

This Week With Our Lord, December 4-11, 2016

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

SUNDAY, December -

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the school cafeteria
- 7:00 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant and reception

Monday, December 5-

- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (AB) versus St. Libory
- 6:00 p.m. Choir Caroling at Red Bud Care Center
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 6- No Bell Choir today!

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at West Point
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Dinner in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (BC) at St. Mark's, Steeleville

Wednesday, December 7-

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Christmas service in old gym
- 9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:20 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes at school
- 7:00 p.m. Early Childhood Christmas service in old gym
- 8:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Thursday, December 8-

- 6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)
- 3:00 p.m. Shut-in Communion Service at church
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (BC) at Trinity, Prairie
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (AB) vs. St. Libory
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Club dinner and meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 9- Boys C Team tourney at RBC

- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball vs. St. Mark's, Steeleville

Saturday, December 10-

- 9:00 a.m. Elder Basket deliveries
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Maggie DuFrenne
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller
- 6-8 p.m. Churches Christmas Open House Tour

SUNDAY, December 11-

- 8 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Riley Candler
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele and Olivia Schmitz
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Max Dieward
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
- 5:00 p.m. Live Nativity at church
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas service at church

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

A broken world waits, yearns, and hopes for restoration. Jesus has already done everything to make that restoration a reality. Listen to "Wait Until He Comes" (Isaiah 11:1-10) with the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Greg Seltz, on KFUE 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).

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

- +We continue with "The Gospel of John," chapter 6, 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.

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

- Wed., Nov. 23, Thanksgiving Eve: Worship- 154 Communion- 128
- Thu. Nov. 24, Thanksgiving Day: Worship- 143 Communion- 122
- Worship: 402 Communion: 99 Adult/Youth Class: 46 Sunday School: 60
- Wed. Nov. 30, Midweek Advent I Worship: AM- 186 PM- 30

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 11/27- General Fund: \$14,958.76; School: \$550; Debt: \$2875; Lutheran Witness: \$34; Sunday School: \$100; Door Offering for HSC: \$599. *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:** Our worship offerings have increased over last year but they have not kept up with our expenses which have exceeded income by \$297,681 through October. Our total financial liabilities (building and operational) are \$1,699,000.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 3:1-2 "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance – for examining our lives, turning away from our pet sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

OUR MATCHING GIFT OPPORTUNITY HAS BEEN MET!:

Thank you for making use of the opportunity to address the debt of our family of faith through a matching gift offering. "One Makes Two" Debt Relief gifts up to **\$60,000** over and above regular offerings were given and will be matched to lower our congregation's indebtedness.

GOD'S GIFTS OF LIFE: We thank the Lord for the following births:

- +Piper Elaine Runge, the daughter of Aaron Runge and Colleen Schield, born November 9 at Memorial Hospital in Carbondale.
- +Hayden William Schlimme, the son of Billy and Sarah (Wetzel) Schlimme, born November 28 at Anderson Hospital in Maryville.
- +Hazel Sue Veath, the daughter of John and Brittany (Salger) Veath, born November 30 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis.

All of these children are first born to their parents. We thank God for His gifts of new life in the birth of children!

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN NOVEMBER:

Nursery- Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Sydney Krick, Jackson Neff, Brody Rahn, and Holden Wagner; Pre-Kindergarten- Kellen Herriman, Payton Liefer, and Jozlynn Palm; Kindergarten- Carson Bowles, Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausling, Jacob Liefer, and Brooke Wolter; 1st grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Colin Korando, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Lillian Meyer, and Norah Wagner; 2nd grade- Annika Herrimann; 3rd grade- Lydia Schoenbeck; 4th grade- Jacob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Natalie Korando, Karson Liefer, Sam Roscow, and Daniel Stapleton; 6th grade- Ashton Liefer and Simone Liefer; 8th grade- Ben DeRousse, Claire Grohmann, and Dylan Roscow. Thank you for your participation and your faithfulness in this Christian education ministry!

