

The Epistle February 2017

**St. John's Lutheran
Red Bud, Illinois**

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Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Hour:

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

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people.

Rev. Mark Nebel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Russell Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

For Your Devotions

From Lutheran Church Charities

You Belong To Christ

I am jealous for you with a godly jealousy. I promised you to one husband, to Christ, so that I might present you as a pure virgin to him. 2 Corinthians 11:2

In Biblical days betrothal meant much more than engagement: it was part of the marriage ritual. As soon as a couple was betrothed, they were considered to be one. But the marriage wasn't consummated for a year or more. During that time the groom would build their new home, continue courting his bride, getting to know her and allowing her to know him. And the bride would prepare herself by learning everything she could about her future husband so that she could please him in all respects. Finally the groom brought his bride to their new home and they began to live as husband and wife. So what's the point of this illustration? Simply this: the Church is the bride of Christ, and we should be longing for the time when our union with Him will be consummated and we'll partake of the marriage supper of the Lamb in heaven (*See Revelation 19:7*). Until then Jesus is fulfilling His part by preparing a place for us, praying and interceding on our behalf, continuing to woo

us, to lavish His love upon us, and to bring us into 'the knowledge of [Him]' (*Ephesians 4:13*). And what's our part? Remembering that how we live our lives reflects on Him. No man wants his wife running around writing bad checks, engaging in lewd conversation, getting drunk in public, or flirting with other men. He wants her to refrain from those behaviors because he loves her and wants her reputation to be good. He wants his wife to be a good reflection on him and their family. In other words, your betrothal to Christ demands that you no longer live for yourself – but for Him!

Prayer: *Heavenly Father, I long for the day that our marriage is consummated in heaven. Thank You for preparing for that great day for me. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

From the Pastors' Desks

I was not expecting much as I began to read the editorial entitled "Where is God?" by Michael Gerson of the *Washington Post* that was printed in the Sunday, December 25 edition of the *St. Louis Post-Dispatch*. Thus, I was pleasantly surprised to get a nugget of insight from it.

The question from our world today to us as Christians is not so much, "does God exist?", but "what does that matter?" What difference does it make for our world and for our individual lives that there is a God. As Gerson says, "many of us knowing in our bones beyond all the doubts of philosophy that GOD IS – have eventually turned away with a shrug."

Many in our community, in our congregation, in our daily lives (and even in our mirrors) will agree that GOD IS. But their daily lives betray what really drives their days, that underlying question, "what difference does that make?" So what if God exists when my worship of Him with fellow believers is rare, half-hearted or both? So what if God exists when my reading of His sacred revelation and my speaking back to Him in prayer do not exist? So what if God exists when the behavior of my daily life is no different from the words and deeds of those who believe that there is no God?

"You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe—and shudder!" (*James 2:19*) There is so much more that God has for us to make a difference in every day of our lives. He has come to us in the person and work of His Son in human flesh. Jesus Christ is our God with us, for us, and in us.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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From the Principal's Pen

Is your name Barabbas? While Jesus was on trial before Pilate, a man named Barabbas was brought before the people to be released. Barabbas was known as a murderer and one who led a revolt against the Roman government in Jerusalem. In ancient times, during public festivals an act of amnesty was permitted. Pilate asked the people if they wanted Jesus or Barabbas to be released. They yelled for Barabbas.

Is your name Barabbas? In reality, he represents us. We are convicted by our sinful attitudes against all commands. Barabbas represents every person for God tells us "all have turned away, they have together become worthless (Romans 3:12).

An innocent man was released so that a guilty man could be freed. That innocent man had a name, His name is Jesus. God sent Jesus, His Son to die for our sins, so that, we could be set free from the punishment we deserve. God tells us that "at the Name of Jesus every knee should bow in heaven and on earth and under the earth and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord."

