

The Epistle

JANUARY 2022

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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

"Christmas is About CHRIST"

And going into the house they saw the child with Mary His mother, and they fell down and worshiped Him. Then, opening their treasures, they offered Him gifts, gold and frankincense and myrrh. Matthew 2:11

Jesus was born in the humblest of settings, yet heaven above was filled with the songs of angels. His birthplace was a humble stable, yet a star brought the rich and noble from thousands of miles away to worship Him. His birth was contrary to the laws of life and His death was contrary to the laws of death, yet no miracle is greater than His birth, His life, His death, His resurrection and His teachings. He had no cornfields or fisheries, yet He spread a table for 5,000 and had bread and fish to spare. He never stood on expensive carpeting, yet He walked on the waters and they supported Him. His crucifixion was the crime of crimes, yet from God's perspective no less a price could have made possible our redemption. When He died, few mourned His passing, yet God hung a black cape over the sun. Those who crucified Him did not tremble at what they'd done, yet the earth shook under them. Sin never touched Him. Corruption could not get hold of His body. The soil that was reddened

with His blood could not claim His dust. For over three years He preached the gospel. He wrote no book, He had no headquarters and He built no organization. Yet two thousand years later He's the central figure of human history, the perpetual theme of all preaching, the pivot around which the ages revolve, and the only redeemer of the human race. At this season of celebration and gift-giving, let's join the wise men who 'fell down and worshipped him'. Let's remember, Christmas is about – Christ!

Prayer- Dear Jesus, I am sorry that I get distracted by the things of this world and forget to celebrate You on Your birthday. In this new year, by the power of the Holy Spirit, help me to keep focused on what is most important in my life, that is You! In Your name, Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

Would you ever think of celebrating a person's birthday without being with that person? Would you observe that person's birthday while at the same time rejecting that person's invitation to his birthday party? You should find such situations odd. Why celebrate someone's birthday at the same time you are ignoring that person?

You also may think it odd that I included a Christmas Day devotion for this January newsletter. First, as I write, and perhaps as you read, this we are still in the Christmas season of the Christian church year calendar. Second, I think it is an excellent reminder to keep Christ as the focus of our Christmas celebration.

While there may be more people in worship for Christmas services than an average Sunday attendance, there still is room for plenty more! Being the glass half-empty person that I am, I noticed how many members of our family of faith have not been in worship at St. John's during the Christmas season. How can we truly celebrate Christ's birth if we do not include Christ in that celebration?

Are we being distracted by the culture's observance of the "holiday" and becoming convinced that is what "Christmas" is all about. Being with family is a good thing. Eating special food is a treat. Having parties with friends or colleagues is nice. The music is enjoyable. Presents are exciting (giving is better than receiving). But if we let all of this become what Christmas means to us and ignore the worshipful celebration of Jesus' birth, we have slipped into this world's pagan idolatry.

In Jesus Christ our God has come to be with us, to live for us, to die in our place, to rise for our new and eternal life, and to call us to Himself. We answer that call now as we gather with one another in public Christian worship.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I pray everyone had a blessed and merry Christmas. I hope you took some time to slow down, relax, and enjoy time with family and friends. Yet, most importantly, I hope you took the time to remember and celebrate the significance of this time of year. We celebrate this day in remembrance of the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. We remember and celebrate the day when Christ was born with honor and gratitude for all He has done and continues to do for us. Every day is a gift from God. Each day we receive the gift of life from God, we should celebrate and share the love Christ first showed us, with others.

My prayer for us all, myself included, is that as we look back over everything that has taken place in the year 2021, that we don't focus on the negative. Yes, it's right that we acknowledge and learn from the negative things that occurred in the year 2021. Yet, we don't focus on them. We don't allow them to take control of our lives. Yes, we ask for forgiveness from our fellow man and God for our wrongdoings, but we don't allow them to control us. We can only acknowledge, learn, and seek forgiveness from the wrongs that we have committed in the past. Yes, we can't change the past. However, we don't allow that past to rule over or control us. No, that's God's job. We allow God to take control, not the past. We allow God to use our past to teach us. We allow God to use His very hands to shape us into the very people that God created us to be. We allow God to shape us into the people ... servants that He wants us to be.

