

# The Epistle

**DECEMBER 2020**

**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*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal*

*Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education*

*Rev. Clifford Adair, Assistant to the Pastor*

*Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director*

## **From Lutheran Church Charities**

### **“God Speaks Through Our Thoughts”**

*But you have an anointing from the Holy One, and all of  
you know the truth. 1 John 2:20*

Have you ever held a conversation with someone in your mind? You took one side of the issue and then the other. So think about this: if *you* can have a conversation with yourself in your mind, don't you think *God* can have a conversation with you in your mind too? The trouble is, our minds often prove to be unreliable because we've polluted them with so much junk; therefore, we doubt His ability to speak through our thoughts. Once God redeems you, He starts renewing your mind (see *Romans 12:2*). Paul writes, “*Who has known the mind of the Lord that he may instruct Him?*” *But we have the mind of Christ*’ (*1 Corinthians 2:16*).

Did you get that? When God saves you, He starts thinking *His* thoughts through you. He speaks through many different channels – your mind is just one of them. The Bible says, ‘*God...works in you to will and to act in order to fulfil his good purpose*’ (*Philippians 2:13*). Note the phrase ‘*to will and to act*’. God will actually direct your *will* and create a desire in you to do the thing that

pleases Him. And there's persistence in His leading. When you have a desire to do something that keeps recurring, it may be God directing you. That's why it's crucial to monitor your mind and screen the thoughts you entertain. Jesus said, ‘*You are already clean because of the word...I have spoken to you*’ (*John 15:3*). Bathe your mind every day with God's Word, and fine-tune your ‘receiver’ to hear what He's saying to you.

Prayer- O Holy Spirit, purge my mind of the junk of this world that interferes with my hearing of Your will and guide me as I read Your inspired Word of the Holy Bible for my life's direction. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Your Pastor's Ponderings**

“In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be registered. This was the first registration when Quirinius was governor of Syria. And all went to be registered, each to his own town.” *Luke 2:1-3*

This will be a Christmas season unlike any we ever have experienced. Already, some of the usual Christmas events we attend and traditions we observe have been altered, set aside or cancelled. Concerns about Covid and restrictions resulting from this pandemic are affecting how families and communities will celebrate this holy season.

Here at St. John's we typically fill the old gym at school three times each December with children and their families gathered for Children's Christmas services. That will not happen this year. Children's services will take place, but in near empty settings. You will be able to watch them online, but a solitary viewing of a remote service does not have the same Christmas feel to it.

We will replace those children's services with Wednesday Midweek Advent services. The theme will be “The Three-fold Coming of Christ.” They will be held on Dec. 2, 9 and 16 at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. at church. (The evening service on Dec. 16 will be at 6:30 p.m. It will be the Sunday School Christmas Service.) Please note that our Worship Calendar for 2020-2021 is part of this newsletter.

As we note from the above Bible passage, the very first Christmas happened in an unusual setting. A government mandated census forced people such as Joseph and Mary, not to shelter-in-place at home, but to be on the move, returning to the place they were from or where they owned property, in order to be counted for taxation purposes. Into such a trying time, God sent His only Son, born into our human flesh, to fulfill His ancient promises of a Messiah and the give us the Savior from sin that we need. This Christmas we need His presence among us through His Word and Sacrament more than ever!

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

### Christmas Holy Communion Services

Looking ahead to Christmas worship services, in order to enable your attendance in a socially-distant and comfortable way, we are asking for you to make a reservation as we want to limit each service to around 120 people (33% capacity of the sanctuary). Please call our church office at 282-2394. We also will add two Christmas Eve Holy Communion services, so the times will be 3 p.m. (full), 5 p.m. (full), 7 p.m. (plenty of room) and 9 p.m. to go along with the Christmas Day 9 a.m. Holy Communion service. So that will be five opportunities for worship here at St. John's at Christmas.

### Sunday Morning Studies 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel. We will finish "A Simple Explanation of Church and State" as our nation has experienced an election. Refreshments are provided.

DCE Bill Becker offers a parents and other adults class in the Junior High Wing at school off of the new gym lobby. He continues with a class on "Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic. Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is guiding our high school-aged members in a study of the Gospel of Matthew. They meet in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall.

### Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

"Perseverance: Praying Through Life's Challenges" is the Bible study that our women's group is using on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m., led by Jennifer Fritsche.

The Thursday morning, 8:10 to 9 a.m. class continues studying the Gospel of Luke with Pastor Nebel.

The first and third Saturdays at 7 a.m. is our Men's Bible Breakfast reading through the book of Job.

### Website Bible Studies

Bible studies topics under the Media tab of our website [www.stjohnsredbud.org](http://www.stjohnsredbud.org) are Amen, Angels, Antichrist, Apostles, Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection, Baptism Q & A, Church & Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, End of the World, Discussing Homosexuality, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Haggai, Having the Right Attitude, Heaven, The Justice of God, Justification and Sanctification, Islam, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Meditation, Philemon, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Word Dwellers, and more to come!

### December Servers

Flowers: Alverda Rahn and Diane Kunkelmann

Paraments: Virginia Moeller

Communion cloths: Lynn Langrehr

### From Your Director of Christian Education

I sit here on a Monday morning in November typing this December Epistle article. I am waiting, waiting for so many things. Is there going to be another, more stringent, government mandated shutdown? What are the medical test results going to show? Will there be snow on Christmas?

Advent is a time of waiting and preparation. We await the commemoration of the birth of our Savior, Jesus. Jesus came to us as the babe of Bethlehem. He came in God's perfect timing. He is coming again also in God's perfect timing. The worries of this present age will soon fade away. God's perfect plan of salvation has been revealed. As we proceed through the coming month and into a new year, I pray God's peace and comfort is with all of you!

Some events that are forthcoming in December at this time of writing are a COVID drive by/thru luncheon for retired members of the congregation or anyone who needs a good meal on Friday, December 11 at the Fellowship Hall starting with pick up at 11 a.m. Soup, salad, and dessert will be served for a meal to go. Please call or text me at 618-282-2958 and let me know what you would like. The menu will include chicken noodle soup or beef vegetable soup, Caesar salad, and a variety of desserts (made by the faculty/staff). I will need an accurate number so we have enough supplies. **Please let me know by Wed. Dec. 9 if you would like this meal made possible by a Thrivent gift card and your St. John's Lutheran faculty and staff.**

Primary Sunday School students will hold a Christmas service on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m. at church. We are practicing social distancing and other safeguards for the children. There are five Christmas Eve and Day services being planned. Please call the office for a time that best suits you and your family.

While our celebrations may be different this year our purpose remains to share the love of the newborn babe of Bethlehem with the World. God's richest blessings to you and yours this Christmas!

*God's blessings to you, Mr. Bill Becker*

### Sunday School News

Students in Sunday School Nursery through Grade One will practice at church on Nov. 29, Dec. 6, and Dec. 13 during the Sunday morning Christian Education hour for their Christmas Service at church on Wednesday, December 16 at 6:30 p.m.

*CHRIST THE  
SAVIOR IS BORN!*

### **From Our Principal's Pen**

As I write this article, Thanksgiving is just a few days away! Yes, it will look differently this year for many families as they are asked to not gather in large groups because of COVID-19. This pandemic has had a toll on all of us as our normal routines have changed so much. This Thanksgiving let us not forget to be thankful for all our blessings, health, family, food, shelter and all our other blessings. We are truly blessed!

Great job on Watkins sales this year! We hit an all-time high with \$6944.91 in sales! The class selling the most was Fifth grade with \$3815.41 in sales. Addalyn Schloemann had the highest sales with \$786.79. Everyone did a great job! Several items were unavailable. However, Marilyn Going found a source that may have some of these items. The school will know next week. Items will be sent home if available. Should that not be the case and items are not found, any paid item not received will have a refund made. Please contact Deitt Schneider if a refund is needed for unavailable items.

Congratulations to our students who did so well on the VFW Auxiliary Patriot's Pen essay contest. The top three winners were all from our school! Summer Luttmann was chosen as the Third-Place winner, Christine Liefer was chosen as the Second-Place winner and Samuel Roscow was chosen as the First-Place winner. All three essays were submitted to represent District 14! Great job students!! The teacher coordinating the essays was Nancy Whelan.

