

# *The Epistle*

**JULY 2021**

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

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**Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

**Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Christian Education Hour:**

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

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

*Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal*

*Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education*

*Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director*

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

### **“Guidelines for Parenting”**

*“Do not withhold discipline from a child; if you punish him with the rod, he will not die.” Proverbs 23:13*

Several years ago, sociologists and child psychologists made an interesting discovery. Contemporary thought assumed that putting fences around playgrounds made children feel restricted in their recreation. And based on that theory it was decided to remove the fences so children wouldn't feel confined. To the astonishment of the experts, the opposite effect occurred. Researchers found that children became more inhibited in their activities. They tended to huddle towards the middle of the playground and exhibited signs of insecurity. Interestingly, when the fences were replaced, the children once more played with great enthusiasm and freedom. What's the lesson here?

We all need boundaries – something to define the limits of safety and security. Whereas the ‘experts’ theorized that boundaries restrict creativity, children on the playground proved that we need a clear understanding of what's safe and acceptable in order for ingenuity and inventiveness to flourish. That means your children will flourish and you'll function better as a parent when

guidelines are clearly communicated, and the consequences for not following them are completely understood.

There's a humorous story of a father who gave his sixteen-year-old son his first car. Before handing him the keys, he said, ‘This is a magic car, Son.’ ‘Really?’ the boy replied. ‘Yeah,’ answered his dad. ‘One speeding ticket – and it will disappear!’ And if you buy a car for your child, it should be a ‘magic’ car too. Bottom line: God sets the rules for success in life, and He rewards those who honor them. In the words of Scripture: ‘*Study this Book of Instruction continually...obey everything written in it...then will you prosper and succeed in all you do*’ (Joshua 1:8).

Prayer- Heavenly Father, like our children need boundaries for their behavior, so do I. Thank You for giving me the guidance of Your holy Word, on what I should and should not do—for my wellbeing. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

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

As I have mentioned in the sermons during June there is much of which I know little to nothing about, like camping and gardening. I thought I knew that this newsletter was going to be short, with not much information to include in it. Boy, was I wrong!

Between the end of school year events, activities during June and what is coming up in July, this edition of *The Epistle* is bursting at the seams. Thus I will keep my section short, simply wishing you God's blessings over the summer and reminding you that His goodness to us is every day of every month of every year. He deserves our worship as His gathered people even throughout the summer months. I look forward to serving you in this way during July!  
*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

### **Welcome to Our Family of Faith**

June 26 Baptism of Leland Michael John Hartmann

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

June 7 Transfer out of Michael Nebel to Trinity Lutheran Church, Lincoln, Nebraska

June 7 Transfer out of Matthew Nebel to St. Paul Lutheran Church in Iowa City, Iowa

June 7 Transfer out of Clara Nebel to St. John's Lutheran Church (Sauers) in Seymour, Indiana

### **Calling for Worship Greeters**

Our Board of Elders wants to resume our practice of greeters for our worship services. Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, Pastor would like to hear from you. Please call or email him if you are willing to serve St. John's in this way.

### Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. is studying 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel. The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class is studying of the prophet Ezekiel. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Saturdays this month will be our 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast which is studying the New Testament Pastoral Epistles. A Women's Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. "All Together Beautiful," written by Heidi Goehmann, explores the Old Testament book Song of Songs (Solomon). For more information on this class call Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

### From Your Director of Christian Education

John 8:32 "And you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free," The month of July we celebrate our country's independence. We also celebrate the freedoms we have because of valiant forefathers who blazed the trail to our nation's freedom. More importantly, we have freedom through Christ's work of defeating death, Satan, and this world of sin!

We welcome Pastor Nowak and his family this month as he will be installed as the associate pastor of St. John's on July 11 here and in Baldwin on July 4. We thank God for His gifts to us!

The VBS held in June was a success thanks to so many helpers, organizers, and attendees. A complete report will be given at the Voters meeting later this month. I am offering a Lego/STEM camp for those students who will be entering grades four through the seventh grade. This will be held July 12-16, 9 to 10:30 a.m. and limited to the first 30 students that register. The \$10 cost will go towards snacks and batteries. Please rsvp to me at 618-282-2958. Summer Sunday School continues from the new gym's lobby from 9:30 a.m. to 10:10 a.m.

I close with the first verse of the following hymn:

*"For freedom, Christ has set us free!"*

*What joy is ours to claim!*

*No more enslaved, humanity*

*Finds life in Jesus' name.*

*We try, Lord, to be justified*

*Through all the works we do.*

*Yet you adopt us, saying, "Child,*

*It's Christ who makes you new."*

Copied from *Songs of Grace: New Hymns for God and Neighbor* by Carolyn Winfrey Gillette (Upper Room Books, 2009).

