

The Epistle

MARCH 2022

**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

“Responsibility for Your Life”

*The wise in heart accept commands, but a chattering fool
comes to ruin. (Proverbs 10:8)*

If you want to walk in God's blessing, stop making excuses and take responsibility for your life. The Bible says, *'The wise are glad to be instructed...fools fall flat on their faces.'* The ability to accept responsibility is a hallmark of character and maturity. More importantly, God can't restore you until you acknowledge and turn away from your sin. Nowhere in Scripture does God excuse our sin because of someone else's behavior. The Bible says He will *'repay all people as their actions deserve'* (Proverbs 24:12). When you keep placing blame on other people, you never reach the place of honest responsibility – where real change begins!

A respected counselor writes: *'All blame is a waste of time. Regardless of how much fault you find, it will not change things. The only thing blame does is keep the focus off you when you're looking for reasons to explain your unhappiness or frustration. You may succeed in making someone else feel guilty, but you won't succeed in changing whatever's making you unhappy.'* Blaming others is often

just a way of avoiding the truth about yourself. Jesus said that knowing the truth will set you free (see *John 8:32*). It may make you very uncomfortable at first, but it's the thing that will truly liberate you. And hiding from it doesn't make it go away. In fact, until you're willing to face your mistakes, you'll keep having problems. Is that really how you want to live? No? Then get honest with God and let Him help you correct the things in your life that are out of order.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, help me to recognize my own weakness and not those of others. By Your Holy Spirit at work through Your Word, the Holy Bible, help me to grow in my life in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

February 7 Transfer out of Alexander Voges to Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo, Illinois

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

February 19 Baptism of Chloe Judith Reinhardt
(daughter of Josh and Emily [Edler] Reinhardt)

February 20 Baptism of Archer Dennis Mehring
(son of Timothy and Brooke [Hartmann] Mehring)

Your Pastors' Ponderings

I walked through our daycare yesterday to see how everyone was doing. That makes for an interesting experience. Most of the children are from the community and do not see me enough to remember who I am. So it is wonderful when those little ones whom I baptized and whose parents bring to worship here at St. John's explain to the others, "That's our pastor!"

This past weekend we rejoiced to welcome two precious children into our family of faith through the water and word of Holy Baptism. Our worship prayers included this petition, "Help all parents who have brought their children to Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism also bring them to Him faithfully in the Divine Service, that He may continue to take them in His arms and bless them through His Word."

While it is nice to hear that our baptized children recognize me as their pastor, it is much more important that they know Jesus as their Savior and share that confession of faith with those around them. This teaching is what our parents promise to do for them at the time of their baptism. This education in the faith is what sponsors pledge to assist with when they stand up for their godchildren's baptism. This discipleship in our Lord Jesus Christ is what our congregation works together to do as a family of faith.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

I pray this letter finds everyone doing well and staying warm. Remember: if you would like to talk with or would like a visit from Pastor Nebel, please feel free to contact him. I can be contacted via (text or call) on my cell phone 708/369-7741 or email at PastorBrianNowak@gmail.com.

As we are entering the season of Lent, I thought I would remind us of the importance of Lent. Lent is a time of the church year that is set apart from the rest of the year. The color changes to purple, a color often associated with penitence. This is a solemn time of the church year. This is the time of the church year when the word "Alleluia" is omitted from the liturgy. The "Alleluia" is not brought back until Easter morning. This is because it is a joyful, not solemn expression, meaning "Praise the Lord."

The season of Lent reminds us to focus on the suffering that Christ endured for us. It provides us with an opportunity to reflect upon our own Baptism and what it means to live as a child of God.

We invite you to join us at either of our additional Wednesday Midweek Lenten Services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m., in addition to your regular weekend worship attendance. *God's blessing to you all now and always,*
Pastor Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

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!

Lenten Calendars have been given to our Sunday School Students. Copies are in the church entryway.

Midweek Bible Classes

Our Wednesday evening midweek Bible class on 1st Kings will be on a break until April 20 to make way for Midweek Lenten Services. Our Wednesday Morning Women (Esther) and Thursday morning (Ezekiel) classes remain in session this month.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the first and third Saturdays (5th and 19th) this month at 7 a.m. We continue to study Paul's second letter to Timothy in the Bible.

Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood

Our Southern Illinois District Advocates for Life Team is holding a Life-Affirming Prayer Vigil on Saturday, March 26 from 10-11 a.m. outside of the Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights (just north of I-64 across from St. Clair Square Mall). Parking will be next door at 331 Salem Place. Bring a lawn chair. The school choir of St. Paul Lutheran in Hamel will sing.

Midweek Lenten Services

We will observe the beginning of the Lenten season with Holy Communion services on Ash Wednesday, March 2, at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Midweek Lenten services that will take place at those times on the following Wednesdays will be under the theme, "Witnesses to Christ," based upon the Gospel of John. The ten minutes before worship will include a hymn-sing in the sanctuary.

Lenten devotional booklets based on this theme, along with a variety of other devotionals, are on the table in the entryway. Lenten dinners will be held in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. Your freewill offerings will support our teenagers who are attending the LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston this summer.

Singing Saints Choir Concert

The *Singing Saints* of Saint Paul Lutheran High School, Concordia, Missouri, will perform a concert on Friday, March 11 at 7 p.m. at St. John's. The choir is on their annual domestic tour, singing this year in the Southeastern part of the United States. They also will perform in Nashville, Memphis, Jackson, and Loudon, TN; Marietta, GA; Jacksonville, Oviedo, and Gainesville, FL, and in Birmingham, AL. The touring choir is made up of 46 students from the 60-voiced concert choir. They will perform a varied program that includes classic works by J. S. Bach, Mendelssohn, Palestrina, and Tomas Tallis, as well as some traditional spirituals, hymns, and anthems, such as the famous "God So Loved the World" by Sir John Stainer, and "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal" arranged by Alice Parker. The award-winning choir is under the direction of Dr. Jerrode Marsh. The concert is free, but donations are kindly requested to help cover expenses for their tour.

We will serve the choir supper in the Fellowship Hall that Friday evening. Our school children are invited to perform with the choir on an anthem that Mrs. Hudak is practicing with them. We will need overnight hosts for pairs of choir members. You will provide them a bed for sleeping, breakfast on Saturday morning and a ride back to church for their departure. If you can help in this way, please call our office at [\(618\) 282-2394](tel:(618)282-2394).

Saint Paul Lutheran High School is the only remaining LCMS residential high school in the United States, located in central Missouri, about an hour east of Kansas City. The college-prep school offers college-level courses, STEM, Honors, and AP classes, and numerous opportunities to be involved in sports, music, drama, academic teams, and more. For more information about the school, visit www.splhs.org.

From the Principal's Pen

February has been a little rough on us weather wise. Having five days off extends our year in May when most of us would rather end our year earlier. We have no control of the weather and so we will make the most of it by staying safe and warm.

Several highlights for the month were the Language Arts festival on February 7, Valentine's Day on the 14th, Random Acts of Kindness Day on February 17, the Heart Challenge on February 18, 2-22-22 Twosday with many activities, and the boys' basketball team winning the Consolation Championship at the Christ Lutheran Peoria tournament. Congratulations and thanks for supporting school activities!



On Tuesday, February 22, 2022 (2-22-22) the twins of St. John's Lutheran School posed for a picture in front of the painting of George Washington (his 290th birthday) kneeling in prayer next to his horse. The twins are (front row, l-r) Liam and Amelia Langrehr; Walker and Parker Hern (identical); (back row, l-r) Evan and Emma Kiefer, Jenna and Julia Whelan, Karleigh and Kade Liefer, Morgan and Lily Kent, and Director of Parish Music Lindsey Hudak holding her phone which shows her identical twin sister Rachel.

March will be busy as always. Ash Wednesday is March 2. This begins the season of Lent. We will have our boys' basketball team compete in the LSA tournament in Chicago. This is their first trip in a few years. We wish them well. Girls' volleyball is in full swing. We will host the Okaw Valley Conference tournament March 7-10. The third quarter ends on March 11 with report cards going home on the 18th. Our annual PTL Dinner Auction is in person on March 19. It will be good to celebrate our school and families by working together for the good of our students. Several students will represent our school at the Science fair at SIU Carbondale on March 22. An open house and registration will take place on March 22, please plan to join us for a free soup dinner with desserts in the classrooms. Our annual musical will take place on March 25 in person with performances at 10 a.m. and 7

p.m. Please join us. The last week of March the students will be taking achievement tests.

Thank you for your support. Hopefully I will see you at one of the many activities that are planned.

God's blessings to you, Deitt Schneider



St. John's Boys' Basketball earned the Consolation Championship at the Christ Lutheran, Peoria tournament the weekend of February 18-20. Front row (l-r): Landon Ruebusch, Ty Voss, Sutton Jones, Luke Quintin, Liam Kilpatrick, Ian Moll, and Liam Quintin. Back row (l-r): Coach Nick Quintin, Coach Danny Moll, Austin Kiefer, Lucas McCarthy, Landon Kilpatrick, Grayson Herriman, Brodie Stenzel, and Coach Quentin Stenzel



St. John's staff members have two-much fun as they gather two-together for a picture on Tuesday, 2-22-22.

Senior Youth

Our next gathering will be on Sunday, March 6 in our church basement hangout. We will help with the Wednesday evening Lenten Dinners in the Fellowship Hall during March.

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*

From Your Director of Christian Education

The season of Lent is upon us. My favorite Lenten hymn is *Lamb of God, Pure and Holy* (LSB 434). Stanza one reads, “Lamb of God, pure and holy, who on the cross didst suffer, Ever patient and lowly, Thyself to scorn didst offer. All sins Thou borest for us, Else had despair reigned o’er us: Have mercy on us, O Jesus! O Jesus!” When Diana and I attended St. John’s Lutheran Church in Forest Park, Illinois we sang this hymn every Wednesday evening Lenten service as the closing hymn. The lights would be darkened and the congregation would sing all three stanzas. It always reminded me of the darkness our sins cause. Thanks be to God through His son Jesus that He does have mercy on us!

The Senior Youth has agreed to help serve the Lenten meals and provide the desserts beginning on Ash Wednesday. The menu for March 2nd is chicken noodle soup and chili, cold cuts, cheeses, and desserts. On March 9th the menu will be hamburger stew, slaw, corn bread, and desserts. On March 16th we will serve chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, applesauce, and desserts. On March 23rd the menu will include spaghetti, salad, garlic bread, and desserts. On March 30th we will have taco meat, variety of sides, shells, and desserts. The April 6th menu will include pork chops with dressing, corn, gravy, and desserts. All donations gladly will be accepted for the Senior Youth attending the NYG in Houston in July.

There are many activities this month at school from the Saint Paul’s choir tour on March 11, open house & registration March 22, achievement testing the week of March 28-April 1, and the return of the school’s Dinner Auction at Hecker on March 19. The actors from grades sixth through eighth have been working on learning their lines for the school’s annual spring musical, *I Am*. Please join us for either the 10 a.m. performance or the 7 p.m. performance on Friday, March 25.

My family has been invited to the St. John- Mattoon’s, Illinois Dinner Auction on March 26! Bryce has accepted a Divine Call to teach grades 6-8 social studies, grades 6 & 7 religion, and 6-8 PE. We will get a tour of the school and attend church there on Sunday morning. Praise God with us for this exciting time in Bryce’s life!

God’s blessings,

Mr. Bill Becker, Director of Christian Education

Men’s Club

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

March Servers

Flowers: Irma Birkner and Sharon Koester
Paraments: Virginia Moeller Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

School Language Arts Winners



(l-r): Elaina Uffelmann and Charley Arpin (Kindergarten); Maggie Kuehn (1st Grade); Aubrey Valleroy (2nd Grade); and Claire Sachtleben (1st Grade)



Front row (l-r): Alexa Cheek (3rd Grade); Brody Rahn (3rd Grade); Jack Sachtleben (5th Grade); Henry Sachtleben (4th Grade); Amelia Cheek (4th Grade); Back row (l-r): Olivia Valleroy (7th Grade); Hollis Wolfmeier (6th Grade); Norah Wagner (6th Grade); Addy Rahn (7th Grade); Lily Kent (8th Grade); Addison Salger (8th Grade).

