

This Week With Our Lord, February 12-19, 2017

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

SUNDAY, February 12-

- 8 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:00 a.m. Baby Shower for Fieldworker Samuel and Meagan Thole
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion
- 11:00 a.m. to ?? Kettle Beef Dinner in the school gym
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the 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-

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

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 Acolyte: Caleb Guebert
Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, February 19-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Megan Henry
Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Michael Waters
Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
- 6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Even as the world becomes a meaner, angrier place, God calls us to share His life with others. Listen to "Here's to Life" (Deuteronomy 30:15-20) 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: 445; Communion: 216; Adult/Youth Class: 68; Sunday School: 43

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: 2/5- General Fund: \$20,824.68; School: \$1,105; Debt: \$1000; School: \$25; Sunday School: \$100; Foundation Fund: \$300; Capital Campaign: \$700; Lutheran Witness: \$20. 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

1 Corinthians 3:7 "So neither he who plants nor he who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth." Isn't that the truth! And it's not just true about preachers like Paul, but about all of us in all of the Christian life. God can do such wonderful things with our feeble efforts. This is so very true of our gifts to the Lord's work in the Church. From His generous giving to us, we learn to give generously; and then the Lord blesses this response to His grace in turn and uses our very giving to continue to bless us in the Church where we hear of His gracious generosity to us. And the cycle repeats, and the Lord gives growth!

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

+We continue with "The Gospel of John," chapter 8, 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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL PERFECT ATTENDANCE IN JANUARY:

Kdg- Clare Carnahan; 2nd Grade- Milla Neff; 4th Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 8th Grade- Ben DeRousse, Annelise Quinn, Dylan Roscow. Thank you for your participation in our Sunday School ministry!

EPISTLES:

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

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.

A SHOWER FOR BABY THOLE:

Our 4th-year seminarian Samuel Thole and his wife Meagan are expecting their first child in March. This Sunday our Evening Guild is hosting 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>.

GET YOUR PINK ON:

There will be a benefit for Diana Becker this Sunday 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 and support the Becker family!!

ELDER ZONES FOR 2017: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

Zone 1: Deborah Adams to Rodie Collins: Elder Ron Kunkelmann

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 Kevin Liefer

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 William Becker

ST. JOHN'S IS GOING TO THE DOGS!:

Or at least the dogs are coming to us, comfort dogs, that is, from Lutheran Church Charities. Noah and Tabby from St. Louis will be here on February 21 at 1:30 p.m. for a school assembly and Esther from Holy Cross in Collinsville will be here for our Evening Guild gathering that evening at 7 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN TO SING:

Our Nursery through 1st grade Sunday School children will sing "The Butterfly Song" in the 10:30 a.m. service on February 26th. They will sit with their parents and come forward to sing and then return to their seats. Thank you for sharing your children with us in worship to proclaim God's good news to us.

FAT TUESDAY PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE SUPPER:

Our St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2019 will host an All-You-Care-to-Eat, Fat Tuesday Pancake and Sausage Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 28. Cost is \$9 for ages 12 & up; \$6 for ages 3 – 11 (2 & under free). The meal will be served by Chris Cakes (seen on The Food Network). Serving time is 4:30-7 p.m. Stay and watch a great volleyball match up of the Lady Cougars and Evansville as well. All proceeds from the supper will go towards the class's 8th grade trip to Washington, DC.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT - DOWN ON THE FARM:

St. John's is hosting their 3rd Annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 9 at 6 p.m. We would like to invite congregation families who have preschool, kindergarten, 1st grade and 2nd grade aged children to this fun night of activities. All the activities, books, games, and snacks will be centered around farming. Hope you can join us at school on the March 9.

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.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

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

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Three areas in your home where germs and bacteria thrive are the bathroom faucet handles, the water holder of your coffee maker and the dog bowl. Be sure to clean and disinfect these areas several times a week.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN NEWS:

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

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.

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.

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!

WANTING TO RENT:

A family of our congregation would like to rent a two or three (preferable) bedroom house in Red Bud for around \$600 a month. If you have or know of such availability, please contact the church office.

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, H. Edward Liefer, 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, 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).