*Serving you in Christ's love, DCE Bill Becker*

## ***Happy Birthday America!***

### God's Gift Of A New Pastor

Rev. Brian Nowak will be installed as Pastor of St. John in Baldwin on July 4 at 3 p.m. and then as Associate Pastor of St. John's in Red Bud in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 11. We will have a "meet and greet" reception for his family in the Fellowship Hall after that service.

Pastor Nowak will preach for us in the Saturday, July 17 service and again on the weekend of July 31-August 1. Please welcome him, his wife, Heather, and their children Taylor, Matthew and Lillian to our family of faith!

### From the Principal's Pen

The Firemen's Parade was a great success this year. The crowds were larger than I remember from other years. Even though it was hot, we had a nice breeze. It was good to see so many people doing things that are/were normal for us. All these events remind us that life is getting back to the way we are accustomed to it!

Registration/Book night will take place on July 7 from 4-7 p.m. in the school's new gym lobby. Lists of expenses are included separately. We hope to see many families that evening. Should you be out of town that week, please call the school office or come in during regular school hours, 8 a.m.-3 p.m., Monday-Friday.

Mr. Becker will host a Lego/ Stem Camp the week of July 12 which is new this year and should be fun! He still has spots available so be sure to sign up for this great opportunity!

A grant was written through Lutheran Foundation for \$10,000 and it was approved for technology updates. Two new SmartBoards, several classroom computers for the teachers and iPads will be bought for the lower grades. We are thankful for this great blessing.

There are several rumors about what will be required for the school year concerning COVID restrictions. I was at a meeting Monday and nothing is certain at this time. We will wait to see what the CDC and Randolph County Health Department advise us to do. Our most important job will be to continue to keep everyone safe. The school will keep you posted as information becomes available.

Several people have asked about our calendar for next year. The link below is from the Red Bud District #132. Our schedule will have an additional day off on September 3 for a conference. Our school day will return to full time as in a normal year with dismissal being at 2:45 p.m. [https://drive.google.com/file/d/18JFe8tVhXJDih3OY\\_BcgfZ29vX9CprVc/view?usp=sharing](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18JFe8tVhXJDih3OY_BcgfZ29vX9CprVc/view?usp=sharing)

Enjoy the rest of your summer, stay safe and take some time for yourself and your family! God's blessings to everyone!

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



*Crazy Scientist Bill Becker and VBS students (l-r) Carson Moll, Joey Biffar, Collin Korando, Jack Sachtleben, Max Voss and Austin Stellhorn.*

**Vacation Bible School**

During the week of June 7-11 St. John’s Lutheran held a VBS under the theme, *God’s Wonder Lab*. An average of 97 children per day heard about the love of Jesus! Twenty youth helpers along with nine adult volunteers led the 108 registered children in daily songs, crafts, outside activities, and lesson time. We gave \$100 from our offerings to our district’s Lutheran Early Response Team for use when assisting those suffering from disasters. Thank you to all who participated and helped with this wonderful week of Christian education!



*Julie Ratz receives a retirement gift from our school students represented by 8<sup>th</sup> grader Christine Liefer while Principal Deitt Schneider looks on.*



*8<sup>th</sup> Grade teacher Justin Palm and Karson Liefer following his pie-in-the-face for winning the Chain Reaction food drive contest to support the Red Bud District #132 Royal Table.*



*Julie Ratz reads a congratulatory letter from the Regional Office of Education presented to her by Elder Adam Guebert at her retirement reception on Sunday, June 13. Principal Deitt Schneider looks on.*

**New Secretary In The Office**

On Monday, July 19 Leslie (Langrehr) Froemling will begin work in St. John’s office as our Pastoral Administrative Assistant. She is a former member of St. John’s and the daughter of Ken and Lori Langrehr. She is replacing Julie Ratz who retired on June 15.

