

The Epistle

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St. John's Lutheran Red Bud, Illinois

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Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Hour:

Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

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Rev. Russell Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

Miss Lindsey Pfanstiel, Director of Parish
Music

For Your Devotions

The Importance of Patterns

*See that you make them according to the pattern shown
you on the mountain. Exodus 25:40*

We focus on individual incidents, but the God of the big picture focuses on patterns. He determined twenty-four hours in each day, seven days in each week, four seasons in each year, two people in each marriage, etc. Birth is followed by infancy, childhood, youth, adulthood, old age. Imagine how different your life would be without these patterns! God created us to need patterned lives. Patterns provide predictability, and predictability provides comfort, control and security. Simply knowing that Saturday follows Wednesday helps you get through an exhausting work week. Many of our relational issues would be resolved if we paid more attention to our negative patterns and concentrated on establishing positive ones.

Does this conversation sound familiar? The husband asks, 'Why do you always bring things up just when I'm falling asleep? Can't you find a better time?' The wife returns fire, 'There's never a better time to get your attention!' The use of words like 'always' and 'never' only intensifies the problem. Until you

understand and change your patterns, you'll forever be attempting to put out relational fires. Establishing a simple pattern of spending an hour or two together each week (date night?) assures your wife of a set time to be heard, and your husband an opportunity to listen when he's alert and responsive.

Patterns are God's idea. The predictability and promise they bring help defuse reactive emotions and establish an environment where you both feel loved and valued!

Prayer

Heavenly Father, thank You for the patterns that You have set up and help me to use them in the relationships in my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen

A Few Minutes for Meditation;

A Few Moments for Memorization

Buried in the middle of the Old Testament is a great passage describing King David's preparations for the building of the temple in Jerusalem by his son Solomon. It is a wonderful description of what stewardship truly is, living a life of joyful faith and generous giving. We continue our previous months' studies with more passages from 1 Chronicles 29:

Verse 20: Then David said to the whole assembly, "Praise the Lord your God." So they all praised the Lord, the God of their fathers; they bowed low and fell prostrate before the Lord and the king.

What did David and the people do? _____

How is the Lord described? "the _____ of their _____"

A common excuse for not attending worship is "my parents made me go to church when I was a kid so I am not going to go as an adult" or nonsense said in a similar way. Our parents also made us get dressed and eat when we were children, so does that mean we will live naked and starve ourselves as adults in order to get back at them? Not at all! Our parents have us do what is good for us. Worship is one of those things. So maybe one of the reasons we do attend worship and praise the Lord as adults is because that is what our parents showed us to do when we were children. That is a good thing. We are praise the God our ancestors also worshipped.

Take a few moments to repeat the phrase, "praise the Lord your God." Then spend time every day doing that very thing, both on your own and gathered with fellow believers in worship.

Welcome to Our Family of Faith!

July 11 Baptism of Coral Alana Hess

July 12 Baptism of Layla Rose Meyer

Rest in God's Peace

July 27 Funeral of Pat Stelhorn

From the Pastors' Desks

Thank you to the members of St. John's for observing my 25th ordination anniversary (July 22) with your generous gift. Thank you to those who provided me with a new alb to wear for worship. Thank you to my family for the chancel flowers. Thank you to those who sent me such kind and appropriate cards for the occasion. I praise God for your goodness and support. I cherish our life together as a family of faith in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ!

*Your servant in Christ,
Pastor Mark Nebel*



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This summer has been filled with some life altering challenges. Lauri had her usual yearly exams. The text revealed that she had a lump in her breast. Further tests revealed that lump is cancerous. We have been meeting with the surgeon, pathologist, and radiologist these past few weeks. The tests indicate that the cancer has spread into the lymph nodes. She will be receiving chemotherapy treatments for eighteen weeks. After that period, she will have surgery. At this time we are not sure which procedure we are considering. The surgery will be followed up with radiation treatments as well as further chemotherapy which will last up to six to seven months. I wanted to let you know what we are going through asking that you keep us in your prayers. Some of you have experienced what we are about to proceed with. We ask for your prayers, knowing that we rest in the hands of our gracious God.

