

The Epistle

APRIL 2021

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

**Church: 508 Bloom Street
618/282-2394**

**School: 808 South Main Street
618/282-3873**

618-282-4087 (fax)

office@stjohnsredbud.org

www.stjohnsredbud.org

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

"The Importance of the Cross"

May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world was crucified to me and I to the world. Galatians 6:14

It's interesting that in the Bible Jesus doesn't ask us to remember His birth or His resurrection, although we know we should, but He tells us to remember His death. When He instituted the Lord's Supper, He said, *'This do in remembrance of Me'* (Luke 22:19). Paul said, *'God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ.'* The cross, like the gallows and the electric chair, is an instrument of death. So why glory in it? Because of what took place there.

When Jesus said, *'It is finished,'* all your sins from the cradle to the grave were paid for. So the cross is God's first and last word when it comes to salvation. It's His first word because Jesus was *'the Lamb slain from the foundation of the world'* (Revelation 13:8). And the cross is God's last word about salvation, for in heaven they will sing, *'Thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by Thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation'* (Revelation 5:9 KJV). There is no 'plan B' for salvation.

The only road that goes to heaven goes through Calvary. You can't bypass the cross or go around it if you want to be saved. The Bible says, *'Without shedding of blood [there] is no remission [for sin]'* (Hebrews 9:22). As you look at the cross today, you'll see the *curse* of sin, the *cost* of sin, and the *cure* for sin. And as you look at the cross, remind yourself: 'He did it for me.'

Prayer- Dearest Jesus, the cross You went to and died upon is the price You paid for my salvation. Thank You for living, dying and rising for me. In Your Name. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

The Public Examination, or Questioning, of our 24 Confirmands will take place in church on Wednesday, April 14, at 7 p.m. It has been a joy and pleasure (most of the time 😊) to work with these young people. The following are the class members:

Gavin Jacob Baldwin

Jakob David Biffar

Chloe Grace Cowell

Emerson Lynn Deterding

Olivia Grace Gerald

Taylor Nikole Guebert

Blake Aaron Henry

Sofia Leigh Jones

Connor Blake Jordan

Eva Lillian Kinney

Natalie Marie Korando

Christine Joy Liefer

Karson Diedrich Liefer

MaKayla Christine Liefer

Summer Lynn Luttman

Tori Aevon Muench

Hailey Cecelia May Proctor

Bruce David Quinn, Jr.

Samuel Michael Roscow

Lucas Edward Schwartzkopf

Daniel Thomas Stapleton

Cadin Jacob Voss

Crewe Lebraiah Wagner

Trenton Randy Wagner

We will celebrate the Rite of Confirmation in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, April 18. Due to the size of the class, the desire to have as many family members present as possible, and the hope to maintain some form of social distancing, the Board of Elders has reserved that service for confirmation students and their invited guests only. Otherwise, please attend either the Saturday evening or early Sunday morning Holy Communion services that weekend. Thank you!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

March 27 Baptism of Emmett James Schoenbeck

We Bid a Fond Farewell

March 20 Death of Iona Burgdorf

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

Adult Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel. We are covering the Bible from Genesis to Revelation in survey form. Participants will receive a binder with handouts to keep. Refreshments are provided.

DCE Bill Becker offers a parents and other adults class in the school library. He continues with a class on "Being Lutheran." 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.

Zoom Bible Class Offering

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is offering a Zoom Bible Class on Saturdays from 4-4:40 p.m. To be part of "Stump the Seminarian" please send an email to him at waterstreetw@csl.edu and he will send you a Zoom link.

From Your Director of Christian Education

What a difference a year makes! Last year we had our Easter service celebration down at the school's parking lot. It was the first worship service we held after the early months of a lockdown caused by the COVID-19 virus. We stayed in our cars. We tuned in on the radio to listen to the audio. We were not able to celebrate with our Lord's Supper.

Jesus was locked down in a tomb and the depths of hell. On the third day He victoriously rose from the grave. He conquered sin, death and the devil! As we gather in person this year for all of the Holy Week services may we take the time to praise God for the opportunities we have to worship Him and partake of His body and blood in, with, and under the bread and wine.

The Lenten meals for this year were very successful. All supplies were purchased with Thrivent gift cards and donations totaled \$991.25. Thank you to the faithful Senior Youth members and their families for helping with the serving of the meals. Thank you to the many people who donated desserts. All monetary donations were given to the Senior Youth for our trip to the National Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, Texas in July 2022. The Senior Youth will host a continental Easter breakfast after the two early morning services at 7:45-8:30 am and 9:45-10:30 am. While things may be different yet this year we hope to return back to a "normal" breakfast next year. Thank you for your support of our endeavors.

