

The Epistle

SEPTEMBER 2026

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.

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

Based on "Real Riches," a sermon by Rev. Dr. Kenneth Klaus, former Speaker for **The Lutheran Hour**

And He [Jesus] said to them, "Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one's life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions." (Luke 12:15)

Our text today comes from Jesus' "Parable of the Rich, Young Man," sometimes known as the "Parable of the Rich Fool." The Savior's response above is prompted by a question regarding the division of an inheritance. To this Jesus says beware of greed. Life is not all about the stuff we own.

These are timely words for today, aren't they? We live in a world of mind-boggling affluence, where dollar signs are attached to everything, where those who have in abundance, have vast sums at their disposal: wealth in the many billions of dollars. But to be clear, we live in a world that has always had a love affair with money.

But it's not money that's the problem; it's not wealth that's the culprit in so many people's lives. Rather it's one's attitude toward it, one's drive to acquire and possess it, putting it first before all things, including one's relationship with God.

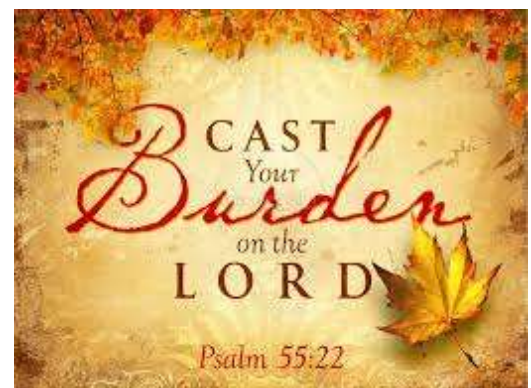
Money, my friends, is not the root of all evil. Scripture says it's the *love* of money, the love of stuff, the love of anything which displaces God—which overshadows the Savior, which overpowers His grace, which overrides His life-giving intentions for you—that is the root, trunk, branches, and leaves of all evil. After Jesus, the apostle Paul knew this, too. He says in 1 Timothy 6:10: "For the love of money is the root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs."

But thanks be to God, the Holy Spirit is calling us away from the sinful folly of following money, stuff, or anything that says it can substitute and supersede the Savior, leaving God with our paltry leftovers. Today the Holy Spirit encourages you to look—look at Bethlehem's lowly manger, look at Calvary's bloody cross, and the Savior's empty grave. It's this God-given faith that turns the tables on the faulty perspective that the world has everything we need. Philippians 4:19 says, "And my God will supply every need of yours according to His riches in the glory in Christ Jesus."

And how true this is! And how empowering it is to know that in this world where things like money can drive us to greed and despair, there is One who is our true and everlasting wealth. "What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things?" (Romans 8:31-32)

Behold and believe in God's Son—God's Son who took your place under the Law so that you might have a place in heaven. Trust Him who resisted Satan's temptations so that you might be given forgiveness and redemption, who died so you might live, who lives so you might never die. By the Holy Spirit's power, may you be given faith in Jesus Christ, God's great Gift, your gracious Redeemer.

WE PRAY: Heavenly Father, by Your Holy Spirit remind us where our true riches lie, in the arms of Jesus, our Lord and Savior. In His Name we pray. Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF REV. MARK WINKELMAN

“Go and make disciples” ~Jesus

What a joy the last 2 months have been in worship, not saying the others have not been joyful but we have brought 10 people into God’s Kingdom through the waters of Holy Baptism! Plus we confirmed 2 of them in the faith and welcomed them to join us at the Lord’s Table. It has been a joy to have a baptism nearly every single week; and even as we fill up the Baptism banner, we also have adults included in receiving that precious gift. On top of baptisms and confirmations we have transfers and visitors joining us on a regular basis.

I am also grateful for the work of the Elders in overseeing our membership, working to reach those who have fallen away. My goal is not to trim the membership (though that happens after attempted contact) but rather I desire to work towards faithful membership, to see our average weekly attendance increase. Right now we have a rough average of 25-30% of our membership in worship on a given week. My hope is to bring that average up significantly.