“do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God”. Philippians 4:6

*Your Brother in Christ,
Pastor Russell Koen*

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From the Principal's Pen

“Listen to His voice, walk His way” was chosen for our new school year theme. The theme verse is Isaiah 30:21, “And your ears shall hear a word behind you saying, ‘This is the way, walk in it’”. Our direction is to listen to His voice and to follow in His path. We look forward to this opportunity to serve as leaders of His children.

The building project is nearing completion but we still have a lot to do. The floors in some areas are complete; the offices, classrooms and main hallways are ready for the start of school. The bulletin boards, dry-erase boards and SMART boards have been installed. The new blinds have been installed. Some cleaning has taken place with more to do. The cabinetry has arrived, some is being installed by the workers and some will be installed by volunteers. The new classroom chairs have been ordered and are scheduled to arrive before school. The new Science lab tables are assembled and ready to go into the room. The kitchen is making progress each day and we continue to hope it will be done by the start of school. Should the kitchen not be complete, we will all bring sack lunches-just like in the old days-till it is completed. Everything will work out; we just have to remember to be patient. Everything will happen in the proper time.

The new gym and lobby will probably not be done for the start of school. We hope these projects will be done for our basketball season which starts in October.

At this time (mid-July) it is hard to say exactly how parking and the traffic flow at school will work and how arrival and dismissal will all take place. The parking lot is making progress but it is not complete. Our plan on paper may look different than reality. As soon as we know our plan, we will share with you.

The kitchen has a lot to be done as far as cleaning the pieces that will be reused. Any help will be appreciated. Likewise, the playground committee is planning some work nights to reassemble the equipment that was here before. Again, help will be appreciated.

A Google calendar is being prepared to keep you updated on school events. This calendar can be found on the school website.

Enjoy the last few weeks of summer. School will start on Aug. 18, ready or not! We will make the best of what we have. We give thanks for the wonderful new building for our students to work and study in as we lead them to know Jesus as their Savior.

In His love, Deitt Schneider

Summer Adult Bible Class

“Islam” is our topic in July during Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for refreshments before class. We meet from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. Previous sessions of this class have been received very favorably!

Sunday School News

Teachers will meet at school on Monday evening, August 10, at 6:30 p.m. to plan the date and activities for Rally Day and the beginning of our new year of Christian Education in our Sunday School.

Those who picked up independent study packets should keep working on them. We will collect them from you on Rally Day.

Senior Youth Activities

Monthly meetings:

Sunday, August 2, 7 p.m. at school and Sunday, Sept 13, 7 p.m. at school (a week late due to Labor Day).

BBQ- Sunday, August 30 at school

NYG 2016 - All senior youth planning to go need to turn in a \$100 non-refundable deposit by August 31. Checks can be made payable to St John's Senior Youth. They can be dropped off at school in an envelope clearly marked senior youth or given directly to Susie Harms.

160th Anniversary News

We have concluded our confirmation recognitions. With the first weekend in August we will complete our history review. This information will be compiled into booklet form with history only or history plus confirmation years. We will ask for a small donation for those to cover printing and the reimbursement we gave to our anniversary preachers.

Evening Guild News

There has been a **change** in the choice of a mission project for the fall World Relief gathering. Instead of doing the school kits, we will be collecting **SOAP--** bars of soap in their own wrappers with seal unbroken. Bath size is preferred; however, any size bar will be accepted. When out shopping, watch for bargains on bath soap.

Remember to keep the face of any pretty card you might receive for crosses for the prison ministry. It doesn't have to be Christmas. If you don't want to cut crosses, feel free to drop off cards in the quilting room at the Fellowship Hall. Watch for blanket tie days in the church bulletin. There is none planned at present.

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! GLORIFY HIS NAME!

August Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Betty Schmitz and Vernitta Wolter
Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller

All Women Are Welcome!