It truly does not matter what your name is; all that matters is that Jesus died and rose from the dead to set you free. Live in that freedom and rejoice in His freedom. Truly, He has the only Name we need to remember; Jesus, the Son of God, our Savior.

Your Brother in Christ, Rev. Russell E. Koen

Sunday Bible Classes- 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

In the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel

We continue our study of the Gospel of John. The theme of this book is that Jesus is the Son of God and authorized agent of the heavenly Father.

In the School Library with Pastor Koen

The New Testament book of Revelation is reviewed. Though the defeated devil still battles the people of God, in Jesus Christ we have the victory! Enjoy the comfort and encouragement this book offers.

Weekly Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Fehr)

Wed., 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Fritsche)

Wednesday, 7 p.m. Bible Class on Leviticus

Thursday, 6:30 a.m. Bible Class on Mark

1st and 3rd Saturdays: Men's Bible Breakfast (Romans)

Congratulations! I am happy to report our second quarter awards:

Kindergarten: Perfect School attendance- Ella Cowell, Maya Macbeth, Lyle Schlueter, Brendyn Wegener, Brooke Wolter. Perfect Church attendance -Ella Cowell, Cailyn Wilson. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Cailyn Wilson.

1st Grade: Perfect School attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Josef Biffar, Cason Birch, Louis DeWilde, Braylin Eggemeyer, Brian Liefer, Madeline Luther, Aaron Mardirosian, Lillian Meyer, Hollis Wolfmeier. Perfect Church attendance - Brian Liefer. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Cason Birch & Brian Liefer.

2nd Grade (Mrs. Valleroy): Perfect School attendance- Connor Bumann, Kendall Crafton, Kinley Macbeth, Ian Moll, Landon Ruebusch

2nd Grade (Mrs. Liefer): Perfect School attendance- Annika Herriman, Kadence Koen, Kate Krack, Lacey Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf, Ty Voss, Barrett Wagner. Perfect Church attendance- Lacey Liefer. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Lacey Liefer.

3rd Grade: Perfect School attendance- Emma Kiefer, Kadin Liefer, Luke Quintin, Addison Salger, Kerrigan Zeiger. Perfect Church attendance - Addie Meyer. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Addie Meyer.

4th Grade (Mr. Becker): Perfect School attendance- Chloe Cowell, Taylor Guebert, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Sam Roscow, Crewe Wagner. Perfect Church attendance - Christine Liefer, Summer Luttman, Jack Roscow, Sam Roscow. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Christine Liefer & Sam Roscow. Honors -Tori Muench & Jack Roscow. High Honors- Jakob Biffar, Taylor Guebert, Corbin Lange, Summer Luttman, Hailey Proctor, Crewe Wagner. Highest Honors- Chloe Cowell, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Sam Roscow.

4th Grade (Mrs. Nebel): Perfect School attendance- Emme Deterding, Olivia Geraldts, Blake Henry, Connor Jordan, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Daniel Stapleton. Perfect Church attendance- Connor Jordan. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Connor Jordan & Daniel Stapleton. Honors- Gavin Baldwin, Olivia Geraldts, Karson Liefer, Makayla Liefer, Lucas Schwartzkopf. High Honors- Emme Deterding, Natalie Korando, Grant Krack, Trenton Wagner. Highest Honors- Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Daniel Stapleton, Cadin Voss, Derek Whelan.

5th Grade: Perfect School attendance- Claire Diewald, Josie Meyer, Trace Wagner. Perfect Church attendance- Cash Langrehr, Josie Meyer, Olivia Schluter, Trace

Wagner. Honors- Lucas Guebert, Isaac Moll, Ben Whelan, Sam Wright. High Honors- Claire Diewald, Cash Langrehr, Olivia Schluter. Highest Honors- Melayna Crafton, Addison Dilley, Ryker Papenberg, Dustin Salger, Trace Wagner.

6th Grade: Perfect School attendance- Mitchell Fleming, Grace Guebert, Madison Kirkland, Ashton Liefer, Aubrey Piel, Madi Proctor, Logan Salger. Perfect Church attendance - Grace Guebert, Ashton Liefer. Perfect Sunday school - Ashton Liefer. Honors- Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer, Kyle Loughner, Landon Luthy. High Honors- Grace Guebert, Carlyne Mulherin, Aubrey Piel, Noah Tepe, Anna Wolter. Highest Honors- Mitchell Fleming, Madi Proctor, Logan Salger.

7th Grade: Perfect School attendance- Nick Fehr, Megan Henry, Mason Kinney, David Koester, Camden Langrehr, Colton Liefer, Taylor Luthy. Perfect Church attendance - Nick Fehr, Megan Henry, Mason Kinney, David Koester, Camden Langrehr. Perfect Sunday School attendance- David Koester. Honors- Molly Ellner, Nick Fehr, Lindsey Fruth, Mason Kinney. High Honors- Allyson Fruth, Caleb Guebert, David Koester, Camden Langrehr. Highest Honors- Megan Henry, Ashley Ottoson, Katie Schneider, Michael Watters.

8th Grade: Perfect School attendance- Kaleb Barriger, Wyatt Cowell, Claire Grohmann, Brendan Harms, Madilyn Hoock, Alicia Koester, Jordyn Mulherin, Jenna Salger, William Whelan. Perfect Church attendance - Ben DeRousse, Dylan Roscow, Makayla Whelan. Perfect Sunday School attendance - Ben DeRousse, Dylan Roscow. Honors- Wyatt Cowell, Brendan Harms, Madilyn Hoock, Konnor Stellhorn. High Honors- Kaleb Barriger, Claire Grohmann, Sara Hewitt, Jordyn Mulherin, Avery Piel, Annelise Quinn, Jenna Salger, William Whelan. Highest Honors- Ben DeRousse, Ethan Fritsche, Adam Kiefer, Dylan Roscow, Merideth Whelan.

The students had a great time celebrating Lutheran Schools week! What a blessing to celebrate with Lutheran Schools around the world our love of Jesus! The offerings for the week will be sent to “India Transformed” and our collections of personal care products will help supply the Evening Guild’s Health Care Kits. Registration for Preschool and Kindergarten for the 2017-2018 school year has begun. Please call the school office to have your child’s name put on the list.

Congratulations to the boys’ basketball team for placing 2nd in the All Lutheran Tournament at St. Mark’s in Steeleville. They unfortunately lost their first game in Regional play so their season has come to an end.

Our girls’ basketball teams have completed their season and are now in volleyball. They begin by playing in the Red Bud Catholic tournament. On February 2 we will host a “Volley for a Cure” game for Diana Becker. All money made after expenses will be given to her in support of her fight against breast cancer. Please plan to attend a game and support our team!

Mr. Roger Sprengel or our district office will be here on February 6. This will be his last visit as he plans to retire on June 30th. We thank him for his service to the children of God over his many years of service.

Jump Rope for Heart and Hoops for Heart will take place on February 10. Please be sure to sign your child up for this fun event and help raise money for a great cause, the American Heart Association.

A benefit Kettle Beef dinner for Diana Becker will take place on February 12. The cost is \$10 a plate. A free-will offering bake sale will take place that day. Don’t miss it! February 14 is Valentine’s Day. Show how much you love your family on this special day.

May God continue to bless you, Deitt Schneider

St. John’s Preschool students singing “The Solid Rock” during morning opening in the new gym as part of National Lutheran Schools Week.



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.

Evening Guild February News

Evening Guild Gathering: Tuesday, Feb. 21, 7 p.m. Everyone is invited to come and meet “Esther the Comfort Dog” from Lutheran Church Charities. Devotions will be by Betty Schmitz. Hostesses are Janet Braun, chairman, Carolyn Cooper, Peggy Hanebutt and Brenda Gilpatrick.