This is where I ask for your help. Just as our Sunday School is wonderfully encouraging our children to bring a friend (Woohoo!!), I’m encouraging our adults to both bring a friend AND reach out to a member whom you could encourage to return to worship. Jesus was not merely suggesting that it would be nice if we could maybe find some time in our busy lives to also go and make disciples, no - this was a command.

God did not give His church a mission -

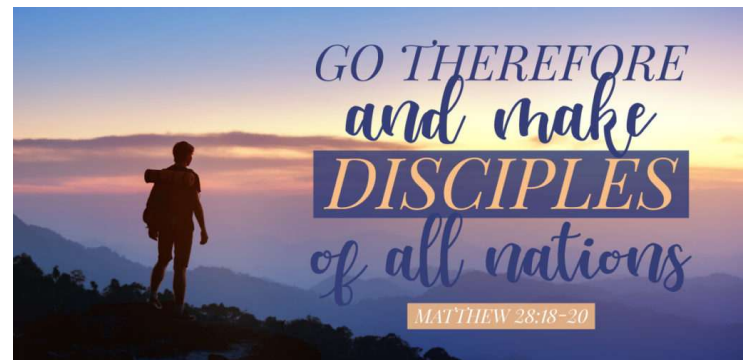
God gave His mission a church.

Read that again. God gave us a mission. Then, in order to strengthen us, prepare us, unite us in that mission, He gave us a church. Our gathering together in obedience to the 3rd commandment (“Remember the Sabbath Day by keeping it holy”) is God blessing us with His gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation so that we would be prepared for the mission. These are gifts that God desires to give to everyone and He desires to make those gifts known chiefly through us. This is why He said, “Go and make disciples” instead of “Go and be the church.” This is our work on earth, not to make a great life here and enjoy it to the fullest, but to make disciples as we look expectantly and joyfully to the life that awaits us because of the work Christ did for us.

The Greek word in the verse quoted up top is not simply “Go” but rather it has the meaning of “As you are going.” We don’t stop our life in order to then go and make disciples, rather as we are going about our lives we are in the work of making disciples. As we raise our children, work, be active in our community,

etc...wherever life takes us, we are on mission. We represent Jesus to the world, that’s why we are called “Christians” because it means “little Christs.” Sometimes that means clearly and plainly telling someone about Jesus, other times it means loving them as Jesus loves them. One member joined here because of a friend who is a member, that friend said, ‘I didn’t do much other than talk about the Bible study and tell them how much we like it there.’

Yes, it’s that simple - tell them how much you like church. Talk about what you heard, did, experienced. Share your church life with your co-workers, friends, neighbors. The Spirit will be at work and we will continue rejoicing in God growing His church. So - Go, make disciples by sharing your joy in Christ with the world. And may our Lord bless our efforts to the glory of His name and the increase of His Kingdom! Amen.



FROM THE DESK OF REV. BRIAN NOWAK

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

By the time you receive the September Newsletter, many students, teachers, etc. will have returned to school. This means the 2026-2027 school year has begun. Of course, this can be a stressful time for the teachers and students. This is because new lesson plans need to be created and new routines established. I pray that the Lord would provide all with some peace in this time of transition.

Last month I wrote about the new routines many of us will be undergoing with the start of the new school year. I mentioned how we can use this time of learning new routines to our advantage. As we learn the new routines that encompass our school day, we can also use this time to create or enhance our current routines. Routines like spending time in daily prayer and the reading of God’s Word. I pray that you have found time to be in God’s Word and to pray daily. This is an important part of our lives as Christians. Whatever you do, keep pushing forward, don’t be discouraged, and by all means, DON’T GIVE UP!!!