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITIES: (*Fellowship Hall*)

First and Third Saturdays at 7 a.m.: Men's Bible Breakfast- Letter to Romans

Tuesday mornings: Women's Bible Study

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m.: Women's Bible Study- "No Stranger in the Manger"

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m.: The Gospel of Mark

ROAD TO BETHLEHEM:

Our annual "Road to Bethlehem" pageant is Sunday, December 4, at 7 p.m. Beneficiaries this year will be St. John's members Lori Langrehr and Dominick Liefer to help pay medical transportation costs after their accidents this summer.

EVENING GUILD CHRISTMAS DINNER:

On Tuesday, December 6 at 6:00 p.m. the Evening Guild Christmas Party will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for a pot luck dinner (meat & table service provided). We invite husbands and guests to our evening of Bunco and games. Judy Guebert has devotions.

ELDER BASKETS:

Our Board of Elders again this year will deliver Christmas baskets to those who are homebound, in a nursing home, and in need of support. They will do this the morning of Saturday, December 10. Please call the office if you have a name to recommend to them. Also, your financial assistance is welcome by placing an envelope with "Elder Baskets" on it in the offering. Thank you!

CHRISTMAS CHURCHES OPEN HOUSE TOUR:

St. John's will participate in a Red Bud churches Christmas Open House on Saturday, December 10, from 6-8 p.m. This event is part of the Red Bud 150th anniversary celebration.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Parents of Preschool through 1st Grade Sunday School Students: On Sundays Dec. 4 and 11, we will meet in the front of church to practice our Christmas service. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and will dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The service will be held on Sunday, December 11, at 6:00 p.m. in church. Please bring a dozen cookies. **There will be a living nativity in front of the church beginning at 5:00 p.m. for you to enjoy with your children before the service.**

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:

"We thank you for your very generous gift from the Estate Fund. We greatly appreciate it. We are thankful that our congregation supports us in our choice of continuing our growth in Christ by attending Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. We feel truly blessed that both of our children have had the great opportunity to attend there. Thank you to our congregation for financially supporting our children's growth there." *Kathy, Jamie, Skylar and Tanner Valleroy*

WURSTMARKT THANK YOU:

"Thank you to everyone who attended this year's Wurstmarkt and County Store. Thank you especially to all who worked in any way on our annual sausage dinner. We served just over 700 people in the dining room and through carryouts thanks to your great efforts." *St. John's Men's Club*

POSITIONS AVAILABLE:

+Resource Teacher- St. John's Lutheran School is seeking a resource teacher to work with students identified as needing individualized/small group instruction. The teacher needs to have a valid teaching degree and the position would start in January. The hours would be approximately 8:30-11:30 a.m. The teacher would coordinate instruction with the classroom teacher. The starting pay is \$18/hour. Please come into the school office to fill out an application before December 9 if you are interested in the position.

+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.

LUTHERAN CHILD AND FAMILY SERVICES:

Please contact Wanda Rollins at 618/-234-8904 if you would like to help a child or family for Christmas. LCFS will provide wish lists from those in its foster care, adoption, counseling, and Father's Center programs. Thank you!

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES:

Our new pictorial directory is completed. It 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. We thank Breanne Muench for the scheduling of pictures, Cindy Ebers and Erica Mollet for photography, Jacquie Roy for layout, Kathy Liefer and RBI for printing, Pastor Nebel, Michael, Matthew and Clara for binding, and our many helpful proofreaders.

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, Clyde Renner, 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).

YELLOW PAGES:

In 2008 we printed a “Yellow Pages” of St. John’s members who operate any type of business. Since that is out of date by now, we would like to develop a new one, giving our members the opportunity to advertise what they do to others in our family of faith. It would be a business card sized ad. Contact the church office if you are interested in participating. There is no cost for this.

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 completing	

the pledge (promise) you made by the end of the year. Thank you!

DONOR TILE WALL:

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!:

12/3—Pamela Buatte; 12/4--Kathleen Dannenberg, Karson Liefer, Sarah Mercurio, Kristopher Williams; 12/5—Patty Salger; 12/6—Riley Candler, Scot Heller, Todd Wagner; 12/7—Brandy Crafton, Claire Doeding, Kayla Kelley, Sage Pensoneau, Elizabeth Unnerstall, Erica Unnerstall, Andrea Voss; 12/8—Jennifer Moeller, Trevor Stellhorn, Joshua Voss; 12/9—Larry Ehlers, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Kenneth Koester, Christian Stechmesser; 12/10—Leo DuFrenne, Delonda Kelley, Ron Liefer; 12/11—Aubrey Kiefer, Mike Moll. *Please call the office with corrections!*

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 Sarea 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. [Page 6](#)

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: Are Social Progressives Anti-Science?, Hitler's Religion, A New Study on Religious Service Attendance & Marriage/Divorce, Saint Nicholas and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You also can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org.

RED BUD 150TH ANNIVERSARY:

Red Bud 150 Tasteful Traditions commemorative cookbooks are for sale and in time for Christmas. The books are \$12 and can be picked up at Cowell Insurance Office or by contacting Debbie Gielow at 282-3755 or Brenda Salger at 282-3696. The book is a collection of 250 recipes from the many volunteers that help to decorate our beautiful town for the Christmas Season. It also includes pictures of the most popular decorations throughout town. All profits are for the RED BUD 150.

COOKIE WALK: Sat., Dec. 10, 9 a.m. to noon, Trinity-Millstadt; \$9 a pound

CHRISTMAS CANTATA:

“Morning Star” at St. John Lutheran Church in Chester on Wednesday, December 14, at 7 p.m. Refreshments will follow in the Parish Hall.

Christmas Festival: Angels Hovering Round with the National Lutheran Choir:

The National Lutheran Choir's Christmas Festival returns to First Presbyterian Church of Kirkwood to deliver the message of Christ's birth. This year's program takes Kevin Siegfried's “Angels Hovering Round” as inspiration, filling with sacred space with the presence of God's messengers. It will be Saturday, December 17, at 11 a.m. (coffee concert) & 2:30 p.m. Tickets: Adult \$25| Student \$10 | 17 and under FREE Call Brown Paper Tickets 1-800-838-3006 or order online at NLCA.com.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

[618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300) www.coslhs.org

COS Basketball: Come cheer the Soldiers at their next home basketball game against Brehm Preparatory at 6:00 p.m. on Dec. 6!

COS Blood Drive: Christ Our Savior is hosting a Red Cross Blood Drive on Wednesday, Dec. 7 from 2-6 in the gym. If we collect enough units of blood, one of our seniors can earn a scholarship. Call *COS* to schedule an appointment.

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 and click on the link.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at *Christ Our Savior* shadowing a *COS* student and learning more about the *COS* advantage.

Host Families Needed: We are currently inviting families to consider hosting an exchange student for the **second semester, January through May 2017**. This is a great opportunity to host without committing to a full academic year. You provide the student with love, room and board. The student will provide his/own insurance, tuition, transportation to school and spending money. Host parents can specify the gender of the student they are willing to host and may give input to help select the specific student as well. Host families also receive \$100.00 per month you host to help with any unanticipated costs. Find out more on our website www.coslhs.org, email mchristman@coslhs.org, or call Michele Christman at [618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300).

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education. [Page 7](#)



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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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) - Michelle Hines

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – 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 Dillow

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: Cody Strong

(8 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold

Acolyte: Mitchell Fleming

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Acolyte: Jeremy Collins

Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Kathleen Salger

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Second 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).

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!

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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!

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

AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE:

You can look stylish like our St. John's staff in your red St. John's Lutheran polo shirt. Two men's large shirts are available at the office for \$24 each.

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.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

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

LIFE THOUGHTS: *Lutherans for Life*

PARISH NURSE NOTE: *LCMS Better Health*

Walking Works Wonders-

GOODSEARCH:

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

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>