Quilting schedule for February is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

SID LWML Spring Retreat: Saturday, March 11 – 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Zion-Belleville. The cost is \$20. The theme is “Diamonds Are Forever: A Grace-Reformation.” Make reservations by March 1st with forms that will be available at our February meeting.

*SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS! GLORIFY HIS NAME!
“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.” Proverbs 31:30-31*



St. John's member and Red Bud Care Center resident Virginia Bahr appreciates her prayer shawl made by Lisa Kloepper and distributed by our Sunshine Visitation team.

St. John's Lutheran Men's Club

DR. MARTIN LUTHER VISIT: “In observance of the upcoming 500th anniversary of my nailing of the 95 THESES on the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg, Germany, I will make an appearance on Thursday February 9 in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud. As with any good Lutheran gathering, we can't go without having a delicious meal. It will be served by Mission Catering of the Seeds Of Fire Ministry from Columbia. To all members of St. John's, please consider attending for some good Lutheran fellowship and a few words from myself. Gerald will now fill you in with the details.” *Soli Deo Gloria!*

On Thursday February 9 at 6 p.m., our Men's Club is sponsoring an evening of food and fellowship with an appearance by Dr. Martin Luther as portrayed by Rev. John Lukomski of St. Paul's Lutheran Church in New Athens. The cost for the evening is \$13 per person and payable that evening. Reservations must be made by contacting Gerald Hanebutt at 282-3792 or by email (hanebutt@htc.net) on or before Feb. 5.

A Shower For Baby Thole

Our 4th-year seminarian Samuel Thole and his wife Megan are expecting their first child in March. On February 12 our Evening Guild will host a baby shower in the Fellowship Hall from 9-9:30 a.m. (after worship and before Bible class). All are invited to attend and encourage to assist these new parents with a gift, gift card or monetary present. They are registered at <https://www.babylist.com/meagan-thole>. If you cannot attend, gifts can be dropped off at school prior to the 12th.

Welcome to our Family of Faith

- November 12 Profession of Faith- Kim (Surman) Mehring and Brittany (Salger) Veath
- Nov. 12 Adult Confirmation- Morgann Grohmann
- January 8 Baptism of Hazel Sue Veath
- January 14 Baptism of Hayden Jo Mounts
- January 15 Baptism of Jettson Scott Grohmann

We Bid a Fond Farewell

- January 1 Death of Donald Guebert
- January 4 Death of Keith Koester
- Transfer out of Lois F. Koester to St. Paul, Des Peres, Missouri
- Transfer out of Sarah (Wetzel) Schlimme to Trinity, Edwardsville, Illinois

Personal Care Kits for Lutheran World Relief

Our 2017 Congregational Mission Project sponsored by Evening Guild is to collect a personal care item each MONTH. Items we'll be collecting are bath-sized BARS of soap, adult-sized toothbrush, sturdy comb, metal nail clippers with file and lightweight (dark color) bath towel.

February collection for care kits

All members of congregation are encouraged to donate two or three bath-size bars of soap equaling 8 to 9 oz. any brand, in original wrapping. Collection baskets will be in narthex of church.

Get Your Pink On

There will be a benefit for Diana Becker on February 12. This will take place in the old gym from 11 a.m.-? Kettle beef, ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, applesauce and homemade desserts will be served either dine-in or carry-out for \$10 a plate and a free will donation for desserts. Please come support the Becker family!!

Capital Campaign News

Total Pledged- \$2,598,991; Total Pledged Giving- \$2,225,887.96 (86%); Non-Pledged Giving- \$422,504.20; Total Given- \$2,648,392.16.

Please consider completing the pledge (promise) you made as we have concluded this three-year capital campaign. Blue envelopes are available in the entryway for your use. Thank you!

Senior Youth Activities

The Senior Youth to thanks everyone that enjoyed lunch last Sunday before the Voters meeting. It was a very nice turnout. We thank all of the Senior Youth parents that donated the items needed for the luncheon. They get all the credit for the successful day.