We know all too well that giving in or giving up is often the easiest route. However, stick to your new routine or the starting of a new routine. Choose the tougher route, although it is often a scarier ride up that mountain. Stay focused on keeping up with your new routine. Accept the fact that there will always be triumphs and setbacks in life. Ultimately, keep your eyes focused on Christ and use the triumphs as motivation to keep moving forward.

Yes, new routines can be scary at times, but DON'T GIVE UP!!! Pray to God for help starting and keeping your new routines. Seek help from friends, coworkers, etc. Don't be afraid to ask your Pastor(s) for support or advice. Whether you realize it or not, they are here to help you in whatever way possible. So, feel free to give your Pastor(s) a call, send them a quick email, or even stop by the office and let them know how things are going. Successes or failures.

The new routines that you have started of praying to God, of being in God's Word, and of attending Church more often how are they going? DON'T GIVE UP!!! Seek the guidance of those whom God has placed in your life. Starting or continuing new routines can be challenging, but they can also be helpful for your personal and spiritual growth. So, keep pushing forward and DON'T GIVE UP!!!

Whether you are starting or continuing these new routines, I ask that you keep all students, teachers, etc. in your prayers. Pray that they make a smooth and easy transition to their new routines. Pray for their health and safety during this new school year. Pray that everyone has an enjoyable and successful school year. Most importantly, let us give thanks our Lord and Savior,

Jesus Christ, and all the selfless sacrifice He endured for every one of us who believe and trust in Him. To God be all the Glory and Honor forever and ever. AMEN.

God's Blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak

From Your Director of Christian Education

Blessed month of September! My favorite season of the year begins this month! I love the beauty of God's creation especially on a cool, crisp autumn morning! Joel 2:23: "Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for He has given you the autumn rains because he is faithful. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before."

The school year is off and running. The first weeks are finishing up and I am looking forward to seeing what the rest of the school year has in store. Events planned for this month include Sept. 5 United for Life at the square for both Jr. & Sr. Youth Group members, Sept. 13; a Senior Youth meeting will be held in the church basement

at noon. All high school aged students are welcome to attend! The Junior Youth event is planned for Friday, Sept. 25 at Eckert's in Millstadt. The Men's Club will have their annual BBQ meeting on the 3rd. The Grandparent/Special Guest Day is being planned for Friday, Sept. 25.

The 4th Grade class and I will be leading Chapel on Wednesday, Sept. 16th at the church weather permitting.

Please let me know the addresses of those young adults who are enrolled in college for this school year. We will send them a little package from their home church and youth group! These are for students who are members, graduates, or even friends of St. John's Lutheran.

The Sunday school teachers will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Monday, Sept. 28 in the school's library for our monthly meeting.

God's richest blessings in the month ahead!

DCE Bill Becker



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For our students' safety, please wait until school traffic clears the parking lot before parking. (3:30)

Thank you for your support!

LCMS Stewardship Ministry

Stewardship in the First Commandment
 Originally published in September 2023

The greatest gift that Martin Luther gave to us was his Small Catechism. The word "enchiridion" is part of the original title of this work. This is the Greek word for "handbook." The Small Catechism is a handbook of the Bible. All the basic knowledge that a Christian needs to understand the faith and live a godly life has been taken from the Bible and distilled into this beautiful little book of Christian piety.

Luther starts with the Ten Commandments. The First Commandment: You shall have no other gods. What does this mean? We should fear, love, and trust in God above all things. (SC I) We have a God above us. He is the Lord God and we are not. He is Almighty and in control. He is righteous and good. And therefore, we should fear Him. This God is also our heavenly Father. He wants us to be saved. He does not want us to suffer His just wrath. He has provided salvation for us in His Son, Jesus Christ. And therefore, we should love Him.

Our heavenly Father will never leave us nor forsake us. He has promised as much — and the Bible shows us that He always keeps His promises. So, we should trust Him.

In the Large Catechism, Luther explains how money and possessions form one of the greatest temptations against the First Commandment: This I must unfold somewhat more plainly, that it may be understood and perceived by ordinary examples of the contrary. Many a one thinks that he has God and everything in abundance when he has money and possessions; he trusts in them and boasts of them with such firmness and assurance as to care for no one. Lo, such a man also has a god, Mammon by name, i.e., money and possessions, on which he sets all his heart, and which is also the most common idol on earth. He who has money and possessions feels secure, and is joyful and undismayed as though he were sitting in the midst of Paradise. On the other hand, he who has none doubts and is despondent, as though he knew of no God. For very few are to be found who are of good cheer, and who neither mourn nor complain if they have not Mammon. This [care and desire for money] sticks and clings to our nature, even to the grave. (LC I 5–9)

These words of Dr. Luther should call us to repentance; sometimes, we live and act like we don't have a Father in heaven. We seek our comfort and peace outside of His gracious promises. But we do have a Father in heaven. He does love us. All His promises are true. And the Lord will surely provide. If that is our belief, then our outward lives will reflect this belief in our acts of generosity and mercy. We will see money and possessions not as gods but rather as tools for doing God's work.

From the LCMS Foundation

Jerry said to his friend Paul, "I just came from the doctor. I don't like conversations at the doctor's office. I get so tongue tied. I forget about what I wanted to ask the doctor. I'm trying to think about what certain words mean and before I know it, I'm being ushered out of the office without talking about everything I needed to discuss."

Paul replied, "I know what you are talking about. It's the same reason that I have not been getting my estate plan updated. When I get around legal people, I hear words like codicils, per stirpes and in vivo. I get so stressed about keeping it all straight that I put it all off for another year."

Legal terms and carefully crafted documents all have very important purposes in our estate plans. Sometimes, the difference between a contested estate and non-contested estate may come down to the proper use of these words. In truth, that may be stressful for you. That's why it is important to start talking about your goals, thinking and praying, before facing that stress head on. That is where working collaboratively with an LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Your counselor is a fellow believer who wants to stand alongside you, to assist and encourage you in expressing your wishes clearly. Once that is achieved, the counselor will assist in sharing that with your attorney, so you can be confident that all your desires are known. In the process, you can gain a new friend, sharing life in Jesus. To get started, contact Scott Radden @ 618-977-4049 or scott.radden@lfnd.org.

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A Musical Moment

Welcome to September! School is in full swing and schedules are quickly filling up. There's lots of musical activity happening this month here at St. John's Lutheran Church and School!

September marks the beginning of the new Choir and Bell seasons! Listen for both of them to "sing out" and "ring out" from now until May!

Choir will begin weekly practices on Monday, September 14th. We practice at 7:00 PM in the school music room. Choir sings an average of two worship services per month with two anthems each. We usually sing at the 8:00 AM service but on Sunday, November 1st (Reformation/All Saints' Day), we will sing at the 10:30 AM service instead. Choir will also sing at the Christmas Day 9:00 AM service which falls on a Friday this year. New members are always welcome and encouraged to come sing with us!! Practices usually run around 50 minutes to an hour.

Bell Choir will begin their season on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:00 PM with a bell polishing night. The following week, Thursday, September 10th, they'll start weekly practices. Bell Choir also plays an average of two worship services per month, and they get all three weekend services to pick from depending on the members' schedules. I'm looking forward to starting up both Choir and Bells this season!

On Sunday, Sept. 10th, Grades 3-8 will be singing "Blest Are They" in the 8:00 AM worship service at church. The next Sunday, Sept. 20th, Grades K-2 will be singing "Go Into the World" in the 10:30 AM worship service. Look for sign-up links coming soon in the weekly Cougar Tracks and the school's Facebook page!

The K-8 students are hard at work rehearsing these songs as well as Patriotic songs they will present during the Grandparent/Special Guest Day program on Friday, Sept. 25th! Since it's the 250th birthday of the United States of America, the theme will be Patriotic this year. More information about that special day will be coming out soon! *Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*



Principal's Pen

School is off to a good start as we get ready to enter the third week already! Time flies when you are having fun! It is great to be back in our routine, with classes in full swing, chapel on Wednesdays for 3rd-8th grade at 8:30 am, and on Friday at 8:30 am for daycare to 2nd grade.