**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. Here are the web addresses for the registration forms. Kindergarten: <https://forms.gle/A8vEHAXcHyz9GcCV9> Preschool: <https://forms.gle/TDK3QKmnMMBUXjcY9>

*School Registration is July 7 from 4-7 p.m.!*

**July Servers**

- Flowers: Rebekah Liefer and Peggy Sitzes
- Parameters: Virginia Moeller
- Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr



*Students with Perfect Church Attendance were McKinley Florreich, Evlyn Heck, Henry Schnepel and Sam Roscow (in back)*



*Students with Perfect School Attendance All Year: (not in order) Kindergarten- Liam Langrehr, Emry Voss, Caden Wegener, Brinley Wolter, Elsie Liefer, and Layla Meyer  
1<sup>st</sup> grade- Tripp Gardner and Blake Horrell. 2<sup>nd</sup> grade- Jackson Neff and Grant Florreich. 3<sup>rd</sup> grade- Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm, Max Voss, and Brayden McCarthy.  
4<sup>th</sup> grade- Maya Macbeth and Brendyn Wegener.  
5<sup>th</sup> grade- Cason Birch and Emily Farmer. 6<sup>th</sup> grade- Olivia Candler, Kendall Crafton, Addie Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, and Colby Voss. 7<sup>th</sup> grade- Alexa Wegner, Addyson Piel and Luke Quintin. 8<sup>th</sup> grade- Christine Liefer, Samuel Roscow, and Cadin Voss.*



*DCE Bill Becker presents a gift of thanks to our retired Junior Youth Counsellors Jennifer Becker-Roscow and Lisa Quinn following late service on June 27.*

### **A Musical Moment**

On July 11<sup>th</sup> in the 10:30 a.m. service, in celebration of Pastor Nowak's commissioning, I have scheduled the Summer Singers to sing a modern hymn called "Speak, O Lord." It was written by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend, the same duo who wrote another modern hymn, "In Christ Alone." This has become a favorite here at St. John's, especially among the students! For your Christian devotion and meditation pleasure, I include the lyrics to "Speak, O Lord," as it speaks about the power of God's Word.

*Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.*

*Teach us, Lord, full obedience,  
Holy reverence, true humility.  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes  
In the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes  
to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail,  
Let their truth prevail over unbelief.*

*Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds:  
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,  
That will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises,  
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, as Your Church is built  
And You fill the earth with Your glory.  
God's blessings, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

### Sunday School News

We continue to offer Christian Education for our children from age three through entering 8<sup>th</sup> grade from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in our school's new gym lobby. Mr. Bill Becker and helpers are doing the teaching.

### 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, Fear or Faith? Terror or Trust? Worldly Worry or Christian Living, 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!

### Take Me Out to the Ball Game!

St. John's Lutheran school students (K-8) will sing "God Bless America" at the St. Louis Cardinals game on July 30. The Cardinals will take on the Minnesota Twins that day at 7:15 p.m. If you wish to purchase tickets please contact Tammy Moll at 618-806-4026. The seats are in Section 130. Proceeds benefit the class of 2023 for their Washington DC trip!

### 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)

### Evening Guild News

The Evening Guild will not gather for the summer months, but we are making plans for a fun social event for all women of the congregation on September 21, 2021.

**Quilting schedule** for July is Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Junior Youth

We welcome Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy as our new Junior Youth Counselor!

### Senior Youth

Fifteen of our high school youth attended our Freshmen Welcome and Senior Farewell at the Lions Pavilion on Sunday, June 27.

Our next Senior Youth meeting is Sunday, August 1 at noon in the church basement Youth Lounge. Again, we welcome all incoming freshmen to join us and get involved in our Senior Youth activities!

On Tuesday, July 13 at 6 p.m. there will be an informational meeting concerning the National Youth Gathering. We invite all eligible youth and their parents to attend the meeting. The meeting will take place in the church basement Youth Lounge.

The LCMS National Youth Gathering for 2022 will be in Houston. 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/>

*Terry and Susie Harms*

### 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.

***Voters Assembly meeting is July 28, 7 p.m.***

### CPH Summer Reading Program

This summer reading program is all about Jesus. Children read all summer to build vocabulary and comprehension skills while learning more about their Savior. It runs from June 1<sup>st</sup> through August 13. Any books children read will earn them points, and if they log 1,000 points by August 13, they will be entered in for a chance to win awesome prizes. For more information, please grab a flier from the Media Board in the school lobby.

### A Worship Invitation

For those of you traveling to God’s country of Central Missouri during the summer, here is a worship invitation from a fellow congregation near the Lake of the Ozarks:

From Peace Lutheran Church LCMS Camdenton (Greenview), Missouri to your congregation, greetings! This invitation goes out to all who might plan a visit to the Lake of The Ozarks. We at Peace invite all who will be coming to the Lake of The Ozarks to join us for Sunday morning worship. We offer a liturgical, confessional, sacramental worship experience based on God’s inerrant Word and Christ’s eternal saving sacrifice on the cross. We are located 9 miles north of Camdenton (9307 N State Highway 5) in a community called Greenview. Our worship service begins at 9:00am with Bible study at 10:15 a. m. We would love to meet you! We’ll leave the welcome mat out! Further information can be found at our website: [www.plccamdenton.org](http://www.plccamdenton.org). God’s blessings from our congregation to yours! P.S. If you know of someone who is planning to come to the Lake, please forward this invitation to them. All are welcome at the foot of the cross!

