

This Week With Our Lord, March 1-8, 2020

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

SUNDAY, March 1-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
- Noon: Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

Monday, March 2- No School! Casimir Pulaski Day

- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, March 3- Regional Science Fair at Carbondale (7th grade)

- 10:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Pinckneyville
- 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home vs. Coulterville

Wednesday, March 4-

- 8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
- 9:30 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
- 5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

Thursday, March 5-

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 6- Pastor Nebel in Concordia for Board meeting

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service
- Boys' and Girls' Basketball in Chicago for Lutheran State*

Saturday, March 7-

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Job)
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Acolyte: Ava Clifford Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, March 8-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Jakob Biffar
- Greeters: John & Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarch
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the FH
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Emma Kiefer
- Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Genesis 12:1-9; Epistle: Romans 4:1-8, 13-17; Gospel: John 3:1-17

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

"A Mercy-Full Message"- Jesus tells His parable of the Good Samaritan, who risks his own life to help a Jewish man whose suffering was ignored by his own countrymen. In this parable, Jesus answers the question "Who is my neighbor?" for His followers as He challenges us to "go, and do likewise" (Luke 10:37). As a family, discuss ideas of how to help those in need in your community. [Page 2](#)

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

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

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 419; Communion: 278; Adult/Youth: 44; Sunday School: 59
Ash Wednesday: Worship- 286; Communion- 138

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Something needs to be done and it falls to you to do it. You might feel alone-but you're not alone. Listen to "Singled Out, but Not Alone" (Exodus 3-4) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 2/23- General Fund: \$22,769.64; School- \$1,995; Debt: \$550. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matt. 4:7 – Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'You shall not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Jesus defeats Satan in our place – not by using His power as God but by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity. Jesus defeats Satan – not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone.

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED:

There is room at our 10:30 a.m. service for a couple or for two individuals to serve as greeters once every five weeks. Please call the office if you can help!

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

The S. Ill. District Lutheran Emergency Response Team is the mission project for our Sunday School this year. Ten percent of their offering will support this ministry of assistance to those who have suffered from fire, flood, wind, etc. We hope to have a trained team from St. John's at some point in the future.

CONGRATULATIONS:

Robert and Iona Burgdorf are celebrating their 52nd wedding anniversary on March 2. Congratulations and God's blessings to them!

EPISTLES:

The March edition of our newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy in the entryway. It is on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor Nebel has an email address.

CHANGE IN HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

The Board of Elders voted to adjust the distribution of Holy Communion so that the individual cup will be offered before the common cup. Those using the individual cup will be asked to hold it so that the person offering the common cup can see it. This change began in our Ash Wednesday services. [Page 3](#)

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Those who have a life insurance product with Thrivent can direct "Choice Dollars" to St. John's Lutheran Church. This needs to be done by March 31 to get credit for your 2019 dollars.

THANK YOU!:

"Thank you to everyone who remembered me in your prayers, with your cards and by your visits and well-wishes following my emergency surgery in July and my recovery since then. I am thankful to be feeling better and happy to be back at work in the office." *Love in Christ, Julie Ratz*

LENTEN SERVICES AND SUPPERS:

This year's theme for our midweek Lenten services is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus." We will have services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (pre-service hymn sing) for the next five Wednesdays. Lenten suppers are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. This week's menu is Chili, hot dogs, veges, crackers and desserts. Any organization or individual(s) interested in serving one or more of these free-will offering meals should contact Pastor Nebel.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:

Various Lenten devotional booklets are available on the table in the entryway for you to take. One is based on our theme this year, "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus."

SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION:

Our 12th Annual PTL Dinner Auction "Calling All Super Heroes" is Saturday March 21 at the Hecker Community Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Donation forms are available in the office or at SignUpGenius. Ticket forms have gone home with students but also are available in the office. If the PTL can raise \$100,000 our congregation will receive a matching gift of \$100,000 for our Debt Reduction Fund.

JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

Concordia University students are coming from River Forest to lead the Junior Youth in another fun lock-in on March 28 at 7 p.m. to March 29 at 7 a.m.! Students are encouraged to attend the 5 p.m. church service on Saturday before the lock-in. The Bible studies will count as Sunday School attendance. There will be mixer games, food, Bible Studies, and fun! There is NO CHARGE to attend! Please RSVP by March 26th to Jennifer Roscow at 618/972-5366 (text or call) mroscow@htc.net or comment on the event page on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN THE WORD:

"The Calling; Living a Life of Significance" is a CPH women's Bible study on Wednesdays from Jan 29th through March at 8:15-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email Julie Fehr if you are interested: jkfehr@htc.net.

"Romans" is the topic for the women who meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall with Jennifer Fritsche.

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. Page 4

MUSKETEER MARKET: A LENTEN MISSION PROJECT:

To help provide for needy students at Red Bud High School, our Evening Guild is holding a food/toiletry drive. A donation box is in our Fellowship Hall with lists of items needed. Pick up a list in the bottom of the tub and make purchases for the next 6 weeks. Donations will be delivered to RBHS weekly.

MITES FOR MISSIONS:

From the Bible's account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is used for regular contribution of 'mites'—offerings beyond regular support. Lutheran Women in Mission use 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. Extra Mite Boxes are in the entryway. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Vickie at 618/521-7417. Call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner, Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffemann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Arlin and Helen Winkelman

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Don and Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/1- Jane Moeller, Judy Guebert; 3/2- Jakob Biffar; 3/3- Jackson Carnahan; 3/4- Duke Hinrichs, Lisa Guebert; 3/5- Rev. Russell Koen, Taylor Schnepel, Lucas McCarthy, Sadie Stellhorn; 3/6- Cecilia Lautenschlaeger, Linda Buch, Nathan Marcheski, Taylor Guebert, Summer Luttmann, Luke Pollard; 3/7- Barb Ladwig, Dale Homstrom, Lisa Quinn, Miranda Sutton, Joshua Bremer, Skylar Valleroy, Ben DeRousse, Madeline Moll, Kate Krack. *Call the office for additions or corrections*

SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Trinity Lutheran Church (503 East Washington, Millstadt) will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and free for three and under.

GOODSEARCH:

When you use Goodsearch (www.goodsearch.com) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent! Page 5

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: "Peace" in the Bible, Polygamy in the Old Testament, Gaps in the Genesis Genealogies, The Religious Nones and more. Tune in weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850AM in St. Louis, at www.issuesetc.org or LPR mobile app.

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to KFUE AM850, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! This week on KFUE AM850, & kfue.org hear a live Lenten worship service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview on 3/4 at 11:00 a.m., continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and Search the Scriptures in the March Lutheran Witness with Rev. Peter III on The Coffee Hour (3/6 at 9:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand wherever you get your podcasts!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Lutheran Student Fellowship at Southeast Missouri State University invites you to attend an open house for the Lutheran Chapel of Hope at SEMO on March 7th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us to hang out, have fun, talk about campus life, and get a personalized tour of campus. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with snacks and refreshments before and after. Our address is 903 College Hill, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Contact Olivia Hart at oliviaphart@gmail.com or by phone at (573) 694-2239. We look forward to your visit! Thank you and God's blessings, *Faron Bartens President, Lutheran Student Fellowship*

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL:

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from February 26 through April 5 the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is taking place at the new Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights (across I-64 from St. Clair Square Mall). Contact Theresa@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com or Christy@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com.

ST. LOUIS PRO-LIFE EVENT:

March on the Arch will be Saturday, March 7. Check-in is 11 a.m. and the rally is at 12:30 p.m. Meet at 4251 Forest Park Ave. (Planned Parenthood Abortion facility) to walk through the heart of St. Louis to the Arch. Register @STLMarch.com (314/827-4039). Premium registration receives a return shuttle ticket, t-shirt and gift bag!

CHICKEN DINNER:

St. Mark's Lutheran in Steeleville will hold a Fried Chicken Dinner on Sunday, March 8. The meal consists of fried chicken, corn, green beans, mashed potatoes and gravy, slaw and applesauce as well as a huge selection of homemade desserts. Serving will be from 10:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in their school gym. Carry out and delivery will be available.

LOST AND FOUND:

The coat rack across from the bathrooms contains our "Lost and Found" items.

LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DINNER:

The Life Network Annual Fundraising Dinner is Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27 at The Falls Banquet Center in Columbia. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. William Lile. For more information or to make a reservation call 939-4224 or email dgeist@htc.net.

LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

Abortion and assisted suicide promise control. But they don't seize power from death. Instead, they simply submit to death's reign (Romans 5:14), accepting defeat and calling it a treaty. These practices and ideologies constitute sinfulness. We need not surrender, for Jesus embodies a new model of humankind. His forgiving grace works in us a faith that gives freedom to receive life and celebrate it even amid difficulty and suffering (Romans 5:17).

ELDER ZONES FOR 2020: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. 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: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/920-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)

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 Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The Annual COS Fish & More Dinner: Plan to join us this Friday, March 6 between 4:30 and 7 p.m. for all you can eat delicious fried & baked fish, fried chicken, sides and desserts. Handicap accessible and carry-outs are available.

Early Registration for 2020-2021: Register your students for next year by filling out the forms and paying the early registration fee of \$150. The early registration period ends March 31. You are also encouraged to apply for financial aid via FACTS and complete the COS Scholarship application.

FFA Water Hydrant Project: FFA would like to run a waterline the gym to the FFA garden and install a hydrant. Designated donations are needed to make this a reality. If this project interests you, send your earmarked donation to COS.

WIX Tops for FFA: If you use WIX oil filters, please save the box tops with the bar code and turn them into the office or give them to a COS FFA member. The COS FFA chapter can turn them in and receive a donation.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program supports organizations you care about. Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31** to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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



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

Pastor Russell Koen 618-282-1958

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

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

Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

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

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654; Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

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

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller; Aide- Patty Schnepel

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Bill Becker (Librarian)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

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

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

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

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Becky Rhodes

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Jennifer Pfannebecker,

Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Heidi

Guttman, Gerry Thompson, Melissa Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Kristi Martel,

Courtney Schoenbeck, Megan Diercks, Mary Novy, Terra Williams & Brittney Eichholz

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair: Andrew Stellhorn

Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeter: Miriam Poston Acolyte: Addi Dille

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Bruce Quinn

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Acolyte: Isaac Moll

Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The First Sunday in Lent 2020

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

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

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

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

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

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

Worship is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes are Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

+Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Angels, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, The Justice of God, Haggai, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Baptism Q & A, Discussing Homosexuality, Word Dwellers, Heaven, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Communications Skills, Having the Right Attitude, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Philemon, and more to come!

ESTATE FUND ASSISTANCE:

Our Estate Fund Committee has money available to assist with the Christian Education of St. John's members who are pursuing a church professional career and attending one of our seminaries or Concordia universities, as well as money to help those who attending a Lutheran high school. Please realize that this help is available as you consider your career and educational choices.

SET UP DIRECT PAYMENTS THROUGH ACH:

If you so choose, payments for items such as worship offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare can be withdrawn automatically and securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. To set up this option, simply fill out a form (in the school office) and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn (e.g. school lunches, offerings, etc). It is free to set up, and you can make changes or cancel at any time at no cost. 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. Our hope is that this option will offer convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our congregation. Please note that this is completely optional--no one is required to sign up. If you feel more comfortable continuing to use cash or check, please do so!

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.

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.

PAYMENTS ON FAST DIRECT:

Fast Direct now allows you to make payments online directly from Fast Direct using your credit or debit card! Simply log in, select Finance from the top of the page. You will add your credit or debit card info in the "wallet" section. Once that has been completed you can go to "make a payment". Be sure to select which account you want to make the payment to...tuition, lunch, daycare, After school care, etc. please call the office if you have any questions at all!!

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 to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

"The people shall not appear before their Lord empty-handed. Every one shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you." (Deuteronomy. 16:16c-17).

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PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

2020 ILLINOIS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST:

For students in Grades 6-12. *Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school is eligible. You also may enter through a home school, congregation e.g. confirmation class or youth group when validated by the pastor or teacher.* Contest Guidelines: Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2020 Conference theme: "From Invisible to Indispensable..." and Conference Bible verse: *"On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable"*. (1 Corinthians 12:22). Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words and Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word by April 1, 2020 via email to cathy.benning.os@gmail.com. See Pastor Nebel for more information.