

The Epistle

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Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Wednesdays at 6:30 p.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 Winkelman, 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

This Daily Devotion was written by Dr. Carol Geisler. It is based on the hymn, "Awake, My Heart, with Gladness," which is number 467 in the *Lutheran Service Book*.

"The world against me rages, its fury I disdain; Though bitter war it wages, its work is all in vain. My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me. Misfortune now is play, and night is bright as day. "Now I will cling forever to Christ, my Savior true; My Lord will leave me never, what'er He passes through. He rends death's iron chain; He breaks through sin and pain; He shatters hell's grim thrall; I follow Him through all."

There are quite a few unpleasant, even frightening words and phrases in this hymn, descriptions familiar to us from news reports or our own experience. We sing about the raging fury of the world, bitter war, misfortune, trouble, sin, pain, and "hell's grim thrall," that is, hell's enslaving power. All of this in a hymn of praise? There is not a lot of Easter joy in those words, yet according to the hymn, something has changed. Those who trust in Jesus respond in a new and surprising way to those terrifying words and circumstances.

What has happened? Jesus Christ has risen from the dead! That world-changing event turns everything around and upside down. The terrifying circumstances described in the hymn remain as a part of our lives. We still know and experience misfortune, trouble, and the fury of the world as it rages against those who follow Jesus, but now we see and experience those things through the hope that is ours because of Jesus' resurrection. We regard the fury of the world with disdain because its rage can never separate us from Jesus' love. In the midst of trouble and misfortune our hearts and minds are filled by peace the world cannot give, peace that depends always and only on Jesus Christ. The enslaving powers of sin, death, and hell have been shattered by the risen Savior. He broke through the pain and death and the crushing burden of our sin that He bore in His body on the cross. As Jesus said, "In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have overcome the world" (John 16:33b). So, what happens now? "I follow Him through all!"

Suffering persecution and imprisonment because he followed Jesus, the apostle Paul wrote, "For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weakness, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:10). The words "I am content" can also be translated as "I am delighted" or "I am pleased." Paul would have understood the faith expressed in the words of this hymn: "My heart from care is free, no trouble troubles me." Jesus promises that He will never leave us. Through all of the bitterness and trouble we must endure, even death itself, we cling by faith to Jesus. We are content. We are pleased. We are delighted to follow Him through it all.

WE PRAY: Jesus, in days of trouble and every day, I will cling to You by faith. Amen.

FROM THE DESK OF REV. MARK WINKELMAN

"FROM HOUSE TO HOUSE"

"I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you in public and from house to house," St. Paul, Acts 20:20

My beloved St. John's members,

It has been my desire, since arriving here in our wonderful Red Bud community (and surrounding areas!) to get to know the members, bring God's Word into your homes, and truly be your *Seelsorger* - soul-healer/pastoral care provider. As your called shepherd, I am not only concerned with the whole flock, but also for each individual sheep. "As God is concerned not only generally but also specifically for the salvation of every individual person, the minister of the Word, as God's co-worker, is obligated to do the same." *Pastoral Theology, C.F.W. Walther*. The called ministers of the Word are to

be watchmen over the church and will be called to give an account to God for every listener. (*Ezekiel 33:7-8, 1 Peter 5:1-4*).

Just as St. Paul stated above in Acts 20:20 that he went about teaching not only publicly but also from house to house, so also I hope to achieve the same - to see you in our public worship services and bring God's Word into your homes. To that end, I have set up a way for the members to set a time for us to visit by using this link: <https://calendly.com/pastormark808/care> You can also call the office as the secretaries have access to my calendar. I will also have a paper copy available at church for those who prefer pen/paper (and yes, I'm fine with that because I'm one of those people - I still keep a physical calendar on my desk that I update regularly!).

