

The Epistle

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**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

"The Power to Change"

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you by My righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

We go to seminars and conferences looking for a painless cure by which our lives can be zapped and changed. We go on diets. We join health clubs and our enthusiasm runs strong for about two weeks. Then we fall back into the same old rut. We don't change.

We read self-help books, but the problem with self-help books is that they tell us what to do but can't give us the power to do it. We are told things like: 'Get rid of all your bad habits. Be positive; don't be negative.' But how? Where do we get the power to change?

The word 'power' occurs fifty-seven times in the New Testament. It is used to describe the most powerful event that ever happened – the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. And that resurrection power is available to change your life today. The most important thing in life is knowing Christ and experiencing the power of His resurrection. Paul writes, *'I want to know Christ...to know the power of his resurrection' (Philippians 3:10)*. Again he writes, *'I pray that you will begin to understand how incredibly great His*

power is to help those who believe in Him. It is that same mighty power that raised Christ from the dead' (Ephesians 1:19-20).

The Greek word for 'power', which is *dunamis*, can be translated in two ways: 1) 'dynamite', which is an explosive force, or 2) 'dynamo', which is a constant flow of power. And in Christ, you have both. Through Him you can break the chains that bind you and the limits that constrain you and walk victoriously in His power today.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, thank You for being my change agent by all You have done for me. By the power of Your Holy Spirit at work in Your holy word, move me to live in that *dunamis*! In Jesus' name. Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

But she came and knelt before Him, saying, "Lord, help me." And He answered, "It is not right to take the children's bread and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their master's table." Then Jesus answered her, "O woman, great is your faith! Be it done for you as you desire." And her daughter was healed instantly. (Matthew 15:25-28)

A non-Israelite woman comes to Jesus asking for Him to heal her demon-possessed daughter. At first Jesus ignores her and her request. Then He puts her off by saying that He was sent to the lost sheep of Israel, perhaps testing her faith in Him. When she persists, Jesus speaks the line about the dogs. It sounds harsh to our ears, but Jewish rabbis then spoke of such woman and her Canaanite people as being "dogs," meaning the scavengers that dig in trash cans and keep you awake all night with their barking.

But Jesus does not use this word for "dog." The "dogs" He speaks of are different. He refers to the family pets, those loveable furballs that we feed with table scraps and let sleep in the house (even on our beds). This woman picks up on the distinction Jesus makes and the open door that He is giving her and accepts His invitation, gladly taking the "crumbs" that her Master will give her. Jesus congratulates her faith and answers her prayer.

So why this talk about dogs? I hope that you will indulge me with our personal story. Early in the morning of January 26 our beagle Cooper died while lying in bed between Cindy and me. We knew this was coming as he had gotten weaker and weaker over the last few weeks and had stopped eating for the last couple of days. His last night was difficult to watch. We held him wrapped in a blanket to keep him from crying out in pain and fear.

Cooper was not really our dog. He belonged to the family of Cindy's brother Carl, a Navy Chaplain. When he was transferred from Norfolk to Hawaii in 2011, they would have had to pay \$400 and have Cooper in a four-

month quarantine to take him. They asked the family if someone could keep him for the three years they would be away. Our oldest daughter Mary was in an apartment in Columbia, Missouri during college. She volunteered to take him. That lasted for a month or so before her roommates kicked him out. So he came to our house in October of 2011. This would be the beginning of a three-year dog-sitting agreement that lasted over ten years.

I don't know if Cooper was our sixth child or our first granddog, but we did become very attached to him. When I complained that he was sleeping in my spot on the bed, our kids would remind me, "Dad, it's his spot; it's his bed; it's his house. He just lets you live there."

I suppose that we should be relieved that Cooper is gone. There will be no more nightly fighting for the covers, no more getting gradually pushed closer and closer to the edge of the bed, and no more being awakened at 1:30 a.m. for a nature call outside (just one for me inside now). There also will be no more sad eyes staring at me while I am eating as he waited for some scrap to be given to him.

Cindy and I are trying to tell ourselves, "It's only a dog," but those of you who have had a similar long-term relationship with a pet know how they become part of the family, as Jesus Himself noted in the above passage. I called Cooper, "The Wonder Dog," because I wondered how it was that we ended up with him. But after ten years of wondering why we had him, now I am wondering what we are going to do without him.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

P.S. Thanks to Ron and Diane Kunkelmann for being such great dog-sitters for Cooper when we were out of town. Thanks also to Ron for helping me dig Cooper's grave. We buried him where he liked to lay in the sun, in the flower bed outside of the parsonage kitchen window.

