

The Epistle

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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 Hour Ministries

Lord Jesus Christ, with Us Abide

(Lutheran Service Book, 585)

"May glorious truths that we have heard, the bright sword of Your mighty Word, Spurn Satan that Your Church be strong, bold, unified in act and song.

"Restrain, O Lord, the human pride that seeks to thrust Your truth aside Or with some man-made thoughts or things would dim the words Your Spirit sings."

We love the Lord and seek to follow His will. Yet in repentant honesty, we may admit that there are some commandments that, now and then, we are tempted to ignore. We may also want to overlook certain verses of Scripture that are troubling or contrary to our own opinions. Sadly enough, this is the way the unbelieving world and even some churches approach Holy Scripture. They may accept verses with which they agree but dismiss other parts of God's Word as mere human inventions. Our hymn describes this attitude as "human pride that seeks to thrust Your truth aside." "Man-made thoughts" dim the words inspired by the Holy Spirit. This purposeful distortion of Scripture is not a new development. The apostle Paul warned about people who "turn away from

listening to the truth and wander off into myths" (2nd Timothy 4:4). The apostle Peter wrote that some people were twisting the writings of Paul "as they do the other Scriptures" (2nd Peter 3:16b).

Through the wonderful Word of the Gospel, the Holy Spirit enlightened our hearts and minds, calling us to faith in Jesus our Savior. By faith we know and believe that the Scriptures are the inspired Word of God. In our hymn we pray that God would make His church strong, bold, and unified so that we will spurn Satan, the evil foe who hates the Word of God. Our weapon in this war against the Word is the Word itself, "the bright sword" of the Spirit. As Jesus Himself said, the Scriptures bear witness to Him. From Genesis to Revelation, the sacred pages testify to Jesus, foretelling His birth, recording eyewitness accounts of His life, death, and resurrection and teaching us to live as His followers. The good news about our Lord was written "so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in His Name" (John 20:31b).

We pray in our hymn that the Lord would restrain human pride, including our own, that seeks to elevate itself above the authority of the inspired Word. The Spirit's sword is God's gift for us, making us "wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus" (2 Timothy 3:15b). In gentleness and respect, and armed with that bright Word, we witness to our Savior so that others too may have life in His Name.

WE PRAY: Lord, lead me daily in the study of Your Word. Amen.

This devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

I recently saw a picture of a church sign which read, "There is a .0296% chance that your child will become a professional athlete. There is a 100% chance that your child will stand before Jesus. Get them to church!"

As our children become more involved in various sports that take up their time very late into the evening, occupy every weekend with tournaments, and lead them a far distance out of town, are we convincing ourselves that they can beat those long odds of the first half of that church sign and become a professional sports star?

As our children become more involved in time-consuming sports and have less time for their school studies, have no participation in Sunday School and get few opportunities for Christian worship, are we convincing ourselves that the second half of that church sign wouldn't really happen?

In 15 years when the issue comes up and you wonder why your children are not having your grandchildren baptized or in 25 years when you wonder why your baptized grandchildren are not in catechism instruction, I won't be here to answer that question for you. So I am giving you the answer now.

Here is the better answer. Let your children know that the practice of the Christian faith is what we give up other things for, not the other way around. They then will pass the knowledge of Jesus as Lord and Savior on to your baptized and confirmed grandchildren.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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Greetings in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ,

What a joyous time of year. The sun is shining, birds are singing, and the flowers and plants have begun to grow. A joyous time of year because we celebrate the Resurrection of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ from the dead. We celebrated our lives being changed forever. Jesus' Resurrection from the grave saved us from sin death and the devil. Things have changed and will never be the same. All who believe in Jesus Christ as their one and only true Lord and Savior have been saved. We will see Him again when we enter to live in heaven with him forever.

As I mentioned last month, we now have entered into a 50-day season of celebration. The Alleluias have returned to our worship liturgy. What a joy it is to hear them again. This is a 50-day season where each Sunday is like a mini-Easter celebration. We are celebrating Jesus' victory over the grave and His resurrection to new life. During this 50-day season, we also stop and celebrate the 40th day after Easter. This day is held special because it is this day, 40 days after Easter Sunday, on which Jesus ascended into heaven. This is known as The Ascension of Our Lord.

