

The Epistle

NOVEMBER 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

Mr. Justin Palm, Principal

Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director

From Lutheran Church Charities

"Be Gentle"

**He who ignores discipline comes to poverty and shame,
but whoever heeds correction is honored.**

Proverbs 13:18

When someone corrects you, be teachable and not unreachable. 'Let every man be quick to listen but slow to use his tongue, and slow to lose his temper' (James 1:19). If you do the first two things, the third one naturally falls into place. If you are quick to listen and slow to answer back, you are going to be slow to lose your temper. ***'Whoever heeds correction is honored.'*** So use your ears more than your mouth, and be willing to accept correction.

The wisest people have a 'teach me' attitude and are willing to learn from others. You can learn from anyone, if you just know the right questions to ask. It is important that you never stop asking questions, because the moment you're through learning in life, you're through! Full stop! Be teachable, not unreachable.

Husband, can you learn from your wife, or does that threaten you? When she makes a suggestion, do you get defensive? Do you take every comment as a threat to your manhood? Wife, can you learn from your husband? Parent, can you learn from your children? If you want to end up

lonely in life, never admit your mistakes, never learn from anyone, and never let anyone teach you anything.

How long has it been since you admitted to your spouse, 'Honey, I was wrong; it was my fault'? Some people haven't said that in years. The Bible says, ***'Humbly accept the word planted in you' (James 1:21).*** The word 'humble' here means 'gentle'. When you approach God's Word, you ought to approach it with a gentle, or humble, attitude that says, 'Lord, I'm willing to be taught.'

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, help me to accept correction and be teachable. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Your Pastors' Ponderings

Thank you! As we enter November we know that it is a month in which to give thanks. November 1 is All Saints' Day in our Christian church year calendar. While we do not worship the church's saints nor pray to them for their intercession, we do thank God for their faithfulness in living a Christian life under persecution and opposition and passing on the truth of God's Word to the generations that followed them.

On November 11 we give thanks to all those who dedicated a portion of their lives to serve our nation as members of our country's Armed Forces. We are grateful for the sacrifice you made, taking the strong and formative years of your life away from family, community and career to play a role in the defense of our nation's freedom and the insurance of our personal liberty as citizens of this great land.

Speaking of our nation, on the fourth Thursday of the month, we set a day aside as one of national Thanksgiving. The intent is that we recognize the blessings of almighty God to us as individuals, communities and country. While it has become a day of the three "fs", food, family and football, as believers in Christ gathered into a congregational family, it is a day of faith for us, a time to join in worship thanking our Triune God for His many blessings of body and soul to us.

However, as I like to say, as Christians our day of thanksgiving is to be each and every day. And so I thank you so very much to the teachers and students for providing the decorations and encouraging comments for our Pastors' Appreciation Reception on October 23. Thank you so much to the Sunday School students who sang. Thank you to those who remembered me with kind cards and generous gifts. Thank you to those who organized, arranged and provided delicious food and drink for this fellowship time. "I thank my God every time I remember you in my prayers...because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-4).

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

We have come to that time of the year when the baseball season, for most of us, is over. Yes, there still is the World Series to play, but the Cubs and Cardinals are no longer in the hunt. Yes, the Cardinals made it farther than the Cubs. Congratulations!! Yet, they were still eliminated from the playoffs. I expect some of you are waiting to hear it from me, so, I will not keep you in suspense. In the words of someone ... I don't know who ... "Just wait until next year." There I got that off my chest.

As I am typing this newsletter, I cannot help but notice my mind focusing on the hundreds of other things that need to be done or at least need to start being prepared for. I am sure you are no different. We try to remain focused on one task at a time, but our minds will not let us. Our minds drift away from what we are doing and start focusing on the other things that we need to get done. Things like a sermon that needs to be written, an office, garage, and basement that need organizing, kids that need help learning to drive, church members that need to be visited, etc. The list can be quite overwhelming.