PTL DINNER AUCTION:

March 18TH 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 info has been sent home with each student.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/12- Jacob Cox, Drew Kelley, Payton Liefer, Alex Renner, Bruce Schneider, Katie Schneider, Elroy Stellhorn; 2/14- Eric Fritsche, Lucas Guebert, Willard Guebert, Elizabeth Notter, Ryker Papenberg; 2/15- Barb Deterding, Alex Niemeyer, Wanda Steele, Clifford Stellhorn, Craig Stellhorn; 2/17- Linda Hinrichs, Connor Jordan, Norma Vogt; 2/18- Lauren Mehring, Amber Piel. *Please contact the office with any corrections!*

BETA SIGMA PSI SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES:

Male high school seniors who are members of a Lutheran congregation and will attend Purdue, Indiana, Illinois (\$1,500 Christian Leadership Award) or another 4-year college or university (\$2,000 Martin Luther Scholarship) this fall should apply online by February 17 at <http://scholarships.betasigmapi.org>.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville. This week's topics include: Rebuilding American Culture, Saint Valentine, 16th Century Reformer Philip Melancthon, Loving Our Enemies, Cohabitation & Divorce, Jesus Walks on Water and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM in St. Louis. Listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LIFE THOUGHTS: Lutherans for Life

Comparing and preferring one person to another (1 Corinthians 3:3-4) amounts to idolatry (Deuteronomy 30:17-18) and leads to suffering and death for all (Matthew 5:22). Instead, our Father has reconciled humanity to Himself by the offering (Matthew 5:24) of His Son Jesus Christ. He gives us life and growth when and how it pleases Him (1 Corinthians 3:6-7). Real peace and true joy trusts this justification for oneself and everyone else. *Mighty Redeemer, overcome all our competition with Your unconditional acceptance. Amen.*

RED BUD 150TH ANNIVERSARY COOKBOOKS:

Cookbooks again are available to purchase for \$12 at Cowell Insurance, City Hall, Dietrich Bank, and Buena Vista Bank (north branch).

CHICKEN 'N DUMPLINGS DINNER:

St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin will host a Chicken 'N Dumplings Dinner on Sunday, February 12 from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. in its school building. Dinners are \$8 (\$4 for children ten and under). Carry-outs will be available by the ½ gallon (\$10) and whole gallon (\$20, bring container).

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 at jennifer.langrehr@thrivent.com or 618/208-4754.

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. To receive your "Advantage" member discount and Preferred Appointment you need to register at www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.

BENEFIT CHICKEN DINNER AND SILENT AUCTION:

St. John Lutheran in Chester will hold a dinner and auction on Saturday, February 25 from 5-8 p.m. at the Chester VFW to benefit their school basketball teams' participation in the Lutheran State Tournament in Chicago. A freewill offering will be taken for the meal. Carryouts will be available!

RUMMAGE SALE:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia (Rt. 3 at Bottom Avenue – across from Walgreens) will have a basement rummage sale on Saturday, March 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. All proceeds benefit the youth group activities. Donations of items are welcome (please no clothing, TVs or old computers). Items can be dropped off at the church basement on Thursday, March 16 from 4 – 8 p.m. or Friday, March 17 from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. For information call Karen McCann at (618) 570-8548.

WOMEN'S DAY OF RENEWAL:

Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville will host the 2017 Women's Day of Renewal, "Laughter, Gratitude & True Joy in Christ" on Saturday, March 25th with doors opening for breakfast at 7:45 a.m. and ending at 11:45 a.m. Christian Humorist, Jan Struck, a favorite of LWML conventions, will be the keynote speaker. Her two-part keynote *What Did I With My "To-Do-List"?* is based on 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. The registration fee is \$5. See registration form/poster on the bulletin board for more information.

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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

618-853-7300

www.coslhs.org

Quilt Show: *COS* will be hosting a quilt show this Saturday, February 18 from 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. The show will feature quilts as well as live quilting demonstrations and activities. Make plans to attend the quilt show. Five dollars will admit you to a day filled with quilting! Soup and chili will be available for purchase in the mezzanine during the quilt show.

Fish & More: Join us for our annual Fish & More Dinner on Friday, March 3 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. We will serve fish, chicken, sides and desserts in the *COS* gym with plenty of room for a crowd. Handicap parking is available behind the gym. If you would enjoy helping with this event, please call *COS*.

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

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit *COS*, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. You do not have to be a Thrivent member to participate in a team. Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two project teams per year. Each project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational material and t-shirts to help make their project successful. For more information, see: <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/>.

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



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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, Alan Ohms, and Bob Schramm
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
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Elder Chair: Gerald Hanebutt Parish Education Chair: Thomas Mulherin
Trustee Chair: 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: Seminarian Cameron Harms and Samuel Thole
(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Avery Piel
(8 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn
Acolyte: Claire Grohmann
(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Carl and Flo Zschiegner; Gerald and Nancy Holmstrom
Acolyte: Dylan Roscow
Acolyte: Flower Servers: Diane Guebert and Gina Guebert
Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Red Bud, Illinois

The Sixth 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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

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!

+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.