We are happy that we have been able to stay in school with in-person learning. We have had to quarantine some classes or students because family members were exposed. However, most of us have been able to remain in school and this is a blessing! As the pandemic seems to be everywhere, please be diligent in social distancing, wearing a mask and keeping your hands washed. We will continue to be diligent in keeping our school clean and sanitized. Our Red Bud District #132 has added December 11 as a remote learning day. We will inform you of additional days that will be added for the second semester schedule.

Christmas services will be different this year. For PK-2<sup>nd</sup> grade, the students will recite verses and sing songs telling the Christmas story at their Chapel/Worship services. These will be recorded by Facebook Live. Grades 3-8 will tell the Christmas story by using the Road to Bethlehem script. They will Facebook Live this portrayal on December 22 from church. Please join us if you are able.

Our students will prepare for Christmas with our Advent services each Wednesday. We plan to Facebook Live the service for our students to watch remotely. Yes,

this is a different routine but we are thankful that we can still worship in this way.

God's peace, love, joy and hope to you this Christmas and in the New Year!

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



*VFW Auxiliary Patriot's Pen Essay Contest winners are (l-r) Summer Luttmann (third), Christine Liefer (second) and Samuel Roscow (first). Congratulations!*

### **Junior Youth**

Our Junior Youth says "Thank You" to all those who donated to Operation Christmas Child, especially to our Evening Guild members. Along with Senior Youth leader, Susie Harms, we were able to pack 64 boxes which will be sent to children all over the world.

*Jennifer Roscow and Lisa Quinn, Junior Youth leaders*

### **Senior Youth**

Our elected officers are: Ethan Fritsche, President; Annelise Quinn, Activity Director; Dylan Roscow, Treasurer; and Hannah Sievers, Secretary.

We have our monthly meeting on Dec. 6 at noon in our church basement hangout. We will help with the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service. We are looking to schedule a progressive dinner in December.

We thank all the St. John's church members who support us. Thank you to all who purchased BBQ plates and baked items at the Men's Club BBQ. Thank you to all who donated items for the Operation Christmas Child boxes.

Congratulations to St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Kinley Bowles who was the Student of the Month for November! This is sponsored by the Red Bud Lions Club.

### **Men's Club**

St. John's Men will gather on Thursday, December 10 at 6 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall for our Christmas meal of pork sausage and sauerkraut. Devotions, meeting, and conversation will be a part of our time together as well. All are invited!

### Evening Guild News

Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 6:00 p.m. will be our Christmas Party in Fellowship Hall as our Evening Guild and guests will gather a fried chicken dinner, complete with full meal. Covid precautions will be observed. Devotions will be by Judy Guebert. Mites will be collected. Please notify Sharon Guebert (282-6468) by November 30 if you plan to attend.

Quilting continues in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join them for some social interaction at a distance across a quilt!

### Virtual "Brew In The Lou"

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA), of which we are a member, will begin sales of "Brew in the Lou" passports on October 1 at [www.LESAstl.org](http://www.LESAstl.org). The cost \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in St. Louis area Lutheran schools.



*Our Director of Parish Music, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, leads members of St. John's and others in singing outside of Red Bud Care Center on Tuesday, November 10 in response to the hospital's request for outside visitors to the residents of the care center shut-in by Covid restrictions.*

### Music CDs Available

St. John's member Joan Voges is offering the latest, and last, music CD from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. "Peter's Song" tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of His disciple Peter. The seven tracks of this CD include beautiful narrations from the late Chris Bergmann along with Joan's texts and tunes. All of her Lilyfield CDs are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our school ministry.

Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has made his latest CD of music, "Freely Given, Freely Received," available for us to purchase. The \$10 will be used for our congregation's Debt Reduction. They are on the table in the church entryway.

### Elder Baskets

The members of our Board of Elders will deliver gift baskets to our homebound and nursing home residents on the morning of Saturday, December 5. If you would like to support this project, please place an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" in one of the offering plates in the entryway or deliver/send it to our office at school.

