

The Epistle

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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

Faith That Brings Results

And without faith it is impossible to please God, because anyone who comes to Him must believe that He exists and that He rewards those who earnestly seek Him.

Hebrews 11:6

Here are three truths from Scripture to guide your faith:

First, believe that God is. The force of the language used here is much more than a vague acknowledgment of God's existence. Mankind claims scores of gods, but the God of the Bible is not one of them – or even the best of them. He is the *only* true God! And this Scripture says He is uniquely, genuinely, permanently present and active.

Second, believe that God is able. When two blind men approached Jesus seeking healing, He asked, *“Do you believe that I am able to do this?”* *“Yes, Lord,”* they replied. Then he touched their eyes and said, *“According to your faith let it be done to you”* (Matthew 9:28-29). Immediately, they could see. Jesus knew He was able to heal them, but He wanted them to know He was able. Until you believe in God's ability to meet your need, you have no ground on which to base your confidence and prayers.

Third, believe that God is willing. After knowing He is able, you must take a step of belief. A leper approached

Jesus saying, *“Lord, if You are willing, You can make me clean.”* Jesus...touched him, saying, *“I am willing; be cleansed.”* And immediately his leprosy was cleansed' (Matthew 8:2-3). Is God willing? Consider His claim: He – not we – goes on record as being *‘a rewarder of those who...seek Him’*. That leaves no room for doubt.

Today, God is not only able but willing to meet your need.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, I am willing and You are able—remove my doubts from me. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

I return to my summary of the book, To Baptize or Not to Baptize, by Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, a pastor of the Evangelical Church in America. I introduced this review in this space in September's newsletter.

“The marks of a valid Christian baptism are three: 1. It is in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. 2. It applies water as the material element of the sacrament to the body of the baptized. 3. It intends to baptize as the church baptizes.”

“Water and the name of God are not ingredients in a magic spell. They cannot be deployed by just anyone, under any circumstances, and do what baptism does (e.g., a child “baptizing” the family dog). Baptism is a mandate assigned to the apostolic ministry of the church, not a party trick or a scientific inevitability as long as the right raw elements are present.”

“Baptism brings a person into the church...The gospel proclaimed by the church logically and necessarily entail confession of God as the holy Trinity. Religious communities that deny this gospel, or deny God the holy Trinity who gives this gospel...do not baptize as the church baptizes and thus their lookalike rites do not qualify as Christian baptism.”

“One of the purposes of a valid baptism is to create and confirm faith in the baptized person. But, crucially, the validity of the baptism—the fact of its actually being a Christian baptism—must be distinguished from its success in doing what it intends, namely creating and confirming faith. That success is call the *efficacy* of baptism.” That will be the topic of my article in the April newsletter.

Please note the many opportunities for Christian worship at St. John's that this month provides us with midweek Lenten services, Holy Week special services and Easter weekend.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

March Servers

Flowers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr

Paraments: Virginia Moeller

Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Greetings to All in the Name of Christ,

Looking outside a window or driving around town, we may feel or notice something a little different. Depending on the day, it appears as if the weather or the season itself is trying to change from Winter to Spring. I'm sure, given the chance, we would all welcome the season of Spring and what often comes along with it ... nicer and warmer weather.

In the Church, we have gone through the Seasons of Advent, Christmas, and Epiphany. We are now in the Season of Lent. This is a change we can recognize by the change in the color of the paraments on the altar to purple. The color purple is often associated with pain, suffering, mourning, and penitence.

The Season of Lent is an important time of the Church Year. This is why it is set apart from the rest of the Church Year. It is a solemn time of the Church Year when even the joyous word "Alleluia" is omitted from the liturgy. That is until its returns on Easter morning.

Lent is also a serious and sobering time of the church year. This may be because this is the time of year when we are more likely to read, hear, or are told the story of Jesus Christ. His life, who Christ was for us, what He did for us, and what He continues to do for us day after day ... after day.

As we go through this forty-day journey of Lent (excluding Sundays), I pray that each of us individually and daily will be reminded of all the changes that have occurred during our lives. These changes may include the birth of a child, the loss of a loved one, a new job, and so much more. Think about and remember all of the changes that life has taken you through and remember that none of this would have even been possible without Jesus Christ.

I pray that as each new day in Lent dawns that each of us would wake and remember what a glorious change Jesus Christ has made in our lives. I pray that each of us daily remember some change that has occurred in our life and that we would just take a moment to thank God for all the riches He has bestowed upon us. The greatest of these riches of course being that He would offer up His one and only Son so that we may be saved.