Speaking of "normal" things we are having a spring musical production on April 9. Members of our eighth grade class are taking the lead in serving as the actors. This will be recorded. We will have a premier showing on Thursday, April 22 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will remove the tables and set chairs three feet apart. This way the weather hopefully won't be an issue. We are asking you to sign up so we know approximately how many to be ready for. Once this showing has occurred I will put out a link on our social media and Remind systems on Friday, April 23.

Mark your calendars for three upcoming events: May 20 will be another spring crafting with Jo Ellner upstairs at Lieferbrau while the men join with the Men's Club Fish Fry and social event up at church. Stay tuned for more details! June 7-11 we are planning to host VBS up at the Fellowship Hall! Lots of helpers will be needed. In July I will host a mini summer camp with a Legos/Stem theme camp!

In His service, Mr. Bill Becker

Lenten Midweek Suppers

As mentioned in the above article, during Lent our evening services were preceded by a meal in the Fellowship Hall provided by Mr. Becker and served by our Senior Youth. We thank them for very wonderful and delicious food along with their smiling and sanitary service!

Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday class resumes this month at 7:30 p.m. as we finish 1st Samuel. The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class continues studying the Gospel of Luke with Pastor Nebel. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays at 7 a.m. this month will be our Men's Bible Breakfast. A women's study has resumed on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m.

Divine Call Extended

In our Voters Assembly meeting on January 24th the proposal to enter into a dual parish arrangement with St. John in Baldwin for the purpose of calling a Split-time Pastor who will serve us as an Associate Pastor and serve the Baldwin congregation as its Sole Pastor was approved. We will extend this call for a spring placement seminary graduate. We will hear whether or not we will receive a candidate for this position by the end of April. For us this would replace our arrangement with Rev. Clifford Adair as our part-time Assistant to the Pastor.



Voters Assembly Meeting

Our quarterly Voters Assembly Meeting will be on Wednesday, April 28 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. If we have learned that we will receive a pastoral candidate from the St. Louis seminary, we will arrange a video feed from the seminary chapel of the Candidate Call Service which will be taking place at the same time.

Sunday School News

Perfect Attendance for March: Nursery- Carter Mehring; Kindergarten- Elsie Liefer, Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr, Maggie Kuehn; First grade- Henry Schnepel; Second Grade- Aiden Arbeiter, Sydney Krick, Lauren Mehring; Third Grade- Payton Liefer; Fifth Grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing; Seventh Grade- Noah Kassing; Eighth Grade- Connor Jordan, Samuel Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

Nursery through First Grade Sunday School students will sing “This Little Gospel Light of Mine” in the 10:30 a.m. service on April 11. Children will sit with their families before and after singing.

From the Principal's Pen

Happy April!! I am so glad we have made it this far with in-person school. When I hear the news about school districts going back in-person, I have to wonder what they have been waiting for; so much education is being lost. My prayers continue that the world will be back to a more “normal” time soon.

Happy Easter! The students are looking forward to some time with family and friends over this holiday. God has blessed us through His Son so I pray your Church gatherings throughout this Passion week are a wonderful reflection time together.

March has been crazy busy with sports trying to play catch up for the whole year. Officially, we are now in track and will continue with this sport till May. We congratulate the girls Volleyball team for winning the Regional Volleyball tournament. Great job!

The end of the third quarter was March 12. The following students were recognized for Honor Roll:

3RD QUARTER HONOR ROLL:

4th Grade- Honors- Lyle Schlueter & Brendyn Wegener. High Honors- Levi Nagel. Highest Honors- Ella Cowell, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Tessa Stenzel, Cailyn Wilson & Brooke Wolter.

5th Grade- Honors- Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Braylin Eggemeyer, Emily Farmer & Lilly Meyer. High Honors-

Mallory Arbeiter, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer & Addy Schloemann. Highest Honors- Norah Wagner.

6th Grade- Honors- Connor Bumann, Annika Herriman, Kinley Macbeth, Milla Neff, Liam Quintin, Olivia Valleroy & Colby Voss. High Honors- Kendall Crafton, Amelia Guebert, Lucas McCarthy, Lilly Minemann, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton & Julia Whelan. Highest Honors- Addie Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, Brodie Stenzel & Jenna Whelan.

