

### **This Week With Our Lord, December 18-25, 2016**

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

#### **SUNDAY, December 18-**

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

#### **Monday, December 19-**

- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in school library
- 6:00 p.m. NLSA Steering Committee meeting at school
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at school

#### **Tuesday, December 20-**

- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (AC) at Holy Childhood-Mascoutah

#### **Wednesday, December 21-**

- 8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Christmas Service in the old gym
- 10:20 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 1:48 p.m. Early Dismissal
- 2:30 p.m. Public School 8<sup>th</sup> grade Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-8 Christmas Service in the old gym

#### **Thursday, December 22- No school! Christmas Break**

- 6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)

#### **Friday, December 23- No school!**

#### **Saturday, December 24- Christmas Eve!**

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Colton Liefer Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller
- 9:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion and Candlelight  
Acolytes, Greeters and Ushers: St. John's Senior Youth

#### **SUNDAY, December 25- Christmas Day! The Blessed Birthday of our Lord**

- 9:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Annelise Quinn  
Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn

*There Will Be No Quilting Or Women's Bible Study For The Next Two Weeks!*

#### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

What is the key to real and lasting peace on earth? Jesus, God with us. Listen to "Peace on Earth, Peace that Lasts" (Matthew 1:18-25) with the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Greg Seltz, on KFUO AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sunday at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

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

Worship: 416 Communion: 90 Adult/Youth Class: 50 Sunday School: 65  
Thursday, December 8: Worship- 14 Communion- 11  
Sunday, December 11: Sunday School Christmas Service: 215  
Wednesday, Dec. 14, Early Childhood Christmas Service: AM- 285 PM- 425

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

To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks noted in the bulletin of those donating. P. 2

#### **WE GIVE THEE BUT THINE OWN, WHATE'ER THE GIFT MAY BE:**

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/11- General Fund: \$16,304; School: \$625; Debt: \$150; Sunday School: \$100; Altar Guild: \$24. *God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.* (2 Corinthians 9:8)  
**Year-to-date:** Thank you for your increased worship offerings this year. Our expenses have exceeded income by \$297,681 through October. Our total financial liabilities (building and operational) are \$1,699,000.

#### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS:** *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

**Philippians 4:4** "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice." Life was no easier for the Philippians than it is for us. They had the same sorrows, sicknesses, and disappointments as we have. And yet St. Paul tells them to rejoice in the Lord. We have an abiding joy, a peace which passes all understanding, because we know our Lord Jesus and His love for us. This gives us confidence in the face of every hardship; it gives us strength to lead lives in imitation of Jesus' own generous love.

#### **OFFERING ENVELOPES:**

Our boxes of offering envelopes for 2017 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. Please take your own and those of your immediate family. Thank you!

#### **SUNDAY BIBLE CLASSES** *From 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.*

- +We continue with "The Gospel of John," chapter 7, in the Fellowship Hall.
- +Pastor Koen leads our study of the book of Revelation in the school library.
- +High School Bible class meets in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

God has blessed Nick and Emily (Hartman) Grohmann with the birth of a son, Jettson Scott, on Monday at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

#### **PORTALS OF PRAYER:**

The next issue of our quarterly devotional booklet, *The Portals of Prayer*, (January-March 2017) is available by the front door of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take one for the people that you visit.

#### **CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS DVDs:**

Please call the church office if you would like a copy of any or all of the children's Christmas services from this month.

#### **PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES:**

Our new pictorial directory is available in the church office for those who reserved a copy when their picture was taken. Remaining copies will be available for the cost of \$50. This will be used for our congregation's debt relief.

#### **SAVE THE DATE:**

March 18, 2017 is the date for the 9TH ANNUAL St. John's Lutheran PTL DINNER AUCTION! When you're out shopping this Christmas season keep the auction in mind for your donation. No donation is too small! Ticket information will follow soon.

#### **THANK YOU:**

"I thank the Board of Elders and the congregation for the nice gift basket. I appreciate you thinking of me during this holy season." *Bernadine Kruse* Page 3

**POSITION AVAILABLE:**

+Part-time custodial position- St. John's Lutheran School will have a part time custodial position available beginning January 3. The hours will be approximately noon to 4 p.m., Monday-Friday, 19 hours per week, with a starting pay of \$10 per hour. This person will work with Mr. Harms and Mr. Ohms. Please come into the school office to fill out an application before December 9 if you are interested in the position.

**ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

There is interest in forming an Adult Instruction Class for the purpose of reviewing Christian doctrine as it is taught in the Lutheran Church. It will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. This could lead to the Rite of Confirmation and communicant membership at St. John's for those not currently members. Please see Pastor Nebel for more information.

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

Leona Dannenbrink, Leroy Guebert, Farreol Koester, Leonard and Lois Koester, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Bill and Alice Smith, Wilma Uffelmann, Leonard and Norma Vogt, and Jody Winkelmann

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Nina Guebert, Leoma Heller, Bernadine Kruse, Harry Peters, Clifford Stellhorn and Eunice Stumpf; Magnolia Terrace—Waterloo: Doris Koch; Three Springs—Chester: Dorothy Heinemeyer

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

Twila Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Faye Hartmann, Dorothy Heizer, H. Edward and Melba Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Wilma Stellhorn, Edna Voss and Wilma Wagner

**THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Lisa Kloepper 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).

**CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS:**

Total Pledged- \$2,568,640.34; Total Pledged Giving- \$2,177,575.96 (85%); Non-Pledged Giving- \$419,084.20; Total Given- \$2,596,660.16.

<u>Under Pledged Amount</u>		<u>Over Pledged Amount</u>	
53	\$1-\$999	50	\$1-\$999
14	\$1000-\$1999	17	\$1000-\$9,999
16	\$2000-\$5000	2	\$10,000+
9	\$5000-\$10,000		

Please consider fulfilling the pledge (promise) you made by the end of the year.

**YELLOW PAGES:**

We would like to develop a new directory of businesses operated by St. John's members, giving you the opportunity to advertise what you do to others in our family of faith. It would be a business card sized advertisement. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating. There is no cost for this. P. 4

**DONOR TILE WALL:**

"Last Call for Tile Wall!"- This is it! You still can add to the Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the new gym. 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. More tiles are ready to display but it is much easier to do a whole batch at one time. We will take orders for this through the end of the year and then put up the remaining tiles.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

12/17—Lori Langrehr, Vernon Muench; 12/18—Austin Froemling; Joan Wiegand, Kyle Winkelmann; 12/20—Jeremy Collins, Jacob Moll; 12/21—Ava Clifford, Madison Falkenheim; 12/22—Lois Koester, Addalyn Schloemann; 12/23—Olivia Schluter, Nikolas Stechmesser; 12/24—Camden Moll; 12/25—Laura DuFrenne, Wayne Mesnarich, Ken Ruwald. *Please call the office with corrections!*

**A HAIRY SITUATION THAT JUST MIGHT TICKLE YOU:**

"The Mustache Resolution," adopted unanimously at the synodical convention this summer, seeks to raise a combined \$2 million between the LCMS Joint Seminary Fund and Concordia University System scholarship funds by Dec. 31. Who has the best mustache? LCMS President Rev. Dr. Matthew C. Harrison and LCMS Montana District President Rev. Terry Forke have put their mustaches on the line for this worthy cause. Each dollar equals one vote. The candidate with the fewest votes will have his mustache shaved off at the LCMSU "Liberty" Conference in January. Visit [thelc.ms/shavethestache](http://thelc.ms/shavethestache) to cast your vote today.

**LIFE THOUGHTS: Lutherans for Life**

Had Mary and Joseph foreseen only unplanned pregnancy's sufferings, they may have chosen death. Instead, God's promises focused their faith on what goodness Jesus brings from impossible predicaments. He showed His self-sacrificing love in theirs and shared peace, meaning, healing, hope and salvation with all humankind. *Incarnate Love, redeem our mistakes and sanctify our misery. Amen.*

**CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY VIEWBOOK:**

High school seniors are invited to look at the new Viewbook for our Concordia University system. It displays the various school of our LCMS, their enrollments, the majors they offer, and extra-curricular opportunities. Our copy of this viewbook is in the rack on the wall of the church entryway.

**ISSUES, ETC.:**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: A New Study on Marriage & Religious Affiliation, The Movie "Rogue One," Adam & Eve, Katie Luther, The Apostle Thomas and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen to when you want at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

**GOODSEARCH:**

When you use Goodsearch ([www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent! Page 5

**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: Alan/Amber Piel 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

**KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

NEW TESTAMENT STUDY on your Lutheran Radio Station Worldwide KFUE.org. Listen as host Rev. Jonathan Fisk and a guest pastor study the New Testament reading from the Treasury of Daily Prayer. Weekdays at 8:00 a.m. and archived at KFUE.org.

Monday, Dec. 19: Revelation 7:1-17 with Rev. Matthew Lorfeld (former St. John's fieldworker) from Messiah Lutheran Church in LaCrescent, Minnesota.  
Tuesday, Dec. 20: Revelation 8:1-13 with guest Rev. Andrew Ratcliffe from St. John Lutheran Church in Seward, Nebraska.

Wednesday, Dec. 21: Revelation 9:1-22 with guest Rev. Adam Koontz from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Lititz, Pennsylvania.

Thursday, Dec. 22: Revelation 9:10-10:11 with guest Rev. Matthew Wurm from Mount Calvary Lutheran Church in Brookings, South Dakota.

Friday, Dec 23: Revelation 11:1-19 with guest Rev. Rob Riebau from Concordia Publishing House in St. Louis, Missouri.

**CHRISTMAS AT PEACE:**

Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay invites us to a concert, "Christmas At Peace" featuring its Chancel Choir and Orchestra of Peace. It will be on Friday, December 23 at 7:30 p.m. Admission is free but an offering will be taken.

**CHRISTMAS CONCERT:**

To mark the close of the Christmas season, the musicians of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Collinsville are presenting a special service featuring John Leavitt's *Joy to the World*. The service features favorite carols interspersed with scripture lessons and includes the choir, the orchestra and congregational hymn singing. Please join us on Sunday, January 1 at 4 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville. For more info call 344-3151.