God's blessings, Associate Pastor Brian Nowak

PTL Dinner Auction

"Splish, Splash! We're Having a Beach Bash!"

Saturday, March 16, 5 p.m. Hecker Community Center
Tickets: \$45 per person (dinner, dessert and select drinks)

Homework passes can be purchased for Grades 3-8
\$250 Cougar Cash drawing for bringing new attendees
SnoCone party for class w/ highest % of adult attendees

Midweek Lenten Services

Midweek Lenten services will continue on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. on March 6, 13, and 20. The theme for our services is "With Jesus in the Upper Room" from the Gospel of John, chapters 13-17.

Evening services are preceded by a Lenten supper in the Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:30 p.m. and a hymn sing in church at 6:50 p.m. The menu for this month is: March 6, tacos, Mexican rice, refried beans and ice cream; March 13, chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, applesauce; March 20, ham, potato casserole, heavenly carrots. The 5th grade class will assist with serving these meals.

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!" Thanks be to God through His Son Jesus that He does have mercy on us!

The current fifth grade class continues serving the midweek Lenten meals. The menu for March 6 is tacos, all the sides, Mexican rice, refried beans, and homemade ice cream (thanks to Cindy Steele). The menu on March 13 will be chicken pot pie, crescent rolls, applesauce and desserts. The last Lenten meal of the season will be on March 20 and will include ham, potato casserole, heavenly carrots and desserts. All costs have been supplemented with Thrivent cards and profits have gone towards the class's eighth grade trip fund.

There are many activities this month at school including the girls' basketball team and cheerleaders traveling to Chicagoland for the State Lutheran Tournament March 1-3, and the school's PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker on March 16. My family will be attending Bryce's school's Dinner Auction in Mattoon on that same day as we will celebrate his 24th birthday with him. On March 22 the current sixth grade class will host a fish & beer dance at the Thunderdome (Vices). More details to come. We end the month with Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and Easter. Our Junior Youth will host the Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday the 30th on the north side of the school building. Our Senior Youth will serve another delicious breakfast in the school's old gym after the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday.

Blessings to you this month, *DCE Bill Becker*

From the Principal's Pen

February has been a weather rollercoaster with temperatures ranging from 17 to 70 degrees. Though we have had the cold extremes and some weather related to them, we have been blessed to have no days off due to weather. This allows us to have our last day of school on May 15 if we have no more days off.

The Language Arts festival was held on February 12. St. John's had three students receive best of grade groups awards: Kolton Meier, Sydney Krick, and Amelia Cheek. Congratulations to these students and budding authors!



Outstanding Language Arts winners from St. John's are Amelia Cheek (Grades 6-8) for "The Day Beardie Went to School"; Sydney Krick (Grades 3-5) for "Good Girls"; and Kolton Meier (Grades K-2) for "The Little Bear." They read their books at the Language Arts Festival on February 12th. They will represent our school at the Young Authors' Conference at Chester Grade School on March 16th. Congratulations!

Valentine's Day was another day full of class parties, candy grahams, and flowers in the office. We were happy to see all the fun but also have the somber mood of Ash Wednesday this year as Valentine's Day just happened to be the first day of the season of Lent.

The Open House for St. John's Lutheran School was held on February 7th with a soup and hot dog meal and snacks in the classrooms. We were delighted to see so many new prospective students. At this point we have 33 students signed up for preschool next year and 11 students for Kindergarten. Everyone loved the signing booth and photo opportunities that the marketing committee created for this event. What a blessing to see all the faces full of anticipation as they look forward to joining St. John's Lutheran School. We also were excited to have Christian Cougar make an appearance at the event.



The Heart Challenge was a hit as always. The Kindergarten through 5 grade students enjoyed the jump-roping while the junior high students enjoyed the hoops and volleyball portion of the heart challenge. My favorite part of all was the class jump and dancing. We all got to come together and cheer on each other.

The boys' basketball team finishing eleventh out of eighteen teams at the Christ Lutheran Peoria tournament to conclude their season. The girls jumped right out of basketball and into volleyball. The season has been successful so far with both the A and the B teams never finishing below fourth place in any tournament. The first weekend of March the ladies will jump back into basketball for the Lutheran Sports Association State Tournament; we wish them God's Blessings on this endeavor.