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. July 3	5 p.m. Kinley Macbeth
Sun. July 4	8 a.m. Blake Henry*
	10:30 a.m. MaKayla Liefer*
Sat. July 10	5 p.m. Summer Luttmann*
Sun. July 11	8 a.m. Makannah Harless
	10:30 a.m. Hailey Proctor*
Sat. July 17	5 p.m. Connor Bumann
Sun. July 18	8 a.m. Emily Bowles
	10:30 a.m. Crewe Wagner*
Sat. July 24	5 p.m. Ayden Wiegard
Sun. July 25	8 a.m. Noah Kassing
	10:30 a.m. Kendal Crafton
Sat. July 31	5 p.m. Chloe Cowell*
Sun. August 1	8 a.m. Connor Jordan*
	10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel

\*indicates the last time to serve as an acolyte

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

### 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).

### Vitae Foundation Pro-Life Event

This year’s Vitae Foundation Southern Illinois Pro-Life Event is Tuesday, July 13, at Four Points by Sheraton, 319 Fountains Parkway, Fairview Heights. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. with dinner and program at 7 p.m. The cost for the dinner is \$50 (\$15 tax deductible). To register call Vitae at 573-634-4316, online at [www.vitaefoundation.org](http://www.vitaefoundation.org), or by sending a check or money order to Vitae Foundation, 1731 Southridge Dr., Suite D, PO Box 791, Jefferson City, MO 65109. The featured speaker will be Will Witt, a national news and media personality. He uses his unique brand of political comedy and cultural insight to influence the next generation via digital platforms.

### Upcoming Lutheran Older Adult Retreat

This coming October 20th (Wed) & 21st (Thurs), 2021, the Southern Illinois & Missouri Districts of the LCMS will host the 19th Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton. The theme will be "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision. ("Cross Eyed" simply means that our Eyes are focused on the Cross of Christ!). Dr. Richard Bimler, expert on aging & humor, will be our Keynote Speaker. Registration cost is \$100 plus lodging. Contact Margo Wolf at 618/622-0264 or [dmwvete74@gmail.com](mailto:dmwvete74@gmail.com). More information to come!

### Lifeline Screening is in Our Fellowship Hall

Life Line Screening will be here at St John's Lutheran Church on Friday, July 23 offering safe, painless, non-invasive preventive health screenings that are typically not a part of a routine physical. To be more proactive about your health and to live longer for yourself, your family and your community, please register for these potentially life-saving tests today. Please refer to the attached flyer to get more info about how you can sign up while receiving \$10 off any package priced above \$139. For only \$139 (regularly \$149) you can learn your risk of having stroke or vascular disease. Three ways to register:

- Call toll-free: 866-229-0469
- Online: [www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle)
- Text: the word circle to 797979

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

“For freedom Christ has set us free; stand firm therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery” (Galatians 5:1).

We celebrate this month because of the freedoms and liberties our country has afforded us. We are right to do this. We should be thankful for these liberties – the freedom to gather together to worship and to live out what believe in our daily lives.

But freedom and liberty in our age have devolved. It has become a freedom from duty instead of a freedom for it. Indeed, freedom and liberty in our age has turned into licentiousness – a license to do what we want, when we want. This license is a submission again to a yoke of slavery. For freedom as license to do what we desire when we desire it means we are slaves to our desires and slaves to our passions.

Christ died to set us free from our desires. In Holy Baptism, our Old Adam is drowned and put to death along with all sin and evil desires so that a new man may arise and live before God in righteousness and purity. In Christ, we are a new creation. We are set free from the passions of the flesh so that we are free to do our duty and bear fruits of the Spirit.

Our duty is what God calls us to do as members of a family, society, and the Church. God calls us to believe in His Word and gladly hear and learn it. He calls us to pray for all people. He calls us to live in faith toward Him and in fervent love for our neighbor. He calls us to put the gifts He gives to us in His service. God calls parents provide for their children and raise them in the fear and admonition of the Lord.

And God calls children to honor their parents and provide and care for them when they are no longer able to do so themselves. God calls the government to punish those who do evil and to reward those who do good. He calls citizens to pay their taxes and honor the governing officials as God’s servants. He calls pastors to preach and teach the Gospel, repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And He calls hearers to support those who teach them with every good thing.