Then we have the things like Thanksgiving which is quickly upon us. But that means that Christmas is just around the corner. And if Christmas is just around the corner, then that means I need to be busy deciding on a topic to cover during the upcoming Season of Advent. All these things to keep track of. All these things to remember.

However, when we get right down to it. Does any of it really matter? And that answer is No. No, because all we do is stress ourselves out... and for what? Because once the work has been completed, there is always more work to be completed. Our work is never done. The Bible teaches us, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble" (Matthew 6:34).

It is natural, since we are in November and coming up on Thanksgiving, that we think about giving thanks. And that is great. It is something we should do. Thanksgiving becomes a time of year when we remember to stop and give thanks. But that is where we can also run into a problem. We allow Thanksgiving to remind us to give thanks, instead of remembering ourselves to give thanks. We should give thanks each and every day for everything that the Lord has provided to us. Let us remember to wake each morning and give thanks first thing to the Lord. For he is the provider of all things. He is the one that has sacrificed everything for us. So let us always give thanks. God's blessings,

Pastor Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

October 1 Baptism of Boone Jackson Foster, son of Riley and Taylor (Schnepel) Foster

October 4 Transfer in of Mark, Cathy (Harms) and Lily Thompson from Friends in Christ Lutheran Church of Morris, Illinois

We Bid a Fond Farewell

October 4 Transfer out of Roger Kozora to St. John Lutheran Church of Chester, Illinois

October 11 Death of Gloria Stellhorn

Midweek Bible Classes

Our Wednesday evening midweek Bible class on 2nd Kings will meet on the 2nd, 9th and 16th during November and then be on break until after the first of the year. Our Wednesday Morning (9:30 a.m.) Women (Colossians) will meet. Our Thursday morning (Matthew) class will not meet on the 3rd but will meet on the 10th and 17th and then be on break until after the first of the year. The Thursday morning class time is 7:15 to 8 a.m.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the first and third Saturdays (5th and 19th) this month at 7 a.m. We are studying the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living."

From the Principal's Pen

Greetings to all! We welcome November and remember so many things for which we are thankful! We give thanks for our abundant blessings given to us from God each and every day. Our families, friends, neighbors, church family and school family come to mind as I think of how God has blessed us! We have been blessed and I pray we can be a blessing to others because of the love God has bestowed on us.

The close of baseball season happened during the opening week of October. The young men of St. John's Lutheran School's baseball team made school history this year by finishing third place at the SIJHSAA state tournament. They had a 6-1 victory on October 1st over Our Lady of Mount Carmel, lost 4-9 to Holy Childhood of Mascoutah on October 4th, and had a decisive 17-5 victory over Galatia County on October 6th. This culminated a season in which the boys never lost a regular season tournament game and finished the year with a 17-3 record. A picture of the team with the state trophy will follow this article.

Our teachers attended the Lutheran Education Association National Teachers Convocation in Milwaukee on October 6, 7, and 8th. We were greatly blessed to be able to participate in this event where we could learn from some of the best Lutheran teachers around the country, grow closer in fellowship, and be strengthened and renewed for our service here at St. John's Lutheran.



October 12 was a great night to celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a Church and School. This happened at the "Family of Faith Fall Fellowship Night" and was a great way for families to reconnect with each other, discover or be reminded of what the mission of our church is as pertains to the school, and all the opportunities the school families have to help support the church through worship.

The 8th grade presented Chapel on October 26 based on the Reformation. They did a wonderful job sharing the story with the students. The group picture below was taken after their Reformation chapel service.



The basketball season has begun for boys and girls along with cheerleading. Please watch the Cougar Tracks, bulletin or calendar for a schedule of games. We are happy we can welcome guests to be with us and enjoy the game. Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on their second place finish in the St. Libory Tournament.

We are sad to say goodbye to Karen Liefer and Sue Guebert as our school secretary substitutes. Both have been faithful workers and stepped in during time of need to offer a helping hand wherever needed. However, mixed with the sadness of not seeing these ladies as much we with open arms welcome back Mrs. Sara Shepherd. We are glad to see her back and overjoyed to see little Colette one day a week as she starts at St. John's Lutheran Daycare.



St. John's 1st graders hug Mr. Palm for his birthday.

McTeachers Night took place on October 25. This was a great success due to the wonderful support we received from our church and school families. This unbrokred support allowed the school staff, who worked the event, to raise \$664 to help offset the costs of attending the LEA Convocation in Milwaukee.



On October 12 we held a Family of Faith Fall Fellowship in the school's new gym. Activities included the school students singing, the boys' and girls' basketball teams each being introduced and running through some drills, and the cheerleaders performing some of their routines. Presentations included an update on the new school year, a review of the 2023 Worship Calendar, a summary of the 2022 financial situation of the congregation and an introduction to the 2023 workplan. Southern Illinois District Schools and General Executive Jeffrey Fick is pictured presenting the most recent National Lutheran Schools Accreditation certificate to our retired principal Mrs. Deitt Schneider and our current principal Mr. Justin Palm.

On November 4 we have an early dismissal day at 11:20 a.m. We will have no lunch that day and no after school care. On November 8 we will observe Election Day with no students in attendance, but the office will be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. On November 11 we will have no school as we remember our veterans on Veterans Day. A very special assembly will be held on November 10 at 2

p.m. as we welcome some local veterans and the Red Bud Mayor to speak with our students. On November 19 the 8th grade class will host the Craft Fair in our school. On November 23 we will dismiss one hour early, at 1:45 p.m., with no afterschool care. We will observe Thanksgiving with no school on Nov. 24 & 25. God's blessings,

Yours in Christ, Mr. Justin Palm

Junior Youth



On October 20th members of our Junior Youth (Grades 4-8) gathered in our school cafeteria to carve pumpkins. Pictured from left are Jozlynn Palm, Addyson Breier, Maybre Falkenhain and Brooke Wolter.

First Quarter School Awards

Kindergarten: **Perfect School-** Fletcher Eggemeyer, Elizabeth Farmer & Elaina Heck. **Perfect Church-** Elaina Heck & Hayden Schlimme **Perfect Sunday School:** Elaina Heck

1st Grade: **Perfect School-** Wyatt Clifford, Kayda Kaiser, Ava Kiefer, Ellie Stellhorn, Elaina Uffelmann & Lynleigh Wingerter **Perfect Church-** Kayda Kaiser, Ellie Stellhorn & Lynleigh Wingerter **Perfect Sunday School-** Ellie Stellhorn

2nd Grade: **Perfect School-** McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Sam Shumacher, Jack Valentine, Emry Voss, Sophia Voss & Brinley Wolter **Perfect Church:** McKinley Florreich, Maggie Kuehn, Elsie Liefer, Claire Sachtleben & Liza Wagner **Perfect Sunday School-** Claire Sachtleben

3rd Grade: **Perfect School-** Haydn Albert, Evlyn Heck, Charlie Liefer, Harper Mounts, Cassidy Palm, Kelly Pollard, Loxton Sutton, & Aubrey Valleroy **Perfect Church-** Haydn Albert, Henry Schnepel & Cassidy Palm **Perfect Sunday School-** Haydn Albert, Evlyn Heck, Henry Schnepel & Cassidy Palm

4th Grade: **Perfect School-** Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Colae Kaiser, Aiden Kiefer, Lucy Kuehn, Jackson Neff, McKenzie Niemeyer, Brody Rahn, Grayden Schloeman, Abby Stellhorn, Holden Wagner & Cooper Wingerter. **Perfect Church-** Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Lucy Kuehn & Abby Stellhorn.

Perfect Sunday School- Lucy Kuehn. **Honors-** Alexa Cheek, Lucy Kuehn, Presley Liefer. **High Honors-** Ella Birch, Kenadee Crafton, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Roxy Markotay, Jackson Neff, Brody Rahn, Abby Stellhorn. **Highest Honors-** Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Maybre Falkenhain, Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Grayden Schloemann, Holden Wagner & Cooper Wingerter.

5th Grade: **Perfect School-** Landon Bumann, Amelia Cheek, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Kaydence Proctor, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Max Voss, Athena Wolfmeier & Sophia Zeiger **Perfect Church-** Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm, Henry Sachtleben. **Perfect Sunday School-** Jozlynn Palm **Honors-** Landon Bumann, Kellen Herriman, Evan Muench, Lucas Summers & Athena Wolfmeier. **High Honors-** Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm, Austin Stellhorn, Elle Sutton & Sophia Zeiger

Highest Honors- Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben & Max Voss

6th Grade: **Perfect School-** Ella Cowell, Liam Kilpatrick, Maya Macbeth, Jack Sachtleben, Lyle Schlueter, Tessa Stenzel & Brooke Wolter. **Perfect Church-** Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson **High Honors-** Ella Cowell, Liam Kilpatrick, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Cailyn Wilson & Brooke Wolter. **Highest Honors-** Tessa Stenzel

7th Grade: **Perfect School-** Mallory Arbeiter, Josef Biffar, Cason Birch, Braylin Eggemeyer, Colin Korando, Emily Farmer, Karleigh Liefer, Lillian Meyer, Addalyn Schloemann, Norah Wagner & Hollis Wolfmeier **Perfect Church-** Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer & Norah Wagner. **Honors-** Brian Liefer. **High Honors-** Mallory Arbeiter, Josef Biffar, Cason Birch, Braylin Eggemeyer, Emily Farmer, Molly Kuehn & Lillian Meyer. **Highest Honors-** Karleigh Liefer, Addalyn Schloemann & Norah Wagner

8th Grade: **Perfect School-** Connor Bumann, Kendall Crafton, Shamus Korves, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Ian Moll, Milla Neff, Addie Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, Brayden Schlesinger, Eve Schwartzkopf, Brody Stellhorn, Colby Voss & Ty Voss. **Perfect Church-** Brody Stellhorn **Honors-** Olivia Candler, Amelia Guebert, Liam Quintin, Blayton Sutton, Olivia Valleroy, Colby Voss & Barrett Wagner. **High Honors-** Kendall Crafton, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Milla Neff, Brayden Schlesinger, Eve Schwartzkopf & Jena Whelan **Highest Honors-** Addie Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, Brodie Stenzel & Julia Whelan

Veterans Day Assembly

The students, faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran School extend an invitation to all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families. We invite you to our Veterans' Day program on Thursday, November 10 at 2 p.m. in the school's new gym. Please extend this invitation to family members that may not get this information. LCMS Air Force Chaplain Mark Sedgwick will be our guest speaker.

Sunday School Mission Project

Our international mission project this year is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF has been translating and printing a variety of Bible storybooks and the Small Catechism for families in Ukraine. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! If you want to support this project, please direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

From Your Director of Christian Education

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." 1st Chronicles 16:34.

One year ago on November 14 my father, Boniface, was called to his heavenly home. He knew his time on earth was drawing to a close and esophageal cancer ended his temporal life with us. My mother died when I was very young from a brain aneurysm. I recently turned 50 at the end of October. My sister and brother-in-law, Steve and Pat Bunte (my primary care givers growing up), will celebrate 48 years of marriage on Nov. 9. God has always had a plan for me and my family. I am very thankful for the blessings God has bestowed upon my family as we have celebrated life and death throughout all these years together.

Events planned for church and school include a benefit BBQ for Ashlynn Crafton & Susie Harms on November 6 hosted by the Senior Youth, a Veterans Day program on November 10, the Men's Club Wurstmarkt on the 13th, the craft fair on the 19th, and observing the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Whatever events that are planned for us through church and school may we take the time to be thankful for all God provides for us through word and sacrament ministry. A favorite hymn of mine is from LSB 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come." We sing in verse one "Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin: God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple, come; raise the song of harvest home." God's blessings to you all, *DCE Bill Becker*

Senior Youth

Senior Youth has a busy has a busy month ahead! We will hold a benefit BBQ on Sunday, Nov. 6th for Susie Harms and Ashlynn Crafton. We will work in the dining room for the Wurstmarkt on November 13 starting at 10:30 a.m., with a brief meeting prior to that at 10:15 a.m. Look for us at the Christmas Walk Craft Fair held at our school on Saturday, Nov. 19th. We will be selling soup, cookie jar mixes, body scrubs, and Hemme Brothers' cheese.

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.

Evening Guild News

Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship is Thursday morning, November 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Red Bud. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. Opening Worship Service is at 9 a.m. with Rev. Mark Harriss, Zone Counselor and Pastor Nebel as the preacher. Guest speakers are Rev. Dr. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf from Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana.

Tuesday, November 18 at 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathers in the Fellowship Hall with special guests: Young Adult Volunteers and Sr. Youth Group sharing Lutheran Youth Gathering. Devotions by Vickie Heller. Hostesses: Jeanne Stamm chairman, Cindy Steele, Lucille VanHoy, and Dorothy Papenberg.

Quilting schedule for November 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. The one assembly date for November is the 10th. Phone Mary Ann Wegener (618-282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

Wurstmarkt: Sunday, November 13

Our 69th Annual Wurstmarkt and Country Store will be Sunday, Nov. 13, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. This project of our Men's Club supports ministry in our congregation as well as many Lutheran mission work agencies.

Our Senior Youth will help in serving this meal. We need the contribution of your time, gifts of pies, or money to purchase pies. Potato peeling is in the school kitchen the morning of the 12th.

The cost will be \$13 for adults; \$5 for children six-12. Dine-in will be in the school's old gym. Carryouts will be available.

Financial Need For Medical Treatment

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Ashlynn Crafton has been diagnosed with leukemia. We can provide some financial assistance for her treatments at her GoFundMe account <https://gofund.me/3579ba87> or at an account set up with Buena Vista National Bank Account #272745. Thank you for considering how you can help during this difficult time.

Custodial Assistance Needed

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for an average of 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Saturday evening service ONLY and/or Sunday morning services. You will be trained and learn what will be needed to be successful. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See John Preston or Pastor.

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The Lutheran Witness is the official monthly magazine of our church body, The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is a source of information. It contains articles of inspiration. It teaches the Christian faith. The eight-page insert includes what is happening in our Southern Illinois District, often including events here at St. John's. The rate for 2023 is \$18. Call our church office by Nov. 21 to renew or add your name to our congregations' subscription list.

Attention Coffee Drinkers

We are now part of Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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.

High School Bible Class- Mr. Becker's Classroom

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

November Servers

Flowers: Doreen Schnepel
Paraments: Virginia Moeller Cloths:

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).

LCMS Foundation

Walter and Laura married 50 years ago, when they were both 20 years old. They have been farmers, raising grain and livestock. It was hard work, but they have really enjoyed this lifestyle. They never had any children and have no other family who would like to take over the farm. In their best year, they reported \$50,000 of income. They lived a very frugal life. But now, age has caught up with them and they are worried that they won't be able to retire or have enough income.

Recently they talked to their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. They had discussion about the value of their farm. It is 700 acres, along with buildings and equipment. Based on local cost of farmland, the estimated value of their farm is over \$4 million! They learned that they could gift the farm into a charitable remainder trust, avoiding the lump sum taxation they would experience if they were to sell the farm themselves. That charitable remainder trust would dispense 5% of its value each year to them for the rest of their lives. That would be \$200,000 per year. The best part for them was that when the Lord calls them home someday, there will be a gift to ministry roughly equal to that \$4 million. They will divide half of that ministry gift to their home congregation and the other half to provide support for the education of future Lutheran school teachers. Humbled, they cried. They were overwhelmed that simple people like they are could create such a gift.

If you would like more information on how a charitable trust may work in your personal situation, contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org.

*Reformation Trunk or Treat, Monday,
October 31, 5:30-7 p.m. School parking lot
Thanksgiving Holy Communion services
Wednesday, November 23, 7 p.m.
Thursday, November 24, 9 a.m.*

College Fair at Concordia Seminary

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will host a college fair on November 5, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Representatives from all of the Concordia Universities and both of our seminaries will be available. In addition, there will be presentations on financial aid and tips for choosing an educational institution that fits your needs. The event is free. Chick-Fil-A as well as various drawings throughout the day will be provided. Pre-registration is requested so there will be enough food and supplies for all those in attendance. You may register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4T6MIJziuD8tJeus-ixlnAEjmMmXC0axuQvllqiF_cYc8w/viewform

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

What Makes for a Cheerful Giver?

St. Paul wrote to Church of Christ in Corinth: "Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver" (2nd Corinthians 9:7). God loves a cheerful giver. But who is a cheerful giver?

Abel was. By faith, he gave the firstborn of his flock, and it was acceptable in God's sight. Abraham was. By faith, he prepared cakes and a tender choice calf for God and entertained angels unaware. So also were David and Solomon. By faith, David would not make a sacrifice to God that cost him nothing, so he paid Araunah his due. By faith, Solomon built a house for God, where his name would dwell and thereby where He would dwell to be Israel's God and they His people.

What more shall we say? For time would fail us to tell of all those who gave not simply for the joy of giving but for the joy of knowing the One to whom they gave.

So also our Lord, who for the joy set before Him, gave everything – yes, even His life – enduring the cross and scorning its shame. He gave to the shedding of His blood, willingly and resolutely setting His face toward Jerusalem to die for the life of the world. Though He was rich in every way, He became poor, so that by His poverty, we might be rich beyond measure.

So then, let us like Abel and Abraham, like David and Solomon, and even like our Lord Jesus Christ, give cheerfully to God for the work of His kingdom in our midst. Like them, let us decide in our heart for the joy set before us. It's the joy of knowing the One to whom we give is the One who gives us all good things.

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.

Worship Greeters

Sat. Oct. 29 5 p.m. Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sun. Oct. 30 8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. Nov. 5 5 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 6 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

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

Sat. Nov. 19 5 p.m.
Sun. Nov. 20 8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Sat. Nov. 26 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 27 8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

We need two people or one couple to serve in the Greeter rotation for the late service on Sundays and for the first and third Saturdays!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Oct. 29 5 p.m. Landon Kilpatrick
Sun. Oct. 30 8 a.m. Brody Stellhorn
10:30 a.m. Brooke Wolter

Sat. Nov. 5 5 p.m. Kade Liefer
Sun. Nov. 6 8 a.m. Jackson Muench
10:30 a.m. Tessa Stenzel

Sat. Nov. 12 5 p.m. Liam Quintin
Sun. Nov. 13 8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf
10:30 a.m. Ella Cowell

Sat. Nov. 19 5 p.m. Blayton Sutton
Sun. Nov. 20 8 a.m. Clare Carnahan
10:30 a.m. Maya Macbeth

Wed. Nov. 23 7 p.m. Karleigh Liefer
Thu. Nov. 24 9 a.m. Norah Wagner
Sat. Nov. 26 5 p.m. Olivia Valleroy

Sun. Nov. 27 8 a.m. Brynlee Liefer
10:30 a.m. Jackson Pensoneau

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

November Church and School Calendar

SUNDAY, October 30- Reformation Sunday!

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, October 31-

5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot

Tuesday, November 1-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Sparta
Bball: 5:30-Girls' AB @Steelville; 6-Boys' home vs. PDR
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 2- Boys' C Team Tourney here

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel 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
3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Kings)

Thursday, November 3-

8:45 a.m. LWML Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship here
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at home vs. St. Libory
7 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 4- Boys' C Team Tourney here

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal; 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting
Saturday, November 5- Pastor Nebel on vacation thru the 8th
7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 6- All Saints and Faithful Departed

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. to ??? Senior Youth Fundraising BBQ at school

Monday, November 7-

6:00 p.m. Boys' A & C basketball home vs. Red Bud Catholic
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, November 8- No School! Election Day!

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

Wednesday, November 9-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel 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
3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

6:00 p.m. Girls' A & B basketball at home vs. Marissa

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting at church

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

Thursday, November 10-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Matthew)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
2:00 p.m. Veterans Day program in the school's new gym
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Girls'/Boys' A team basketball home vs. Unity-ESL
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 11- No School! Veterans Day

Saturday, November 12- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 13- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wurstmart/Country Store at school

Monday, November 14-

6:00 p.m. Boys' A & C basketball home vs. St. John-Chester

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

Tuesday, November 15-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' A & C basketball at Red Bud Catholic
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education in school library

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

Wednesday, November 16-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel 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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

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

Thursday, November 17- Girls' A basketball tourney @ TSJ

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

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

6:00 p.m. Boys' A & C basketball at Evansville

Friday, November 18- Boys' A basketball tourney at GS-C'ville

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades School Chapel Service at Church

Saturday, November 19-

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

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Craft Fair at our school

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

SUNDAY, November 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, November 21-

5:30 p.m. Boys' basketball at Steeleville

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

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

Tuesday, November 22-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' A & C basketball at Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, November 23-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades Chapel 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

2:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

2:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service

Thursday, November 24- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service

Friday, November 25- No school!

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

SUNDAY, November 27- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/Youth and Adult Bible Classes

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

Monday, November 28-

6:00 p.m. Boys' A & C basketball at St. Mary's-Chester

6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

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

Tuesday, November 29-

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

Bball: 5:30 Boys' @ TSJ and 6 p.m. Girls' @ St. John-Chester

Wednesday, November 30-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Service in the old gym

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

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school

7:00 p.m. Grades 3-5 Christmas Service in the old gym

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

Worship Calendar: 2022-2023 Church Year (Series A)

NOVEMBER 2022

Sat/Sun 26/27 1st Sunday in Advent
Wed 30 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. *Grades 3-5 Christmas*

DECEMBER 2022

Sat/Sun 3/4 2nd Sunday in Advent
Wed 7 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Grades K-2 Christmas*
Thu 8 *3 p.m. Holy Communion Service
Sat/Sun 10/11 3rd Sunday in Advent
Sun 11 6 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service
Wed 14 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. *Early Childhood Christmas Service*
Sat/Sun 17/18 4th Sunday in Advent
Tue 20 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. *Grades 6-8 Christmas*
Sat 24 *3 and 5 p.m. *Christmas Eve Communion*
Sat 24 *9 p.m. *Christmas Eve Com./Candlelight*
Sun 25 *9 a.m. *Christmas Day Communion*
Sat 31 *5 p.m. *New Year's Eve Communion*

Services in italics will be held in the school's old gym.

JANUARY 2023

Sun 1 *10:30 a.m. *New Year's Day Communion*
Thu 5 *3 p.m. *Epiphany Eve Holy Communion*
Sat/Sun 7/8 1st Sunday After the Epiphany
Sat/Sun 14/15 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany
Sat/Sun 21/22 3rd Sunday After the Epiphany (Life)
Sat/Sun 28/*29 4th Sunday After the Epiphany

(Saturdays and Sundays do not match up this month!)

FEBRUARY 2023

Sat/Sun 4/5 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
Thu 9 *3 p.m. Holy Communion Service
Sat/Sun 11/12 6th Sunday After the Epiphany
Sat/Sun 18/19 *The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Wed 22 *8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. *Ash Wednesday*
Sat. Sun 25/26 1st Sunday in Lent

MARCH 2023

Wed 1 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Midweek Lent*
Sat/Sun 4/5 2nd Sunday in Lent
Wed 8 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Midweek Lent*
Sat/Sun 11/12 3rd Sunday in Lent
Wed 15 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Midweek Lent*
Sat/Sun 18/19 4th Sunday in Lent
Wed 22 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Midweek Lent*
Sat/Sun 25/26 5th Sunday in Lent (*Annunciation*)
Wed 29 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Midweek Lent*

APRIL 2023

Sat/Sun 1/2 *Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
(Rite of Confirmation in the late service)
Thu 6 *8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. *Maundy Thursday*
Fri 7 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. *Good Friday*
Sat 8 *5 p.m. *Resurrection Festival Service*
Sun 9 *6:30 a.m. *Resurrection Sunrise Service*
Sun 9 *10:30 a.m. *Resurrection Festival Service*
Sat/Sun 15/16 2nd Sunday of Easter

Sat/Sun 22/23 3rd Sunday of Easter
Sat/Sun 29/30 *4th Sunday of Easter

MAY 2023

Sat/Sun 6/7 5th Sunday of Easter
Sat/Sun 13/14 6th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
Thu 18 (*8:30 a.m. &) *7 p.m. *Ascension Day*
Sat/Sun 20/21 7th Sunday of Easter
Sat/Sun 27/28 *Day of Pentecost
(Freedom Celebration Sunday)

JUNE 2023

Sat/Sun 3/4 *Trinity Sunday
Sat/Sun 10/11 Pentecost 2 (Proper 5)
Sat/Sun 17/18 Pentecost 3 (Proper 6) (Father's Day)
Sat/Sun 24/25 Pentecost 4 (Proper 7)

JULY 2023

Sat/Sun 1/2 Pentecost 5 (Proper 8)
Sat/Sun 8/9 Pentecost 6 (Proper 9)
Sat/Sun 15/16 Pentecost 7 (Proper 10)
Sat/Sun 22/23 Pentecost 8 (Proper 11)
Sat/Sun 29/30 *Pentecost 9 (Proper 12)

AUGUST 2023

Sat/Sun 5/6 Pentecost 10 (Proper 13)
Sat/Sun 12/13 Pentecost 11 (Proper 14)
Sat/Sun 19/20 Pentecost 12 (Prop. 15) (Staff Dedication?)
Sat/Sun 26/27 Pentecost 13 (Proper 16) (Rally Day?)

SEPTEMBER 2023

Sat/Sun 2/3 Pentecost 14 (Proper 17)
Sat/Sun 9/10 Pentecost 15 (Proper 18)
Sat/Sun 16/17 Pentecost 16 (Proper 19)
Sat/Sun 23/24 Pentecost 17 (Proper 20)
Sat 30 *Pentecost 18 (Proper 21)

OCTOBER 2023

Sun 1 Pentecost 18 (Proper 21) (LWML)
Sat/Sun 7/8 Pentecost 19 (Proper 22)
Sat/Sun 14/15 Pentecost 20 (Proper 23)
Sat/Sun 21/22 Pentecost 21 (Proper 24)
Sat/Sun 28/29 *Reformation Day

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NOVEMBER 2023

Sat/Sun 4/5 *All Saints' Day/Faithful Departed
Sat/Sun 11/12 Mission Festival (Proper 27)
Sat/Sun 18/19 Pentecost 25 (Proper 28)
Wed/Thu 22/23 *7 p.m. and *9 a.m. *Thanksgiving*
Sat/Sun 25/26 Last Sunday of Church Year (Proper 29)

Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
Holy Communion is at 5 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays
Holy Communion is at 8 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m. on 2nd & 4th Sundays
*Holy Communion also is every 5th Saturday & 5th Sunday of the month and major church festivals

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