### The Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain Coordinator is Vickie Heller. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call her 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).

### Addition To Worship Prayers

If you are or have in your family an emergency responder, healthcare worker or law enforcement officer whose position has become especially difficult during this time of pandemic, please call or email our office so that we can list the name of that person in our group prayers much like we remember our nation's military personnel.

### 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 Mike DeRousse (282-3066)
- 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)

### LCMS Foundation

When something is present simply because of tradition its value is diminished. Take for example the advent wreath, found in our churches and even many of our homes. The circle reminds us of eternity. The green reminds us of the life Jesus has given us. The four candles around the outside remind us of hope, peace, joy and love. The middle

candle reminds us of Jesus. Do you think about all this every time you walk past an advent wreath?

In that same thinking, what is the purpose of your estate plans? Certainly, there are directions for legal matters that need to be in place for the day you die. But your plan is for so much more than just dying. Your estate plan contains a gift plan, through which you will give gifts to the family or friends you love and the ministries you care about. Your estate plan is not about dying. It is about using God's gifts well, to continue the reflection of Jesus and His gift to us, long after the Lord has called you to your rest in Him. Don't let fear of death get in the way of planning for the giving of God's gifts of life. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) for more information.

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

Christmas is coming. It is a joyous time of feasting. The Church feasts upon the Word of God in sermon, song, and sacrament.

We hear the proclamation of the message of the angels: "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord" (Luke 2:10-11). We mingle our voices with theirs as we sing, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom he is pleased" (Luke 2:14)! We receive the proclaimed Savior, Christ the Lord, not wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in manger but wrapped in bread and wine placed into our mouths for the forgiveness of sins, life, and salvation. We feast in great joy indeed because of this great blessing from our Lord and God.

God's people in ancient Israel also feasted with great joy. The Lord showered His abundant blessing on His people. And He commanded them to feast upon it. The people were to go to the place appointed, where the Lord would make His name dwell, and give offerings, each man as he was able, according to the blessing of the Lord that He had given them (Deut. 16:10, 15, 17).

And there the Lord would bless them with joy as they feasted upon what the Lord had provided. They ate of the choice parts of their offerings. They enjoyed the company of all the people of God as they together heard His promises of blessing, sang of His bountiful goodness, and partook of what He gave.

We feast on the Word who became flesh to dwell among us, not just during Christmas but throughout all the year. We feast not just on the salvation He has wrought for

us in His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, but we feast also on all the temporal blessings that God gives out of His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We enjoy the rich bounty that God provides, not only in Word and Sacrament, but also in house and home, property and income, family and friends.

Let us then, as did our brothers in the faith from ancient Israel, give as we are able, according to the blessing of the Lord our God that He has given us. Let us, like them, give generously of the first fruits of our income, which He gives, so that all may know and enjoy the salvation He gives and the joy we have in the Savior born in the city of David, who is Christ the Lord.

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Nov. 28	5 p.m. Olivia Candler
Sun. Nov. 29	8 a.m. Blayton Sutton 10:30 a.m. Sam Roscow
Wed. Dec. 2	7 p.m. Samantha Kuehner
Sat. Dec. 5	5 p.m. Colby Voss
Sun. Dec. 6	8 a.m. Amelia Guebert 10:30 a.m. Olivia Valleroy
Wed. Dec. 9	7 p.m. Sage Pensoneau
Sat. Dec. 12	5 p.m. Shamus Korves
Sun. Dec. 13	8 a.m. Emily Bowles 10:30 a.m. Milla Neff
Wed. Dec. 16	<b>6:30 p.m.</b> Addelyn Rahn
Sat. Dec. 19	5 p.m. Colt Hess
Sun. Dec. 20	8 a.m. Makannah Harless 10:30 a.m. Landon Ruebusch
Thu. Dec. 24	3 p.m. Barrett Wagner 5 p.m. Kendall Crafton 7 p.m. Lucas McCarthy 9 p.m. Senior Youth
Fri. Dec. 25	9 a.m. Christine Liefer
Sat. Dec. 26	5 p.m. Ayden Wiegard
Sun. Dec. 27	8 a.m. Austin Kiefer 10:30 a.m. Kerrigan Zeiger
Thu. Dec. 31	<b>6 p.m.</b> Cadin Voss
Fri. Jan. 1	<b>10 a.m.</b> Karson Liefer