Christ died to set us free from the works of our selfish flesh, giving us the freedom and liberty to do our duty. Stand firm, then, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

### **LCMS Foundation**

Years ago, two seminary students were walking on the campus of Concordia Theological Seminary in Ft. Wayne, Indiana. Most of the buildings on campus had a nameplate depicting important leaders that blessed the church in ancient times.

But the gym had a name on it that was unfamiliar. It was the Wambsgans Gymnasium. They started asking around to see if anyone knew who Wambsgans was. No one knew. It seemed odd that a plaque that was supposed to establish a legacy for this guy was not really accomplishing its purpose.

Years later, both of those pastors, serving at different times, served a congregation full of members from a Wambsgans family. They were cousins, nieces, or nephews of the guy with the name on the gym. Family knew he had played professional baseball. But beyond that, none of them had many stories to share of this man.

Living life, creating a legacy, hoping to be remembered is a task seldom accomplished. A couple generations after you have passed, no one will talk about you anymore. But if you have shared the gospel, worked with others to share the gospel or supported the ministry of sharing the gospel in the church financially, that grace of God will be generating new believers one generation after the next. It is a force multiplying thing that lasts for eternity.

If you really want to think about creating a legacy, let that be your goal. Share Jesus. Use your gifts for sharing Jesus. Plan your estate to remind family of Jesus’ gifts and use estate gifts to support ministry when you are no longer here. 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).

### **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!

## July Church and School Calendar

Thursday, July 1- *Office Hours for July are 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.!*

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

Friday, July 2- *Jessica Schloemann is out of the office today*

8 to 10:30 a.m. Pastor at Illinois Family Institute presentation

Saturday, July 3-

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

SUNDAY, July 4- *Happy Birthday America!*

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

3:00 p.m. Pastor Nowak's Ordination/Installation at Baldwin

Monday, July 5- *Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, July 6- *Bill Becker is out of the office today*

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 7-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

4-7 p.m. School Registration (Book Night) in new gym lobby

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

Thursday, July 8-

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

Friday, July 9- *Deitt Schneider is out of the office today*

Saturday, July 10-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, July 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion and Pastor Nowak's installation here at St. John's

Noon Meet and Greet Pastor Nowak and family in the FH

Monday, July 12- *Pastor Nebel and Deitt are out of the office*

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/Stem Camp at school

Tuesday, July 13-

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/Stem Camp at school

9 a.m.-3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference (P'ville)

6:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Info meeting in church basement

Wednesday, July 14-

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/Stem Camp at school

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

Thursday, July 15-

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

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/Stem Camp at school

Friday, July 16-

9-10:30 a.m. Lego/Stem Camp at school

Saturday, July 17-

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

SUNDAY, July 18 -

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the sanctuary

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

Monday, July 19- *Jessica Schloemann is out of the office today*

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

Tuesday, July 20-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 21-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

Thursday, July 22- *Lindsey Hudak gone thru the 26<sup>th</sup>*

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

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in the FH

Friday, July 23-

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

Saturday, July 24-

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

9:00 a.m. Pastor Nebel is at SID Board of Directors meeting

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, July 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, July 26-

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

Tuesday, July 22-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, July 28-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters Meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, July 29-

*Pastor Nebel is on vacation through August 8*

Saturday, July 31-

5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 1-

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge



### **Lansdowne Community Initiative**

We have the opportunity “to do good and show mercy” by engaging in mission work right outside our church’s doors – in the neighborhood of Lansdowne, East St. Louis, with Unity Lutheran Church/LCI’s home renovations and community clean-up on every second Saturday or a date of your choice. Unity Lutheran Church/LCI, in partnership with Lutheran Churches across the Southern Illinois District (SID) and R3 will be working collaboratively to conduct “Clean-up Days” and renovations of properties, in close proximity to Unity Lutheran Church and Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School. Through this initiative, we seek to care for our neighbors’ bodily needs and share Christ’s love with them; to do good and show mercy!

#### **To make this program a success we need your help!**

You can help in the following ways:

- 1) Keep renovations and clean-up effort in your prayers.
- 2) Help with tasks such as yard cleanup, painting, and neighborhood beautification, etc...
- 3) Provide financial support.
- 4) Donate labor and materials: paint, drywall, drywall screws, plumbing supplies, doors, roofing supplies, gently used appliance, ceiling lights and fans, etc.

To learn more ways that you can participate and/or contribute to this project with your gifts, time, and talents, please contact Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth, Pastor of Unity and LCI’s CEO, at (314) 724-9949 or 618-874-6600.

Also, please consider making a monetary gift today to support LCI. Please, make all gifts payable to LCI and mail to 4200 Caseyville Ave, East St. Louis, IL 62204.

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