All St. John's women are invited to attend a Luau (Hawaiian style feast) in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, September 15, at 6:30 p.m. The time is now for our ladies to focus on our basic core values: God's Word, missions, service and fellowship. There will be more information in the September Epistle. Plan now to attend!

Adult Instruction Class

There is interest in forming an Adult Instruction Class for the purpose of studying the Christian faith as confessed by the Lutheran Church. This would lead to communicant membership in our congregation for those who are non-members. It is also a good review for those whose confirmation instruction was decades ago. This twelve week class will begin after Labor Day. Please see Pastor Nebel if you are interested.

Sonshine Visitation

With additions to the list of St. John's members that we visit, we need more visitors to make those visits. If you know how much your elderly parent or grandparent appreciates having visitors, please consider being one of those visitors here for someone else's family member. Please contact Kathy Liefer if you can help.

"If You Build It, They Will Come"

This familiar line from the hit movie "Field of Dreams" can describe the expansion of our school building. Progress is coming along smoothly. The Building Committee, contractor, volunteers and unexpected donations are combining to keep costs at or below expectations. We are getting a lot of "bang for our buck!" The building will be ready for the new school year. That means students will be in new classrooms. However, they will need desks, chairs, white boards, bulletin boards, and cabinets in those rooms. Such furnishings were not included in the construction costs.

We thank all those whose gifts to the Capital Campaign have made this work possible. 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 us after the Capital Campaign began, this is the time we could use your support to cover the cost of classroom furnishings. Blue envelopes are available in the entryway for your gift. Thank you!

3rd Annual St. John's Lutheran Church & School Day at Busch Stadium

Let's Go CARDINALS!! It is time to get your family and friends together for a day at Busch Stadium. Tickets are on sale for Saturday, September 26, Cards vs. Brewers at 6:15 p.m. Ticket prices are \$25. Seats are located in section 360/361 (Left Field Pavilion). This is the last home series of the season. Game promotion includes a Lance Berkman Bobble head.

You can text Patty Salger for tickets at 618-910-3371 or email salger2@htc.net. You can also purchase tickets from any member of the Class of 2017. Send money to the school office and tickets will be delivered to you. These tickets would make great gifts too!! Sponsored by St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2017. Contact Patty Salger with your questions.

Away at College, but Close to Home

As many of our young adults leave home for school, help us stay in touch with them. Having their cell phone number for text messages or an email for sending news from the congregation can shorten the distance between them and their family of faith. They can check our website for bulletins and newsletters. We also can put them in touch with local campus ministries. Please contact the church office with the college you are attending. Thank you!

Anniversary Open House

Ron and Eunice Snyder's 60th wedding anniversary is on August 7. They will celebrate with family and friends at an Open House on Sunday, August 9th, from 2-4 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. Cake and punch will be served. Everyone is welcome! Perhaps this would be a good time for the men to wear their favorite bow tie.

Preparing for Long-Term Care

When you develop a long-term care strategy now, it can help you preserve your independence. It also can give your family the opportunity to care about you instead of having to care for you, if and when that time comes. Thrivent Financial representatives Jennifer Langrehr and Greg Stelhorn invite you to a one-hour presentation on Thursday, August 20 at 7 p.m. in the basement of Garden Place in Red Bud. Marita LaChapell of Thrivent will speak on long-term care. Rebecca Cooper of Cooper and Liefer Law will speak on Medicaid. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP to Jennifer by email at jennifer.langrehr@thrivent.com or by phone at 618-208-4754.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. August 1 5 p.m. Amber Mollet
Sun. August 2 8 a.m. Taylor Pensoneau
10:30 a.m. Michael Ratcliff

Sat. August 8 5 p.m. Jessie Deterding
Sun. August 9 8 a.m. Jarrett Fleming
10:30 a.m. Gage Baldwin

Sat. August 15 5 p.m. Jenna Salger
Sun. August 16 8 a.m. Brittney Pensoneau
10:30 a.m. Sara Hewitt

Sat. August 22 5 p.m. Jordyn Mulherin
Sun. August 23 8 a.m. Brianna Hudson
10:30 a.m. Tobias LaChance

Sat. August 29 5 p.m. Brandon Voss
Sun. August 30 8 a.m. Dominick Liefer
10:30 a.m. Avery Piel

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

Worship Greeter Schedule

We need more volunteers to welcome people to our worship services. This is an important and easy way to serve our Lord and benefit His people with a friendly smile, a kind hello and a welcoming handshake as they enter His house for worship. We have openings for both Sunday morning services and for special festivals. Please contact the office if you are willing to help in this way!

Sat. August 1 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. August 2 8:00 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber;
Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers;
Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Sat. August 8 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. August 9 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy
Steele and Olivia Schmitz
10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;
Omer and Neva Liefer

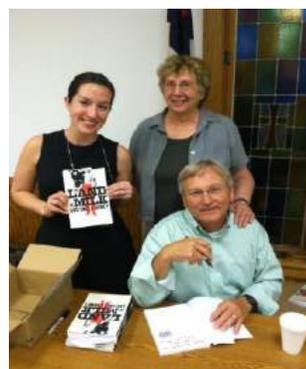
Sat. August 15 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. August 16 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston;
Loren and Nancy Harms
10:30 a.m. Jackie Aubuchon;
Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. August 22 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. August 23 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel;
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Sat. August 29 5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. August 30 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer;
Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Carl and Flo Zschiegner;
Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom

"The Land of Milk and Uncle Honey"

On June 10 former St. John's member and syndicated agricultural writer Alan Guebert presented and signed copies of his new book. He is pictured with his daughter, Mary Grace, and his father's cousin, Mary Ann Wegener, daughter of Honey Guebert.



August Church and School Calendar

Saturday, August 1-

No Men's Bible Breakfast in August!
5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 2-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
7 p.m. Senior Youth meeting at school

Monday, August 3-

9 a.m. Faculty meeting at school
7 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the FH

Tuesday, August 4-

8 a.m. to 3 p.m. SID Day of Spiritual Renewal
6 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, August 5-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
6 p.m. Building Committee meeting

Thursday, August 6-

On Vacation: Lindsey Pfanstiel (till the 10th)

Friday, August 7-

Evening: Tindall-Wiseman wedding rehearsal

Saturday, August 8-

2 p.m. Wedding of Lora Tindall and Wade Wiseman
5 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, August 9-

8 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
2-4 p.m. Snyder 60th Anniversary Open House in FH

Monday, August 10-

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting at school

Tuesday, August 11-

9 a.m. Faculty meeting at school
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Care Center

Wednesday, August 12-

On vacation: Pastor Nebel thru the 16th
10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Thursday, August 13-

10 a.m. Baseball and Softball at Marissa Tournament
1 p.m. Sight Ministries Center (meet in church lot)
6 p.m. Men's Club meeting and BBQ at Lions Park

Saturday, August 15-

TBD- Baseball and Softball at Marissa Tournament
5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 16-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (alternative)

Monday, August 17-

8 a.m. Faculty meeting at school
7 p.m. Church Council meeting in the FH

Tuesday, August 18-

8:30 a.m. Opening School Service at church

Wednesday, August 19-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball "B" games

Thursday, August 20-

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball versus Trinity

Saturday, August 22-

5 p.m. Divine Service

Sunday, August 23-

8 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
(Staff Rededication)

Tuesday, August 25-

4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at St. Mark's

Wednesday, August 26-

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Public School 6-8th grades Confirmation

Thursday, August 27-

Deadline for September Epistle articles!

1 p.m. Sight Ministries Center (meet in church lot)
4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball versus Chester

Friday, August 28

Trinity-Edwardsville Baseball Tournament

Saturday, August 29-

Trinity-Edwardsville Baseball Tournament
St. Bruno-Pinckneyville Softball Tournament
5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Sunday, August 30-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
10:30 a.m. to ?? Senior Youth BBQ at school

