

The Epistle

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**St. John's Lutheran
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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

Today Magnify the Lord

Glorify the Lord with me;

Let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3)

Notice two things about the Lord's Prayer. It begins with the words 'Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name' (Matthew 6:9), and ends with 'Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen' (v. 13). God wants you to begin and end your prayers thinking of Him. Why? Because it does you twice as much good to focus on God as it does to focus on anyone or anything else! When you magnify an object, you enlarge it so that you can see and understand it more. When we magnify God, we do the same thing. We enlarge our awareness of Him, so we can understand Him more.

This is what happens when we worship Him – we take our minds off ourselves and set them on God. We put the emphasis on Him. In The Message, Eugene Peterson paraphrases the final words of the Lord's Prayer this way: 'You're in charge! You can do anything you want! You're ablaze in beauty! Yes. Yes. Yes' (Matthew 6:13). Could it be any plainer? God is in charge! Speaking of Jesus Christ, Peterson paraphrases Paul's words like this: 'God

raised Him from death and set Him on a throne in deep heaven, in charge of running the universe, everything from galaxies to governments, no name and no power exempt from His rule. And not just for the time being, but forever. He is in charge of it all, has the final word on everything. At the center of all this, Christ rules' (Ephesians 1:20-23 MSG). So when you magnify the Lord, you're saying: 'You not only rule the universe, You rule my heart!'

Prayer- Heavenly Father, move me to know You as being the source of all that I do, and to do it for Your glory, in Jesus' name and for the good of those around me. Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

Congratulations to all our St. John's family of faith members who are graduating from grade school, high school or some form of higher education this month! May God bless your future accomplishments as He has guided and directed your past.

And now a word of warning from *The Wall Street Journal* as the April 5th issue asks the relevant question, "What is happening to kids' brains?" The answer is, not surprisingly, a decrease in their attention spans. "Emerging research suggests that watching short, fast-paced videos makes it harder for kids to sustain activities that don't offer instant—and constant—gratification."

"It is hard to look at increasing trends in media consumption of all types, media multitasking and rates of ADHD in young people and not conclude there that is a decrease in their attention span," says Dr. Carl Marci, a psychiatrist at Massachusetts General Hospital.

TikTok is one culprit in this. Dr. John Hutton, a pediatrician at Cincinnati Children's Hospital calls TikTok a "dopamine machine." He continues, "If you want kids to pay attention, they need to practice paying attention."

So if you have stuck with me through this and not gotten distracted by something else (squirrel!), here are some solutions: exercise and free play are among the best ways to build attention during childhood; practice stopping a child's device time; use the cap the app limits that come with TikTok and YouTube. Finally, teenagers are suffering from a sleep deficit. Proper sleep is essential for focus and attention. Phones and other devices should be kept out of the bedroom at night.

Why am I using this space for this topic? Not only children, but even adults, can't disengage themselves from an electronic device long enough to take part in worship. Thanks to television, the attention space limit was under ten minutes. Now, thanks to our handheld devices, it is in the seconds. And what do we hear about a church service, "It's boring," because electronics have ruined our ability to pay attention. *Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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I pray this letter finds everyone doing well. A Happy Easter again to all. I hope everyone had an exciting and joyful Easter and had some time to spend with family and loved ones.

Our weather season is changing: flowers have begun once again to bloom, temperatures will start to get warmer ... hopefully, and a new baseball season is underway. Yes, Although I'm very tempted, I will avoid saying that phrase you all know I want to say (being from Chicago) (Is that phrase, "There's always next year"? *Editor*).

These changes, as well as many others, bring about a change in season to the world around us. As these changes occur, we also enter into a new season of the Christian Church year. We leave behind, but don't forget, the sorrowful, mournful, and painful season of Lent. A season of 40 days when the alleluias were "put away", or not said or sung. A season of preparation.

Now, we enter into a joyous, glorious, and season of new life. A season that is a 50-day celebration. When the alleluias have returned to our worship services. A time of fresh life. We now enter the season of Easter.

The season of Easter makes each Sunday a new mini-Easter celebration. During the season of Lent, we prepared ourselves. Now, it is time for the season of engagement. A season to engage in the new life that has been given to us through the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, from the dead. Yes, the season is a 50-day celebration, yet on the 40th-day, we celebrate and observe Jesus' ascension to Heaven. Notice a significance to the number 40 in the Bible?

I pray that this Easter Season is one of happiness and celebration as we celebrate the greatest gift of all. The gift that we have been given through the conquering of sin, death, and the devil of our Lord Jesus Christ. FOR US!!!!

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

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

April 4 Transfer in of Neil and Donna Huntley and baptized son Caleb from St. Paul Lutheran Church, New Athens

April 16 Baptism of Jameson Lee Nehrt, son of Brandon and Jessica (Snyder) Nehrt

Men's Club

Our Men's Club gathers on Thursday, May 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the garage behind church for a fish fry and other good eating.

Sunday School Mission Project Guest

Mr. Kevin Williams, 8th grade teacher at Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis, will be with us on Sunday, May 8. 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 Wednesday evening midweek Bible class on 1st Kings will be back in session during May. Our Wednesday Morning Women (Esther) and Thursday morning (Matthew) classes remain in session this month.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the first and third Saturdays (7th and 21st) this month at 7 a.m. We will study Paul's short letter to Philemon in the Bible.

Calling All Graduates!

Please contact our office (282-2394) with the name of any St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education this year (other than our own 8th graders) so that we can acknowledge their achievement in our graduation worship folder, weekend worship bulletin and June edition of *The Epistle*.

Mrs. Schneider's Retirement Dinner

We will hold the retirement celebration for our school principal Mrs. Deitt Schneider on Sunday, May 22 with a dinner and program in the school's old gym beginning at noon. RSVP to Sara in our office at 618/282-3873 or sara@stjohnsredbud.org by May 11.

8th Grade Graduation

Our 17 8th grade students will graduate in a worship service on Tuesday, May 24 at 7 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Pastor Nowak will preach. Parents whose youngest child is graduating will be recognized for their years of support. This will be Mrs. Schneider's last graduation service as our principal.

Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

We will observe the ascension of our Lord Jesus Christ into heaven forty days after His resurrection from the dead with a Holy Communion service on Thursday, May 26 at 7 p.m. (There is no morning service since school will be out of session by then.)

May Servers

Flowers: Ruth Rohlfing and Martha Rohlfing
Parameters: Virginia Moeller Cloths: Joan Ruwald

From the Principal's Pen

We have some winners! Congratulations to our students who participated in the VFW Auxiliary poster and essay contests. Aubrey Valleroy on 1st place in the 2nd grade poster contest, Alexa Cheek won 1st place in the 3rd grade poster contest, Kadence Proctor won 1st place in the 4th grade essay contest and Cailyn Wilson won 1st place in the 5th grade essay contest. We thank all the students who entered and supported the VFW Auxiliary.



Front row (l-r): Students Cailyn Wilson, Kadence Proctor, Alexa Cheek, and Aubrey Valleroy. Back row (l-r): Teachers Darlene Letcher, Cindy Nebel, Stephanie Valleroy, Rebekah Liefer and Principal Deitt Schneider.

Our school hosted the Regional Office of Education Monroe/Randolph Co. Spelling Bee on April 19. The students who represented our school were Liam Kilpatrick, Lucas McCarthy and Jack Crafton. We congratulate Lucas for taking 2nd place at the 7th grade level and Jack Crafton for taking 3rd place at the 8th grade level. We were happy to host the event at our school. It was originally scheduled to be at our school in 2020 but had to be cancelled due to COVID.

The 8th grade students, parents and guests will travel to Washington DC and other historic sites from April 23-30. New stops for the trip will be at the Wright Paterson Air Force Museum in Dayton, the Jenny Wade House in Gettysburg and an extended time while at the Jamestown Settlement. We are not able to visit the White House, Capitol or Pentagon but will see the Library of Congress and spend some time on Capitol Hill. I look forward to the trip and enjoy learning something new about our nation's history.

We thank our PTL for planning Teacher and Staff appreciation week the week of May 2-6. We are very blessed to have such wonderful support from our school PTL and congregation.

The students in other grades are happy to be back to normal with having field trips also. Grades four and five will attend Weather Bash at Busch Stadium on April 27, grades six and seven will go to the Aquarium on April 28, grades seven and eight will travel to Springfield on May 9, grades Kindergarten and one will visit the Zoo on May 13 and grades two and three will visit the Science Center on May 13. Eighth grade will also make a trip to the Seminary on May 16 and travel to Perry Co. Missouri, on May 19. As you can tell, we have some very busy weeks ahead.

Our students have had some cold days for track meets. Hopefully the weather will warm up as we continue into the month of May. Our Sports Awards night will be May 18 in the old gym. The last day of school for the 2021-2022 school year will be May 23. Graduation will take place on May 24 at 7 p.m. at church. The faculty will make plans for the upcoming year on May 25-27. Registration/Book Night will take place on July 6 from 3-7 p.m.

People have asked me if I am counting down the days. No, not really, I am trying to hold on to the days that I love in being here at school. God has blessed me in so many ways. I will save more thoughts for future articles; I have a few more to write!

God's blessings to you, Mrs. Deitt Schneider



Principal Deitt Schneider and DCE Bill Becker stand with our 8th grade students next to the statue of Martin Luther outside the chapel of the Lutheran seminary in Gettysburg (not an LCMS school). Where is Pastor Nowak? (taking the picture perhaps or climbing up the back of the statue to sit on Luther's lap?)

Preschool/Kindergarten Registration

The web address for Kindergarten Registration is <https://forms.gle/XzTLYhhTWPB8Uy6KU7>.

The web address for Preschool Registration is <https://forms.gle/CrPsj1hnshM6Y74M9>.

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.

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

Junior Youth- Stephanie Valleroy



(above) Junior youth members are egg-cited about their project of filling and taping eggs for St. John's Easter Egg Hunt held on Saturday, April 16. (below) Hayden Schlimme is also egg-cited to fill his basket with candy-filled eggs. God blessed us with an eggs-ceptional day!



From Your Director of Christian Education

He is risen! He is risen indeed! Alleluia! Having just celebrated the Resurrection Festival of Easter yesterday it's time to think ahead to May. Diana and I just finished watching our son Bryce drive off to Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin for the last time. God willing, he will graduate on Saturday, May 14 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Education. His major was history and he minored in theology. He has accepted a Divine Call to teach seventh grade in Mattoon, Illinois at St. John's Lutheran School. He will teach sixth and seventh grade religion, sixth through eighth grade history, and sixth through eighth grade PE. He is excited to begin his ministry to God's people in Mattoon.

As Bryce begins his ministry there we here at St. John's have the opportunity to celebrate the retirements of Mrs. Deitt Schneider and Mrs. Darlene Letcher. I have had the privilege to work with these wonderful educators for over 24 years with Deitt and 17 years with Darlene. St. John's is blessed to have these faithful and dedicated women. I praise God for the many years we have spent together in His ministry here serving the children and families of St. John's Lutheran.

Mrs. Schneider and I will have traveled with the eighth grade class and their families on the class trip to Pennsylvania, Washington DC, Virginia, and Kentucky April 23-30. I have accepted the role of 8th grade trip coordinator after Mrs. Schneider's retirement. I love traveling and the rich history of our nation but only pray to do future class trips with the knowledge and grace that Deitt has over these past years.

We will have an intergenerational Sunday school class Memorial Day weekend in the Fellowship Hall on May 29. I would like to thank the faithful group of teachers, helpers, and school board members that serve our students in this wonderful ministry. Summer Sunday school will be held in the main lobby of the school beginning June 5 at 9:30 a.m.

We will hold Vacation Bible School June 13-17 at the Fellowship Hall and church. Lots of helpers, volunteers, and teachers will be needed! Watch for on-line registration soon. The WE DO LEGO Stem Camp will be held July 18-22 in the science room at school. More information will be coming.

As we begin a new month full of many emotions from graduations and retirements we always can remember what Jesus says in Matthew 28:20b "And behold I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Mr. Bill Becker, Director of Christian Education

Happy Mother's Day!

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, The Resurrection in Revelation, 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.

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.

Evening Guild News

Dutch Treat Night: Tuesday, May 17 at 6:00 p.m. at Uptown Bar & Grill. We will order from the menu. Devotions will be led by Judy Guebert and followed with a business meeting. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

LWML SID Convention: September 16 & 17, 2022. Mark your calendar for this event to be held at Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville.

Special Thanks. We would like to thank the students of St. John's for the wonderful entertainment at the Mother-Daughter Night this past Tuesday. "St. John's Has Talent" was a huge success! Special thanks to: Music director, Lindsey Hudak; Caterer, Tina Heinemann; Talent scout, Cindy Nebel; Prayer squares, Martha Rohlfing; Gardener, Olivia Schmitz; and the committees who contributed to NACHO average Mother-Daughter Night success.

Quilting schedule for May 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 May are the 14th and 28th. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

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. April 30	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. May 1	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. May 7	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. May 8	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. May 14	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 15	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers
Sat. May 21	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. May 22	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. May 28	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 29	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

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 (Ascension Day!).

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.

GOD'S BLESSINGS TO OUR GRADUATES!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. April 30	5 p.m. Olivia Candler
Sun. May 1	8 a.m. Blayton Sutton 10:30 a.m. Hollis Wolfmeier
Sat. May 7	5 p.m. Emma Kiefer
Sun. May 8	8 a.m. Kadin Liefer 10:30 a.m. Lilly Meyer
Sat. May 14	5 p.m. Annika Herriman
Sun. May 15	8 a.m. Sage Pensoneau 10:30 a.m. Norah Wagner
Sat. May 21	5 p.m. Ty Voss
Sun. May 22	8 a.m. Olivia Valleroy 10:30 a.m. Kendall Crafton
Thu. May 26	7 p.m. Brian Liefer
Sat. May 28	5 p.m. Ava Clifford
Sun. May 29	8 a.m. Jackson Muench 10:30 a.m. Kinley Macbeth

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

LCMS Foundation

Butch and Marie got married at age 19. They were married for seventy years before the Lord called them home last year. When they were thirty-five, after having three children, they had created their first estate plan with a will that established guardianship for their children and created a minor's trust to provide for their children, providing for their needs until the youngest would reach the age of twenty-five. Their youngest child is now fifty-five and most of the provisions of their early plan no longer are needed.

Butch and Marie thought that they never needed to update that will. There was a problem with that. The original inheritance language from 54 years ago did not include the words "per stirpes." That phrase means that a child's inheritance will pass to their children if they die before receiving it. Two of Butch's and Marie's children passed away three years ago. Each of them had three children. However, without the appropriate language, none of the inheritance will pass to those children (grandchildren of Butch and Marie). That would have crushed Butch and Marie had they known it happened. It also created some tension between some of the grandchildren.

This could have been avoided if Butch and Marie had reviewed their plan periodically through the years. It would have been worth the money to sit with an attorney. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can encourage these regular checkups and make sure your gifting plans to family and ministry are clear. Contact Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

Ukraine Relief and Support

Dear Fellow Redeemed:

You have my tremendous thanks for the generosity you've expressed for the people suffering from the war and violence in Ukraine. As the pain and suffering continue in eastern Europe, your Synod has been and is responding — by God's immeasurable grace.

Below is a report outlining how charitable contributions have been used already.

More than \$45,000 has been dispatched to a congregation in Odesa, Ukraine, that is affiliated with our German Lutheran partner church body (SELK). That funding has been used to aid refugees in Lviv, Lutskfor, Vinnysia, eastern parts of Ukraine and other locales. The assistance has been used **primarily for food, medicine, travel accommodations, documents and clothes. We are positioned to provide ongoing similar grants to Ukraine upon request.**

As Lutheran pastors in Ukraine have pivoted from the "everyday functions" of the ministry, to providing spiritual care to a war-torn people, **your Synod is using charitable donations to compensate these under-shepherds for meeting critical spiritual needs of their communities.**

Nearly \$68,000 has been dispatched to Lutheran churches outside of Ukraine, in Latvia, Lithuania and Romania. These funds have been used for **food, housing, transportation, medicine and items for personal hygiene and care for displaced persons.** These funds are also being used to help transport fleeing Ukrainians across the border and **provide spiritual and pastoral care** in places like Riga, Saldus and other towns. We are also about to send funds to Slovakia for use at a primary (K-8) Lutheran school taking in refugees.

Your Synod is collaborating with SELK to **support and increase the church's capacity to serve displaced peoples by providing spiritual care and physical aid** to those seeking safety and shelter in Germany.

Right now, we are contemplating and discussing what our long-term response will be in this situation, given God's abundant blessings. We are setting aside a meaningful amount of the funds we've already received **to help rebuild and assist Lutheran congregations, and to continue supporting those congregations that are caring for refugees, when the war has ended.** We are also considering the **construction of an LCMS mercy center in Romania** — strategically placed to help women and children impacted by this war. This likely will be a six-figure, long-term goal.

It's difficult to believe that this war began only a little over a month ago! **Because you care what happens to the**

people in Ukraine, our response has been immediate and will last for the long haul. Contributions from God’s people like you are primarily being used to provide immediate spiritual care and physical relief, and likely will be used in those fashions for some time. But there is much thought being invested into orchestrating our response, well past immediate needs.

We are able to feed and care for body and soul of those affected by this situation. You have played a significant role in expanding that ability.

Mark Hofman, Executive Director of Mission Advancement, The Lutheran Church—Missouri Synod

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

Stewardship is not just about giving money to the church. It includes this, to be sure, but it is not limited to it. Stewardship involves our whole life – everything we have and everything we are.

Let us not, though, fall into the trap of thinking that because we give of ourselves in one area then we can neglect giving in another. Stewardship is not stealing from Peter to pay Paul. It is not a game that we play whereby we justify ourselves in not giving a tenth of our income because we have given in some other way.

This is why our Lord warns: “Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you tithe mint and dill and cumin and have neglected the weightier matters of the law: justice and mercy and faithfulness. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others.” (Matthew 23:23) We are given to do both – tithe of ourselves and what we have.

And so it is that St. Paul makes his appeal to us: “I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect” (Romans 12:1–2).

We are to present our bodies as a living sacrifice to God. We are not to have the mind of the world, where we exchange equal weight of this for an equal weight of that and think that we have done what God has required. Our whole life is given over for service in and for the Church of God. This is to be done in thanksgiving for what God in Christ has accomplished for us. This is our spiritual worship, the reasonable response to what He has done for us. Not one for the other but all in all.

But what does this look like? St. Paul never lays down a general principle without also giving us some practical application of what shape that principle is to take

concretely. He gives the general principle that our bodies are to be living sacrifices to God. And, after admonishing those who have been given particular gifts of grace to serve the church, St. Paul then speaks generally of what is expected of all. He says:

“Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil; hold fast to what is good. Love one another with brotherly affection. Outdo one another in showing honor. Do not be slothful in zeal, be fervent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality.” (Romans 12:9–13)

This is what it looks like to present your bodies as living sacrifices. This is how we live out the grace of God here in time.

Let us then heed the apostle’s teaching. Let us present our bodies – everything that we have and everything that we are – as living sacrifices to God, our reasonable response to what God in Christ Jesus accomplished for us by His death and resurrection. Through this, we have forgiveness of sins, a new life in Christ, and eternal salvation. And through this worship, the grace of God is made manifest in His saints – for the church and the world.

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

Congratulations to our 2022 Confirmands!

Ava Sue Clifford, Jack William Crafton, Grayson Ryan Herriman, Noah Erik Kassing, Luke David Kennedy, Lily Ann Kent, Morgan Lee Kent, Austin Jay Kiefer, Emma Noelle Kiefer, Evan Samuel Kiefer, Kadin Lee Liefer, Adeline Maria Meyer, Addyson Elizabeth Piel, Lucas James Quintin, Addison Lena Salger, Alexa Ann Wegener, Ayden James Wiegard, Kerrigan Beth Zeiger



May Church and School Calendar

Saturday, April 30- 8th Graders return from class trip

Regional Track meet

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

SUNDAY, May 1-

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

Monday, May 2-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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, May 3- *S. Ill. District Pastors' Conf. in Wood River*

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

Wednesday, May 4-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in the new gym

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

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. 6th-7th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

7:30 p.m. Bible class at church (1st Kings)

Thursday, May 5-

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

Noon Pastor Nebel conducts chapel at Christ Our Savior LHS

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, May 6-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service in the new gym

Saturday, May 7-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast (Philemon) in Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Pastor Nebel at S. Ill. District Board of Directors mtg

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

SUNDAY, May 8- *Happy Mother's Day!*

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

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

Monday, May 9- 7th & 8th grade Field Trip to Springfield

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, May 10-

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, May 11-

8:30 a.m. School chapel service in the 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-7th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, May 12-

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

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:30 p.m. Men's Club Gathering (fish fry) in the church garage

Friday, May 13- *Pastor Nebel out of town today & tomorrow*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service in the new gym

Saturday, May 14-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, May 15-

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, May 16- 8th Grade Field Trip to Concordia Seminary

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

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

Tuesday, May 17-

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at the Uptown B&G

Wednesday, May 18-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service in the new gym

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

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-7th Public School Confirmation at school

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1st Kings)

Thursday, May 19- 8th Grade Field Trip to Perry Co. MO

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

Friday, May 20-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

Saturday, May 21-

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

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

SUNDAY, May 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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 with Holy Communion

Noon Mrs. Schneider's Retirement Dinner in school's old gym

Monday, May 23- *Last Day of the school year!*

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

Tuesday, May 24-

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

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

7:00 p.m. Graduation Service in the church sanctuary

Wednesday, May 25-

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

Thursday, May 26-

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

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

7:00 p.m. Ascension Day Holy Communion Service

Friday, May 27-

Saturday, May 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, May 29-

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, May 30- *Memorial Day! Office Closed*

Tuesday, May 31-

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