I've greatly enjoyed my visits with the members during my first year here at St. John's, but there are many many more members whom I have not visited. My hope is to make contact with everyone, whether in-home, by phone, or virtually for, just as Paul wrote to the church in Thessalonica, *"⁸ being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. ...¹¹ For you know how, like a father with his children,¹² we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory."* ~ *1 Thess. 2:8, 11-12*

The hope and goal is to be your Seelsorger - a doctor for your souls. A spiritual check-up; hearing about your lives, seeing what God is doing in and through you, enables me to care for your soul applying God's precious Word and Sacrament. There is nothing more encouraging as your pastor than to draw closer to you and care for you as God has called me to do. Please do not hesitate to contact me fearing that you are interrupting, my work is not to sit in an office all day but rather to care for the members of St. John's. I keep my schedule updated so that I can care for my children and I set times that I'm available to meet so that I also have time at home. However, if you cannot find a time on my calendar that works in your schedule, contact me and I am sure we can find 15 minutes to meet.

May our Lord continue to bless our work together here in Southern Illinois proclaiming His excellencies to the coming generation as we walk together through this wilderness eagerly awaiting the appearance of our Lord.

FROM THE DESK OF REV. BRIAN NOWAK

Greetings in the name of our Lord & Savior, Jesus Christ,

First, I would like to congratulate all of those who graduated this year. Well done! I pray that God continues

to work in your lives as you step out into the future. May God continue to lead and guide you in all your future endeavors.

Second, as we have reached June, I would like to remind everyone that we are now in the season of Pentecost. This is the longest of the liturgical seasons. The color for the season of Pentecost is green. The color green symbolizes a time of spiritual life and growth.

Third, why not use this season for what it is intended for and seek to grow spiritually? There are plenty of ways one can grow spiritually. One way to grow spiritually is through prayer. Do not think that you have to have all the right words when you pray to God.

Because prayer, if you have never been told, can simply be having an open conversation with God.

Now you certainly can go the route of using organized or structured prayers. Now, structured or organized prayers can certainly help keep us focused. However, what really matters is that you are having a one-on-one conversation with your Lord and Savior. Prayer is not something to be looked at as something we do occasionally. Prayer is not something we do only when we find ourselves in trouble or in need. No, prayer is something all of us, as Christians, should be engaged in consistently.

In Luther's Small Catechism with explanation, the second commandment reads, "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God." Luther's explanation of the commandment states, "We should fear and love God so that we do not curse, swear, use satanic arts, lie, or

deceive by His name, but call upon it in every trouble, pray, praise, and give thanks." The Lord our God wants to have a relationship with us. This means not only during the bad times but also during the good times. He wants us to pray to Him always.

In the Bible, we read that Jesus often took time to step away and pray. We also should take time to pray. We should take time out daily to pray. Pray for family and friends, those going through trials and tribulations, and those who have asked you to pray for them. Yet, that is not it. You can give thanks and praise to God for the blessings he has bestowed upon you. Blessings such as family, food, shelter, life, etc. There is always something that you can be praying for.

As we begin the season of Pentecost, I would like to challenge you to start praying daily. If it helps, set an alarm on your phone as a reminder to pray. Pray for everything that is on your mind and give thanks to the Lord our God for the miraculous things He has done and continues to do for us. Whatever it takes, remember to pray to Him daily. God's Blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak

From Your Director of Christian Education



Mark your calendars for June 15-19 as plans are being made for our week of VBS under the theme, *Tropical Trek: Jesus Comes to Seek and Save*.

With school letting out, it would seem there will be more time for families to spend together. Don't forget as you travel away this summer to include the worship of our triune God in your plans. Using the LCMS locator link <https://locator.lcms.org/church> you can incorporate worship into your travels. When you are at home remember we offer 6:30 p.m. Wednesday 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 a.m. & 10:30 a.m. Sunday services year-round. Joshua 24:15b "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord."