Evening Guild News

Evening Guild Prayer Service March 15 at 7 p.m. The congregation is invited to the LWML Lenten Prayer Service led by Pastor Nebel in the church sanctuary. Our business meeting with the election of officers will follow in Fellowship Hall. Hostesses: Chairman, Betty Schmitz, Olivia Schmitz, Bunny Schnepel and Verla Salger.

LWML SID Spring Retreat: “Speaking the Truth in Love” is Saturday, March 26 at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville from 9:30–11:45 a.m. It will feature Rene Gibbs; speaker, teacher & encourager. Information and registration form at www.sidlwml.org

Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 16. We will need filled plastic eggs. The Junior Youth Group will be hosting the egg hunt sponsored by Evening Guild.

Mother / Daughter Date Night will be Tuesday, April 26 at 6:30 p.m. for all St. John's women: daughters, mothers, grandmothers and sisters. The date has changed! Details will follow!

Quilting schedule for March 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 March 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.

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. March 5 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. March 6 8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn
10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers

Sat. March 12 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. March 13 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel

Sat. March 19 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. March 20 8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. March 26 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. March 27 8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

Sat. April 2 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. April 3 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

Wed. March 2 8:30 a.m. Kade Liefer
7:00 p.m. Ian Moll
Sat. March 5 5 p.m. Liam Quintin
Sun. March 6 8 a.m. Austin Kiefer
10:30 a.m. Macie Brown
Wed. March 9 8:30 a.m. Brodie Stenzel
7:00 p.m. Case Hess
Sat. March 12 5 p.m. Grayson Herriman
Sun. March 13 8 a.m. Joey Biffar
10:30 a.m. Lilly Minemann
Wed. March 16 8:30 a.m. Jack Crafton
7:00 p.m. Emily Bowles
Sat. March 19 5 p.m. Lillian Nowak
Sun. March 20 8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf
10:30 a.m. Luke Kennedy
Wed. March 23 8:30 a.m. Colin Korando
7:00 p.m. Barrett Wagner
Sat. March 26 5 p.m. Ayden Wiegard
Sun. March 27 8 a.m. Evan Kiefer
10:30 a.m. Shamus Korves
Wed. March 30 8:30 a.m. Landon Kilpatrick
7:00 p.m. Noah Kassing
Sat. April 2 5 p.m. Colby Voss
Sun. April 3 8 a.m. Mallory Arbeiter
10:30 a.m. Kerrigan Zeiger

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

LCMS Foundation

Fred and Marie are in their early 80's. They are in good health and decided to take a trip to celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They rented a cabin in the Smokey Mountains. The cabin had a great deck on the east side, with a great valley below. They decided to get up before sunrise and to watch the morning sky come to life. As they sat, wrapped in a blanket, holding hands, sipping on coffee, watching the morning pastels splash across the sky, Fred whispered, "Who would have ever thought our lives would turn out like this. God has been good to us."

The truth is, that no matter how much we plan, we always need to be willing to adjust those plans. We are not

like God, who can see all of time in one glance. He has not imparted to us His same omniscience to know everything. As a result, with all the twists and turns of life, we must be willing to periodically analyze our plans and to align them with reality, in paths the Lord has chosen for us.

That is true about our estate planning work as well. An estate plan is not a “one and done” proposition. It keeps evolving through life. Some convictions we had in youth are still present in old age. But some things change. We want to make sure that our legal and financial goals set out in wills, trusts and beneficiary designations align with the reality of life as God has shown it to be today.

Reviewing our plans gives us the joy of counting past blessings and looking forward with faith to avenues of grace to which our Heavenly Father is leading us. Is it time to do some reflecting? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden, Sr. Gift Planning Counselor, at Scott.Radden@lfnd.org or (618) 977-4049 for more information.

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

Everything we have and everything we are is a gift of God’s providential care. We understand that we’re not islands unto ourselves, that we could not exist without those who have gone before us and are alongside us. God has given us forefathers in family, country, and faith. We are recipients of what God worked through them. We know that God provides for our well-being through these means.

He gives us farmers and ranchers of all sorts so that we can eat. But more than that God created and gave us all the things that those farmers and ranchers cultivate. He gave us the corn, the beans, the wheat, the cows for milking, the steers for grilling. He gave each of those things, properties for our nourishment and sustenance. Without God creating and instilling in those things their taste and their nutritional value, we would not exist.

He gives us doctors, surgeons, nurses, and hospitals. He gives us medicine and medical instruments. Again, he gave us all things that go into making those medicines and medical instruments. He instilled in those things the properties that can be utilized for that purpose. Without God creating and instilling those healing properties into those things, and without God creating the ability within man to find this out and press it into service of our medical needs, we would not enjoy the kind of health we do now.

But there’s more. He gives us gainful employment through our employers and provides for the necessities of life through the labor of our hands: “Then Moses said to the people of Israel, ‘See, the Lord has called by name Bezalel the son of Uri, son of Hur, of the tribe of Judah; and he has

filled him with the Spirit of God, with skill, with intelligence, with knowledge, and with all craftsmanship, to devise artistic designs, to work in gold and silver and bronze, in cutting stones for setting, and in carving wood, for work in every skilled craft. And he has inspired him to teach, both him and Oholiab the son of Ahisamach of the tribe of Dan.’” (Exodus 35:30–34)

And one step back from that, He has created and given us hands. And attached to those hands are arms with strength. He created us with minds in order to make those arms and hands move to accomplish the work set before us. And He has given us reason and senses. That mind, because of the reason God has instilled in it, is able to work through difficult problems before we press those arms and hands into labor. It allows us to grapple with concepts and run through scenarios instead of having to experience every situation personally. It allows us to learn from the mistakes as well as the accomplishments of others. This can be done for our entire body, all our skills and talents, everything that makes us ... us. So that everything we have AND everything we are is a gift from Him. This is what we confess in the First Article of the Creed when we say that we believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

But that is just the First Article of the Creed. We confess two more articles that deal with God’s provision for our spiritual well-being. That He sent His son to die and be raised on the third day for our justification. That He delivers that justification through the Means of Grace (Baptism, preaching, the Word of God, and the Lord’s Supper). And to give you those Means of Grace, He gives pastors and teachers, etc. Again, this could be expanded and expounded upon. So that literally everything that we have and everything that we are – in this life and the next – is an inexpressible gift from God.

And it is for this, all of this, that we give thanks. And that is what stewardship is all about – giving thanks for God’s provision for us. To give thanks is more than having an attitude of gratitude, more than just a feeling in our hearts. It is an action. It begins in the heart, but it doesn’t stay there. It works its way out through the mouth in praise for God’s gifts and in love and charity through the hands to our neighbors in family, country, and church. “For all this is my duty to thank and praise, serve and obey him” (Luther’s Small Catechism, 16).

So give thanks to God for His inexpressible gift – for everything we have and everything we are. Do this not in word only but also in deed.

March Church and School Calendar

Tuesday, March 1-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Campbell Hill
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Steeleville

Wednesday, March 2- Ash Wednesday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

Thursday, March 3-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (AB) at St. Libory
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the balcony

Friday, March 4- Boys' State Basketball in Chicago

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym
6 :00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Prairie du Rocher

Saturday, March 5-

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

SUNDAY, March 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, March 7- No School! Office Closed; Casimir Pulaski Day

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, March 8- Okaw Valley Conference Volleyball here

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

Wednesday, March 9-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
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)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 10-

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, March 11- End of Third Quarter

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service in the new gym
7:00 p.m. Singing Saints Choir Concert at church

Saturday, March 12- C Team Volleyball tourney at St. Mary's

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 13- 2 a.m. Time Change! Spring forward 1 hour

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
11:00 a.m. Senior Youth BBQ in the school parking lot
6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 14-

5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home versus Smithton
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, March 15-

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Prayer Service and Gathering

Wednesday, March 16-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
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
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 17-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 18- Report Cards go home!

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, March 19-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in our Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker Community Club

SUNDAY, March 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, March 21-

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, March 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
5-7 p.m. School Open House

Wednesday, March 23-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
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)
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service in the church

Thursday, March 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

Friday, March 25-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood chapel service in the new gym
10 a.m. & 7 p.m. School Musical in the old gym
11:20 a.m. Early dismissal 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, March 26- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 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, March 28- Achievement Testing Week

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

Tuesday, March 29-

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

Wednesday, March 30-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church
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
5:30 p.m. Lenten Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service at church

Thursday, March 31-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

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.

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

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.