The Ascension is one of the earliest festivals held by Christians. It dates back to the year AD 68. The New Testament tells us of how Jesus met several times with His disciples during the 40 days after His resurrection. During this time, Jesus instructed and taught His disciples on how to carry out His teachings.

Ascension is the day that puts an exclamation point on the end of the Easter Season. This Day of Ascension also occurs 10 days before the day of Pentecost. Pentecost is Greek for "fiftieth." The 50th day after Easter is also a day of celebration or festival in the Church. The 50th day after Easter is the day that the Holy Spirit descends upon

the disciples of Jesus. We celebrate the outpouring of the Holy Spirit and the disciples receiving the power and strength of the Holy Spirit.

I pray for each and every one of us that in this 50-day season, we may experience the working of the Holy Spirit in our lives. I pray we all would look for and see the Holy Spirit working in our daily lives and through us in the accomplishing of God's greater goal. May the Lord bless us all now and always.

God's blessings, Associate Pastor Brian Nowak

Pastors' Birthdays Celebration

"Thank you to all who arranged and attended our birthday party in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, April 21. We greatly appreciate your generosity and kindness with your cards and gifts. We thank God for your goodness and support!" *Pastors Nebel and Nowak*

May Servers

Flowers: Irma Birkner

Parameters: Carol Turner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Baptism Banners

For years Nancy Harms made the small banners for our sanctuary baptism banner. These were the ones that families took home with them. After her passing her daughter Cathy Thompson and daughter-in-law Susie Harms continued that service for our baptisms. We thank them for their faithfulness in that for these many years. We also thank Vickie Heller for agreeing to take over this service and continue providing this gift to our newly baptized.

Calling All Graduates

Eighth grade graduation for St. John's Lutheran School will be Thursday, May 16 at 7 p.m. in our school's old gym. We want to include the names of all St. John's members who are graduating from any level of education during this school year. Please contact our office with those names. We will include them in the May 18/19 weekend worship bulletin and the June Epistle.

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).*

From Your Director of Christian Education

The month of May is upon us! As I reflect on the recent eighth grade trip, I am thankful for the 13 students, 30 guests, and families that were blessed with many wonderful experiences the week of April 12-20. We added a few new stops in Philadelphia this year. Instead of the article that students usually write I am compiling the class work that the students have been working on in a new form using a QR code and link to see all of the stops we made in a Google Presentation.

We will be ending regular Sunday School on May 12. We will meet on May 19 in the school cafeteria for this day as a whole group. 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 library beginning June 2 at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m.

We will host VBS June 17-21 9-11a.m. back at school. 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 8-12 in the science room at school. This will be for students entering grades three through five for the '24-'25 school year. More information will be coming.

I conclude with 2nd Thessalonians 2:13 "But we ought to give thanks to God for you, brothers beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits to be saved, through sanctification by the Spirit and belief in the truth." *God's blessings to you all, DCE Bill Becker*

Pictured below are Mr. Bill Becker and the first eighth grade students to visit the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia. Independence Hall is in the background.



God's blessings to our Christian mothers!

Rite of Confirmation/Adult Instruction- April 21



Left-right: Dustin Bowles, Jonathan Hudak, Pastor Mark Nebel and Carol Gulley

Dustin Bowles is the husband of Jessica (Koester) Bowles and the father of Kinley, Emily, Carson, and Natalie. He is a native of St. Louis. He works at the Pinckneyville Correctional Center. He enjoys hunting and spending time with his family.

Jonathan Hudak is the husband of Lindsey, our Director of Parish Music. He grew up in Ohio, West Virginia, and Cape Girardeau, Missouri. He works at the Community Counseling Center in Perryville and Ste. Genevieve. He plays guitar. He enjoys cooking, martial arts, and reading history.