7th Grade- Honors- Ava Clifford, Jack Crafton, Grayson Herriman, Addie Meyer, Luke Quintin & Kerrigan Zeiger. High Honors- Evan Kiefer & Alexa Wegener. Highest Honors- Emma Kiefer & Addyson Piel.

8th Grade- Honors- Gavin Baldwin, Taylor Guebert, Natalie Korando, Karson Liefer, Summer Luttmann & Lucas Schwartzkopf. High Honors- Sofia Jones, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Cadin Voss & Derek Whelan. Highest Honors- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton & Crewe Wagner.

The Geography Bee was held on March 18 and we made school history by having the top three winners being girls. Summer Luttmann took 1st place, Eva Kinney-2nd and Addy Schloemann-3rd. We are proud of these girls and all who competed, the competition is difficult.

The school musical will be a virtual production but we will have the experience and enjoyment for the students. They are working hard on learning their parts. We will record the production on April 9 with a premier showing on April 22 in the Fellowship Hall. Please be sure to sign up for this “first time ever” showing, only 80 people will be allowed to attend. The online version will be shared on April 23.

Confirmation questioning will take place on April 14 and the Rite of Confirmation on April 18. We pray for God’s blessings upon these students.

A Scholastic Book fair will take place on April 15 and 16 with sign up times for viewing. Please watch for more information. On April 22 we plan to have the Cougar Prowl Fun Run. We pray for good weather and lots of energy for that day.

The Class of 2021 will travel to Washington DC even though it will be different from other years. We will travel to Gettysburg, Washington, Mt. Vernon, Jamestown, Williamsburg, Charlottesville and the Ark Encounter. Our stay in DC will be short as many facilities are still closed to the public. We will be able to see the memorials and have a bus tour of the city but our usual stops are not available. The class is happy to make the trip, even in different times.

God's blessings to you, Mrs. Deitt Schneider

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration is now online and open for Preschool and Kindergarten. Please log on to the addresses below to sign up for the 2021-2022 school year. Sorry, we are not able to have an open house or soup dinner this year, we hope to have it again next year.

Here are the web addresses for the registration forms.

Kindergarten: <https://forms.gle/A8vEHAXcHyZ9GcCV9>

Preschool: <https://forms.gle/TDK3QKmnMMBUXjcY9>

M&M SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT

After enjoying the M&Ms, our school children and congregation members donated generously toward our "Come and See Jesus" mission project. We received \$2000. With that amount Lutheran Heritage Foundation will donate 400 Small Catechisms, Bible Storybooks and other religious books to school children in Indonesia so they can learn about Jesus. Thank you for giving from the heart.

Online Dinner Auction

This year our PTL's Dinner Auction Committee will host an auction online. We are very grateful for the many donations that were received and we can't wait for everyone to view and bid on these amazing items! The online auction items will be available to view beginning Monday, April 5th. Bidding will begin on Thursday, April 8th and will close on Sunday, April 11th at 7 p.m.

If you purchased tickets for last year's auction and would like a refund, please contact Emma McCarthy at 618-317-1842 or nemccarthy@live.com. Or contact Trisha Ruebusch at 618-317-2168 or truebusch79@gmail.com. Please contact no later than April 11, 2021 to receive a refund, if no request is received by this date it will be assumed as a donation to the school. No action is required if you do not want a refund and would like to donate back your ticket money.

To register for online bidding, please see below. Thank you for your continued support and we hope to see everyone at the Dinner Auction next year!

Desktop Bidding Sign Up/ Registration Page Link:

<https://www.silentauctionpro.com/signinregisterolb.php?groupId=1796&olbreturn=/bidonlinegrid.php?groupId=1796&ks=1>

Mobile Sign Up Registration Page Link:

<https://m.silentauctionpro.com/createlogin.php?fwd=olbSignUp&groupId=1796>

April Servers

Flowers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester

Parameters: Irma Birkner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Website Bible Studies

Bible studies topics under the Media tab of our website 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! I have added all four sessions of our most recent study, "Fear or Faith? Terror or Trust? Worldly Worry or Christian Living."

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).

ELDER ZONES FOR 2021: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins-

Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann-

Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

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 Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader-

Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner-

Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner-

Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

Men's Club

Our St. John's Men's Club will gather at 7 p.m. on April 8 in the Fellowship Hall. We will view and discuss Martin Luther's famous "Here I Stand" at the Diet of Worms, the 500th anniversary of which will be on April 18. Refreshments will be served!