FastDirect is no longer our school information system, and we are working to get Sycamore fully up and running. Please know we only had six days of notice to complete the transition from one school information system to another. Sycamore, our new system, usually suggests sixty days for transitions. Therefore, we set benchmarks for the school year, and through the hard work of Sara and myself, we have hit our targets thus far. We had attendance and lunch counts up the very first day and have been improving them as we see need. Shortly into the school year, we set up a training for the staff to help with grade input. We have since been learning from one another and our mistakes and working to improve our grade input. We are currently finalizing financial items which had to be moved over manually one family at a time. Sara has logged countless hours on these tasks. Sycamore is now ready to accept ACH and credit card payments; there is a fee for each of these options. You may still pay the school directly via ACH, check, or cash with no fee. Thank you for your patience, and we are looking forward to having the new system all set up, but we still need some time.

WELCOME NEW STUDENTS: We are so excited to welcome ALL students back to SJL for the 2026-2027 school year! We extend an extra special welcome to the following NEW students: 1st Grade - Charlie Kipping, 2nd Grade - Griffin Baird, Cayden McCoy, 4th Grade - Preslie Kipping, 6th Grade - Elly Baird, Grayson McCoy, 8th Grade - Greyson Kipping, Sophia McCoy.

We welcome new families into our school along with all returning students. We have always recognized our Preschool and Kindergarten students but also welcome eight new students. The list of students is as follows: Three-Year-old Preschool- Cooper Conway, Brynlee Gramenz, Crew Grohmann, Brooklyn Heck, Colton Heller, Rose Hess, Austin Kempf, Brooks Liefer, Ellie Liefer, Lily Liefer, Leighton McCarthy, Kennedy Moll, Katie Pollard, Owen Rinehart, Marleigh Seemann Four-Year-old Preschool- Emerson Burmester, August Guebert, Alexandria Kempfer, Jack Kunkel, Dallin Liefer, Sylvie Mastrantuono, Lilith Meade, June Russell, Jacob Schrader, Micah Snyder, Finn Voss, Olive Westcott. Three/Four Preschool - Case Durbin, Jameson Nehrt, Connor Pope, Olivia Prange, Peyton Salger. Kindergarten - Mackenzie Beyer, Avery Buch, Cooper Buch, Brynlee Durbin, Charlotte Evancich, Logan Gramenz, Cash Grohmann, Myla Hess, Kullen Liefer, Leeam McDaniel, Henry Roy, Mason Salger, Attlee Thien, Sophia Uffelmann. 1st Grade- Charlie Kipping. 2nd Grade - Griffin Baird, Cayden McCoy. 4th Grade- Preslie Kipping. 6th Grade- Elly Baird, Grayson McCoy.

8th Grade - Greyson Kipping, Sophia McCoy. The breakdown by grade is as follows: PreK 3-15, PreK 4-13, PreK 3/4-5 K-14, 1st -18, 2nd - 14, 3rd - 6, 4th -16, 5th - 12, 6th - 24, 7th - 12, and 8th -21. Our enrollment for PreK-8th is 170, and K-8 is 137. Our Daycare has 122 more students that are not included in our Preschool number, so we have a total of 292 students hearing the good news of Jesus Christ on a daily basis! We give thanks for all of our children and pray for God's blessings to be upon them throughout our year.

Before school even started, the staff was able to join together in fellowship during our August meetings and especially on August 6, for the Day of Spiritual Renewal celebrated at Metro East Lutheran High School. All of the Lutheran School workers in one place for worship and fellowship is amazing. We were able to successfully prepare for the early start by being strengthened at this event.



On August 9, the congregation of St. John's Lutheran recognized workers for years of service to St. John's Lutheran Church and School and years of service to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod. The following people were given a certificate and gift certificate from the congregation presented by staff affairs elder, Kirk Liefer: Hailey Guebert and Kaitlin Schmitz - 5 years of service to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Sara Shepherd and Will Krick - 5 years of Service to St. John's Lutheran School, Brian Nowak - 5 years of to St. John's Lutheran Church, Melissa Schilling - 10 years of service to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Nicole Kadlec - 15 years of service to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Doreen Schnepel - 20 years of service to St. John's Lutheran School, Brian Nowak - 5 years of service to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod, Amanda Ruhmann, Heather Nowak, Doreen Schnepel, and Justin Palm - 20 years of service to the Lutheran Church Missouri Synod.

Looking ahead we have a busy month with Softball, Baseball and Cross Country. The teachers will attend the Lutheran Elementary School Association workshop on September 4, at Christ Memorial Church and Peace Lutheran Church. We will not have school on September 7 in observance of Labor Day. Our first Parent Teacher

League meeting is on Sept. 10 at 7 p.m. Our sixth-grade class will enjoy "Outdoor Education" at Camp Wartburg on September 21 and 22nd. The eighth-grade class will be visiting Career Center of Southern Illinois for a Technical Career Day on Friday, September 18.

Our school will be hosting our fall festival, Christmas Services, and many more activities. Our teachers have already been working hard to ensure that Grandparents Day will be wonderful and we look forward to having many volunteers in our school during the day and at events. Our "Parent Teacher League" (PTL), which allows so many opportunities for our students and staff, is looking for volunteers, if you have any interest in volunteering, please contact the school office at 618-282-3873.

A big thank you to our Board of Trustees and all the volunteers who helped complete projects at school this summer. The waxing of the entire building was a big undertaking. As well as the cleaning out and preparing of the before and after school care room by Mrs. Courtney Schoenbeck and her husband Cody. The painting of the school doors by Justin Palm. The help with the flower beds by Mr. Chad Buch. We are thankful to all the workers who have given of their time to see the jobs through to completion.

Staffing for our school looks different this year as Mr. Becker will teach 4th grade religion, help prepare us for NLSA and continue with the Epistle. Ms. Reagan Birkner joins St. John's as our kindergarten teacher; joining Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Liefer in the youngest grades. She has already proved to be a great asset to our school, and we are very blessed to have her at St. John's.

2026-2027 School Faculty & Staff

Preschool: Heather Nowak

Kindergarten: Reagan Birkner

First Grade: Rachel Miller

Second Grade: Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade: Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade: Monica Snyder

Fifth Grade: Amanda Ruhmann

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Sixth Grade Homeroom: Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom: Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben

Jr High Science: Sara Shepherd

Athletic Director: Scott Voss

Cooks: Catrena Heck and Marilyn Oettle

Before/After School Care: Courtney Schoenbeck

School Custodians: Wil Krick, Bob Schramm, Christian Stechmesser, and Cheryl Fehr



Daycare

Director: Amanda Falkenhain

Assistant Director: Kellie Shields

Kaitlyn Brown, Mycah Clements, Ava Clifford,
Christy Deterding, Brittney Eichholz, Diane Everding,
Angel Figueroa, Hailey Guebert, Zandra Harless,
Pam Henry, Dakota Hohgreffe, Molly Huether,
Betty Jones, Nicole Kadlec, Kristi Martel, Tori Muench,
Olivia Noethen, Melissa Schilling, Danielle Schmitz,
Kaitlin Schmitz, Courtney Schoenbeck, Tess Simpson,
Cailee Strong, Brooke Supancic, Madison Trask,
Emma Trost, Deanna Ward, and Amy Williams

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Zone 8: J/D Schrader – B/C Turner: Michael Schnepel (618-363-9575)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann – A. Zeller: Tyson Russell (618-612-6227)

September Servers

Flowers: Kathy Rowold

Paraments: Ella Hemmer Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

8/16/2026 – Baptism of Jade Katherine Tudor

8/23/2026 – Baptism of Lyla Grace Fadler

8/30/2026 – Baptism of Dylan Rose Durbin

Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Women's Bible Study will meet on Tuesday and Wednesday at 9:30am in the fellowship hall. If interested in attending and want to know more contact Chris Doerr at 618-343-5329 or chrisdoerr9@gmail.com.

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.*

Prayer of the Church

Military: Army- Zachary Beyer, Casey Vallett, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; **Navy-** Carl Muehler, Abbey Vallett; **Air Force-** Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; **Marines-** Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure; **National Guard:** Jeremiah Brandt; **U.S. Coast Guard:** Brock Earl

Emergency Personnel: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Kaleb Barriger, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Chad Buch, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; **Police-** Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan

Pray for Our Family of Faith at:

Addington Place-Sparta: Kathryn Chunn; **Oak Hill-Waterloo:** Jean Menke, Martha Rohlfing, Elroy Stellhorn, Jody Winkelmann; **Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo:** June Lawrence; **Cedarhurst Memory Care:** Carolyn Stellhorn **Freeburg Care Center:** Dorothy Byers, Margaret Hanebutt. **Benedictine at The Shrine:** David Blankenship

Pray for Our Family of Faith at Garden Place:

Columbia: Pat Byer, Earl (Wayne) Ellner; **Red Bud:** Elaine Guebert, Alice Hick, Omer & Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Lorna Schneider, Esther Williams

Pray for Our Family of Faith Confined in Home:

Don & Betty Fausz, Ruth Hecht, Nancy Holmstrom, LuAnn & Rick Liefer, Pearl Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Wanda Steele, Trudy Woolbright.

Senior Youth

We are invited to participate in a "United for Life" event at the square on September 5. We'll meet at Country Kitchen at 9 a.m. for breakfast (provided for us) and then meet at the square. The event runs from 10-12.

Our next Meeting will be on September 13 at noon.

Junior Youth

We are invited to participate in a "United for Life" event at the square on September 5. We'll meet at Country Kitchen at 9 a.m. for breakfast (provided for us) and then meet at the square. The event runs from 10-12.

We are also planning an outing on Sept. 25 to Eckert's Millstadt Farm.

Men's Club

The Men's Club will gather on Thursday, September 3rd at 6:30pm. We will meet at the fellowship hall due to the predicted high heat. The evening will begin with a BBQ meal.

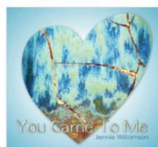
Evening Guild News

Tuesday, September 15 at 6:00 p.m. - Hostesses: Peggy Hanebutt, Linda Guebert, and Tina Heinemann. We welcome everyone to join us for a salad potluck. Bring your favorite dish. Come to hear our guest speaker: Jennie Williamson

LWML SID District Convention: Sept 11 – registration at 6:30 p.m. and Sept 12 - Opening Service at 8:30 a.m.- Metro East Lutheran High School, Edwardsville, IL.

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

Lutheran Women in Mission of St John's invite you to a Salad Potluck Supper



Tuesday, September 15, 2026

6:00 pm

The Evening Guild invites you to hear our
Special Guest

Jennie Williamson

The Fields of Zephaniah
The Saxon Lutheran Memorial
Frohna, MO

St John's Lutheran Church
Fellowship Hall
508 E Bloom St
Red Bud, IL



Annual Golf Tournament

Our 34th annual golf tournament will be held on **Saturday, September 19th** at North County Country Club. See flyer below for details and/or to register your team. All proceeds benefit our school athletic fund.



34th Annual St. John's Lutheran School Golf Tournament

September 19, 2026 9am Shotgun Start

4-Person Scramble

Entry Fee: \$320/team

Includes Golf & Cart, and Meal following the tournament
Flighted Cash Prizes & Optional Skin Game

All proceeds will benefit

St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund

North County Country Club, Red Bud, IL

Please contact Andrew Stellhorn for questions or to enter your team.
Email andrew@wfdesignz.com or text 618-334-3182.
Please make checks payable to St. John's Lutheran School

Player 1: _____ ** Hole Sponsor Opportunity, \$75
Player 2: _____
Player 3: _____
Player 4: _____

Acolyte Schedule

The acolyte schedule has gone digital! Use this link to access the SignUpGenuis: <https://tinyurl.com/2zm52s62>

*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. Sept. 5	5 p.m. Volunteers Needed
Sun. Sept. 6	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn
	10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert
Sat. Sept. 12	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Sept. 13	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer
	10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Sept. 19	5 p.m. Volunteers Needed
Sun. Sept. 20	8 a.m. Linda Guebert & Christine Doerr
	10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Sept. 26	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Sept. 27	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke
	10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers

Volunteers for Worship Greeters

We need a couple or two individuals to serve as greeters on the 1st and/or the 3rd Saturday services, starting on **September 5th**. The only requirements, expectations, and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church. If interested in either one of those two options or both, please contact the office.



Church and School Calendar

Tuesday, September 1- *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
 4:15 p.m. BB/SB @ Coulterville (SB B-team only)
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 2-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
 8:30 a.m. All School Chapel service
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 1:35 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
 3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion

Thursday, September 3-

Cross Country @ RBL (Lincoln Park)
 4:15 p.m. BB @ PDR (B-team)
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
 6:30 p.m. Men's Club BBQ in Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 4- *No School*

LESA Professional Development

Saturday, September 5-

Cross Country @ Pickneyville
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, September 6-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, September 7- *No School*

Office Closed-Labor Day Observed



7:00 p.m. Trustee Meeting

Tuesday, September 8- *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
 4:15 p.m. BB/SB vs Steeleville
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 9-

Cross Country @ Sparta Fairgrounds
 7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
 8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 1:35 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
 3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
 5:30 p.m. Board for Parish Education
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion

Thursday, September 10-

5:30 p.m. BB @ Holy childhood
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting

Friday, September 11-11:20 a.m. Dismissal

No lunch Served & No Afterschool Care

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel
 12:45 p.m. Faculty Meeting

Saturday, September 12

BB@RBC B-team tournament
 SB A Tournament @ RBC
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, September 13-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, September 14-

4:14 p.m. BB/SB vs Valmeyer
 7:00 p.m. Elder's Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice begins

Tuesday, September 15- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

Cross Country Meet @ St. James Millstadt
 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 4:15 BB/SB @ RBES
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 6:30 p.m. Bible Recap Class in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, September 16-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
 8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Chapel
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 1:35 p.m. Office Staff Meeting
 3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion

Thursday, September 17-

4:00 p.m. Class of 2028 Yard Sale Begins
 4:15 p.m. BB/SB @ RBES B-team
 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, September 18-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, September 19-

34th Annual Golf Tournament
 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion



Church and School Calendar

Sunday, September 20-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Monday, September 21-

6th Grade @ Camp Wartburg
 7:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting in Library
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, September 22- *Pastor Mark Winkelman day off*

6th Grade returns from Camp Wartburg
 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, September 23-

7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
 8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 1:35 p.m. Staff meeting
 3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
 4:00 p.m. Worship Committee
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service

Thursday, September 24-

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice

Friday, September 25- *Epistle articles are due!!*

Grandparent/Special Guest Day

1:00 p.m. Grandparent's Day

Saturday, September 26-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, September 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
 9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School
 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, September 28-

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers Meeting
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir practice

Tuesday, September 29- *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

Wednesday, September 30-

Cross Country OVC @ Randolph County Lake
 7:00 a.m. Public School Confirmation
 8:30 a.m. 3rd-8th Grade Chapel
 9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in Fellowship Hall
 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall
 1:35 p.m. Staff meeting
 3:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation
 6:30 p.m. Divine Service with Communion