Blessings on the beginning of your summer,
DCE Bill Becker

From the LCMS Foundation

Ralph and Greg were discussing Ralph's recent Christian estate plan that he completed. Ralph said, "The Lord has blessed me and my family throughout our lives with great love and enough financial resources that our needs have always been met. In my estate plan, Jan and I are going to be able to pass along gifts that will enable our children to help their children. But in addition, we are going to give a \$100,000 gift to the scholarship fund at Church so that kids can get scholarships to go to our Lutheran School." Greg responded, "I am so happy for you guys, Ralph. I love that you have that gift to Church included in your plan as well. It makes me want to speak with Sally about doing something like that in our plan. Have you told pastor about this?" "No way. I don't want anyone to know about this plan." "Well, you told me," Greg said. "I am thankful you told me. It's moving me to rejoice with you. It's moving me to do something just like it. Would you reconsider talking with Pastor?"

Having discussions with ministry leaders is never about recognition or bragging. Hiding our financials from everyone else only matters if we think these things belong to us, and not to the Lord. There may be legitimate reasons not to share information with the ministry ahead of time. But many times, the advantages will outweigh

the negatives. To help facilitate conversation with ministry leaders, your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfn.org.

A Musical Moment

Happy Summer! The 2025-2026 School Year has officially ended and Summer Break has begun! Things will slow down here at St. John's to allow time for much needed relaxation, recreation, and refreshment. I hope that everyone gets an opportunity to engage in these activities!

With regular Adult Choir and Bell Choir ending in May, Summer Singers and Summer Ringers take over during the summer months. Listen for them to both "sing out" and "ring out" in our worship services once a month in June, July, and August! Summer Singers will sing on the following Sundays: June 14th @ 8:00 AM, July 12th @ 10:30 AM, and August 2nd @ 8:00 AM. Anyone who enjoys singing is welcomed and encouraged to participate! We meet half an hour before the service begins to rehearse the music, which is simple and easy to sing. More information will come out as the dates get closer! Summer Ringers will be scheduled on an "as many ringers are available" basis.

Vacation Bible School is the week of June 15th-19th and I will once again be leading the music and teaching the songs this year! Also, I plan to walk in the Firemen's Picnic Parade with the St. John's float on Sunday, June 28th. I hope to continue to see you all at weekend worship services, VBS, and parade this upcoming month!

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Principal's Pen

Another school year has come to a close, and it could not have happened without all the people who make St. John's a great Church and School. First and foremost, the staff who go above and beyond to work to best serve the students and families who attend St. John's Lutheran School. The volunteers were amazing and helped us man the front desk, keep the library going, serve the students lunch, and do so much more that I do not have a chance to mention it all. A final thank you to the Board of Parish Education and Church Council, who have been encouraging and helpful in some very difficult decisions. I especially want to thank the two ladies who keep me on the straight and narrow when I have too much to do.

The Athletic Awards night was held on May 19. Please watch the North County News for all the special awards.

The track season continued at the Lutheran State Meet. We were blessed to have twelve students represent

our school. There were six young ladies in the group Payton Liefer (Shotput), Elle Sutton (Hurdles, 200, 4x100, & 4x200), Aubrey Kiefer (Long Jump, 100, 4x100, & 4x200), Amelia Cheek (High Jump, Long Jump, 100, & 4x100), Roxy Markotay (4x100 & 4x200), and Alexa Cheek (4x100 & 4x200). Six young men also ventured up to Chicagoland to represent SJL; Evan Muench (Long Jump, 100, 200, & 4x100), Lucas Summers (High Jump, 200, 4x100, & 4x200), Lane Cowell (Shotput, 400, 4x100, & 4x400), Kellen Herriman (Hurdles, 4x200, 4x400), Cooper Wingerter (4x200 & 4x400), Loxton Sutton (4x100, 4x200, and 4x400). Two individuals reached the podium at LSA; Lucas Summers with a high jump of 5 feet 1.25 inches to earn a sixth-place finish, and Amelia Cheek with a long jump of 16 feet 0.25 inches, which secured her a second-place finish at LSA.



The last day of school was May 18, with a closing chapel service, awards, and a short time for games before receiving their report cards.

Fourth quarter awards are as follows:

Kindergarten: *Perfect School* - Cohen Eggemeyer, Theo Koerber, Nolan Liefer, Rose Sachtleben, Hailey Schlueter, *Perfect Church* - Kylie Barrett, Kolton Florreich, Evie Guebert, Lily Guebert, Nolan Liefer, *Perfect Sunday School* - Evie Guebert, Lily Guebert, Nolan Liefer. **1st Grade:** *Perfect School* - Bennett Buch, Witten Cheek, Demi Grohmann, Colton Gulley, Benjamin Langrehr, Karlyn Meier, Eliza Schrader, Case Uffelmann, *Perfect Church* - Colton Gulley, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader, *Perfect Sunday School* - Colton Gulley, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader. **2nd Grade:** *Perfect School* - Bently Valentine, *Perfect Church* -

Bently Valentine, *Perfect Sunday School* - Bently Valentine. **3rd Grade:** *Perfect School* - Jettson Grohmann, Elaina Heck, Lane Kern, Luke Pollard, Piper Runger, Emma Schlueter, *Perfect Church* - Elaina Heck, Kayli Reinhardt, Hayden Schlimme, *Perfect Sunday School* - Elaina Heck, Kayli Reinhardt. **4th Grade:** *Perfect School* - Ella Herriman, Nora Langrehr, Kolton Liefer, Elaina Uffelmann, *Highest Honor Roll* - Kolton Liefer, Elaina Uffelmann, *High Honor Roll* - Blakelynn Grohmann, Nora Langrehr, Hayden Mounts, Kayden Sicka, Ellie Stellhorn, Lynleigh Wingerter, *Honor Roll* - Ella Herriman, Evelyn Williams. **5th Grade:** *Perfect School* - Maggie Kuehn, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Nolan Liefer, Jack Valentine, Tripp Wagner, Brinley Wolter, Sadie Stellhorn, Sophia Voss, *Perfect Church* - Elsie Liefer, Jack Valentine, Gavin Williams, *Perfect Sunday School* - Claire Sachtleben, Jack Valentine, *Highest Honor Roll* - Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Layla Meyer, Avery Moll, Sam Schumacher, Liza Wagner, Brinley Wolter, *High Honor Roll* - Claire Sachtleben, Tripp Wagner, McKinley Florreich, Maggie Kuehn, Nolan Liefer, Sadie Stellhorn, Emry Voss, Sophia Voss, Caden Wegener, *Honor Roll* - Hailey Nichols. **6th Grade:** *Not available at time of print.* **7th Grade:** *Perfect School* - Ella Birch, Amelia Cheek, Maybre Falkenhain, Aiden Kiefer, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Presley Liefer, Lauren Mehring, Brody Rahn, Abby Stellhorn, Holden Wagner, *Perfect Church* - Cooper Wingerter, *Highest Honor Roll* - Maverick Cowell, Grant Florreich, Holden Wagner, *High Honor Roll* - Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Kenadee Crafton, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Roxy Markotay, Lauren Mehring, Brody Rahn, Grayden Schloemann, Abby Stellhorn, *Honor Roll* - Alexa Cheek, Maybre Falkenhain. **8th Grade:** *Perfect School* - Addison Breier, Lane Cowell, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm, Blaine Rohlfling, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Lucas Summers, Elle Sutton, Max Voss. *Highest Honor Roll* - Blaine Rohlfling, *High Honor Roll* - Colton Albert, Sutton Jones, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm, Henry Sachtleben, Max Voss, Sophia Zeiger, *Honor Roll* - Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Lane Cowell, Aubrey Kiefer, Easton Ruebusch, Austin Stellhorn, Elle Sutton.

Graduation was held on May 14. The valedictorian for this year was Blaine Rohlfling. Max Voss was the Salutatorian. Colton Albert received the Scholar-Athlete Award, and Jozlynn Palm the Citizenship Award. The President's Education Award was presented to Blaine Rohlfling, Max Voss, Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Sutton Jones, Sophia Zieger, Austin Stellhorn, and Jozlynn Palm.

Parents having their last child graduate from St. John's Lutheran school were recognized for parental years of service were: Matt & Brooke Cowell - 2 Years of Parental Support, Ron Breier & Kim Ellis - 5 Years of Parental Support, Jordan & Beth Kilpatrick - 5 Years of Parental Support, Brandon Rohlfling & Meghan Rohlfling - 5 Years of Parental Support, Christ and Jackie Summers - 5 Years of Parental Support, Blake and Nicole Bumann - 14 Years of Parental Support, Kyle Herriman & Ashley Herriman - 14 Years of Parental Support, Mark & Trisha Ruebusch - 14 Years of Parental Support, Kevin Zieger & Kelly Mounts - 15 Years of Parental Support, Brad & Tracie Jones - 16 Years of Parental Support, Ryan & Breanne Muench - 16 Years of Parental Support, Alan & Traci Proctor - 18 Years of Parental Support, and Greg & Natalie Guebert - 23 Years of Parental Support. We thank these parents for all they have done for our school.

We are ending our year, as always, by preparing for the 2026-2027 school year. The staff will be working hard to map our reading curriculum so we can make the best decisions about our students' education. The floors will be waxed and shining for the new year. The perpetual plaques will be updated, the track school records will be updated, and new regional and state banners will be hung in the gym. Finally, we look forward to welcoming Ms. Reagan Birkner to the St. John's Staff as our new kindergarten teacher. May you all have a blessed and safe start to your summer; this school would not be possible without you. God's blessings to you, Mr. Justin Palm

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

What Do You Want? Originally published June 2023

One of the best-known and most-beloved psalms is Psalm 23, the "Shepherd Psalm." There we learn that the Lord is our Shepherd. And since He is our Shepherd, we will not want. We will not suffer want because the Lord, our Shepherd, will lead us to green pastures and beside still waters. In other words, the Lord, our Shepherd, will provide for all that we need in both body and soul.

Yet, we live as though this is not the case. We live as though we actually suffer from want, that the Lord, our Shepherd, will not provide for all that we need. And thus, we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd. And that means that we live as though we are not the Lord's sheep.

When do we live as though the Lord is not our Shepherd? When we put anything else before Him and His provision for us. When we think that going to work is more important than receiving His gifts in church on Sunday (in violation of the First and Third Commandments). When we fail to give generously of the first fruits of what the Lord has provided for us because we don't know what the future will bring (even though He has promised that He will lead us to green pastures and still waters).

We live as though we are not the Lord's sheep when we think that the Lord is only in the business of helping those who will help themselves. We act this way because our minds are set on earthly, temporal things and not on heavenly, eternal things. We act this way because we have stopped hearing the call of our Shepherd, which comes through His Word.

Through the Word of God, the Shepherd calls us to Himself. Through the Word, the Holy Spirit gathers and enlightens us with His gifts. Through the Word, we are kept holy and nourished in the one true faith, the faith that follows our Shepherd wherever He leads us. He promises to lead us to our true home, to the land flowing with milk and honey, to a better country, not of this world, but a heavenly one.

And so, here's the Good News: the Lord is your Shepherd, even and especially for wayward sheep. For Jesus seeks and saves those who are lost. He finds the lost sheep and carries them back to the fold. He is the Shepherd who lays down His life for His sheep. The Lord is your Shepherd. Let us live as His sheep.

Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study will continue through the summer starting on Wednesday, June 3, 2026. We will be studying Donna Snow's "Our Hope and Future". A study of Jeremiah 29:11-12. For more information and study material contact Chris Doerr 618-343-5329 or chrisdoerr9@gmail.com.



June Servers

Flowers: Cindy Ebers & Nola Vallett
Paraments: Irma Birkner Cloths: Breanne Mench

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.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

5/1/2026 – Death of Mary Gross
5/1/2026 – Death of Wil Guebert

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

5/23/2026 – Baptism of Callahan Roy Stellhorn

Anna's Group

Anna's Group is a group of widows from St. John's and Trinity, Prairie congregations. We meet on the third Thursday of the month. Our next gathering is on June 18. We are going to Kimmswick, MO for lunch and then possibly browse through some of their unique stores. For more information on this outing or about our group please contact Vickie Heller @ 618-521-7417. All widows are invited to join us.

Senior Youth

No event is scheduled for June. Watch for information about July.

Junior Youth

June 20th 12-7 at Fort Kaskaskia. We will be providing and running kids' games for the Randolph County 250 Celebration. I'm planning on having 2-hour shifts and I'll have a sign up as it gets closer.



Evening Guild News

Evening Guild does not meet in June, July, or August. We will be planning for the 2026-2027 year, and would love program suggestions.

'Lutheran Women in Mission' Southern Illinois District **Convention** is September 11 – 12 at Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville. Saturday keynote speaker: Deaconess Rosie Adle, author. Friday night speaker: Rev Paul Ernewein to share his ministry, *Forged by Fire*. Register now for the convention, deadline is July 1st. Go to www.sidlwml.org for more information and download the form.

The mite market is a great way to raise mites. Anyone who wishes to bring something to 'sell' may do so, provided all monies earned go to the new Mite goal. Friday, Sept. 11 set up at 5 p.m. or Saturday, Sept. 12 from 7-8 a.m.

Quilting schedule for June is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

Looking for Young Woman Representatives (YWR) from St. John's congregation, ages 22 – 35, to assist in the LWML SID Convention on September 11-12, 2026, at Metro East Lutheran High School. Please help with our search, or, if you are interested in being a YWR, please text Sharon at 618-660-7803 with any questions.



Mrs. Schmitz's Thank You

I would like to express my gratitude for the wonderful retirement party I experienced on Sunday, May 3. Thank you to the committee that planned it. The meal, decorations and program made the day so special for me. I appreciate everyone who was able to attend. Thank you to everyone for the words of congratulations, cards, and gifts. The Lord has blessed me by allowing me to teach His children here at St. John's for 32 years. I praise and thank Him. My cup overflows. *Mrs. Schmitz*

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. June 6	5 p.m. Grant Florreich
Sun. June 7	8 a.m. Jackson Carnahan 10:30 a.m. Maybre Falkenhain
Sat. June 13	5 p.m. Maverick Cowell
Sun. June 14	8 a.m. Aubrey Kiefer 10:30 a.m. Austin Stellhorn
Sat. June 20	5 p.m. Sophia Zeiger
Sun. June 21	8 a.m. Evan Muench 10:30 a.m. Kaydence Proctor
Sat. June 27	5 p.m. Aubrey Valleroy
Sun. June 28	8 a.m. Addison Breier 10:30 a.m. Kelly Pollard

If you're **unable** to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte scheduled **and** contact our office with the changes. Thank you!

Worship Greeters

Sat. June 6	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. June 7	8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr 10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Sat. June 13	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. June 14	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Sat. June 20	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. June 21	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron & Donna Burgdorf
Sat. June 27	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. June 28	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert

A Farewell from the Koen's

“Dear St. John’s Family: The LORD called us to serve Him at St. John’s Red Bud in 2001. We moved here with our family of four teenage boys. Our youngest was confirmed at St. Johns in 2002. Three of our sons graduated from Red Bud High School. Two of our sons were married at St. Johns. Our five grandchildren were baptized here as well as our great niece and nephew. God has also blessed us with five step-grandchildren. God has greatly blessed our family here in Red Bud. God has also greatly blessed us through His ministry to the members of St. Johns. He blessed us through the loving, caring members, and people who will live in our hearts forever.

At this time, as most of you already know, we are preparing to move to Arnold MO. In this new adventure for us God will provide us with new and different ways to serve Him. This move is bittersweet; leaving the first home we ever owned – our granddaughter’s childhood home and leaving friends and relationships that have grown during my eighteen and a half years of ministry here at St. Johns. These twenty-five years of living here in Red Bud have gone by quickly.

God has blessed St. Johns with a Biblically sound, faithful Pastor in Reverend Mark Winkelman.

We pray you continue to support and take care of this faithful servant of God.

We thank God for you; your friendship, your support, your faithfulness to God. We will continue to keep you in our hearts and prayers.

God’s continued blessings! Pastor and Lauri Koen”



Congratulations All Graduates

St. John’s Lutheran Elementary School

Colton Albert, Addison Breier, Landon Bumann, Amelia Cheek, Lane Cowell, Kellen Herriman, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Evan Muench, Jozlynn Palm, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Lucas Summers, Ellesandria Sutton, Max Voss, Athena Wolfmeier, and Sophia Zeiger

Red Bud Elementary School

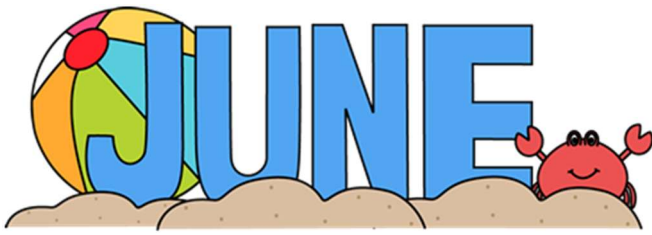
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Red Bud High School

Ava Clifford, Jack Crafton, Grayson Herriman, Noah Kassing, Austin Kiefer, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Kadin Liefer, Lillian Nowak, Addyson Piel, Lucas Quintin, Kerrigan Zeiger

College/University Graduates

Avery Piel – Butler University: B.Sc. in Chemistry and
Purdue University: B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering
Alyssa Cowell – SIU- Edwardsville: B.Sc. in History,
and Secondary Social Science Education
Benjamin DeRousse – SIU- Edwardsville: B.Sc.
Madison Falkenhain – S.W.I.C.: AAS in Radiology
Addison Liefer – Washington University:
B.Sc. in Biomedical Engineering
Katherine Schneider – SIU- Edwardsville:
B.Sc. in Mechanical Engineering and
a minor in Mathematical Studies
Parker Van Dorn – SIU-Edwardsville: B.Sc. in History
Adrienne Vallett – B.Sc. in Animal Science
specializing in production and a minor in
Military Science and Leadership



Church and School Calendar

Monday, June 1- Pastor Mark on Vacation
 7:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting
Tuesday, June 2- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off
Happy Birthday, Pastor Mark!
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 3-
 9:00 a.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, June 4-
Friday, June 5- Pastor Mark Winkelman returns to office
Saturday, June 6-
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 7
 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
Monday, June 8-
Tuesday, June 9- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 10-
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service
Thursday, June 11-
 4:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education Meeting
Friday, June 12
Saturday, June 13
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Sunday, June 14-
 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 12:00 p.m. Sonshine Meeting in Fellowship Hall
Monday, June 15-
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School at School
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library

Tuesday, June 16- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School at School
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 17-
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School at School
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Thursday, June 18-
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School at School
Friday, June 19- Epistle Articles Due!!
 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School at School
 11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Closing in Old gym
Saturday, June 20-
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Sunday, June 21- Happy Father's Day!
 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service
Monday, June 22
Tuesday, June 23- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, June 24-
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service
Thursday, June 25- Mr. Becker on Vacation
Friday, June 26-
Saturday, June 27-
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Sunday, June 28-
 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Monday, June 29-
Tuesday, June 30- Pastor Mark Winkelman day off
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in the Fellowship Hall