Evening Guild News

Thursday, April 8 – LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Spring Renewal at Trinity Lutheran Church (Prairie) registration at 8:30 a.m. with Opening Service at 9:00. Guest speaker from Orphan Grain Train. Two offerings will be collected; one to support Orphan Grain Train and one for Zone expenses to cover cost of delegate to LWML convention.

Tuesday, April 20 @ 7:00 p.m. Bunco Night in Fellowship hall. Evening Guild is sponsoring an event for all women of our congregation and their guests for a fun evening of bunco with prizes and refreshments. Please wear a mask to enter. Hostesses are: Janet Braun, chairman, Gladys Brand, Brenda Gilpatrick, Mary Gross and Judy Guebert.

Quilting schedule for April is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Senior Youth

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

Junior and Senior Youth continue to work together to build Operation Christmas Child boxes. To collect items year round, each month has a designated item. In January it was gloves, hats and scarves. February was accessories like sunglasses, watches, hair ties, etc. March was unique craft items or handmade items. If you would like to learn more about this opportunity or make a donation, check out the display on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Thank you!

The LCMS National Youth Gathering for 2022 will be in Houston. Adult volunteers are needed to work at the gathering. Ambassadors and Team Leads (formerly known as Community Life Builders) application deadline is March 15, 2021. These folks serve full time during the gathering. If you cannot serve the full gathering, those age 19+ can apply for a Team Flex position. These volunteers are part time. Their application deadline is April 2022. Later this year, the application process will open up for YAV Team Captains and YAV's (watch for info July 2021). All applications can be found on the gathering website <https://lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/>

Junior Youth

Junior Youth will host the Egg Hunt this year for all children up to 1st grade on April 3rd at 9 a.m. on the front lawn of the school. Junior Youth members should be at the school at 8 a.m. to help put out the eggs and to assist with the egg hunt. This is a service hour opportunity for 7th and 8th graders! Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366) with any questions.

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

Our Father in heaven sent His Son, Jesus, to be our Savior. His atoning sacrifice is the first fruits of all the dead, a pleasing aroma to His Father, so that His perfect life and death count for all who believe in Him. He claimed us as His own children in Holy Baptism. He sustains and strengthens our faith with His Holy Word and His Body and Blood.

As new creatures, who have put on Christ, we bear good fruit. We do the good works prepared for us, which He makes known to us in His Word. By faith then, trusting in the Word of God, we do what he says because He does not lie and always keeps His promises. For “without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to him must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who earnestly seek him” (Hebrews 11:6).

And so the Lord promises: “Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the first fruits of all your produce; then your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will be bursting with wine” (Proverbs 3:9-10). How do we honor the Lord with the wealth that God has given us in His generosity? By giving generously to those whom the Lord has called us to love and support your family, your society, and your church. And His promise is that, in so doing, you will never lack.

A common counterpoint is: “But that’s from the Old Testament!” Our Lord Jesus Himself gives us similar promises in the New Testament. He says, at the conclusion of the parable of the talents: “For to everyone who has will more be given, and he will have an abundance” (Matthew 25:29).

And then at the end of the parable of the dishonest manager, he says: “One who is faithful in a very little is also faithful in much, and one who is dishonest in a very little is also dishonest in much. If then you have not been faithful in the unrighteous wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? And if you have not been faithful in that which is another’s, who will give you that which is your own? No servant can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money” (Luke 16:10–13).

And in His sermon on the mount, Jesus says: “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matthew 6:19–21).

We have become conditioned against these promises because of their misuse by the peddlers of the prosperity gospel – the guys on TV who say you get rich by putting God in your debt. And thus, we miss out on the fact that God does reward temporal faithfulness in temporal matters with temporal blessings. It’s no quid pro quo. It’s all from God’s grace and His fatherly divine goodness and mercy. But those Bible passages do in fact say what they say! It’s not the Old Testament’s problem. It’s ours. It is almost as if we have become so jaded against this that we think it a virtue to be stingy with our offerings.

But our Father in heaven still loves to bless those who bless others. He loves to give to those who give freely and generously. In fact, he challenges us to challenge Him: “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).

And so, while we don’t give so that we would get, we do receive from the Lord in order to give, and He will bless your giving with more receiving. As St. Paul wrote in Romans 8:32: “He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?”