So, I pray that every one of us takes time, as we enter into the year of our Lord 2022, to look back, reflect, and learn from the past. Yet, all the while, we keep our eyes focused forward into the future. For we are His people. For He is our God. We go into the new year focusing with our eyes facing forward on Him and placing our trust in Him and what He has planned for us. I hope that everyone has a blessed and safe new year.

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

January Servers

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

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

December 5 Baptism of Eli Gabriel Hernandez

We Bid a Fond Farewell

December 26 Death of Larry Ebers
December 26 Death of Orville Liefer

A Musical Moment

January is when both Choir and Bell Choir start back up for the Winter/Spring 2022 season! Listen for both to "sing out" and "ring out" in our weekend worship services! Both play an average of 2-3 services per month.

Choir is always looking for more singers! We will start on Monday, January 10th at 7 p.m. in the school music room. Choir mostly sings at the 8 a.m. Sunday services but there are a couple of dates (March 13th, and May 22nd) where we will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service instead. Some of the special services we will be singing at this year include Ash Wednesday (March 2nd, 7 p.m. service), Maundy Thursday (April 14th, 7 p.m. service), Good Friday (April 15th, 7 p.m. service), Easter Sunday (April 17th), and Ascension Day (May 26th, 7 p.m. service). Any new and returning members are welcome and appreciated!!

Bell Choir will begin on Thursday, January 13th at 6 p.m. in the church balcony. Scheduling takes into account the members' schedules, so it always looks a little bit different every year. However, bell choir usually runs till early/mid May and unlike choir, they play at any one of the three worship services.

I look forward to serving you as Music Director in the New Year!
Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Annual Voters Assembly Meeting

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be Sunday, January 23, at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will elect officers and board members for the next year. We will hear financial updates from 2021 and ministry plans for 2022. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are voting members and encouraged to attend.

Sunday School

Perfect Attendance for December: Nursery: Case Uffelmann; Pre-K/dg: Jettson Grohmann; Kindergarten: Elaina Uffelmann, Kolton Liefer; Natalie Bowles; 1st: Elsie Liefer, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4th: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer; 5th: Clare Carnahan; 6th: Sydney Kassing; 8th: Noah Kassing. Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

MISSION PROJECT: *Big City Mission Project*. Our gifts and 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!

***Have a Happy New Year of Life in the
Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ!***

From the Principal's Pen

Happy New Year! I pray for health and safety for everyone in the 12 months of 2022 to come!

My heart was full as I opened a text on Christmas morning! I just happened to check my phone and saw that I had a message. The message was from our faculty/staff group and the message was as follows:

“Merry Christmas Deitt! The overhead window is in honor of Deitt Schneider’s 46 year calling as an LCMS teacher and principal. The window is a reminder of the ultimate goal of serving the children and their families during her decades-long career. From the Faculty, Staff and friends of St. John’s.”

I was moved to tears as I viewed the beautiful window of stained glass above the Luther seal window. What a perfect addition! I have been so blessed by all the faculty and staff, children and parents of our school and members of St. John’s. The tribute is undeserved but very much appreciated as we all work together for the Glory of God. I will forever hold this memory in my heart and thank God for the blessings of the ministry I have been privileged to serve here at St. John’s.

The month of December went by quickly as we held many Christmas services. We were able to invite guests into the services which gave us a small feeling of sharing the message of Jesus’ birth with our families. The students in 6th – 8th grade were able to share the Road to Bethlehem both in the morning and evening at church and we had a nice attendance at both services. All were recorded and I believe we still have one to upload; we had technical difficulties on one service and had to use a back-up system quite unexpectedly.

Congratulations to our 7th grade homeroom teacher Nancy Whelan who was chosen as the District 14 winner for the VFW Teacher of the Year Award. We thank her for her dedication in teaching and wish her the best.

Many thanks for the many cards, gifts, food, and hugs given at Christmas. All of the faculty and staff appreciate your support. This “thank you” also includes the Christmas bonus given to us from the congregation. We are so blessed!

The end of the quarter was on December 21 and report cards will go home on January 7. Our students will return on January 4 after a nice break. Please mark your calendars for January 17 as this is a holiday, M.L King’s Birthday. January 28 is an early dismissal day at 11:20 am.

We will have many games for basketball to fill our evenings in January so please watch the church and school calendar for schedules. We are still under the State mandate for wearing masks so please comply while you are in the building. *God’s blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



Thank You for Your Goodness at Christmas

“Thank you so very much for your goodness and generosity to us and our families at Christmas. Your cards, gifts and food items were overwhelming! It is our humble privilege and pleasure to serve you with God’s Word and Sacraments in our ministry with you here at St. John’s. We praise God for your kindness and support.”

*Your servants in Christ,
Pastor Mark Nebel and Pastor Brian Nowak*

Envelopes In The Fellowship Hall

Boxes of offering envelopes for 2022 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please pick up yours and those for your immediate family members. If you do not have a box but would like one, please call Leslie in our church office.

Men’s Club

Our Men’s Club next gathers on Thursday, January 13 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Refreshments will be provided.

From Your Director of Christian Education

As I looked back on my article for last year's Epistle I mentioned that our family had recently received the news that Dad's cancer was aggressive and inoperable. I also mentioned that while looking out the window of the waiting area in Barnes Hospital seeing a cross. It is for this reason that our Savior Jesus came into the world. He came as the perfect child of Bethlehem to teach, tell, and fulfill His plan of dying, rising, and ascending into Heaven. As we journey into 2022 may the love and peace of Jesus continue to fill our days.

I have been teaching very sporadically the high school aged youth in the church's basement. Since it's a new year we are going to try something else. We will meet in the school building (my classroom room 103) during the Sunday School time from 9:30-10:10 a.m. to study *TENSIONS BETWEEN FAITH AND CULTURE*: "It's no secret that there can be tension between what our faith teaches us and what we see in the culture around us. What do you do when faith and culture are at odds? It's easy to distance ourselves from culture or to be overly critical. But Jesus modeled a better way." This is a study available to us through our Right Now Media account. I will need to use the technology available at school to successfully lead this class. Please encourage your high school aged youth to attend!

On Friday, January 21, I would like to host a family fun night at the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Lemonade and bottled water will be available. We will have some board games, cards, puzzles (you are welcome to bring a family favorite too), and a fun-filled evening. Let's start at 7 p.m. and end around 9 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun!

I am serving our Southern Illinois District on the planning committee for the SID convention to be held February 3-5 at the Hyatt Regency Convention Center in O'Fallon. I will be working on Committee One that is responsible for bringing forth the submitted overtures that deal with theology and worship. I also have been asked to consider for nominations for Board of Directors, Board of Congregational Support, and the Nominations Committee.

We continue as a faculty and staff working on our National Lutheran School Accreditation process. Our site visit will be April 4-5.

I pray that your 2022 finds time for worship, fellowship, and the study of God's word as we begin another year with the grace and mercy of our loving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!

Mr. Bill Becker, Director of Christian Education

Bible Classes Resume

Our midweek Bible classes, Wednesday Morning Women, Wednesday evening (1st Kings) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) are back in session this week. The Wednesday morning women's class meets on January 5 at 9:30 a.m. to begin a study of 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.

Senior Youth

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.

We are praying that everyone is healthy and had a wonderful Christmas with family and friends. Thank you to all the youth who helped at the Christmas Eve service.

Ok. Switching it up in January just to keep you all on your toes.