**LIFE ISSUES:**

On Sunday, January 22 at 4 p.m. Good Shepherd Lutheran Church (1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville) will host Dr. Robert Weise as he gives a brief overview of some of the more recent advances in Human Genetics, Assisted Reproductive Biology, Human Sex Selections, and Transgender Identity as all of these relate to the Biblical teaching of creation and stewardship of the body and soul. It will last until about 7 p.m. A light supper will be served. There will be a program for children and childcare for 4 years. and under. If bringing children please make reservations with Jeanette at [618 344 3141](tel:6183443141) by January 15.

**CREATION MUSEUM TRIP FOR OLDER ADULTS:**

The Older Adult Advisory Board of the Southern Illinois District is tentatively planning a trip to the Creation Museum and life-size model of the Ark located in Kentucky, near Cincinnati, on April 25-27 (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday), 2017. The three-day trip will include round trip charter bus transportation, two nights lodging (breakfast included) at a hotel convenient to the museum and admission to the Creation Museum and Ark. The estimated cost will be between \$375.00 and \$450.00 per person, depending on hotel arrangements (doubles, triples, quads). In addition, each person will be responsible for six meals (lunch and dinner each day). The Board is trying to determine interest in this trip. Please contact Donna at the Southern Illinois District office at [618-234-4767](tel:6182344767) or by email at [siddpaa@gmail.com](mailto:siddpaa@gmail.com) by January 6 to indicate interest (no obligation). Additional information/registration forms will be available in early January.

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:**

Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings will be at St. John's on Tuesday, February 21. There will be ultrasound screenings to identify risk factors for cardiovascular diseases such as Carotid Artery, Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm, Peripheral Arterial Disease, a Heart Rhythm Screening and an Osteoporosis Risk Assessment for men and women. Being proactive about your health by knowing your risks helps you and your doctor address problems early. Register online TODAY at [www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers](http://www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers) to receive your "Advantage" member discount and your Preferred Appointment!

**RED BUD CALENDAR:**

From the Red Bud Chamber of Commerce: We have a new community calendar for our local business and organizations to post all their upcoming events. This is a free service and a great way to advertise. <http://www.redbudcalendar.com>

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL**

618-853-7300

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

**Merry Christmas!** Thank you for supporting the ministry of *Christ Our Savior* in 2016. We are looking forward to a joy-filled and blessed ministry to families with you in 2017.

**Holiday Hours:** On December 19-22, 28-30 and January 2 the COS office will be open 9 a.m.-3 p.m. School and normal office hours will resume on January 3.

**Like to shop Shutterfly to order Christmas cards?** We now have our own storefront to Shutterfly and Christ Our Savior will receive a portion of every purchase. Just use this link: <http://coslhs.shutterflystorefront.com/> or go to [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org) and click on the link.

**Beach Party Trivia Night:** The annual COS trivia night will be January 27, at 7 pm. Prizes will be awarded to the best themed table. Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8<sup>th</sup> grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling [618-853-7300](tel:6188537300).

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





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Senior 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 – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654; Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

Matthew Foster, Interim 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

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer and Stephanie Valleroy

Third Grade – Lauri Koen

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian) and Cindy Nebel

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; Jennifer Pfannebecker,

Chelsea Wegener, Kristi Martel, Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Rebeka Nagel,

Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Lori Moses, Danyelle Gargac, Heidi Guttman,

Samantha Yankey, Tiffany Wiegard

#### Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner

Secretary: Becky Biffar Treasurer: Kirk Liefer Board of Finance: Cindy Steele

Elder Chair: David Guebert Parish Education Chair: Kevin Guebert

Trustee Chair: Lenny Colbert Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Vickie Heller

#### Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel; Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lectors: Seminarians Cameron Harms and Samuel Thole

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

Acolyte: Kole Guebert

(8 a.m.) Greeters: John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich

Acolyte: Brendan Harms

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jackie Aubuchon; Ron & Donna Burgdorf

Acolyte: Ethan Fritsche

Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Kathleen Salger

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

## **ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Red Bud, Illinois**

### ***The Fourth Sunday in Advent 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.

**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)).

**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!

**CONCORDIA SEMINARY FOOD BANK:**

A seven minute video at <http://www.csl.edu/resources/food-bank/> will show you how the Food Bank at Concordia Seminary is run, how many student families use the Food Bank and how it has helped them. Gifts of money, canned and boxed goods and fresh produce assist those now preparing to serve our church as pastors in the future. They thank us for our support!

**CHURCH LIBRARY:**

Take a look at "The Book Nook," our church library in the corner of the Fellowship Hall.

**EAST ST. LOUIS MISSION WORK:**

Lansdowne Community Initiative is a project of the Southern Illinois District in partnership with Lutheran Housing Support to provide increased public safety, rehabilitation of existing homes and develop newly constructed affordable housing in the Unity Lutheran area of East St. Louis. It is a Not-for-Profit Organization open to your financial support. Call [618-874-6600](tel:618-874-6600) for more information.