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.

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.

LCMS Foundation

Don and Mary recently reviewed their estate plan and their plan for gifts found within that estate plan. They reaffirmed the decisions they made ten years ago were still the best decisions for showing love to their children and grandchildren, and for supporting their congregation and other ministries that mean so much to them.

In their review, they found that they needed to clean up some beneficiary designations that had gotten out of alignment with that plan. They also found that over the last ten years, God had blessed them with more gifts than before and that their gift plan would be even more of a blessing.

With the support of their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor, they decided to call a family meeting. One child objected saying, “Mom and Dad, quit being so morbid.” But they proceeded on with the gathering. They began by reading their family blessings. By the end of those four paragraphs, everyone had tears running down their faces, thankful for the love and faith they shared. Then Don and Mary explained their gift plan to their family, pointing out the gifts their family would receive someday and their support for the Lord’s work that always had been a hallmark of this family. Then they prayed.

As their children and grandchildren were loading up into cars to leave, with hugs all around, great peace was upon them all and a confidence abounded. That day they had a chance to remember that life in Jesus goes on forever. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

Acolyte Schedule

Fri. April 2	8:30 a.m. Kadence Koen 7:00 p.m. Blake Henry
Sat. April 3	5 p.m. Barrett Wagner
Sun. April 4	6:30 a.m. Bruce Quinn 8:30 a.m. Olivia Candler 10:30 a.m. Sofia Jones
Sat. April 10	5 p.m. Taylor Guebert
Sun. April 11	8 a.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Ian Moll
Wed. April 14	7 p.m. Eve Schwartzkopf
Sat. April 17	5 p.m. Shamus Korves
Sun. April 18	8 a.m. Blayton Sutton 10:30 a.m. Colby Voss
Sat. April 24	5 p.m. Luca McCarthy
Sun. April 25	8 a.m. Lilly Minemann 10:30 a.m. Landon Ruebusch

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

April Church and School Calendar

Friday, April 2- Good Friday (No School)

8:30 a.m. Worship Service and 7 p.m. Tenebrae Service

Saturday, April 3-

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

9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the north lawn of school

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

SUNDAY, April 4- The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

7:45 a.m. Continental Easter Breakfast served by our Senior Youth in the Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. Festival Service with Holy Communion

9:45 a.m. Sunday School classes in new gym

9:45 a.m. Continental Easter Breakfast served by our Senior Youth in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, April 5- No School! No Choir practice

Virtual Dinner Auction online until April 11 at 7 p.m.

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

Tuesday, April 6-

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

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, April 7-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel in new gym; Mr. Becker & 5th grade

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

10:00 a.m. Boys' Track OVC Invitational

2:15 p.m. PS Confirmation classes in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Samuel)

Thursday, April 8- No Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

8:30 a.m. to noon LWML Zone Rally at Trinity in Prairie

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

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

Friday, April 9-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lifeline Screening in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 10-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, April 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Sunday School in new gym; "Being Lutheran" library

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

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

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement hangout

4-6 p.m. 8th grade Junior Confirmation retreat at church

Monday, April 12- PTL Bookfair this week

10:00 a.m. Track Invitational with Red Bud Elementary

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

Tuesday, April 13-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conf. at Christ, Jacob

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

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

Wednesday, April 14-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel in new gym

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

10:00 a.m. Girls' Track OVC Invitational

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

7:00 p.m. Junior Confirmation Questioning at church

Thursday, April 15-

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

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall

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

Friday, April 16-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

Saturday, April 17- RBC Track Invitational

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

2:00 p.m. Wedding of Trisha Scharf and Justin Emig

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

SUNDAY, April 18-

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran 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 (Confirmation)

Monday, April 19-

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

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

Tuesday, April 20-

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 21-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel in the new gym

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Samuel)

Thursday, April 22- Cougar Prowl Fun Run at school

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

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

7:00 p.m. Spring Musical Showing in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 23- Remote Learning; no in-person attendance

Saturday, April 24-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

11:30 p.m. Class of 2021 gathers for DC Trip on parking lot

SUNDAY, April 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran 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, April 26-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

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

Tuesday, April 27-

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

Wednesday, April 28

8:20 a.m. School Chapel service in the new gym

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting at church

Thursday, April 29-

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

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

Friday, April 30-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym

Saturday, May 1-

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

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

SUNDAY, May 2-

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School & Being Lutheran classes in new gym

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

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!