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It's hard to believe that January 2022 has already come to a close. I pray this letter finds you all doing well, safe, and staying warm. How are the New Year Resolutions we've made going? As I have preached previously, I prefer instead to look at them as "Commitments." This is because the word "commitment" implies more dedication or obligation towards doing or not doing something. I believe we take commitments more seriously than we do resolutions. I would like to challenge everyone to commit to reading a devotional or the Bible every day. It doesn't have to be a long time, but it can make a significant impact on not only your spiritual life, but your life in general. Please feel free to contact me if you would like any suggestions or help in getting started.

As we start February, it's hard to realize, but Lent is just around the corner. Lent is a solemn time in the Church year. A time where we should remember, realize, observe, and commemorate what our Lord and Savior has and continues to do for us daily. No matter how we have previously thought of this season of Lent, let us challenge ourselves to be different this year. Let us not commit ourselves to just better church attendance. Let us commit ourselves to being more giving of our time, treasures, and talents, gifts which have been provided to us by our God.

Let us be reminded that everything we have comes from God. We would have nothing if it were not for Christ and the saving works that He has done for us. Let us remember all that God has, does, and continues to do for every one of us. Let us commit ourselves to making a greater sacrifice than before. We need to be reminded that everything we sacrifice is not ours anyway. All these things initially come to us from and belong to God anyway. So, let us commit to being different this Lent season. To make a greater sacrifice. A sacrifice that is not just for our own personal or selfish reasons. A sacrifice that allows us to be used by God. To be used as an example to others of what it means to be and act like a Christian. Let us sacrifice out of love for the One who gave His one and only Son as the ultimate sacrifice for us all.

*God's blessing to you all now and always,
Pastor Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor*

February Servers

Flowers: Linda Guebert and Chris Deien
Paraments: Ella Hemmer Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Sunday School Mission Project

Our offerings to the Big City Mission project help kids and adults learn about how much Jesus loves them. By providing something simple like a lunch or backpack, those involved in urban ministry can build relationships that allow them to tell people about their Savior, Jesus!

Midweek Bible Classes

Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday Morning Women, Wednesday evening (1st Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are in session this month.

The Wednesday morning women's class meets at 9:30 a.m. and is studying the book of Esther based on a guide by Donna Snow. This is a great time to join them! Please contact Janel Kassing for more information.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the second and fourth Saturdays (12th and 26th) this month at 7 a.m. We continue to study Paul's second letter to Timothy in the Bible.



St. John's member and Edward Jones Agent Connor Guebert presents Principal Deitt Schneider with a Teacher of the Month Award for January.

From the Principal's Pen

I was very surprised and honored to receive the "Teacher of the Month" award for December on January 12, the day we presented our students with second quarter awards. I usually arrange for my teachers to be recognized with these awards so I never expected to be so honored. I truly appreciate this award and give thanks for the opportunity I have had to teach 39 years at St. John's Lutheran and seven years at Trinity Lutheran, Red Bud. God has blessed me in serving with very dedicated teachers and staff, wonderful students and parents, and support from the congregations and community.

It was a great week celebrating Lutheran Schools Week! Our theme for the week was "In All Things" and each day we had a different focus, Monday-Christ, Tuesday-Creation, Wednesday-Children, Thursday-Church, and Friday-Community. Each day we gathered as a whole school in the new gym for announcements, prayers, pledges, devotions and song. It was great having all our youngest students leading us in familiar songs the students sang when they were in the younger grades. The devotions were led by students in the upper grades. As in the past, each day we have dressed in special clothes: Monday-Comfy Cozy Day, Tuesday-Jersey/Sports Teams Day, Wednesday-Western/Camo Day, Thursday-Neon Day or wear as many colors as possible, and Friday-Multiple Day, wear multiple socks, hair clips, bracelets, hats, or shirts. Our teachers have always participated in dressing up but last year Mr. Palm went to extreme measures. I challenged the faculty to "out do" Mr. Palm and I think some of us have accomplished this but just barely. (See the next picture.)



Each day Mr. Palm and I were outside to welcome the students. Of course, this week we have had to also bundle up as the temperatures were quite cold! It was fun and I think the parents enjoyed our outfits more than the students! The students have also participated in a "coin war" each day and it will be interesting to see which class collected the most coins. Our gifts will go the LCMS World Missions for the fires in Colorado. We are so blessed by our Lutheran school and give thanks that we can celebrate with other Lutheran schools the joy of sharing the good news of Jesus being our Savior!

The Kindergarten held their 100-day celebration on January 28. We encouraged all of our students to join in the day by wearing their Kindergarten 100-day t-shirt. We are happy to be able to celebrate more this year but we are still being cautious to keep our students safe. The fun activities make the day very memorable for our students and parents.

The month of February will keep us busy. The Southern Illinois District Convention will take place in O'Fallon on February 3-5 with several of our staff being in attendance. February brings us Valentine's Day and our students and faculty are generous in sharing the love of Christ with others. Please remember your loved ones at home! We have an 11:15 a.m. early dismissal day on February 18 and will celebrate Presidents' Day with no school on February 21. This year, George Washington's 290th birthday falls on 2-22-22!

