

This Week With Our Lord, January 1-8, 2017

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

SUNDAY, January 1- Happy New Year of our Lord 2017!

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes

10:30 a.m. New Year's Day Holy Communion Service

Monday, January 2- No school or Choir practice

11:00 a.m. Fay Hartmann funeral service at church

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, January 3- No school! Teachers' Institute

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at New Athens

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice in the balcony

Wednesday, January 4-

8:30 a.m. Chapel Service at church with Bob Polansky

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

6:00 p.m. Boys' B Basketball vs. Zion-Belleville in HC tourney

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, January 5-

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

3:00 p.m. Epiphany Shut-in Communion Service at church

4:00 p.m. Girls' B Basketball vs. Holy Cross in HC tourney

Friday, January 6- Report Cards go home!

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (AB) home versus Marissa

Saturday, January 7- Holy Cross B team basketball tourney

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Allison Fruth

SUNDAY, January 8-

8 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Makayla Whelan

Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Jenna Salger

Greeters: Carl and Flo Zschiegner; Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom

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

7:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the school cafeteria

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

It's the right time to repent, turn to God, ask for His help, and trust in the risen Savior, Jesus Christ. Listen to "Right on Time, Just When We Need His Grace" (Galatians 4:4-7) with the Speaker of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Greg Seltz, on KFUD 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: 762 Communion: 582 No Adult/Youth Class or Sunday School

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/25- General Fund: \$29,551.30; School: \$690; Debt: \$1410; Estate Foundation Fund: \$1000; Capital Campaign: \$46,702. *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)

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Dorothy Fay Hartmann who died in the Lord on Wednesday at the age of 74 years. Visitation is Sunday from 4-8 p.m. at Welge-Pehachek here in town and again from 10-11 a.m. on Monday at church. The funeral service will be Monday at 11 a.m. with committal and luncheon following.

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.

EPIPHANY EVE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

We will observe The Epiphany of Our Lord with a Holy Communion Service this Thursday at 3 p.m. This is a shorter service where worshippers stay seated and receive the Lord's Supper in the pews. Refreshments are served afterwards.

SAVE THE DATE:

March 18 is the date for the 9TH ANNUAL St. John's Lutheran PTL DINNER AUCTION! No donation is too small! Ticket information will follow soon.

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class for the purpose of reviewing Christian doctrine as it is taught in the Lutheran Church will begin on Sunday, January 8 at 6:30 p.m. It will meet in the school library. 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 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).

THANK YOU:

“Thank you to the Board of Elders, to the Sonshine Visitation Group and to the video ladies for all of the nice gifts we received at Christmas.” From our St. John’s members at Garden Place: *Twila Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, H. Edward and Melba Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Wilma Stellhorn, Edna Voss and Wilma Wagner*

“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*

“We thank the Board of Elders and the congregation for the nice basket gift. We appreciate you thinking of us. May your Christmas be filled with the peace of God sent in Jesus Christ.” *Bill and Alice Smith*

“Dear Elders: Thank you for visiting me at the Care Center. Your Christmas gift is greatly appreciated. God’s blessings to you! Merry Christmas and a blessed new year!” *Leoma Heller*

Members of St. John’s: “May the joy of the Child of Bethlehem remain with you throughout the New Year to come! We are grateful for the privilege of serving our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ here at St. John’s. Thank you for the thoughtful cards, gifts, candy, gift cards, and especially sharing the true meaning of the Christ Child. We are looking forward to joining you as we serve our Risen Lord together.” *Pastor Koen, Lauri and sons*

“We praise God for the tremendous goodness you continue show to us in our shared ministry together in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We thank you for your many cards, gifts, candy, cookies, gift cards and food with which you blessed our family at Christmas. We pray that our God will bless you in this new year to come!” *Pastor Mark, Cindy and the Nebel children*

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/1—Jackie Aubuchon, Jill Harless, GERALYN Heller, Jeremy Voss, Esther Williams; 1/2--Julie Fleming, Evan Guebert, Tailor Neuhaus, Donald Salger; 1/3—Alice Guebert, Linda Guebert, Terryl Liefer; 1/4--Nick Grohmann, Jeffrey Koester, Hudson Schmidt; 1/5—David Blankenship, Devin Johnson, Melissa Klausing, Garrick Liefer, Sara Siegfried; 1/6—Dane Stellhorn, Damon Trost, Andre Voges, Emry Voss; 1/7—Marie Voges. *Please call the office with corrections!*

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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

New Testament Study on your Lutheran Radio Station KFUE AM850. Listen as host Rev. Jonathan Fisk and a guest pastor study the New Testament reading from the Treasury of Daily Prayer weekdays at 8 a.m. Archived at KFUE.org.

Monday, January 2 --- Luke 2:1-20 with host Rev. Jonathan Fisk.

Tuesday, January 3 --- Luke 2:21-40 with guest Rev. Zelwyn Heide from Redeemer Lutheran Church in Grassy Butte, North Dakota.

Wednesday, January 4 --- Luke 2:41-52 with guest Rev. Dustin Beck from Trinity Lutheran Church in Corpus Christi, Texas.

Thursday, January 5 --- Luke 3:1-20 with guest Rev. Luke Zimmerman from Calvary Lutheran Church in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania.

Friday, January 6 --- Luke 3:21-38 with guest Rev. Lucas Woodford from Zion Lutheran Church in Mayer, Minnesota. *Tune in at 10 a.m. for a special Epiphany Chapel Service broadcast live from the LCMS International Center.*

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.

SOUP AND SANDWICH LUNCHEON:

On Sunday, January 8 St. Peter’s Lutheran Church in Evansville will hold a Soup and Sandwich Luncheon from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu features chili, chicken, turkey, potato and vegetable soup with turkey salad and ham sandwiches. Carry-outs will be available for those who bring their own containers. This is sponsored by St. Peter’s Ladies Aid for charitable gifts. Pg. 5

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:

The next gathering is Thursday, January 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the ground floor Auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital. Program Facilitator Kathy Schmidt and guest speaker Pat Felix will lead a discussion of "General Alzheimer's and Dementia Education." Light refreshments will be served.

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:618-234-4767) or by email at 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 to receive your "Advantage" member discount and your Preferred Appointment!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

www.coslhs.org

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 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling [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.

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Sunday School Perfect Attendance in December

Nursery- Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Finn Liefer; Kindergarten- Carson Bowles, Ella Cowell, Keegan Hudson, Caleb Klausing, Brynlee Liefer, and Brooke Wolter; 1st grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Loreli Aubuchon, Syndey Kassing, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer; 2nd grade- Emily Bowles; 3rd grade- Noah Kassing, Emma Kiefer, Lydia Schoenbeck; 4th grade- Connor Jordan, Karson Liefer, Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, and Daniel Stapleton; 6th grade- Ashton Liefer and Simone Liefer; 8th grade- Kinley Bowles, Ben DeRousse, Claire Grohmann, Dylan Roscow and Grace Schoenbeck. Thank you for your participation and your faithfulness in this Christian education ministry!

The January edition of our congregation's newsletter, The Epistle, is available in hard copy in the church entryway, on our website and by email if Pastor Nebel has your address.

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>

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.

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

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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](tel: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 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. Joan Ruwald

(5 p.m.) Greeter: Miriam Poston Acolyte: Wyatt Cowell

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Acolyte: Brandon Voss

Flower Servers: Diane Guebert and Gina Guebert

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The First Sunday After Christmas

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!

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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

ISSUES, ETC.: