

The Epistle

OCTOBER 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

"Quality and Quantity"

Sons are a heritage from the Lord, children a reward from Him. Psalm 127:3

Some people say it doesn't matter how little time you spend with your children, as long as it is quality time. But the logic of that concept seems suspect. Why do we have to choose between the virtues of quantity versus quality? We don't accept that forced choice in any other area of our lives, so why is it only relevant to our children?

We could illustrate it this way. Suppose you've looked forward all day to eating at one of the finest restaurants in town. The waiter brings you a menu, and you order the most expensive steak in the house. But when the meal arrives, you see a tiny piece of meat about one-inch square on the center of the plate. When you complain about the size of the steak, the waiter says, 'I recognize that the portion is small, but it is the finest corn-fed beef money can buy. You will never find a better bite of meat than what we have served you tonight. As to the portion, I hope you understand that it's not the quantity that matters; it's the quality.'

You would object, and for good reason. Why? Because both quantity and quality are important in many

areas of our lives, including how we relate to our children. They need our time, and the best we have to give them. The truth is, the 'quantity versus quality' argument might be a poorly disguised rationalization for giving our children neither. The Bible says, 'Don't you see that children are God's best gift?' So when it comes to giving them time and attention, they deserve the best in both quantity and quality.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, help me to realize the importance of spending quantity time as well as quality time with my children and those others whom I love. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

The world around us recognizes October 31 as Halloween, a day for children to get more candy than they possible can eat, a time for youth to do scary (destructive?) things, and an excuse for adults to party too hardy and call in sick for work the next day.

Meanwhile, Lutherans remember that date as All Hallows' Eve, the night before All Saints' Day, when the Roman Catholic monk made public his 95 theses, or statements for debate, on his church's practice of selling the forgiveness of sins by means of certificates called indulgences. We call October 31 Reformation Day.

The Reformation returned to the church God's Word and worship in the language of God's people so that they could read it for themselves and apply it to their lives.

The Reformation returned to the church God's full and free forgiveness of sins through His Son Jesus Christ without requiring the purchase of an indulgence for yourself or others.

The Reformation returned to the church God's gift of heavenly and eternal life without the need for detour through an existence of uncertain time called purgatory.

The Reformation returned to the church the blood of Christ really present in the wine of the Lord's Supper to be received by the lay people in worship.

The Reformation returned to the church a clergy who could marry and thus be free from the temptations of forced celibacy.

The Reformation of the church of our own lives is ongoing. We constantly need to return to God's Word as the guide for our lives of faith in Jesus. The Reformation points us to Jesus whose forgiveness from the cross frees us from a life of this world's failures and sin's traps.

Reformation did not just happen in the Christian church in Luther's day 500 years ago. Reformation is what must continually take place in our church and in our lives at all times. We constantly fight the temptations to live according to our human opinion. We must be brought by

the Holy Spirit back to the Word of God, living for us in Jesus Christ and written for us in the Holy Bible. Each one of us lives with the temptation that we should be and can be the god of our own lives. We set the rules of living that we desire. We make decisions based on our own selfishness. We expect others to behave in the ways that we want them to act. We also live with the temptation to doubt if God even exists. If He does, either He has no power to protect us or He does not care to defend us. We ask “where is God when... whatever bad stuff happens to us.

It is His blessing to us that we have the patience to settle down and see God powerfully and graciously at work in lives for this is a virtue we don't have naturally. When we are tempted to believe that there is no God, He does work in our lives to show us His loving and powerful presence.

In Jesus our God is exalted among the nations as Lord; He is exalted in the earth as Savior. But He is exalted by being lifted up on the cross where we see God's Son suffering for our sins. He is exalted by rising from the dead where we see God's Son victorious over death. He is exalted by ascending into heaven where we see God's Son ruling over the world. He is exalted by being present in God's Word of the Holy Bible and the sacraments of Holy Baptism and the Lord's Supper where we see God's Son active in our lives.

Finally, He is exalted when Jesus returns at end of time where we will see God's Son gathering us together as His people to be with Him, body/soul, in eternal life He is preparing for us.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel



October Servers

Flowers: Doreen Schnepel
Parameters: Carol Turner
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

September 11 Baptism of Graham Homer Liefer
September 25 Baptism of Leeam Ramage McDaniel

We Bid a Fond Farewell

September 7 Transfer out of Scott Burmester to Trinity Lutheran Church in Red Bud (Prairie), Illinois
September 7 Ken and Miriam Poston released per request
September 18 Death of Doris Mueller
September 19 Death of Dennis Deterding
September 28 Death of William Guebert

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)

Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. is studying 1st Kings. The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class is studying the prophet Ezekiel. The 2nd and 5th 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).

Sunday School Perfect Attendance in September

Pre-Kindergarten: Carter Mehring, Jettson Grohmann, Hazel Veath, and Hayden Schlimme; Kindergarten: Ava Kiefer; 1st Grade: Liza Wagner and Brewer Krick; 2nd Grade: Cassidy Palm and Henry Schnepel; 3rd Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, and Holden Wagner; 4th Grade: Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm, and Amelia Cheek; 6th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Brian Liefer and Norah Wagner; 7th Grade: Annika Herriman and Landon Ruebusch; 8th Grade: Noah Kassing and Austin Kiefer. Congratulations and thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

From the Principal's Pen

I love the beautiful colors of October! I look forward to the vibrant reds, oranges and gold in the trees and the other autumn colors in flowers and decorations. The weather is crisp and cool and the harvest gathered as the days grow shorter. Fall is a wonderful time of year!

Thank you for those who supported our Golf Scramble on Sept. 18. The event raised approximately \$3400 which supports the sports uniform account and the athletic fund.

Congratulations to our boys' baseball team as they won the Regional Championship game on September 27. The first round gave us a bye. We met Chester Lutheran/St. Mary's co-op team in the next round and we won, 11-1. The final round was against Steeleville Public/St. Mark's Lutheran co-op team on Sept. 27 and we won, 8-4 in a very exciting game. We play our first State game on Saturday, October 2 in Coulterville at 9:30 a.m. against Holy Childhood from Mascoutah. Our team made school history as this is the first Regional Championship the boys have ever captured. Congratulations to the team and coaches and we wish you the best at State competition. A pep rally will be held on October 1 at 2:10 p.m. on the baseball field to celebrate our team and send them on with best wishes. Please wear Cougar ware that day and show them our support! Go Cougars!!!

You will have three opportunities to support BBQ's during October. The first is October 3 with proceeds going to our Southern Illinois District mission ministries. The October 17th date is for the 8th grade class for the Washington DC trip and the one on October 31 is for the Senior Youth's trip to the synodical Youth Gathering in July of 2022. Please support these great fundraising events and enjoy some great BBQ.

Watkins sales will begin October 6 for students in grades 5-8 who participate in sports. The money earned from this fundraiser goes to the school uniform account. Please contact any student in sports or call the school office if you wish to place an order.

The annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run will take place at school on October 7. This is the only major fundraiser the students will have for the school sponsored by our Parent Teacher League. Thank you for your support of our students. The money raised supports items needed for classroom use and materials needed for students.

The students will have a few days off from school on October 8 and 11. On October 8 the teachers will have an Institute day and the 11th is the Columbus Day holiday. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 19-21. A letter was sent home with the students for parents to sign up for meetings with your child's teacher(s). Please be

aware that we have one hour early dismissal on October 19 and 21 when dismissal will be at 1:45 pm. October 22 is a no school day because of conferences.

Everyone loves Dairy Queen and the 8th grade class has a fundraiser there for their DC trip on October 21. Please plan to visit between 4-8 p.m. with drive thru only. The class will earn 10% of sales for the evening.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 29. The PTL is still deciding how best to sponsor this event safely. Please watch the Cougar Tracks and Sunday bulletin for updates for this event. The Trunk or Treat event will be held on the parking lot on October 31, Reformation Day.

God's blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider



The St. John's Lutheran Cougars Baseball team won the Regional Championship on Monday, September 27. The team had a bye in the first round, then played Chester Lutheran/St. Mary's co-op team with a victory of 11-1. The championship game was played against Steeleville Public/St. Mark's Lutheran co-op team with a victory of 8-4. This team made school history by being the first baseball team to win a Regional Baseball championship. The boys will play their first round in State on Saturday, October 2, at 9:30 a.m. in Coulterville against Holy Childhood, Mascoutah.