Our boys continue to play basketball and will attend the tournament in Peoria the weekend on February 18. The girls have a very active schedule of volleyball with tournaments at all levels on various weekends. Please watch the calendar for dates and times.

On February 11 we will have a Mad Science of St. Louis assembly at 1:30 p.m. We have not been able to host such events lately so we look forward to the opportunity to invite them to our school. On February 25 we will host our own school Geography Bee as the National Geographic Society no longer sponsors this event. The questions are difficult but it is fun to see how many of them can be answered correctly!

God's blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider



St. John's 6th-8th graders line the street in honor of the funeral procession of former St. John's member Dale Krack, retired Illinois State Trooper and former National Guard officer whose funeral was here on January 12. His children Grant and Kate had been fellow students.

the Geography Bee. The teachers will be working feverishly to get the last of the NLSA sections complete before our self-imposed deadline at the end of the month.

Throughout all these activities the love of Jesus will shine forth. In 1st John 4:16 we hear, "And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them." God's greatest gift of love is His son Jesus. Jesus who was born in Bethlehem, died on Mt. Calvary, and rose victoriously on Easter morning. This loving, Jesus will return on the last day to take us and all believers with Him into Heaven.

Whatever you celebrate this month put Jesus first in your celebrations! God's blessings,

Mr. Bill Becker, Director of Christian Education



St. John's Kindergarten student Elaina Uffelmann and her mother Katelin made a pyramid out of 100 red Solo cups for 100 Day in our school's old gym on Jan. 28.



Briana Becker and Ellie Stellhorn work on a puzzle during Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall on January 21.

From Your Director of Christian Education

The month of February is quickly upon us. During this month some will celebrate Valentine's Day, President's Day, and the less likely to be celebrated, Groundhog's Day. We also anticipate the return of Major League Baseball pitchers and catchers in a normal year. My celebrations will include the end of my commitment to my duties as part of the planning committee for the District Convention in O'Fallon, a combined Valentine's and birthday weekend for my loving wife, and the beginning of the tryouts and rehearsals for the school's musical actors.

Our school children will be occupied three Fridays of this month with a science assembly, Heart Challenge, and



Members of St. John's Evening Guild and Mrs. Cindy Nebel's 4th grade students pack relief kits for Lutheran World Relief. They included a cloth towel, bars of soap, toothbrush, comb and nail clippers.

Evening Guild News

Evening Guild Gathering: Tuesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. All are welcome to join us in the Fellowship Hall for a short business meeting with the collection of mites. Mary Ann Wegener will lead devotions titled “Ain’t that the Truth” based on John 14:6. A sketch “Dial Free 1-800” will be presented by Linda Guebert. Hostesses are Linda Guebert, chairman, Pat Malik, Arlou Papenberg and Dorothy Papenberg.

Quilting schedule for February is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin. Assembly dates for February are the 10th and 24th. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

LWML Scholarships: Southern Illinois District LWML offers scholarships to students going into full time church work (pastor, teacher, DCE). Applications are at www.sidlwml.org and must be submitted by March 15.

Men’s Club

Our Men’s Club next gathers on Thursday, February 10 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

Music CDs Available

St. John’s member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school’s ministry. 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.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

January 28 Death of Willard Uffelman, Sr.

Senior Youth

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, February 6 in our church basement hangout.

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

God’s blessings to you! *Terry and Susie Harms*

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?, and Word Dwellers.

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).

Worship Greeters

Sat. Jan. 29	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Jan. 30	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers
Sat. Feb. 5	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Feb. 6	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. Feb. 12	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Feb. 13	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Feb. 19	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Feb. 20	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. Feb. 26	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Feb. 27	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

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 (Ash Wednesday!).

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Jan. 29	5 p.m. Luke Quintin
Sun. Jan. 30	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 a.m. Kadence Koen
Sat. Feb. 5	5 p.m. Jack Crafton
Sun. Feb. 6	8 a.m. Annika Herriman 10:30 a.m. Noah Kassing
Sat. Feb. 12	5 p.m. Mallory Arbeiter
Sun. Feb. 13	8 a.m. Jackson Muench 10:30 a.m. Colin Korando
Sat. Feb. 19	5 p.m. Emily Bowles
Sun. Feb. 20	8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Milla Neff
Sat. Feb. 26	5 p.m. Landon Ruebusch
Sun. Feb. 27	8 a.m. Addelyn Rahn 10:30 a.m. Landon Kilpatrick

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

LCMS Foundation

Herb and Edith are core members of their church. They raised three children in the faith, as those children attended the Lutheran school. Now six of their seven grandchildren are attending that same Lutheran school.

Herb is a retired plumber. Together with Edith they ran their own plumbing business. The Lord blessed them with success. Five years ago they sold the business to someone else. The business maintains its original name and all the clientele passed to the new owner. When they sold it, it netted them \$800,000, in addition to the \$2 million they have saved in their retirement account.

Ten years earlier they had created an estate plan with their attorney. That was before they sold their business. At the time, they had created a \$20,000 gift to ministry as a "tithing" of what would pass through their will. They had not even considered making a gift from the leftovers of their IRA when the Lord calls them home. They put the \$800,000 into an investment account and now it is worth \$1.4 million. At the end of their earthly life they expect there will be over \$2 million of assets remaining, and the investment account and IRA have their children receiving 100% of these assets through beneficiary designation.

In recent months, motivated by their thankfulness for the ministry of their home congregation and a desire to see

its ministry continue long into the future, they have reconsidered their plan for gifting. They are wondering how to calculate the size of the ministry gift coming from their will. They are also wanting to add to it with disbursements from their investments and IRA. They are wondering which fund from which they should choose and how to fill out the beneficiary designation forms correctly. They want to make a \$500,000 gift to their church for the sake of scholarships for the school. Much to their surprise, each of their children will receive \$500,000 as well.

In a situation like this, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help to cut through the clutter and to illustrate options, looking to optimize tax savings as well. They can coordinate work with your professionals, attorney, tax advisor and financial advisor. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

The season of Epiphany focuses on how God was made manifest in the flesh of Jesus. The church spends time hearing of the miracles, signs, and wonders of Jesus in the world. And this made plain to all that Jesus really is who He said He was. He is the Second Person of the Holy Trinity, the only begotten Son of the Father, in the flesh. For "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us" (John 1:14).

It is revealed for all the world to see that Jesus is God in the flesh. It is made manifest by His words and His work, by what He said and by what He did. And these belong together, for "the Word became flesh and dwelt among us." Jesus is the Word and will of God in the flesh, that is, He is the walking, talking enactment of God's Word.

It is no different for us. We are called not just to believe in God in hearts but also to trust in God in word and deed. As James wrote: "But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves" (James 1:22), and again, "What good is it, my brothers, if someone says he has faith but does not have works?...So also faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead....Show me your faith apart from your works, and I will show you my faith by my works....For as the body apart from the spirit is dead, so also faith apart from works is dead" (James 2:14, 17-18, 26).

Our faith is lived out in works for our neighbor. Our trust in the Word and will of God is lived out not in word only but also in deed and in truth. In other words, the Epiphany of the Lord creates in us an epiphany of our faith in our works of obedience to God who commanded them. By this, our faith is made manifest to the world.

February Church and School Calendar

SUNDAY, January 30-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, January 31-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, February 1-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, February 2-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel in the new gym w/ 3rd Grade
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 Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, February 3-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
5:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (AB) at home vs. TSJ/ILS
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the balcony
6:00 p.m. Opening Service for the district convention

Friday, February 4- *SID Convention in O'Fallon*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym
Girls' Volleyball B Team tournament at Rocher

Saturday, February 5-

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

SUNDAY, February 6-

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

Monday, February 7-

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

Tuesday, February 8-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home vs. St. John LS-Chester

Wednesday, February 9-

8:30 a.m. Grade School Chapel 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. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school cafeteria
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, February 10-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion Service at church
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Evansville
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 11- *Girls' Vb A Team tourney at St. Mary's*

Saturday, February 12-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, February 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes

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

Monday, February 14-

4:15 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (ABC) at Valmeyer
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, February 15-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 16-

8:30 a.m. Grade School Chapel 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

Thursday, February 17- *Boys Basketball at Christ, Peoria*

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, February 18- *Girls' B Team Volleyball tourney here*

11:20 a.m. Early dismissal 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, February 19-

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

SUNDAY, February 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible classes in FH and school library
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, February 21- *No School! Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, February 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
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball home vs. Coulterville
7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

Wednesday, February 23-

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

Thursday, February 24-

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
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball home vs. Rocher

Friday, February 25- *C Team Volleyball tourney here*

1:00 p.m. Geography Bee at school
6:00 p.m. Fleming/Moll wedding rehearsal at church
8:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at St. John-Chester tournament

Saturday, February 26-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. Julie Fleming/Jeff Moll wedding at church
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, February 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and HS Youth classes at school
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH & SL) Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, February 28-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Cougarwear

This year PTL is testing a new Spirit Wear Company.
*Orders can be placed anytime! No more waiting on the PTL to organize a sale. *The PTL no longer has to support minimum orders for each item to place an order. *Shipping is direct to your home and usually an item arrives in 2 weeks or less from the time of the order (all items are printed within a few days of ordering here in the US!) *Watch the site for sales and team up with another parent to get free shipping! *Shirts for sports are now available on the site as well!! Check out all the tabs at the top of the page for your order needs!! www.1stplace.sale/30121

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