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

## December Church and School Calendar

### SUNDAY, November 29-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic Class in new gym  
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Noon Christmas decorating at church; all help appreciated!  
6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Monday, November 30-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library  
Tuesday, December 1-  
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference- Campbell Hill  
12:30 to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Christmas Dinner and Party in the FH

### Wednesday, December 2-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Advent Service at church  
9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes  
7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service at church

### Thursday, December 3-

8:10 a.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony  
Friday, December 4-  
8:20 a.m. Kdg. Early Childhood Christmas Service (online)

### Saturday, December 5-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Job)  
9:00 a.m. Christmas Basket deliveries by our Board of Elders  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
SUNDAY, December 6-  
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic class in new gym  
9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service  
Noon Senior Youth Gathering in their church basement hangout  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### Monday, December 7-

8:20 a.m. PreSchool Early Childhood Online Christmas Service  
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

### Tuesday, December 8-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting  
Wednesday, December 9-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Advent Service at church  
9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH  
7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service at church

### Thursday, December 10-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)  
6:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering and Meal in the FH  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### Friday, December 11- Remote Learning School Day

11:00 a.m. Senior Meal service in the FH  
5:30 p.m. Moll-Schleyhahn wedding rehearsal  
Saturday, December 12-

1:30 p.m. Jacob Moll and Nicole Schleyhahn wedding

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, December 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic classes in new gym  
9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### Monday, December 14-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

### Tuesday, December 15-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 16-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Advent Service at church

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service at church

### Thursday, December 17-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

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

### Friday, December 18-

8:20 a.m. Grade 1 Early Childhood Christmas service online

### Saturday, December 19-

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

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

### SUNDAY, December 20-

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic classes in new gym

9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

### Monday, December 21-

8:20 a.m. Grade 2 Early Childhood Christmas Service online

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

### Tuesday, December 22-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Christmas Service online

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 23- School on Christmas Break

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

### Thursday, December 24- Office Closed

3:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

7:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Communion Service

### Friday, December 25- The Birth of our Lord Jesus Christ!

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

### Saturday, December 26- Pastor Nebel on vacation thru 31st

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, December 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Faith/Pandemic classes in new gym

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

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

### Tuesday, December 29-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, December 30-

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

### Thursday, December 31- Office Closed

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-Red Bud, Illinois**

**Worship Calendar: 2020-2021 Church Year**

NOVEMBER 2020

Sat/Sun\* 28/29 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 2020

Wed 2 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service  
 Sat/Sun 5/6 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
 Wed 9 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service  
 Thu 10 \*2 p.m. Holy Communion Service  
 Sat/Sun 12/13 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent  
 Wed 16 8:30 a.m. Midweek Advent Service  
 Wed 16 6:30 p.m. Sunday School Christmas  
 Sat/ Sun 19/20 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent  
 Thu 24 \*3 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion  
 Thu 24 \*5 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion  
 Thu 24 \*7 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion  
 Thu 24 \*9 p.m. Christmas Eve Com./Candlelight  
 Fri 25 \*9 a.m. Christmas Day Communion  
 Sat/Sun 26/27 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas (St. John, Apostle)  
 Thu 31 \*6 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion

JANUARY 2021

Fri 1 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins  
 Sat/Sun 2/3 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas  
 Thu 7 \*2 p.m. Epiphany Communion Service  
 Sat/Sun 9/10 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
 Sat/Sun 16/17 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany (Life)  
 Sat/Sun 23/24 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday After Epiphany (St. Timothy)  
 Sat/Sun 30/31 \*4<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 2021

Sat/Sun 6/7 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany  
 Thu 11 \*2 p.m. Holy Communion Service  
 Sat/Sun 13/14 \*The Transfiguration of Our Lord  
 Wed 17 \*8:30 a.m. & \*7 p.m. Ash Wednesday  
 Sat/Sun 20/21 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Wed 24 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent  
 Sat/Sun 27/28 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent

MARCH 2021

Wed 3 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent  
 Sat/Sun 6/7 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Wed 10 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent  
 Sat/Sun 13/14 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Wed 17 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent  
 Sat/Sun 20/21 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent  
 Wed 24 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent  
 Sat/Sun 27/28 \*Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion

APRIL 2021

Thu 1 \*8:30 a.m. & \*7 p.m. Maundy Thursday  
 Fri 2 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Good Friday  
 Sat 3 \*5 p.m. Resurrection Festival Service  
 Sun 4 \*6:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunrise Service  
 Sun 4 \*10:30 a.m. Resurrection Festival Service  
 Sat/Sun 10/11 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

Sat/Sun 17/18 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 (\*Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.)  
 Sat/Sun 24/25 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (St. Mark, Evangelist)

MAY 2021

Sat/Sun 1/2 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 Sat/Sun 8/9 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)  
 Thu 13 \*8:30 a.m. (?) & \*7 p.m. Ascension Day  
 Sat/Sun 15/16 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter  
 Sat/Sun 22/23 \*Day of Pentecost  
 Sat/Sun 29/30 \*The Holy Trinity (Freedom Celebration)

JUNE 2021

Sat/Sun 5/6 Pentecost 2 (Proper 5)  
 Sat/Sun 12/13 Pentecost 3 (Proper 6)  
 Sat/Sun 19/20 Pentecost 4 (Proper 7) (Father's Day)  
 Sat/Sun 26/27 Pentecost 5 (Proper 8)

JULY 2021

Sat/Sun 3/4 Pentecost 6 (Proper 9)  
 Sat/Sun 10/11 Pentecost 7 (Proper 10)  
 Sat/Sun 17/18 Pentecost 8 (Proper 11)  
 Sat/Sun 24/25 Pentecost 9 (Proper 12) (St. James Elder)

AUGUST 2021

Sat/Sun 31/1 Pentecost 10 (Proper 13)  
 Sat/Sun 7/8 Pentecost 11 (Proper 14)  
 Sat/Sun 14/15 Pentecost 12 (Proper 15) (St. Mary)  
 Sat/Sun 21/22 Pentecost 13 (Proper 16)  
 (Staff Dedication and/or Rally Day?)  
 Sat/ Sun 28/29 Pentecost 14 (Proper 17)  
 (Saturdays and Sundays do not match up this month!)

SEPTEMBER 2021

Sat/Sun 4/5 Pentecost 15 (Proper 18)  
 Sat/Sun 11/12 Pentecost 16 (Proper 19)  
 Sat/Sun 18/19 Pentecost 17 (Proper 20)  
 Sat/Sun 25/26 Pentecost 18 (Proper 21)

OCTOBER 2021

Sat/Sun 2/3 Pentecost 19 (Proper 22) (LWML)  
 Sat/Sun 9/10 Pentecost 20 (Proper 23)  
 Sat/Sun 16/17 Pentecost 21 (Proper 24)  
 Sat/Sun 23/24 Pentecost 22 (Proper 25)  
 Sat/Sun 30/31 \*Reformation Day

NOVEMBER 2021

Sat/Sun 6/7 \*All Saints' Day/Faithful Departed  
 Sat/Sun 13/14 Mission Festival/Pentecost 25 (Proper 28)  
 Sat/Sun 20/21 Last Sunday of Church Year (Proper 29)  
 Wed/Thu 24/25 \*7 p.m. and \*9 a.m. Thanksgiving

Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
 Holy Communion is at 5 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays  
 Holy Communion is at 8 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
 Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
 \*Holy Communion also is every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
 of the month and on major church festivals

### **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 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. Fill out a form in the school office and select each payment account you want automatically withdrawn. It is free. You can make changes or cancel any time. If there are insufficient funds in the account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn. You will be notified. We hope this option offers convenience to users and greater efficiency for our funding. If you feel more comfortable making payments by cash/check, please do!