No meeting this weekend due to the holiday. But, if anyone is around and wants to go to Steinberg Ice Rink in Forest Park, the youth group is going on Sunday, January 2 at 2 p.m. (meet in the St John's Lutheran School parking lot). Steinberg Ice Rink is offering bumper cars on ice this year. Costs: \$10 general admission; \$5 skate rental; \$15 bumper cars/ten-minute ride.

It would be best to make reservations as they are limiting the number of people on the ice at a time due to covid. Let me know if you would like to go. I also would need additional drivers if several kids sign up.

Next, on Sunday January 9, instead of our monthly meeting, we will have our annual progressive dinner. We will meet at the school parking lot at 3:30 p.m. so we can carpool and arrive at the first stop by 4 p.m.

1st stop: Appetizers
2nd stop: Salad at Bill Becker's house
3rd stop: Main course
4th stop: Dessert hosted by Hannah and Megan at Megan Henry's house.

I am looking for hosts for appetizers and main course. I think Tracy Vallett offered apps, but I need to check with her. Again, I'll need to arrange for carpooling. If necessary, we may need a driver or two.

Please have the kids (or parents you can respond for them) RSVP to me via text or remind to let me know if they will be at either of these two events.

God's many blessings on your new year!

Terry and Susie Harms

Congratulations!

St. John's members and Red Bud High School seniors Megan Henry, Addison Liefer, Katie Schneider and Hannah Sievers have been recognized as 2022 Illinois State Scholars. They rank in approximately the top ten percent of graduates from Illinois high schools.

Evening Guild News

Evening Guild Gathering: We meet next on Tuesday, January 18, at 7:00 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. The theme is "Comfort and Peace." Our project will be to tie quilts during the business meeting. Devotions will be led by Donna Wetzel. Our hostesses will be Judy Guebert, chairman, Ella Hemmer, Laureen Koen and Nancy Langrehr.

The LWML Winter Quarterly has arrived! There are copies in the entryway of church.

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

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to make large print books at the Baldwin center on the 13th and 27th of January. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) 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.

Food Drive: We are sponsoring a food drive for the Musketeer Market. A box is in the Fellowship Hall into which you can place your donation.

Music CDs Available

St. John's member Joan Voges is offering 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.

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 (Thanksgiving!).

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.

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. 1	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Jan. 2	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. Jan. 8	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Jan. 9	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Jan. 15	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Jan. 16	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. Jan. 22	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Jan. 23	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Jan. 29	5 p.m.
Sun. Jan. 30	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Jan. 1	5 p.m. Case Hess
Sun. Jan. 2	8 a.m. Lucas McCarthy 10:30 a.m. Lilly Meyer
Sat. Jan. 8	5 p.m. Kade Liefer
Sun. Jan. 9	8 a.m. Brody Stellhorn 10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel
Sat. Jan. 15	5 p.m. Brodie Stenzel
Sun. Jan. 16	8 a.m. Blayton Sutton 10:30 a.m. Brian Liefer
Sat. Jan. 22	5 p.m. Landon Kilpatrick
Sun. Jan. 23	8 a.m. Kadin Liefer 10:30 a.m. Jack Kennedy
Sat. Jan. 29	5 p.m. Luke Quintin
Sun. Jan. 30	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 a.m. Kadence Koen

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

LCMS Foundation

George and Betty were with friends last Friday, playing cards. During the evening, one of the couples began talking about the estate plans they had just put together. They bragged about the 120-page living trust their attorney had given them, saying, “With a document that long we must have a really great plan.”

Betty asked, “So tell me about what is in your plan. Does it meet your family goals? Does it include a gift to support the ministry of our congregation that we all love?” The couple sat very quiet for an uncomfortable pause. Finally, they said, “We really don’t know, but we have a great plan.”

The “plan” is the culmination of a lot of thinking and putting together goals that you want to accomplish. Those broad goals are the focus well before you ever dig into the intricate details of a full, complete estate plan. Without that planning, your “plan” will be empty. With planning, you will express your faith and look to bless others with the blessings God has blessed you. That is the simple core. All the details build on that.

Have you thought about your core values? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you discover the values you live by now and how you can share your family goals through your estate planning. Contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

New Member Welcome is Sunday, January 23 between services in the Fellowship Hall!

Pro-Life Prayer Vigil

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens will host a brief pro-life prayer vigil on Sun January 23, 2022, at 3 p.m. Afterwards in our fellowship hall a representative from Life Network, a pregnancy resource center with offices in Waterloo and Red Bud, will share some information regarding the ministry and outreach of Life Network. A free-will offering will be collected for Life Network. Refreshments will be served.

What Is A Steward? From LCMS Stewardship

“In all things I have shown you that by working hard in this way we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” (Acts 20:35)

And indeed, it is. Does this not strike a chord that resonates in us all? Which of us can’t recall the look of surprise and thanks for the Christmas gifts that we labored to give to those whom we love? And the joy written on their face when that gift is received with thanksgiving means more than all the gifts we have received. It is more blessed to give than to receive.

Our Lord knew this because He practiced it. He gave of Himself – sparing not even His life in death – in order to give us back to our Father in heaven. He knew that in giving you get more because joy is multiplied in giving. The one who receives and the one who gives both rejoice in what is given and received. And what is more, the one who receives only wants to give back to the one who gave so generously in thanksgiving.

So it is with our tithes and offerings in church. We want to give because we have received from God all that we are and all that we have. Our giving does not originate in what we must do to earn God’s favor. We have God’s favor because of His gift of His Son, given through Word and Sacrament. Thus, we are made free from the compulsion of giving so that our tithes and offering are freely given in thanksgiving for what God has so generously given to us.

Why then does the church struggle to make budgets? Why does the church always seem stretched so thin when it is the place where God continually gives us His forgiveness of sins? Why does the church struggle when God, out of love for us, generously pours out His grace and mercy?

“Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” Remember that God has placed you in a church, not only to receive His grace and mercy, but to press His eternal and temporal blessings into service to your neighbor.

January Church and School Calendar

Saturday, January 1, 2022-

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

SUNDAY, January 2-

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

2:00 p.m. Senior Youth Skating at Steinberg in St. Louis

Monday, January 3-

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

Tuesday, January 4-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Trinity/Prairie

Wednesday, January 5- *Girls' B team tourney at Holy Cross*

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel in the new gym w/ Mr. Becker

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 (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 6-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

3:00 p.m. Epiphany Holy Communion service at church

5:30 p.m. Boys' A&B Basketball at Chester Junior High

6:00 p.m. Girls' A&B Basketball at home vs. Valmeyer

Friday, January 7- *Report Cards go home! Girls' BB at HC*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in new gym w/ Mr. Becker

Saturday, January 8-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, January 9- 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

4:00 p.m. Senior Youth Progressive Dinner

Monday, January 10- *Boys' OVC Basketball tourney here*

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball A & B at New Athens

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

Tuesday, January 11-

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. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, January 12-

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)

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 13-

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

Saturday, January 15-

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

SUNDAY, January 16-

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 (Alternative)

Monday, January 17- *No School! MLK Day; Office Closed*

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

Tuesday, January 18-

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

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball A & B at Valmeyer

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

Wednesday, January 19-

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 20- *Boys Basketball ALT at St. Mark's*

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, January 21-

7:00 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 22-

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

9:00 a.m. SID Board of Directors meeting at the district office

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, January 23- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall

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

1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting

Monday, January 24- *National Lutheran Schools Week!*

9:30 a.m. SID Board of Spiritual Care meeting at district office

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

Tuesday, January 25-

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, January 26- *Volleyball tourney at RBC*

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 (2nd Kings)

Thursday, January 27- *Science Fair at school*

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, January 28-

11:20 a.m. Early School Dismissal

7:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran HS Trivia Night

Saturday, January 29-

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

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

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