Our next meeting is the second Sunday in February, the 12th at 7 p.m. in the school cafeteria. This is pushed back a week due to Super Bowl Sunday.

Also, on the 12th the Senior Youth will assist with Benefit Kettle beef dinner at school for the Becker family. Youth need to arrive at school by 9 a.m. and plan to work until clean up is complete.

He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak. Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:29-31

Junior Youth Activities

The Junior Youth will go bowling at Blossom City Bowl on Friday, February 10TH from 5 to 7 p.m. The cost per person is \$7. Snacks and drinks will be provided. Please let us know **NO LATER THAN FEBRUARY 2ND** if you plan to go so we can advise Blossom City Bowl how many lanes will we need for this event. Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow at mroscow@htc.net or text/call [618-972-5366](tel:618-972-5366) or post a message on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

There will be a 5th-8th grade retreat at Camp Wartburg on February 10-11. The retreat theme is "Splashing in Salvation: Baptism and the Christian Life." This is intended to support confirmation class, Sunday School, and youth Bible study. Pastor Bruce Keseman from Christ Our Savior in Freeburg will be the Bible study leader, and the prayer services will be led from Lutheran Service book. The retreat begins at 5:30 on Friday, February 10th and will finish at 7 pm on the 11th. There will be opportunities for rock climbing and zip lining. The cost for the retreat is \$70 per participant. Please send one gender specific chaperone for each eight participants. If you have any questions, please contact me at pastorill@htc.net or at [\(618\) 476-3101](tel:618-476-3101).

"Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." 1 Timothy 4:12

Health Screening

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. Be proactive about your health by knowing your risks. Register at www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers to get your "Advantage" member discount and Preferred Appointment.

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 which will be used for our congregation's debt relief.

Dinner Auction

March 18 is the 9th Annual SJL Dinner Auction! The theme is “Roaring Twenties.” The dinner auction is the LARGEST fundraiser for St. John’s and directly benefits the students. Purchase tickets and be a part of this fun evening for a great cause. Reservations are required for this event. Tickets are \$35 per person and include dinner, desserts and unlimited refills on soft drinks, draft beer and the specialty drink of the evening. Doors open at 5 p.m. and dinner is served at 6 p.m. with the live auction starting at 7:30 p.m. Ticket information has been sent home with each student.

The Financial Picture Of Our Family Of Faith

Though our worship offerings for 2016 were slightly higher than in 2015, we finished the year \$354,290 behind on expenses compared to income for 2016. Our current deficit (building and operating expenses) is \$1,719,200. Please consider how God blesses you so that you can be a blessing to others through your support of our congregation’s ministry.

Thrivent Financial

In 2016 over 335,000 Thrivent Financial members directed Choice Dollars® to 32,000 churches, schools and other non-profits. St. John’s Lutheran Church and School received almost \$8,000 by this program from the support of our members and friends who have insurance products with Thrivent Financial.

A College Planning Strategies Workshop will be held on Wednesday, Feb. 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the Performing Arts Auditorium of the SWIC—Red Bud campus. Kelly Brickner of Thrivent Financial will speak on how academics, admissions and financial strategies can work together to help you save money on college. Space is limited. RSVP to Jennifer Langrehr at 618/208-4754 or jennifer.langrehr@thrivent.com.

Box Tops For Education

We recently received a check for \$718 from Box Tops for Education to use for extra items at school. We get a check from them twice a year. Please continue to clip these box tops and bring them to the school office.

February Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Diane Guebert and Regina Guebert
Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner
Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Feb. 4 5 p.m. Megan Henry
Sun. Feb. 5 8 a.m. Parker vanDorn
10:30 a.m. Madilyn Hoock

Sat. Feb. 11 5 p.m. Avery Piel
Sun. Feb. 12 8 a.m. Claire Grohmann
10:30 a.m. Dylan Roscow

Sat. Feb. 18 5 p.m. Caleb Guebert
Sun. Feb. 19 8 a.m. Megan Henry
10:30 a.m. Michael Watters

Sat. Feb. 25 5 p.m. Katie Schneider
Sun. Feb. 26 8 a.m. Madison Pensoneau
10:30 a.m. Madison Falkenhain

Wed. March 1 8:30 a.m. Kaleb Barriger
7:00 p.m. Grace Schoenbeck

Sat. March 4 5 p.m. Molly Ellner
Sun. March 5 8 a.m. Ashton Liefer
10:30 a.m. Carlyne Mulherin

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

Worship Greeter Schedule

I was glad when they said to me,

“Let us go to the house of the Lord!” Psalm 122:1

Sat. Feb. 4 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Feb. 5 8 a.m. Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel;
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Sat. Feb. 11 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Feb. 12 8:00 a.m. Ken & Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn
10:30 a.m. Carl and Flo Zschiegner;
Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom

Sat. Feb. 18 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Feb. 19 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer;
Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers;
Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Sat. Feb. 25 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sat. Feb. 26 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Ruwald;
Roger and Peggy Hanebutt
10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;
Omer and Neva Liefer

Sat. March 4 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. March 5 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber;
Clyde and Kathy Rowold
10:30 a.m. Jackie Aubuchon;
Ron and Donna Burgdorf

February Church and School Calendar

Wednesday, February 1-

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service with Mr. Becker's 4th grade
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
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, February 2-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)
6:00 p.m. Volleyball (ABC) at home vs. St. Mary's, Chester
(Volley for a Cure Benefit for Diana Becker)

Friday, February 3- *Boy's 5th Grade BB tourney at Okawville*

5:45 p.m. Girls' B Volleyball at Rocher vs. St. Mark's

Saturday, February 4- *Girls' B VB tourney at Rocher*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 5-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
TBD p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, February 6-

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at school
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, February 7-

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Chester
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball (ABC) at Coulterville
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir in the church balcony

Wednesday, February 8-

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service in the church (5th Grade)
9 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
3:30 p.m. Public School confirmation classes at school
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting at school
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, February 9-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center at Baldwin
3:00 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion Service
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at Prairie duRocher
6:00 p.m. Men's Club Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, February 10-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at school
11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal
5-7 p.m. Junior Youth Bowling at Blossom City Bowl
5 p.m. C Team Volleyball at Red Bud Catholic
A team Volleyball Tourney at St. Mary's, Chester

Saturday, February 11- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, February 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:00 a.m. Baby Shower for Samuel and Meagan Thole
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Kettle Beef Benefit Dinner for Diana Becker
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in school library
7:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the school cafeteria

Monday, February 13-

7:00 p.m. Choir Practice at school

Tuesday, February 14-

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion at Red Bud Care Center

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
4 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at Steeleville
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Wednesday, February 15-

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service with 6th Grade
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 6-8th grades Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, February 16-

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball A & C at Trinity, Prairie
6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)

Friday, February 17-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at school
5:00 p.m. Girls' B Volleyball at home vs. Chester Jr. High

Saturday, February 18-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
9 a.m. Girls' B Volleyball at home
5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, February 19-

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)

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, February 20- *No school! Presidents' Day*

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, February 21-

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC home vs. St. Mark's
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, February 22-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
1:18 p.m. Early school dismissal
2:00 p.m. 8th Grade Public School Confirmation class
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, February 23-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center at Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at St. John, Chester

Friday, February 24- *Girls' A Volleyball Tourney at Chester*

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at school
Saturday, February 25- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, February 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation team meeting in the FH
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, February 27- *Deadline for February Epistle articles!*

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC home vs. St. Libory
7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school

Tuesday, February 28-

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC home versus Evansville
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Wednesday, March 1-

8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion