruce Quinn, Lucas Schwartzkoph & Trenton Wagner. High Honors- Taylor Guebert, Grant Krack, Christine Liefer, Summer Luttman, Tori Muench, Cadin Voss & Crewe Wagner. Highest Honors- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Eva Kinney, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton & Derek Whelan.

8th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Addi Dilley, Chase Lucht, Josie Meyer, Isaac Moll, Ryker Papenberg, Dustin Salger, Byron Schlueter, Olivia Schluter, Abbey Vallett, Trace Wagner, Ben Whelan & Sam Wright. Perfect Church Attendance- Josie Meyer & Trace Wagner. Honors- Byron Schlueter, High Honors- Claire Diewald, Lucas Guebert, Cash Langrehr, Isaac Moll, Dustin Salger, Olivia Schluter, Kaci Trost, Abbey Vallett, Trace Wagner & Ben Whelan. Highest Honors- Melayna Crafton, Addi Dilley, Chase Lucht & Ryker Papenberg.

November will begin on Friday and it seems the time is flying by so quickly! We will have an early dismissal day on Nov. 8 at 11:18 am. No lunch or afterschool care will available that day. One Nov. 11 we will have no school because of Veterans Day. We thank all who have served this great country of ours for the freedom we enjoy each and every day.

Congratulations to the Girls A team for taking 2nd place in the St. Libory tournament and the B-team boys on the 2nd place trophy at the Rocher tournament. We have lots of basketball games during this month, please stop in and join us and support our students.

On Nov. 27 we have an early dismissal day, 1:48 pm, and no school on Nov. 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving break. Enjoy this time with your family and friends.

God's blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider

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

- November 8- Early Dismissal, 11:20am
- November 11- No school/Office Closed, Veterans Day
- November 12- Fall picture retake day
- November 13- PTL Meeting, 7 pm
- 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, 1:48 pm/No ASC
- December 23-January 3- Christmas Break
- December 24, 25, 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
- Feb. 14- Jump Rope for Heart, 11:20 a.m. dismissal/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- 8th 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- 8th 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

Evening Guild News

Food Drive for Red Bud Food Pantry at Human Service Center – a donation box will be placed in narthex and fellowship hall for congregation – appreciate all donations of nonperishable items!

Evening Guild Gathering – Tuesday, November 19 @ 7 p.m. with Mary Ann Wegener shares “Traveling thru France & Belgium”. Devotions will be by Cindy Steele. Hostesses: Mary Ann Weber, chairman, Gloria Stellhorn, Lucille VanHoy and Jeniffer Tepe.

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 November 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 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. Because of Thanksgiving, in November that only will be the 14th. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

Mites For Missions

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contribution of 'mites' – offerings above and beyond regular support. Many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district and local ministries. We invite everyone to contribute to the Mite Box, providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world. Mite Boxes are on table in narthex. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

Happy Thanksgiving!!

Lutheran Women in Mission

Mite Box Grant for 2019-2021— \$100,000

In order to fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel, LAMP needs to expand the number of staff who go into the isolated communities of northern Canada. Here, where nearly one million indigenous people live, staff will bring VBS, Bible studies, and personal testimonies of the hope found through faith in Jesus. This witness is the only source of personal Christian education or witness of the Gospel available to these people, where statistically over 15 percent of children and youth in this area will try to take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. To learn about this mission grant, go to www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-4.

Sunday School News

We are off to a great start in our new year of Christian education through our Sunday School. Classes are offered in the school building for children age three through 8th grade from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. every Sunday. We finish the Old Testament portion of this year's lessons during November.

Seminarian Cameron Harms is teaching High School Bible Class in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall. The Book of Acts is the topic for both Adult Bible classes, either Pastor Nebel's in the Fellowship Hall or Pastor Koen's in the school library.

Perfect Attendance for October- Nursery: Jettson Grohmann; Pre-Kindergarten: Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Kindergarten: Cassidy Palm; 1st Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Emma Guebert, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Holden Wagner; 2nd Grade: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; 3rd Grade: Clare Carnahan; 4th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner; 5th Grade: Amelia Guebert; 6th Grade: Noah Kassing; 7th Grade: Connor Jordan, Makayla Liefer, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 8th Grade: Lucas Guebert

Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

November Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Debbie Liefer and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Ushers Needed

We welcome anyone to assist with our worship services as an usher as 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.

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 (618/920-2403)

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)

Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Nebel or Pastor Koen in the school library)

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. "2nd 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)

1st and 3rd 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.

Men's Club

Men's Club meeting on Thursday November 14 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. A presentation will be made on my trip this past summer to France and Belgium with special emphasis on WWII sites.

You will receive a post card requesting your help and pies for our annual Wurstmarkt on November 10.

Craft Fair

The "Holiday Happenings" CRAFT FAIR will be held in our school on Saturday, November 16th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Booth space is \$35. We will provide publicity and advertising. To reserve a space send your registration form, hold harmless agreement and a check made payable to St. John's Lutheran Class of 2020. Mail forms and payment to: Laurie Wright, 10047 Pine Crest Road, Red Bud, IL 62278 (618-443-7021) or lwright@pdr134.com. You will be contacted about booth space assignment one week prior to the fair.

Senior Youth Activities

Our November meeting will be on the 3rd at noon at the church. It will be much longer than normal as we will make items to sell at the craft fair. I invite any parent or sibling that likes to craft, draw, etc to join us. We have lots to do.

On Sunday, Nov 10: All senior youth and families (parents) are needed to help at the Wurstmarkt in the school's old gym. The Senior Youth is in charge of the dining hall completely so we need parental help.

One night between the 10th and the 16th, we will gather in the school kitchen to put our jar mixes together.

Saturday, November 16 is the Craft Fair at school.

Senior Youth thanks everyone who supported the benefit BBQ for Lori Rees on October 20. It was a success and could not have been without your support.

Senior Youth also thanks everyone who donated mason jars again this year. This absolutely helps us in our fundraising efforts.

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 pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will have items and boxes to pack. You also can bring a pre-packed shoe box to donate. There will be Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in the school office that you can use for your donated items. For information on Operation Christmas Child, please check their website at <https://www.samaritanspurse.org/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/> This site gives you a lot of information on what to pack! After the boxes are packed, the students will have snacks and open gym.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you would like to add your name to those who receive *The Lutheran Witness*, our church body's monthly magazine, mailed to your house in 2020, please call the church office by November 10. The cost is \$18. You can use the envelope in your offering envelope box to reimburse the congregation for this cost.

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.

Men's Club Wurstmarkt

Sunday, November 10, is the date of our 67th annual Wurstmarkt in our school's old gym. Serving buffet style will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, corn, green beans, and pie. Country Store advanced orders - Please call C. John Prigge @ 618-304-2861 to leave a message. The Men's Club appreciates all the help that is given to make this event possible. Please attend to support this activity of our family of faith! Proceeds fund Lutheran mission work and assist with our congregation's expenses.

Box Tops For Education Changes

New labels soon will appear on participating products. Instead of clipping labels you will scan your receipt and use a new Box Tops mobile app that instantly will add those Box Tops points to our school's earnings. The traditional Box Tops still can be clipped and cash earned until they expire. Learn more at BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK or look at the sheet on the board by the glass door.

Demystifying the College Application Process

Sunday, November 17; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (optional support sessions from 3 – 4:30 p.m.) at St. John's Lutheran Grade School.

This workshop is designed to support both parents and students as they navigate the college application process. We will discuss what students should consider when deciding where to apply, including how to balance college quality, academic fit, and the cost of attendance. There will be time set aside for Q&A. Two optional, 90-min long support sessions will follow the workshop—one for parents on the FAFSA and one for students on writing a college admission personal essay. The workshop and support sessions are geared towards high school students and their parents; grade school students and their parents are discouraged from attending. Feel free to share knowledge of this workshop with others, including those outside St. John's Lutheran Church.

The workshop will be led by Rachel Steele. While registration is not required, it is appreciated. Please register at SteeleCollegeWorkshop.weebly.com

Lutheran Hour Ministries Free Workshop

“Spiritual Conversations”

Saturday, November 16, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Lutheran High School South in St. Louis

Register at www.lhm.org/workshops

(meal, refreshments and starter kit included)

American Kantorei Concert

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Des Peres (I-270 and Manchester Road East) will host American Kantorei in concert under the direction of Dr. Maurice Boyer on Sun., Nov. 17 at 3 p.m. A freewill offering will be taken and a reception will be held following the performance of J.S. Bach's Cantatas BWV 27, 37, 93, and 156.

Special Presentation

St. John Lutheran Church in Ruma invites us on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. for a complimentary lunch as Rev. Rodney Benkendorf of Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), tells us about the worldwide work of LHF. RSVP is appreciated by calling the church at 282-6060 or email at stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com

Worship Greeter Schedule

I was glad when they said to me,

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

Sat. Nov. 2	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Nov. 3	8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
Sat. Nov. 9	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 10	8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Nov. 16	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Nov. 17	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzels; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Nov. 23	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 24	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner
Wed. Nov. 27	7 p.m. Clifford and Arlou Papenberg
Thu. Nov. 28	9 a.m. The Nebel family
Sat. Nov. 30	5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. Dec. 1	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

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. Nov. 2	5 p.m. Cailee Strong
Sun. Nov. 3	8 a.m. Dylan Minemann 10:30 a.m. Isaac Moll
Sat. Nov. 9	5 p.m. Ava Clifford
Sun. Nov. 10	8 a.m. Austin Kiefer 10:30 a.m. Jack Crafton
Sat. Nov. 16	5 p.m. Grayson Herriman
Sun. Nov. 17	8 a.m. Kadin Liefer 10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel
Sat. Nov. 23	5 p.m. Kerrigan Zeiger
Sun. Nov. 24	8 a.m. Luke Kennedy 10:30 a.m. Emme Deterding
Wed. Nov. 27	7 p.m. Lyla Hess
Thu. Nov. 28	9 a.m. Kaci Trost
Sat. November 30	5 p.m. Emma Kiefer
Sun. December 1	8 a.m. Noah Kassing 10:30 a.m. Chloe Cowell

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

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.

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November Church and School Calendar

Thursday, October 31- *Reformation Day; All Hallow's Eve*

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
6-8 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the new gym lobby

Friday, November 1- *All Saints Day*

Saturday, November 2-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Job)
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUNDAY, November 3- *Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

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 with Holy Communion
Noon Senior Youth Gathering at the church
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 4-

6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC home versus Steeleville
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, November 5-

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Trinity, Prairie
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball AC at Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, November 6- *Boys' C team Tourney here*

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 Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)
7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

Thursday, November 7-

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
6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC home versus St. Mary's
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 8- *Boys' C team Tourney here*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
11:20 a.m. Early Dismissal; 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball AC at St. James

Saturday, November 9-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service
SUNDAY, November 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Annual Wurstmarkt in the school's old gym
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 11- *Veterans' Day; No School!*

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, November 12- *Picture Retake Day*

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meetings with teachers
6:00 p.m. Girls' ABC at home versus St. John Lutheran, Chester

Wednesday, November 13-

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

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

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

Thursday, November 14-

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

5:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC at Coulterville

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball AC at Marissa

Saturday, November 16-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Holiday Happenings Craft Fair at school
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
1:00 – 3:00 p.m. Junior Youth Operation Christmas Child

7:00 p.m. Adult Instruction class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 18-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball AC at Prairie du Rocher
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, November 19-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Boys' BB AB at New Athens; Girl's BB ABC at Steeleville
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 20-

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

6:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

Thursday, November 21- *Pastor Nebel at Board of Trustees, Concordia*

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

Boys' BB A Tourney at Collinsville; Girls' BB A Tourney at Nashville

Friday, November 22-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)
8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Mrs. Schmitz

Saturday, November 23- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 24-

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
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 25-

6:00 p.m. Boys' AC basketball at Red Bud Catholic
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

Tuesday, November 26-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball ABC home vs. Steelville

Wednesday, November 27-

8:30 a.m. Chapel at school with Mrs. Miller
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. & **2:30 p.m.** Public School Confirmation
10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting; 1:48 p.m. Early dismissal
7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Thursday, November 28- *Happy Thanksgiving!*

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Friday, November 29- *Office Closed!*

5 p.m. Austin/Liefer wedding rehearsal

Saturday, November 30-

1:00 p.m. Laney Austin and Kyle Liefer wedding
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion