

## **This Week With Our Lord, April 17-24, 2016**

When activities are in the Fellowship Hall, the sanctuary is open for prayer and meditation.

### **SUNDAY, April 17-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
- 2:00 p.m. Pastor Nebel has devotional service at Red Bud Care Center

### **Monday, April 18-**

- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

### **Tuesday, April 19-** *NLSA Visitation Team here in the evening*

- 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. District Pastors' Conference at Camp Wartburg
- 7:10 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### **Wednesday, April 20-** *NLSA Visitation Team here*

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel led by Mrs. Valleroy 1<sup>st</sup> Grade
- 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (Romans)
- 10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 11:15 a.m. Junior OVC Track meet at Sparta
- 2:00 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation classes
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Exodus)

### **Thursday, April 21-** *NLSA Visitation Team here*

- 6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezra)

### **Friday, April 22-** *County Track Meet at Chester High School*

- 5:00 p.m. Snyder-Nehrt wedding rehearsal

### **Saturday, April 23-**

- 8:00 a.m. Work Day on the school playground
- 2:00 p.m. Jessica Snyder-Brandon Nehrt wedding
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Katie Schneider  
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

### **SUNDAY, April 24-** *PTL Plant Sale (am) in the school parking lot*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Taylor Pensoneau  
Greeters: Ken & Joan Ruwald; Lois Mesnarich & Roger Hanebutt
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Wyatt Cowell  
Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Jesus' miracles were signs of God breaking into a sinful world, but the religious leaders saw it as a threat to their kingdoms. Listen to "Confidence for Life" (John 10:22-30) with the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Greg Seltz, on KFYO AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

### **FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 so that the committee can be notified and proper thanks can be given to those who have made a donation.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 788 Communion: 219; Adult/Youth Bible Classes: 54; Sunday School: 61  
**WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:**

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 4/10- General Fund: \$10,954.60; School: \$475; Debt: \$15. "Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need." (Malachi 3:10)

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:**

**John 10:27** "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." On their own sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice – and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out: let us follow Him! *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

### **SUNDAY ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:** (9:30 to 10:15 a.m.)

"What About Those Other Books? The Apocrypha"--Pastor Nebel's class meets in the Fellowship Hall. "Paul's Letter to the Galatians" is the class led by Pastor Koen that meets in the school library.

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON:**

"The Good Samaritan"--This familiar story from Jesus highlights our calling to help those around us who are in need. Families may discuss "Who is our neighbor?" and "How can we share God's love with our neighbor?"

### **EPISTLES:**

The April edition of our congregation's newsletter, The Epistle, is in the baskets in the entryway. It is also posted on our website and has been sent by e-mail to those addresses Pastor Nebel has.

### **BIBLE CLASSES THIS MONTH IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL:**

Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Romans (led by Julie Fehr)  
Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. The Book of Exodus (led by Pastor Nebel)  
Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.: The Book of Ezra (led by Pastor Nebel)  
Thursdays at 9:15 a.m.: Women's Bible Study (led by Jennifer Fritsche)  
1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 a.m.: Men's Bible Breakfast on Romans (led by Pastor Nebel)

### **AN EASTER GIFT FOR US:**

"God's richest blessings to you all and prayers for a joyful Easter! The loving generosity of your church family has emblazoned yourselves in Allison and my hearts. You caringly and thoughtfully accepted us into your hearts and supported us in your prayers. Please know that we love and appreciate you all. Your impact on our lives will be life-long. You are a blessing to us. We believe your family of faith to be a wonderful example of our calling to be Christ to one another. Thank you for all of your kindness." *Bennett & Allison Franzen* (former seminary fieldworker). They have supplied us with an Easter magnet that you may pick up in the baskets in the entryway. High School youth who attend Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall will get an extra gift. Sunday School children are receiving special stickers.

**VOTERS' ASSEMBLY MEETING:**

Our quarterly Voters' Assembly meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 27, at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All voting members and others interested in the business of our family of faith are encouraged to attend!

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

An Adult Instruction Class is forming. This 12-week course will study the basics of Christian doctrine as taught in the Lutheran Church. It would lead to the Rite of Confirmation and confirmed membership at St. John's for those not currently members. It would be a good review of the catechism for those whose instruction was years ago. Please contact Pastor Nebel if you or someone you know might be interested so that we can begin this class after Easter.