Pictured is the team with the winning Regional trophy: Kneeling- Ian Moll, Landon Ruebusch, Luke Quintin, Ty Voss, Joey Biffar, Colin Korando, and Cason Birch. Standing: Colby Voss, Lucas McCarthy, Barrett Wagner, Connor Bumann, Landon Kilpatrick, Alan Wolter, and Brodie Stenzel. The coaches in back are Dwayne Whelan, Jeremy Voss and Quent Stenzel. Missing from the picture is Kadin Liefer.

College Student Addresses

Our Senior Youth will be sending care packages to our St. John's college students. Please share your college student's address with our DCE Bill Becker by calling 618/282-2958 or at becker@stjohnsredbud.org by Friday the 8th.



Elda Seders is one of St. John's oldest members. Despite Covid restrictions keeping Pastor away, when he visited her last month she said right away, "Hello, Pastor," even with him wearing a mask. She is pictured with her Blues Clues balloon that she received from The Balloon Lady who was entertaining residents at Cedarhurst in Waterloo that day.

From Your Director of Christian Education

The familiar Reformation hymn, *A Mighty Fortress is Our God* begins with these words: "A mighty fortress is our God, a trusty shield and weapon; He helps us free from every need that hath us now o'er-taken. The old evil foe now means deadly woe; Deep guile and great might are his dread arms in fight; On earth is not his equal." As we reflect this month on our Lutheran heritage may God grant us the strength of our early reformers to be bold in our proclamation of His Law and Gospel!

The first quarter of school will wrap up this first week of October. On October 3 the Senior Youth will host a BBQ for the Southern Illinois District Mission fund. President Timothy Scharr will lead the services on Sunday and the Bible class that day.

The staff at St. John's is working on National Lutheran School Accreditation this year. While the students have Friday, October 8 off we will begin the process of doing an internal study of our ministry here at St. John's. The process, while time consuming, does help us to find areas where we can improve and verify areas that we are doing well in.

On Sunday, October 10 the Senior Youth will have a meeting and assemble care packages for our college-aged members and graduates of St. John's to be mailed.

Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on October 19 & 20. Saturday, October 23 will find members of St. John's supporting the 40 Days of Life in Fairview Heights.

On October 25 the Sunday school teachers will meet at 6:30 in the school's library. At our September meeting we decided to designate 10% of our offerings to the Synod's Big City Mission. Most people in North America live in our cities, but the LCMS has less of a presence there. Our inner-city schools have proven to be excellent ways to reach this mission field and transform lives. Children learn about how much Jesus loves them in Lutheran schools. And donations to the Big City Mission project demonstrate this love.

On Reformation Day the Senior Youth will host a fundraising BBQ for their upcoming trip to Houston, Texas for the National Youth Gathering in July 2022.

October is a busy month but with God's grace and favor we take each day as the Lord will provide for our daily earthly needs. He has provided already His best gift in His Son Jesus and the work of forgiveness that He completed on the cross. We await the last day when He takes us and all believers with Him into heaven!

Sola Gratia Sola Fide Sola Christus Sola Scriptura!!!!

Serving you and our awesome God, DCE Bill Becker

Evening Guild News

We enjoyed an evening of western food and dancing with Tom and Kathy (Guebert) Murray (pictured below) on September 21. Many members and a few guests did the DOSIDO around the Fellowship Hall as Tom and Kathy taught us square dancing moves.



October 3: LWML Sunday with bulletin insert, pledge, prayer and closing hymn.

October 19: Evening Guild Gathering is in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. with our guest speaker, Kathy Nagel, our zone delegate to the National Convention. Devotions and Bible study will be by Patti Liefer. Hostesses: Donna Wetzel, Chairman, JoAnn Yarbrough, Wanda Steele and Gladys Brand.

October 26: Immanuel Bunco Night from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited for an evening of fellowship and bunco at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo. Bring two nonperishable food items or pay \$2. If you need a ride, please contact Sharon Guebert at 282-6468.

October 28: The Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship is on that Thursday morning at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. Opening Worship Service is at 9 a.m. with Rev. Mark Harriss, Zone Counselor. Guest speakers will be from Lutheran Braille Workers and our Bible Study will be led by SID LWML President, Diane Grebing.

The quilting schedule for October is Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

Senior Youth

October 3 will be our fundraising BBQ for our Southern Illinois District mission ministries.

October 10 will be our monthly gathering in our church basement hangout. We will assemble the care packages to be sent to our college students.

October 31 (Reformation Day) will be our fundraising BBQ for our trip to next summer's LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

Terry and Susie Harms

40 Days for Life

The Coalition for Life in the St. Louis area is holding a 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil next to the Planned Parenthood facility in Fairview Heights north of I-64 across from St. Clair Square Mall. October 23rd is our St. John's day there. Please consider taking one or two hours of that day to bear witness to God's gift of life. Contact Jennifer Becker-Roscow (618/972-5366 or mroscow@htc.net) for more information or to sign up for a time slot.

Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner Auction

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville will hold its 22nd Annual Dinner Auction in its gym on Saturday, November 6. Silent Auction is from 4-7 p.m. Dinner (catered by Lisa's in Rocher) will be served at 6 p.m. The Live Auction begins at 7:15 p.m.

Reservations at \$30 per person if made by October 8, \$35 per person thereafter. You can be an auction sponsor with a gift of \$50 or more. You also can support the school with a donation of an item or service to be auctioned. Donations, sponsorships and ads are to be turned in by October 15. Information forms are on the church bulletin board.

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.

Calling For Worship Greeters

Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, we have need of you. Please call or email Pastor if you are willing to serve St. John's in this way. We need one person for the late service and two people for the 5th Saturday evening of the month (only four times a year) and for special services.

Worship Greeters

Sat. Oct. 2 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 3 8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

Sat. Oct. 9 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 10 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Sat. Oct. 16 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 17 8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn
10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers

Sat. Oct. 23 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 24 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel

Sat. Oct. 30 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 31 8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Oct. 2	5 p.m. Evan Kiefer
Sun. Oct. 3	8 a.m. Sage Pensoneau 10:30 a.m. Milla Neff
Sat. Oct. 9	5 p.m. Morgan Kent
Sun. Oct. 10	8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Kadence Koen
Sat. Oct. 16	5 p.m. Grayson Herriman
Sun. Oct. 17	8 a.m. Annika Herriman 10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel
Sat. Oct. 23	5 p.m. Connor Bumann
Sun. Oct. 24	8 a.m. Amelia Guebert 10:30 a.m. Kerrigan Zeiger
Sat. Oct. 30	5 p.m. Jack Crafton
Sun. Oct. 31	8 a.m. Noah Kassing 10:30 a.m. Ty Voss

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

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, 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!

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).



Men's Club

Our Men's Club will meet on Thursday, October 14, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. They are planning to hold their Annual Wurstmarkt again this year on November 14. Join us for this meeting as we plan to serve and support our congregation and many other ministries with this project.

Upcoming Lutheran Older Adult Retreat

This month on October 20th (Wednesday) & 21st (Thursday), 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.

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

Burt and Sally were simple folks. They worked hard. They raised their family. They were comfortable but never extravagant in their lifestyle. They were shocked when their net assets added up to \$742,000 as they were doing some end-of-life planning.

They had been contributing \$7,500 to their local congregation each year. They were pleased to learn that if they placed \$187,500 in a personal endowment when they were called home to heaven, their church offering would be endowed until Jesus returns. It would be just as if they were still making their faithful contributions to their church each year. With this plan, they would still be able to give over \$225,000 to each of their children as inheritance. This felt right to them. They would be caring for the family they love and supporting the ministry of their congregation which they believed was sharing the Gospel of Jesus with many.

What is the plan the Lord has created for you? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started in constructing your plan. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@LFND.org for info.

Happy Reformation Day!

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

Why do we give? Is it simply because God commands us to? Or is there more to it? To be sure, the Word and instruction of God in the Bible says we should give, and this is sufficient to encourage us to give (Luke 6:38; Acts 20:35; 1 Cor. 16:2; 2 Cor. 8:7; Gal. 6:6).

But there's more to it than just obligation. We're not just trying to fulfill a work of the law. We are bearing fruits of the Spirit given to us by our Father in heaven through His Son our Lord Jesus Christ. In other words, we're not just doing what our Father said, we're also doing what He did.

Children emulate their parents. When they grow up, they often carry many of the same mannerisms and characteristics as their parents. But there is more to it than that. Children copy their parents even on a more mundane level. They watch how their parents cross their legs, how they fold their hands, how they stand and sit and walk, and how they do and say most everything. Then children try to copy it.

This can be quite humorous when caught in the act. They do this even when parents don't want them to. Everyone has been in the uncomfortable – and embarrassing situation – where a child does or says something one of their parents have done or said that is less than polite. Sitcoms thrive on these. It only works because of the truth that children emulate their parents, and they do it because they want to be like them.

