

This Week With Our Lord, January 22-29, 2017

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

SUNDAY, January 12- *Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Check after worship today.*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Bible Class
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Noon Senior Youth luncheon in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, January 23- *National Lutheran Schools' Week!*

- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, January 24-

- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible study in the Fellowship Hall
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

Wednesday, January 25-

- 8:30 a.m. Chapel Service at church (3rd Grade)
- 9 a.m. – 3 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
- 1:18 p.m. Early school dismissal
- 2:00 p.m. 8th grade Public School Confirmation class
- 6:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at RBC tourney vs. Rocher
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Leviticus)

Thursday, January 26- *Deadline for February Epistle articles!*

- 6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Mark)
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center at Baldwin
- 1:30 p.m. Talent Show at School

Friday, January 27-

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service
- 5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at RBC tourney vs RBC/Trinity
- 7:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School Trivia Night
- 7:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at RBC tourney vs SPPCS

Saturday, January 28-

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service
- Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Jordyn Mulherin

SUNDAY, January 29-

- 8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Christian Stechmesser
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 with Holy Communion (Installation of Officers)
Acolyte: Noah Tepe
Greeters: Jackie Aubuchon; Ron and Donna Burgdorf
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. School Open House and Registration
- 2 p.m. Pastor Nebel has the devotional service at Red Bud Care Center
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

To the world, Jesus seemed to be a loser. He suffered what all would consider defeat in order to win new life for you. Listen to "The Word of the Cross, Power for Life" (1 Corinthians 1:10-18) 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: 446; Communion: 76; Adult/Youth Class: 43; Sunday School: 45

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.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 1/15- General Fund: \$17,103.50; School: \$220; Debt: \$200; Capital Campaign: \$3855. We finished 2016 with \$354,290 in expenses over income. Our current deficit in operating and building costs is \$1,719,200. *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)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Matthew 4:20 "Immediately they left their nets and followed Him." Discipleship cost Peter and Andrew everything they had: they left their trade, their hometown, their families and they followed Jesus. God has called us to the same discipleship – the same devotion, though the exact details of how that is lived out will vary. The important thing is this: that we know that all we have is the Lord's, to be used for His purpose, that we are His disciples, ready to follow where He leads.

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.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our Annual meeting of the Voters Assembly is this Sunday, January 22nd at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The Senior Youth will serve a luncheon from noon to 1 p.m. Proposed changes to our constitution will be presented. New officers and board members will be elected. Nominations can be made from the floor. The following have agreed to be nominated to this point:

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| Chairman: | Eric Fritsche | _____ | |
| Vice-Chairman: | Todd Birkner | Justin Palm | |
| Treasurer: | Kara Wagner | _____ | |
| Elders: | William Becker | Kevin Liefer | Ron Kunkelmann |
| | _____ | _____ | _____ |
| Trustees: | Stanley Langrehr | Joanna Ellner | |
| | John Preston | Ken Wetzel | |
| Education: | Tammy Moll | Karen Liefer | |
| | Miriam Poston | Laurie Wright | |
| Finance: | Janet Papenberg | Melissa Henry | Andrew Quinn |
| (Elect Three) | Beth Diewald | Pat Malik | Kristopher Liefer |
| Estate Fund: | Jim Walker | _____ | |
| COSLHS: | Jackie Schluter | Lisa Quinn | |

It would be nice to have more nominees especially for the position of Elder. [Page 3](#)

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!

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.

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.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

Members of the Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life will hand out "baby bottles" for Life Network Pregnancy Care Center after the services this weekend. Please put your spare change in the bottle and return it to the Fellowship Hall or school office by Sunday, February 5. If you have any questions, please contact Jennifer Roscow ([618-372-5366](tel:618-372-5366) or mroscow@htc.net).

VOLLEY FOR A CURE:

We will host a Volley For A Cure game here on February 2nd. This will benefit Diana Becker. There will be t-shirts available for pre-order purchase. Order forms are in the school office for those who are interested!!

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.

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!!

PAMPERED CHEF:

The class of 2018 is selling Pampered Chef now through the end of January. If anyone would be interested please contact one of the 7th graders. [Page 4](#)

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class for the purpose of reviewing Christian doctrine as it is taught in the Lutheran Church has begun. It meets on Sundays at 6:30 p.m. in the school library. There still is room and time for you to join us! 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.

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.

CARDINALS GAME:

The St. Louis Cardinals have invited our students back for another performance. Our students will sing on the field for the August 27th game at 1:15 p.m. All students are welcome to sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" during the 7th inning stretch. Each student will have to purchase a ticket for the game. Ticket prices are \$25 per ticket and include a voucher for a FREE hot dog and soda. We would like our school to be represented well and sing to impress. A form has been sent home that needs to be filled out and turned back into the office. These tickets SOLD OUT QUICKLY last year, so please return your form as soon as possible for us to guarantee tickets.

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, Dr. Paul Schrieber, 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).

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.

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.

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!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/22- Dale Krack, Brian Stellhorn; 1/23- Abigail Brundage, Brianna Hudson, Wade Koester, Kevin Matzenbacher, Angie Rahn, Sally Ratliff, Faye Schwartzkopf, Harlow Sutton, Mary Ann Wegener, Sue Wolters; 1/25- Stuart Langrehr, Arlene Pratt, Fred Salger; 1/26- Hal Mueth, Trisha Ruebusch, Amber Stenzel; 1/27- Kaleb Barriger, Joshua DeRousse, Shawn DeRousse, Kathy Grohmann, Grace Guebirt, Adam Kiefer; 1/28- Evelyn Muench. *Please call the office with corrections!*

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: Martin Luther's Last Year, The 95 Theses, Lutheran Higher Education, The Conversion of Paul, Companions of Paul: Timothy & Titus, Late 4th Century/Early 5th Century Bishop John Chrysostom and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

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.

CONCORDIA SEMINARY GUILD LUNCHEON

On Friday, February 3 "*It's All About GRACE . . . GRACE through the Ages*" will be held in Koburg Hall on the seminary campus with registration at 11:30 a.m. and a luncheon at noon. The speaker will be Mr. Esley Hamilton on the Architectural History of Concordia Seminary. There will be a Food Pantry Shower: Please bring donations to Luther Statue for unloading. The items needed are for the special food section (gluten free products), diapers and wipes, granola bars, cereal, turkey/beef jerky, juice, spices, nuts. The cost is \$10 per person. Please make check payable to Concordia Seminary Guild and sent today to: Marie Springer, 1115 Oakleaf Cove Court, Fenton, MO 63026. Visitors and new members are always welcome!

LIFE NETWORK TRIVIA NIGHT:

Life Network of Southern Illinois will hold a Trivia Night on Saturday, February 4 at Waterloo High School. The doors will open at 5 p.m., trivia begins at 6 p.m. The cost is \$100 for an eight-ten person table. There also will be a Silent Auction with many local items on which to bid. Bring your own snacks and drinks (alcohol is prohibited). Water and soda will be available for purchase. Call 939-4224 or email dgeist@htc.net to reserve a table.

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 receive your "Advantage" member discount and Preferred Appointment!

CREATION MUSEUM & NOAH'S ARK BUS TRIP:

A 3-day bus trip has been planned by the SID Older Adult Advisory Committee for April 25-27. Motor Coach bus will pick up seniors at Zion-Belleville and Faith-Mt. Vernon. The registration form which has detailed information can be obtained from our church office or on the SID webpage, which is www.sidlcms.org. Once on the website click on forms to download the registration form.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Lutherans for Life

Deep grief and dense guilt have descended upon our people like a darkness (Isaiah 9:2) because death is viewed and used as a solution. Only the Gospel that Jesus Christ has come with a kingdom of forgiving grace (Matthew 4:17) can break any gloom's grip. Faith in His ways may feel ineffective, old-fashioned, and foolish (1 Corinthians 1:17-18), but even through our clumsy conversations and awkward interactions, God's love heals every disease and affliction (Matthew 4:23). *Lord Jesus Christ, enlighten our land's darknesses by bringing Your Spirit among us through Your Word. Amen.*

KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a cross-focused, Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. All programs are archived at KFUE.org for 24/7 on-demand listening.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Please stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall after worship and let us check your blood pressure for you. Are "winter blues" getting you down? The post-holiday slump combined with less sunlight can cause people to feel sad or depressed. Make a special day to have coffee with a friend, invite someone new to bible study, or visit someone who can't get out. If you are experiencing severe depression, or are worried about someone else, please call the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline at 800-273-8255.

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, 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).

Early Registration: January is the time when high school students typically register for the next school year. The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2017-2018 is January 31. The registration fee is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

Volunteers needed: *COS* is in need of volunteers to help with the Annual Trivia Night, Quilt Show, Fish & More, Scholar Bowl and the Dinner Auction. If helping with any of these activities interest you, please call the school for more information.

Quilt Show: *COS* will be hosting a quilt show on February 18, from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The show will feature quilts as well as live quilting demonstrations and activities. To exhibit your quilt, submit the registration form found at www.coslhs.org or call the school for more information at [618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300). There is no registration fee to exhibit a quilt.

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 (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 Russell Koen; Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 (5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Lindsey Fruth
 (8 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Ruwald
 Acolyte: Konnor Stellhorn
 (10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
 Acolyte: Ben DeRousse
 Flower Servers: Diane Guebert and Gina Guebert
 Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany

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.

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.

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!

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>

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

CHURCH LIBRARY:

“The Book Nook” church library is open for your use in the Fellowship Hall.