**PTL PLANT SALE:**

The PTL will hold its Plant Sale in the school parking lot next Sunday morning.

**PTL RUMMAGE SALE:**

The PTL Rummage Sale is coming up on Friday, April 29th (4-7 p.m.) and Saturday April 30th (8-11 a.m.). Please begin gathering your items. You may begin dropping off the items in the old gym beginning Monday, April 25th. Volunteers needed for sorting throughout the week, working during the sale, and for clean up after the sale on Saturday. ALL HELP IS APPRECIATED!! Contact Becky Liefer or Jamie Korando if you have questions.

**PTL DINNER AUCTION UPDATE:**

Thank you to everyone who attended, contributed to and/or worked on the recent PTL Dinner Auction in Hecker. Over 325 tickets were sold. Over 80 items were auctioned orally and hundreds of items were bid on silently. Over \$95,000 was earned by this event which our PTL will use to provide items and support projects in our day school.

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS:**

We rejoice in God's blessings to us! We thank all those who have made gifts to the Capital Campaign. We have received 3.16 million dollars in funding. Please continue to fulfill the pledge that you made! We expect to receive about \$400,000 more in pledged offerings during this year. If you were waiting to see whether this would really happen before making a gift, if you can add to the pledge you made or if you have joined our family of faith after the Capital Campaign began, this is the time we could use your support to cover our final costs. Blue envelopes are available in the entryway for your gift. Thank you!

**FREE EYE SCREENING:**

The Red Bud Lions Club will hold a free eye screening for diabetic retinopathy on Thursday, April 21, from 9 a.m. to noon in a mobile unit parked in the City Hall parking lot. This screening may also determine if participants have a problem associated with macular degeneration. No appointment is necessary.

**HELP WANTED/POSITION AVAILABLE:**

St. John's Lutheran Daycare is seeking an energetic individual to tend to housekeeping duties at the center. This is a part time position that requires approximately 5 hours per day at the center. Interested individuals may call Amanda at 282-3873 ext. 224 or email [amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org) Page 3

**SENIOR YOUTH CLOTHING DRIVE:**

Our Senior Youth group is having a clothing drive to support a local group called "Love Abby". This group is currently collecting many items for various donating opportunities. For instance, purses and female hygiene products to give to homeless women; blankets to give to kids in children's hospitals; non-perishable food for food pantries; and duffle bags / clothing for foster kids. Right now, they are in need of "teen" clothing until the end of April. A box will be set up in the Fellowship Hall for donations. Any sizes for kids 12-19, male/female, any season, any style. Thanks!

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

4/16—Terri Dilley, Chase Jackson, Cali Hoffman; 4/17—Roy Wirth, Carol Turner, Christine Deien, Claire Diewald, Cassidy Palm; 4/18—Neva Liefer, Margaret Hanebutt, Griffin Ziebold, Lucas Stellhorn; 4/19—Danette Kaesburg, Erin Krick, Breanna Cowell, Issac Moll; 4/20—Karen Wetzel, Chloe Cowell, Josef Biffar; 4/21—Curtis Hartmann, Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4/22—Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker; 4/23—Sydney Schweizer, Allyson Fruth, Lindsey Fruth, Kellen Herriman; 4/24—Jill Hanebutt, Randy Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alex Sievers, Asthon Liefer. *We are sorry for mistakes. Call the office for a correction!*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD CARE CENTER:**

Virginia Bahr, Nina Guebert, and Clifford Stellhorn

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:**

Magnolia Terrace--Waterloo: Doris Koch; Reflections--Columbia: Eunice Stumpf; Three Springs—Chester: Dorothy Heinemeyer; Oak Hill—Waterloo: Esther Renner

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Leona Dannenbrink, Leroy Guebert, Leoma Heller, Farreol Koester, Nina Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Clyde Renner, Bill and Alice Smith, Earline Stamm, Wilma Stellhorn, Wilma Uffelmann, and Jody Winkelmann

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:**

Rich and Twila Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Arlou Hartmann, Dorothy Heizer, Bernardine Kruse, H. Edward and Melba Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Edna Voss and Wilma Wagner

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Lisa Kloeppe is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Lisa at 282-2426. Please call the church office if you would like 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).