We are the children of God – by grace through faith. In Holy Baptism, God the Father declares of us what He declared of Jesus at His Baptism in the Jordan, “You are my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.” God the Father claims us as His own. He takes away all our sins. In exchange, He gives us His righteousness, His purity, His holiness, and His Spirit – by which we cry out, “Abba, Father.”

We are born again – born from above, born of water and the Spirit – to a new life in Christ as His children. We are sons of God in Christ through Baptism. Since we are sons, we are heirs who share in the glory of the Son of God. The inheritance is ours because of the Father's grace, mercy, and generosity in sending His Son in time to save us for all eternity.

This is why we give generously of our income to the work of the church. We want to be like our heavenly Father. We want to emulate His generosity by being generous

ourselves. We give to the work of the church because we have witnessed the generous giving of our Father in heaven.

More than that, we are recipients of it. It is because we have received our Father's gifts that we desire to give ourselves. His gifts are not just spiritual. They are temporal and earthly as well. As *Luther's Small Catechism* teaches in the Fourth Petition of the Lord's Prayer:

Give us this day our daily bread.

What does this mean? God certainly gives daily bread to everyone without our prayers, even to all evil people, but we pray in this petition that God would lead us to realize this and to receive our daily bread with thanksgiving.

What is meant by daily bread? Daily bread includes everything that has to do with the support and needs of the body, such as food, drink, clothing, shoes, house, home, land, animals, money, goods, a devout husband or wife, devout children, devout workers, devout and faithful rulers, good government, good weather, peace, health, self-control, good reputation, good friends, faithful neighbors, and the like.

In other words, He gives us everything that we need for the care of both body and soul. His generosity knows no bounds. Therefore, we sit down at the beginning of the year, the beginning of the month, or the beginning of the week and set aside a generous portion of God's daily bread for His work in the church. This is not done because He has commanded us so to do but rather because we, as His children by grace, want to emulate His generosity in our own lives. He is our Father; we are His children. And children want to be like their parents.

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!

***Our Next Voters Meeting
is October 27 at 7 p.m. in
the Fellowship Hall!***

October Church and School Calendar

Saturday, October 2-

9:30 a.m. Boys' Baseball in state play at Coulterville
1:30 p.m. Wedding of Candace Koester and Nick Sondag
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, October 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Both Adult & Youth Bible classes in Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the school building
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:00 a.m. Senior Youth BBQ for District mission ministries

4-8 p.m. Funeral Visitation for Willie Guebert at church

Monday, October 4- Pastors are at District Pastors' Conf.

2:00 p.m. Funeral for Willie Guebert at church
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tues., October 5- Pastors are at Doxology retreat in Columbia

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

Wednesday, October 6- OVC Cross Country @ Randolph CL

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. 6th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, October 7- Fun Run at school; End of 1st Quarter

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
5:45 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, October 8- No School! Teacher Workday on NLSA

Saturday, October 9-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Delores Voss Committal service in our cemetery
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, October 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH&SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge

Monday, October 11- No School! Columbus Day

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room
Tuesday, October 12- Picture Day at school; CC at Chester
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 13-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, October 14-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, October 15- Report Cards go home!

Saturday, October 16-

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

SUNDAY, October 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH/SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
Monday, October 18- BBB at Rocher; GBB at St. Libory
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room
Tuesday, October 19-
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, October 20-
8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8th Public School Confirmation at school
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)
Thursday, October 21-
7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in the FH
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
Friday, October 22- No School; Parent-Teacher Conferences
Saturday, October 23- 40 Days for Life in Fairview Hgts.
9 a.m. Pastor at S. Illinois District Board of Directors meeting
5:00 p.m. Divine Service
SUNDAY, October 24- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH/SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Monday, October 25-
7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
Tuesday, October 26-
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Garden Place
6:00 p.m. Boys' and Girls' Basketball at Holy Childhood
Wednesday, October 27-
8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)
7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly meeting in the Fellowship Hall
Thursday, October 28-
7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
Friday, October 29- PTL Fall Festival at school
6:00 p.m. Derrick Voss & Lori Billingsley rehearsal at church
Saturday, October 30-
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Derrick Voss & Lori Billingsley wedding at church
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
SUNDAY, October 31- Reformation Day
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH/SL) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Senior Youth fundraising BBQ at school
6-8 a.m. Trunk or Treat at school