Carol Gulley is the wife of Jeff and grandmother of Aliviah, Madalynn, Colton, Aubree and Gracie. She is retired from A.G. Edwards & Wells Fargo. She enjoys traveling, boating, camping, reading, baking, crocheting and sewing.

Please welcome these new members into our family of faith!

School Musical: *Splash Kingdom*



Our school students did a great job with their musical, Splash Kingdom, on Friday, April 26. They were well prepared for their performances by Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy, and Mrs. Judy Stephens. Pictured are characters and stage hands (front row, l-r) Joey Biffar, Colin Korando, Emily Farmer, Karleigh Liefer, Addy Schloemann, Lilly Meyer, Cailyn Wilson, Tessa Stenzel, Molly Kuehn, and Cason Birch; (second row, l-r) Brooke Wolter, Norah Wagner, Mallory Arbeiter, Maya Macbeth and Hollis Wolfmeier.

From the Principal's Pen

Our school attended the Regional Office of Education Monroe/Randolph County Spelling Bee on April 16. The students who represented our school were Grant Florreich, Easton Ruebusch, and Ella Cowell. We congratulate Grant for taking 1st place at the 5th grade level. We thank those students and parents who took the time to participate in this academic event.

The 8th-grade students, parents, and guests traveled to Washington DC and other historic sites from April 12 - 20. The group visited the Creation Museum on Friday, April 12th. The following day they arrived at Monticello for a house and grounds tour. Jamestown followed on April 14th and the students enjoyed Colonial Williamsburg. Mount Vernon was the first stop on April 15 followed by the Memorials in our Nation's Capital. A solemn stop started the 17th of April; Arlington National Cemetery followed by a tour of that Capital and a meeting with Congressman Bost with the day finishing at Ford's Theater. Gettysburg was the biggest attraction of the next day with the Battlefield Tour. As the group headed closer to home they were privileged to see Wright Patterson Air Force Museum and the Flight 93 Visitors Center. What a trip with over 2000 miles traveled and many once-in-a-lifetime sights seen. Thank you, Mr. Becker.

We thank our PTL for planning Teacher and Staff Appreciation the week of May 6-10. We are blessed to have such support from our school PTL and congregation.

The students are looking forward to having the end-of-the-year field trips. Grades four and five attended Weather Bash at Busch Stadium on April 23, grades six and seven have gone to the Fox Theater and Fitz's for lunch in January, grades Kindergarten and one will visit the Zoo on May 3 and grades two and three will visit the Zoo on May 6. Eighth grade will also make a trip to Concordia Seminary on May 13.

As you can tell, we have some very busy weeks ahead. Our students have had some warm and some cold days for track meets. However, the runners are working very hard during their events. They competed in the Okaw Valley Conference Meet on April 3 with the girls' team scoring 74 points and earning a 2nd place finish by one point. The junior meet started great but ended early due to weather but up to that point, we had a team member score points in every event that took place. The season has been fun. We have had three students qualify for Lutheran State on May 18 and 19th; we hope to represent the school well. Congratulations to Mallory Arbeiter who has qualified in the long jump, Emily Farmer who has qualified in discus, and Maya Macbeth who has qualified in hurdles.

Our Sports Awards night will be Wednesday, May 15, at 6:30 p.m. in the old gym. The last day of school for the 2023-2024 school year will be May 14 with an 11:20 a.m. dismissal. Graduation will take place on May 16 at 7 p.m. in the old gym. The faculty will make plans for the upcoming year with meetings on May 15, 16, 21, 22, 23, and 28. Registration/Book Night will take place on Wednesday, July 10, from 4-7 p.m.

This second year as principal quickly is coming to a close. I cannot believe how fast it has gone. The business of the school year really makes time fly. I look forward to the summer as a time of preparation and planning for the 2024-2025 school year. We will welcome one new teacher, Sara Shepherd, as our part-time junior high science teacher. We plan to make some exciting changes which will help educate every child at the highest level and will start the year off with renewed vigor and excitement. *The Lord bless & strengthen you, Justin Palm*

AriSon Concert

Jennie Williamson performed a Christian Lutheran Concert in our school's new gymnasium on the evening of April 28 and again for school children on the morning of the 29th. We were blessed to have her back with us. She is a performer for all ages and shares the greatest message; Christ Crucified. Our students are familiar with her songs, and our teachers love her music as well!



Welcome to Our Family of Faith

April 20 Baptism of Truynn Kay Thien

April 27 Baptism of Mylee Ann McDaniel

We Bid a Fond Farewell

April 8 Removal of Emily Buatte per request

April 8 Removal of Amanda (Hudson) Stapleton and baptized son Keegan Hudson per request

April 8 Removal of Blake Uffelmann who was received into membership at another LCMS congregation

April 8 Transfer out of Nancy Richards to Trinity Lutheran Church in Prairie

April 8 Release of Brian Doty, Kimberly Kueker, Courtney Kueker-Skoworn, Carlynn Rekosh, Wendy Dougherty, Alexandra Sullivan and Paige Sullivan

School Service Project

Kindergarten and First Grade began a service project on April 22. We are helping the Royal Table and Musketeer Market supply their students in need with snacks for the summer. We also will have snacks available for our own families. Families in need may ask in the school office. We are using Thrivent Matching Gift cards to purchase some of the snacks. We also are asking our student families to help with donations or cash.

These snacks are needed: granola bars, fruit snacks, small packages of crackers or cookies, pop tarts, microwave popcorn and boxes of pancake mix. The collection site will be in the school lobby. Please leave any donations there by May 8. Thanks for your help!

A New Bible Study For Moms

Morgan Buch and Kourtney Meier lead a mom-focused Bible Study to connect deeper in our faith as we deal with the ups and downs of motherhood. "Joy: A Study of Philippians" is their first guided topic. They meet on Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please reach out to Morgan or Kourtney so they can get you the link to purchase the book and provide you additional details about this Bible Study group. Morgan - 618-317-8246; Kourtney - 618-792-9686

Junior and Senior Youth

This is open to anyone, any age!!! Junior and Senior Youth Group (and family and friends) will hold an Event/Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 28th at Skate City in Belleville from 6-8 p.m. The skating rink will be closed to the general public, this time slot will be for anyone that you invite to come along! The cost is \$7 admission and \$4 skate rental if needed. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3-\$4 per skater at the door that they can use as fundraising toward the National Youth Gathering! They do have a concession stand that will be open.

Our Senior Youth will have their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 12 at noon. They continue to sell 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.



Junior Youth helpers at the March 30 Easter Egg Hunt

Perfect Sunday School Attendance

Nursery: Nolan Liefer; Pre-Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann and Benjamin Langrehr; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Amelia Langrehr and Liam Langrehr; Fifth Grade: Abby Stellhorn
Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry.

Evening Guild News

On Tuesday, May 21 at 6:00 p.m. we will gather at the 1860 Public House Restaurant in Red Bud for a Dutch Treat dinner and Bible study led by Vickie Heller. PLEASE bring your Bible! Guests and husbands are welcome. Join us for an evening of fellowship.

Our LWML SID Convention is September 13 & 14. Mark your calendar for this event to be held at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School outside of Centralia. A registration form is available at www.sidlwml.org

Quilting: The schedule for May is Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon.

Midweek Bible Classes

Our midweek Bible classes are Wednesday Women who meet at 9:30 a.m.; Wednesday evening's class meets at 7:30 p.m. (Ezra); and Thursday morning's class meets at 7:30 a.m. (Romans). All of these classes meet in the Fellowship Hall. Men's Bible Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on the first and third (4th and 18th) Saturdays in May as we continue to study the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

Men's Club

Since our normal May meeting night is Ascension Day Holy Communion service, St. John's Men's Club next will meet on Thursday, May 2 at 6:30 p.m. in the church garage for our fish fry meal.

SID Student Aid Endowment Fund Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. Okawville

Roland Barkau Memorial Course again hosts our Southern Illinois District's annual golf scramble to benefit students from our district who are studying to become church professionals at one of our Concordia universities or seminaries. \$100 per player golf fee includes green fees and cart, coffee, donuts, lunch, skins game, 1 mulligan & 2 drink tickets. Prizes for low score, skins, closest to the pin (par 3s), and longest drive (men & women).

Registration forms and sponsorship sheets (if you are not able to play) are on the bulletin boards at church. In its 19-year history, this tournament has added over \$160,000 to our district's Student Aid Endowment Fund. Talk to Pastor Nebel for more information as he is on the committee for this event.

Vacation Bible School- Let's Celebrate With Our Savior

<https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL>

Use this link to register your child for VBS. Ages 3 for those who are entering 4th grade in the fall. All information is posted on-line. Also register to volunteer using the same link! Come join the fun and Celebrate the Savior June 17-21, 9-11 a.m. at the school!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. May 4 5 p.m. Amelia Cheek
Sun. May 5 8 a.m. Elle Sutton
10:30 a.m. Austin Stellhorn

Thu. May 9 8:30 a.m. Liam Kilpatrick
Ascension Day 7:00 p.m. Addison Brier

Sat. May 11 5 p.m. Clare Carnahan
Sun. May 12 8 a.m. Easton Ruebusch
10:30 p.m. Aubrey Kiefer

Sat. May 18 5 p.m. Payton Liefer
Sun. May 19 8 a.m. Evan Muench
10:30 a.m. Sophia Zeiger

Sat. May 25 5 p.m. Brayden McCarthy
Sun. May 26 8 a.m. Carson Moll
10:30 a.m. Jozlynn Palm

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

Worship Greeters

Sat. May 4 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. May 5 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Sat., May 11 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 12 8 a.m. Lisa Quinn / Christine Kellerhouse
10:30 p.m. Vernitta Wolter / Cindy Ebers

Sat. May 18 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. May 19 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel

Sat. May 25 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. May 26 8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. June 1 5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. June 2 8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

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!

Ascension Day Holy Communion

We will observe the Ascension of Our Lord with Holy Communion services on Thursday, May 9 at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Vocatio for High School Students: June 22-29

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend *Vocatio: High School* — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! Registration costs \$100 and closes May 24. For more information, email admit@csl.edu, call 1-800-822-9545 or visit the seminary website csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocation-high-school/.

LCMS Foundation

"My congregation won't know what to do with a gift if I leave something from my estate." That is where the conversation turned between two friends having coffee one afternoon. The other responded, "I thought our Church had an endowment fund. Have you considered giving to that?" "I hate to admit it, but I really don't know what it is about. I've heard financial reports at congregational meetings, but it just seemed like numbers. It's my fault, but I have never investigated what that fund does."

This experience is quite common for many of us. Our world is so full of information that we have to decide about what we will consider and when we will consider it. It may be true that we haven't spent much time thinking about charitable gifting from our estates and so we have not paid much attention to something like our congregation's endowment fund, or future ministry fund.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor is trained to assist you in creating a gift plan that blesses the family you love and the ministries you care about. Part of that work for gifting to ministry might be some research, identifying the proper recipient of a gift from your estate. Maybe your questions are similar to what others have already asked. Or maybe the Gift Planning Counselor knows exactly who to ask. For assistance, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information or to start your plan.

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.

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

“More Than a Negative”

Even if you’ve never had to testify in court, a thousand TV shows have made you familiar with the question, “Do you swear to tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth?” Why not just make people swear to tell the truth? Or make them promise not to lie?

Any parent who has ever had to interrogate a child about a broken cookie jar or a scuffle over a toy knows the answer. There are plenty of ways to try to get out of trouble without technically lying. You tell just enough of the truth to skate on by.

We often play the game of seeing how close we can get to sinning without technically going over the line.

But in our heart of hearts we know that this is not what God intended when He gave us the commandments. He’s not giving us a merely negative rule and challenging us to just barely stay away from this or that. There is much more to each commandment than a prohibition. We shouldn’t just avoid murdering people — we should be of service to our neighbor.

For each negative prohibition in the commandments there is a positive good that we are to cherish and protect. In the Eighth Commandment, that gift is the reputation of our neighbor and our relationship with him: *You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor*. What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not tell lies about our neighbor, betray him, slander him, or hurt his reputation, but defend him, speak well of him, and explain everything in the kindest way.

Your relationship with your family members (who are your nearest neighbors), the other members of your congregation, your coworkers and your friends is one of the most precious gifts you have been given. You need to exercise good stewardship with this gift just as much as you need to exercise good stewardship with your life, resources, time and income. This is an especially fragile gift because it’s easy to ruin a relationship with slander and talking behind someone’s back.

But speaking well of your neighbor in Christian love is absolutely free; it costs you nothing, yet it pays you great dividends. If you find this challenging at times, if you are tempted to speak ill of others, just remember that this other person is also a beloved child of God for whom your Lord Jesus suffered and died. Your Lord Jesus loves you both.

We remember those who gave their lives in military service to our country!

Opening For A Head Cook For School & Daycare

After fourteen years of wonderful service from Jill Gross as our head cook, she will move on to new endeavors. We thank her for her dedication over the years. She graciously offers to train her replacement. If you are interested in this position, please contact the school office Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at office@stjohnsredbud.org or 618-282-3873. Applicants must have or be willing to obtain the “Food Manager’s Certificate” from the State of Illinois.

Volunteer Luncheon

Our family of faith is blessed by the service of many volunteers. In appreciation of them, St. John’s staff is hosting a Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon on Tuesday, May 21 at noon. It will be served in the school cafeteria.

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.

Website Bible Studies for Summer Study

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, Popular Proverbial Phrases Inspired by Bible Passages, Purses, The Resurrection in Revelation, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, and Word Dwellers.

Summer Babysitting And Tutoring Offered

Christine Liefer, Mrs. Rebekah Liefer’s daughter, is tutoring the lower grades in Reading, Phonics and other skills over the summer. She also will babysit all ages. Please call Christine at 618-612-5996 or contact Mrs. Liefer at 618-570-4957 if you are interested in either of these services.

May Church and School Calendar

Wednesday, May 1-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Junior Confirmation classes
9:00 a.m. All-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
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 2-

7:00 a.m. Community Prayer Breakfast at Red Bud Hospital
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:30 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the church garage (fish fry)

Friday, May 3- Kdg & First Grade field trip to St. Louis Zoo

Saturday, May 4-

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

SUNDAY, May 5-

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
4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (new)

Monday, May 6-

3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall
8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in the school library

Tuesday, May 7-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
8 a.m. to 4 p.m. District Pastors' Conference at Collinsville

Wednesday, May 8-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 9- The Ascension of Our Lord

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at church
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

Friday, May 10-

Saturday, May 11- Southern Illinois District Track Meet

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, May 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Noon Senior Youth Gathering in their church basement hangout
4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, May 13-

8:15 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. 8th grade field trip to Concordia Seminary

Tuesday, May 14- Last day of school

8:30 a.m. Closing School Service in new gym
11:20 a.m. School dismissal
7:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in school library

Wednesday, May 15-

a.m. School Faculty meeting
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Sports Awards Night in the school's old gym
7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 16-

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

a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

7:00 p.m. 8th Grade Graduation in the school's old gym

Friday, May 17-

Saturday, May 18- Lutheran State Track Meet in Chicago

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

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

SUNDAY, May 19- The Day of Pentecost

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

Monday, May 20-

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

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

Tuesday, May 21-

a.m. School faculty meeting in the school library

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

Noon Volunteer luncheon at school

6 p.m. Evening Guild Dutch Treat Night at 1860 Public House

Wednesday, May 22-

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

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

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 23-

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

a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

Friday, May 24-

Saturday, May 25-

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

SUNDAY, May 26- The Holy Trinity

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, May 27- Memorial Day; Office Closed

Tuesday, May 28-

a.m. School faculty meeting in the school library

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

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

6-8 p.m. Junior/Senior Youth Roller Skating in Belleville

Wednesday, May 29-

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

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

7:30 p.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

Thursday, May 30-

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



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