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

Tune in this Thursday through Saturday for fun and fellowship during KFUO's annual fundraiser, Sharathon. Partner with us as we "Embrace the Future." Help us celebrate the ministry and join with Worldwide KFUO's Gospel outreach during Sharathon 2016!, April 21-23. Find it at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org). Page 4

### **THANK YOU FROM LIFE NETWORK:**

“On behalf of everyone at Life Network of Southern Illinois, I would like to express our gratitude for your participation in our Baby Bottle project. Your financial contribution of \$929.96 will help provide services to young families in our area working together to protect the lives of the unborn.” *Debbie Geist, Executive Director* (gifts received since this letter was written may have pushed St. John’s contribution to over \$1000!).

### **ISSUES, ETC.:**

You can listen to teachings for laypeople on subjects like: Pope Francis' Encyclical on Marriage & Divorce, The Enlightenment & the Death of Humanity, Jesus the Good Shepherd, Martin Luther's Antinomian Theses and more. Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

### **“ALL-YOU-CAN-EAT” BBQ:**

St. Peter’s UCC in Red Bud is having an “All-you-can-eat” BBQ on Sunday, April 17, beginning at 11 a.m. The dinner will be served buffet style. The menu includes ribs, pork steaks, smoked pork roast, chicken, German and American potato salad, baked beans, coleslaw, sweet and sour salad, corn on the cob, rolls, desserts and drinks. Carryouts will be available. There will also be a Country Store to purchase home baked goods, jams and jellies.

### **ODDWALK MINISTRIES:**

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Prairie du Rocher is holding a free concert featuring Shannon Cerneka & Orin Johnson of Oddwalk Ministries this Sunday, April 17, 6-8 p.m., hosted by its youth ministry. Donations will be accepted.

### **WOMEN’S MINI-RETREAT:**

“Fulfilling Grace” is the theme for the 5th annual Women’s Mini-Retreat hosted by the women of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo. This refreshing and renewing morning will be held on Saturday, April 23 from 9-11 a.m. Our theme verse will be John 1:16. Our guest speaker will be Rosie Adle (one of the speakers at this year's Women's Day of Renewal). Call [618-939-6480](tel:618-939-6480) if you have any questions or to reserve your spot. Walk-ins will be welcome, too!

### **HIGHER THINGS JUNIOR YOUTH RETREAT “Real Life”:**

This retreat will address what Jesus has to do with your everyday life. Rev. Bruce Keseman will lead a study of the Second Article of the Apostles’ Creed. The date is April 29-30. The place is Good Shepherd Lutheran in Collinsville. The cost is \$35. Register at [www.higherthings.org/retreats/registration](http://www.higherthings.org/retreats/registration). Contact Zachary Stegman (618/344-3153, ext. 124) or Patrick Sturdivant (888/482-6630) if you have questions.

### **CHICKEN DINNER AT WARTBURG:**

The annual Chicken Dinner (All you can eat) is Sunday, May 1 from 11:30 AM – 2:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church, 5765 Maeystown Road, (south of Waterloo). Chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans and corn, cole slaw, beverage and dessert is on the menu. Carry-outs will be available. There will be a Country Store and Bake Sale.

### **SHARE IN THE MIRACLE UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL DINNER:**

The students and staff of our Southern Illinois District mission, Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School, invite everyone to attend one of our spring “Share In The Miracle” fundraising dinners. There is no cost to attend; however, reservations are required. After dinner, guests will be blessed to hear our students perform, as well as updates from parents and Principal Rev. Aaron Dickerson. At the end of the program, there is an opportunity to make a donation to our Golden Eagle Scholarship Fund. All families attending Unity receive financial aid to some degree. Your attendance and generous support make it possible for children in East St. Louis to be blessed by a Christian education. Our local dinner is Sunday, May 1, 12:30 p.m. at the World Shooting Complex in Sparta. You are welcome to bring as many guests as you like. Perhaps you know someone who is mission-minded and has never heard of Unity. This is a great way to introduce someone to this special ministry. To make reservations, please contact Mr. Bill Becker, or Mr. Paul Miller, Development Director, at [618.874.6605](tel:618.874.6605) or [pmiller@unityesl.org](mailto:pmiller@unityesl.org)

### **CONCERTS AT PEACE:**

Concerts At Peace will present organist and composer Dr. John A. Behnke in a Hymn Festival on Sunday, May 1 at 3:00 pm at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis. Dr. Behnke will be assisted by the Chancel Choir, Alleluia Ringers, Brass Choir and Orchestra of Peace. Dr. Behnke is Emeritus Professor of Music at Concordia University in Mequon, Wisconsin where he taught organ and directed The Alleluia Ringers, Concordia's touring handbell choir for 29 years. He is the Organist and Choir Director at historic Trinity Evangelical Lutheran Church in downtown Milwaukee.

### **PARISH NURSE NOTE:**

Don’t get caught up in the “When’s the best time to exercise?” dilemma. Research shows that your body will adjust to whatever time of day works best for you to exercise.

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

[618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300)

[www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org)

**Thank you for attending our first ever Donkey Basketball Game!** The COS Ag Club is thankful for your support.

**We are looking forward to a full gym for our 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Dinner Auction.** We have many beautiful, useful and awesome items again this year. The silent auction will start at 4 p.m. with the first silent auction tables closing at 5:50. Dinner will be served at 6 p.m. The live auction will start after 7 p.m. Pictures of some auction items can be seen on our website and on the COS Facebook page.

**Watch the Soldiers in action:** The COS track team will be participating at the Chester track meet on April 19 at 4:00.

Area Seventh Graders are invited to attend the **7<sup>th</sup> Grade Leadership Day at COS** on May 5 from 9 a.m.-1 p.m. This day is intended for students interested in attending *Christ Our Savior* and/or students who would benefit from leadership training. Students who do not currently attend a Lutheran grade school should RSVP directly to COS by Friday, April 22. Lunch will be provided.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**



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Pastor Mark Nebel 618-237-5802 or home 282-3050  
Pastor Russell Koen 618-282-1958

Principal - Deitt Schneider 618-806-3049 or home: 824-6335  
Director of Parish Music – Miss Lindsey Pfanstiel 340-6055  
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Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann  
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Mr. John Christman, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele  
Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz and Aid – Shawn DeRousse  
First Grade – Rachel Miller and Stephanie Valleroy  
Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer  
Third Grade – Lauri Koen and Cindy Nebel  
Fourth Grade and Librarian– Bill Becker  
Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher  
Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel  
Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) - Michelle Hines  
Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm  
Custodians – Loren Harms and Alan Ohms; Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Brook Cowell, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Joyce McDaniel, Chelsea Wegener, Kristi Martel, Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Rebeka Nagel, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Lori Moses, Danyelle Gargac, Heidi Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Rebecca Rhodes

Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner  
Secretary: Becky Biffar Treasurer: Kirk Liefer  
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Board of Finance: Cindy Steele  
Lutheran High School Board: Bill Becker and Christina Gidley

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen; Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel  
Organist and Choir Director: Miss Lindsey Pfanstiel  
(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Hailey Guebert  
(8 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn  
Acolyte: Dominick Liefer  
(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jackie Aubuchon; Ron and Donna Burgdorf  
Acolyte: Logan Cowell

Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Cindy Steele  
Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: Olivia Schmitz

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**  
**Red Bud, Illinois**

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter 2016*

WELCOME to St. John's Lutheran Church! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE: During the offering, please sign the black Friendship register at the end of the pew. We ask our guests to please fill out the red side of the card marked "Guests" in the attendance book and give it to an usher. We invite you to worship with us again very soon.

HEARING AND VISION ASSISTANCE: See an usher if you would like to check out a hearing assistance device during our worship service. You can sit anywhere you wish while wearing this device. You can adjust the volume as you desire. Please return it to an usher after worship. Large Print copies of the complete worship service and bulletin notes are available from an usher.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

SCHOOL: St. John's Lutheran School provides a quality Christ-centered education for our congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer classes from pre-school through eighth grade. Our school building is located two blocks south of the church. For information about our school and enrollment please call our principal, Mrs. Deitt Schneider, at the office (282-3873).

DAY CARE: St. John's provides a quality Christian-based day care. The curriculum includes an emphasis on Christian instruction with the full intent of following Dr. Martin Luther's ideal of leading a child to grow in spirit, mind and body. Full and part-time care is available for children ages six weeks to six years. Before- and after-school child care also is offered.