In February Ms. Amanda Ruhmann was recognized as the Teacher of the Year for the fourteenth district of the VFW. She has been a large part of the preparations for our Veterans Day assembly. She has helped students create vast amounts of art depicting our military in such a positive light. She truly has a heart for the kids and has

brought so many new ideas to St. John's. This is a very well-deserved award. She may even go further than any of our former winners of this award!!

Three students will represent our school at the Science fair at SIU-Carbondale on February 27th. Jack Satchleben, Cailyn Wilson, and Brooke Wolter will represent our seventh-grade class as they attempt to move on to the state competition. Other notable mentions for our own Science Fair that was held in January were: Brooke Wolter (Best of Fair), Layla Kilpatrick (Best of Agriculture), Cailyn Wilson (Best of Class 7th Grade), and Jozlynn Palm (Best of Class 6th Grade).



Science Fair Award Winners (pictured left to right)

Best of 6h Grade - Jozlynn Palm

Best of Agriculture - Layla Kilpatrick

Best of Show - Brooke Wolter

Best of 7th Grade - Cailyn Wilson

Carbondale Participants- Jack Satchleben (middle), Brooke Wolter, and Cailyn Wilson

Our final focus for the month of February is service to all. The teachers and students are preparing class projects for the dinner auction. The school is doing a service project that goes along with Leap Year. It is "Leap out of bed PJ Day," a day when students can wear PJ's if they bring in a nonperishable food item for the Royal Table. Our fifth grade class were ambassadors to Garden Place as they played "Farkle" there and had some very genuine conversations with the residents.

March will be busy as always. We will have our girls' basketball team compete in the LSA tournament in Chicago. This year our girls have earned the sixth seed in the tournament. This is a school record set by this team, a group that is comprised of three 8th graders. We wish them well and thank them for being good examples on and

off the basketball court. Girls' volleyball is in full swing. Our A, B, & C teams have competed in many tournaments and have each finished third in at least one of their competitions. The third quarter ends on March 8 with report cards going home on the 15th. Our annual PTL Dinner Auction is in Hecker on March 16. It will be good to celebrate our school and families during the "Splish, Splash We're having a Beach Bash" themed auction. Our annual musical will take place on April 26 with performances at 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. Please join us! The last full week of April the students will take achievement tests. Then as a reward to the kids for all their hard work and the parents for all their support our PTL has agreed to help us host a Christian Concert by AriSon on April 28 at 6:30 p.m. in the new gym for the general public of Red Bud. We also will host AriSon on April 29 with a 9:00 a.m. concert. We are inviting other parochial schools to attend. We hope to spread God's Word through this awesome event.

Hopefully I will see you at one of the many activities that are planned. *God's blessings to you, Mr. Justin Palm*



Pictured are Joan Prigge and her children who are battling some form of cancer or are in remission. The staff and faculty of St. John's Lutheran along with friends of the Prigge family recently held a barbecue for the family.

Presenting the check is Mr. Bill Becker, Director of Christian Education and principal, Mr. Justin Palm.

A note of thanks from the Prigge family: Members of St. John's Lutheran, We thank you for your generosity and kindness that has been shown upon our family. It is truly unmatched. We are grateful for all that you did by supporting our family at the recent BBQ that was held.

God's blessings to you all!

Junior Youth

The Junior Youth will be hiding eggs for the younger children on Saturday March 30th. We are asking for donations of prefilled easter eggs! If you could tape them shut that would be great. Please turn donations into the office or you can give to Erin Kuehn. Thank you!!

Senior Youth

Our Senior Youth will have their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, March 10th at noon. We will be serving Easter Breakfast after the Sunrise Service on Easter Sunday in the school's old gym.

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 a lovely storage box. *Stephanie & Kirk Liefer*

Evening Guild News

We invite all Lutheran women for a Prayer Service on **Tuesday, March 19, at 7:00** p.m. in the sanctuary of St. John's Church. Followed by refreshments in the fellowship hall hosted by Cindy Nebel, Betty Schmitz, and Olivia Schmitz. Mites will be collected with a business meeting.

The Spring LWML Quarterly will be available for your to pick up in the church entryway. The quilting schedule for March is Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9:00 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

LWML Scholarships: The Southern Illinois District LWML offers scholarships to students going into full-time church work (pastor, teacher, DCE) for next fall's semester. Applications must be submitted by March 15. They are on the website at www.sidlwml.org.

Men's Club

St. John's Men's Club will meet Thursday, March, 14 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will view the LHM Bible study "Nurturing Your Faith: Patient Urgency" session two entitled "Meet Them Where They Are."

Sunday School

Perfect Attendance for February- 3-Year-old: Brenlee Stenzel, Clarke Thien; 4-Year-old: Demi Grohmann, Benjamin Langrehr; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Second Grade: Kolton Liefer; Third Grade: Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; Fourth Grade: Cassidy Palm; Fifth Grade: Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn. Thank you for your participation in and your support of our Sunday School ministry!

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, Discussing Homosexuality, End of the World, Eternal Election and Predestination, 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, New Heavens and a New Earth, Philemon, Purses, The Resurrection in Revelation, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, and Word Dwellers.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. March 2	5 p.m. Max Voss
Sun. March 3	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 p.m. Kade Liefer
Wed. March 6	8:30 a.m. Elle Sutton 7:00 p.m. Austin Stellhorn
Sat. March 9	5 p.m. Brayden McCarthy
Sun. March 10	8 a.m. Charlie Muench 10:30 a.m. Payton Liefer
Wed. March 13	8:30 a.m. Jozlynn Palm 7:00 p.m. Brynlee Liefer
Sat. March 16	5 p.m. Kellen Herriman
Sun. March 17	8 a.m. Carson Bowles 10:30 a.m. Brooke Wolter
Wed. March 20	8:30 a.m. Liam Kilpatrick 7:00 p.m. Sydney Kassing
Sat. March 23	5 p.m. Landon Bumann
Sun. March 24	8 a.m. Tessa Stenzel 10:30 a.m. Wiley Minemann
Thu. March 28	8:30 a.m. Athena Wolfmeier 7:00 p.m. Karleigh Liefer
Fri. March 29	8:30 a.m. Joey Biffar 7:00 p.m. Ella Cowell
Sat. March 30	5 p.m. Layla Kilpatrick
Sun. March 31	6:30 a.m. Addy Schloemann 10:30 a.m. Kade Liefer

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

Financial Need For Medical Treatment

St. John's member and recent Red Bud High School graduate Ashlynn Crafton is battling 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. Thanks for helping her during this trying time.

The Prayer Chain

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and 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

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| Sat., March 2 | 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr |
| Sun. March 3 | 8 a.m. Lisa Quinn / Christine Kellerhouse
10:30 p.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel |
| Sat. March 9 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. March 10 | 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf |
| Sat. March 16 | 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr |
| Sun. March 17 | 8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
10:30 a.m. Ron and Diane Kunkelmann |
| Sat. March 23 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. March 24 | 8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt |
| Sat. March 30 | 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr |
| Sun. March 31 | 6:30 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter / Cindy Ebers |

We need a person or couple to serve as greeters for the 5th Saturday of the month (4x a year) and special services. The only requirements, expectations and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and say "Good evening" to people as they enter the church. In other words, you can do this!

Midweek Bible Classes

Our midweek Bible classes are Wednesday Women who meet at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening's class will not meet again until April 3; and Thursday morning's class meets at 7:30 a.m. All of these classes meet in the Fellowship Hall. Men's Bible Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on the first and third (2nd and 16th) Saturdays in March as we continue to study the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

February 18 Baptism of Averie Faye Mehring

We Bid a Fond Farewell

February 19 Death of Sherry Winkelmann

Southern Illinois District Mission Partnership

Our Southern Illinois District congregations are invited to attend the Concordia the Reformer Seminary District Mission Event scheduled for Wednesday, April 17, 6:30 at Zion Lutheran in Mascoutah. Erin McKenzie, Volunteer Coordinator for the LCMS Latin America Region will present. Congregations are asked to consider bringing a congregational offering for the Dominican Seminary.

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 Fellowship Hall 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 Fellowship Hall.

Casey's Rewards

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to our St. John's school. Thank you!

Attention Coffee Drinkers

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



Easter Lilies 2024

EASTER LILIES will be on display again this year. We thank the Altar Guild for taking on this project each year as it is such a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. The cost is \$9 and you may return it to our church/school office or by way of the offering plate by Tuesday, March 26th. Thank you!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“Cherish What God Has Given”

Martin Luther follows a pattern when explaining the Ten Commandments in the Catechism. In each explanation, there is something prohibited and something commanded. There is something wrong which must be avoided, and there is something right which must be done.

The Sixth Commandment however, does not follow this pattern. “You shall not commit adultery. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we lead a sexually pure and decent life in what we say and do, and husband and wife love and honor each other” (SC I).

Here the catechism focuses solely on the positive: we should live in a chaste and decent manner in both word and deed, and husbands and wives should cherish and honor one another.

Keeping this commandment, and all commandments, is a lot easier if you see your chastity and your spouse as a gift from God that is to be protected and cherished. You also will find keeping the Fourth Commandment easier if you see your parents and other authorities as a gift from God, given to you for your blessing.

This is the key stewardship insight that runs through all the Christian’s life: Everything that we have has been given to us by God. We deserve none of it. All of it comes to us by God’s fatherly kindness and open-handed generosity. If I know that everything I have — every possession, every relationship, every ability — is a gift from God, then my perspective changes. All these things are both gifts to be cherished, and things that I should direct towards God’s purposes.

My possessions should be shared generously according to how God has called me in my family, church and community. My spouse should be cherished, loved and encouraged in faith. My children are on loan from my own Heavenly Father, and I have but a brief time to show them the path of righteousness. My neighbor is a gift from God so that I can imitate His kindness toward me.

No matter the gift, everything has been given to me by God so that I may participate in His own goodness and open-handed generosity.

A Martyr’s Death, the Hero’s Life

Join other men in Christian fellowship on April 4-7 at Lakeview Villages in Seymour, Indiana as Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller teaches us about what Martin Luther called the “pattern of the true Christian life.” The martyrs of the early church still preach to us with their lives, their lips, and their blood – encouraging us to live a life of witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Get away and enjoy God’s great creation, eat like a king at our hog roast, join in good-natured brotherly competition and much more. Visit www.mensgathering.us for info and registration.

Chicken Dinner

St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin is hosting its Annual Chicken Dinner on March 10th from 10:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The menu includes fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, homemade desserts, and tea/lemonade/coffee. Dine-in is all you can eat. Carry-outs are available. Adults are \$15, Children 4 and above cost \$8, and Children under 4 are free. All are welcome.

Choir Concerts

The Kapelle of Concordia University Chicago, under the direction of Dr. Charles P. Brown, will be in concert at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville on Friday, March 8, at 7 p.m. The concert is free but an offering will be taken to support the choir’s spring tour.

Laudamus, the select seminary choir of Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, under the direction of Cantor Philip Magness, will perform “Not Unto Us” at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Missouri, on Friday, March 15 at 7 p.m.



He is Risen! He is not here!

March Church and School Calendar

Friday, March 1-

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

Saturday, March 2-

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

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

SUNDAY, March 3-

8:00 Divine Service with Holy Communion

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 4-

6:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in the school library

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

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

Tuesday, March 5- *Girls' Volleyball OVC Tournament at RBC*

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference here

6:15 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, March 6-

7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes

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 Class in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten Service; Acolyte: Austin Stellhorn

Thursday, March 7-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Friday, March 8- *End of Third Quarter*

C Team Volleyball tournament at St. Mary's

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service at church

Saturday, March 9-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, March 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion (Grades 3-8 sing)

Noon Senior Youth gathering in their church basement hangout

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 11-

4:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Smithton

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

Tuesday, March 12- *Regional Volleyball tournament here*

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

Wednesday, March 13-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School confirmation classes

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

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

Thursday, March 14-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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 15- *Report cards go home*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at church

Saturday, March 16-

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

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

5:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker Community Club

SUNDAY, March 17-

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class

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

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 18-

3:15 p.m. School faculty meeting

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

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

Tuesday, March 19-

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Lenten Prayer Service at church

Wednesday, March 20- *All year sports pictures at school*

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes

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

5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

Thursday, March 21-

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5-7 p.m. School students will attend the Art Festival

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

Friday, March 22-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at church

Saturday, March 23-

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

SUNDAY, March 24- *Palm Sunday*

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, March 25-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

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

Tuesday, March 26-

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

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

Wednesday, March 27-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes

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

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

Thursday, March 28- *Maundy Thursday*

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

Friday, March 29- *Good Friday; No School!*

8:30 a.m. Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Tenebrae (Darkness) Service

Saturday, March 30-

9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the north lawn of the school

5:00 p.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, March 31- *The Resurrection of Our Lord!*

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service with Holy Communion

8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast served by Senior Youth in old gym

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service