Worship is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m.  
Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes are Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

### **CHURCH LIBRARY:**

Take a look at “The Book Nook,” our church library in the corner of the Fellowship Hall. Many books recently have been added. There are titles under the categories of Biography, Fiction, Non-fiction, Devotional, Self-Help, Bible, Bible commentaries and Theology. Cozy chairs are available for your comfort.

### **TUITION ASSISTANCE FOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

The Estate Fund Committee invites St. John’s members who are attending Lutheran high schools to apply for tuition assistance. Please contact the church office to pick up an application form.

### **MISSING TABLES:**

On occasion, members borrow tables from school. We are missing ten of them. If you have them, please return so that they will be available for congregational events and to lend to other members when they need them. Thank you!

### **YOUR HELP IS NEEDED:**

Many people have been served in the 160 years of our congregation’s ministry. If you are willing to help record that history and genealogy and upgrade our system, please contact Julie in the church office at 282-2394. Thank you!

### **FROM YOUR BOARD OF ELDERS:**

The Nehemiah Project provides planned activities periodically that match the skills and abilities of members of St. John’s with opportunities to serve God and to help people. This is a project of the Board of Elders as the stewardship of time and talents. A time and talents survey is on the table in the entryway so that you can offer your skills and abilities to this worthwhile project. Please return your completed form to the box in the entryway. Thank you! For information, contact Gary Buatte (282-6233 or [gary12139@gmail.com](mailto:gary12139@gmail.com)).

### **NEW MUSIC FROM LILYFIELDS:**

There is a new musical CD from Lilyfields, the company of St. John’s member Joan Voges. “Katie Luther—The Play” written by St. John’s member Dr. Paul Schrieber, features the historic account of Martin Luther told through the eyes of his wife. In music, song and narration, this first person account of the events that led to the Reformation will entertain and teach about the man who changed the path of the modern church. The \$15 cost will be donated to and matched for St. John’s debt reduction. Please see Joan Voges to get one for yourself and one to give to others.

+Our Mission Offering this year is an international one. We will assist a group visiting South Africa next June to build a house. This will include St. John’s member Mary Nebel who writes, “I will be traveling with twenty-three others to our Lutheran partner church in Ntshongweni Village, South Africa. The twenty-three team members come from nine different Lutheran congregations across Missouri and Illinois. Our team will be joining the local church to build a home for a family in need, run a Vacation Bible School program, help the church’s crèche (preschool), and other service work in the community.”

### **HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS:**

When thinking about college, consider one of the schools of our Concordia University System. The latest “Viewbook” for 2015-16 summarizing what these schools have to offer is in the booklet rack of the church entryway.

### **GOODSEARCH:**

Go to [www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com) and sign up to use Goodsearch for the benefit of St. John’s Lutheran School. Every time you use it as your computer search engine we get one cent!

### **NOTE ABOUT LAND LINE:**

If you have given up your land line phone to use a cell phone only, please call the church office with that number so that your pastors are able to contact you.

### **ELDER ZONES FOR 2016:** (Chairman, David Guebert)

Zone 1: Deborah Adams to Rodie Collins: Elder David Reinhardt

Zone 2: Susan Conboy to Dennis/Kathy Grohmann: Elder Scot Heller

Zone 3: Randy/Deb Grohmann to Roger/Kim Herriman: Elder Alan Piel

Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick: Elder Mike DeRousse

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes: Elder David Guebert

Zone 6: Pat Malik to Harry/Dorothy Peters: Elder Jeremy Walker

Zone 7: Lindsey Pfanstiel to Don Schrader: Elder Gerald Hanebutt

Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner: Elder John Tepe

Zone 9: Steve Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner: Elder Gary Buatte

### **DONOR TILE WALL:**

The Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the new gym is installed. Now that you have seen the result, you can add to it. Order forms are in the school office. A tile with lettering will be made for a gift to the Capital Campaign of \$350 or more.

### **WALKING THE IN THE NEW GYM:**

St. John’s members are invited to use our new gym for your morning walk during these cold months. It will be open from 7:45 to 9 a.m. every day that school is in session. You will sign in at the school office and wear a visitor badge. Please bring a clean and dry pair of walking shoes to wear in the gym.