

This Week With Our Lord, June 25-July 2, 2017

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

SUNDAY, June 25- *Pastor Koen on vacation through July 2*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 2:00 p.m. Pastor Nebel has the worship service at Red Bud Care Center
- 4:00 p.m. Look for our float in the Firemen's Picnic Parade

Monday, June 26-

- 3-8 p.m. Ron Snyder visitation at church

Tuesday, June 27- *Deadline for July Epistle articles!*

- 10-11 a.m. Ron Snyder visitation at church
- 11:00 a.m. Ron Snyder funeral at church

Wednesday, June 28-

- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 6:30 Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, June 30- 6 p.m. Koester/Lippert wedding rehearsal

Saturday, July 1-

- 2:00 p.m. Koester/Lippert wedding
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service w/Holy Communion Acolyte: Hannah Sievers
Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, July 2-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Annelise Quinn
Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold
- 9:30 a.m. Youth and Adult Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (John)
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Addison Liefer
Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 6/18- General Fund: \$; School: \$; Debt: \$. Our expenses over income for 2017 are \$180,795.12 through May. Our total liabilities are \$1,354,606.47. *Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.* (2 Corinthians 9:6-7)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Romans 6:13 "Present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness." Everything we have – even our own existence, our very selves – is a gift from God to be used for His purposes. God has called you to be His own and has given you tasks to perform in home, church, and society. How will you serve Him today?

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED:

There is an opening at our 10:30 a.m. service for a couple or for two individuals to serve as greeters. Please call the office if you are willing to help! Page 2

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 382; Communion: 187; Adult/Youth Class: 27

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class to review the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church has begun! There still is room for you to be a part of it. Our regular meeting day is Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This 12-week class can lead to communicant membership at St. John's but is also a good refresher course. Please contact Pastor Nebel for more information.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Are you listening to what "they" say-- or what God says? Listen to "What God Says" (Isaiah 43:1-3) with the Speaker Emeritus of the Lutheran Hour, Rev. Ken Klaus, on KFUE AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sunday at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

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.

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member, former school principal and teacher Ron Snyder who died in the Lord Wednesday at the age of 83 years. Visitation will be at church on Monday from 3-8 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10-11 a.m. The funeral will be at church on Tuesday at 11 a.m. with committal in our cemetery and luncheon in our Fellowship Hall following. All those who taught with Ron may sit together at the service and form an honor guard in front of church during the recessional. The Choir will appreciate your help. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

If you would like independent study material for your child to use at home over the summer, please contact Pam Henry at 618-779-0015. Our Rally Day celebration of the new Sunday School year will be between services on Aug. 20.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our daily devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take a copy to the people that you visit. It is available from Concordia Publishing House by a downloadable app free from your App Store.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

6/25- Don DeRousse, Ron Kunkelmann, Brent Moeller, Jack Richards, Butch Stellhorn, Wilma Uffelmann; 6/26- Cliff Crafton, Jordyn Lehr, Eunice Snyder; 6/27- Justin Deterding, Natalie Kassing; 6/28- Norman Bievenue, Angela Cooper, Brady Hartmann, Melissa Henry, Lisa Keller, Rich Moeller; 6/29- Earl Ellner, Jr., Ken Langrehr, Kole Liefer, Kim Schlueter, Brandon Voss; 6/30- Zac Carnahan, Maggie DuFrenne, Sara Hewitt; 7/1- Diane Kunkelmann, Duane Liefer, Wayne Liefer. *Please call the office with any corrections!*

FIREMEN'S PICNIC PARADE:

We invite you to take part in the Firemen's Picnic Parade by walking with our St. John's float on Sunday, June 25 at 4 p.m. Page 3

UPDATE ON A FORMER ST. JOHN'S VICAR:

Rev. Mike Maddick, vicar at St. John's in 1983-84 and now pastor at Trinity Lutheran Church in State Center, Iowa, is undergoing chemotherapy treatments for esophageal cancer that was diagnosed in December. Recently his wife Melanie has been diagnosed with an estrogen based breast cancer. She had a mastectomy this past Thursday and now will receive her own chemotherapy treatments. Their address for cards is 1244A 190th Street, State Center, IA, 50247. They will appreciate our prayers. There is a Go Fund Me support fund for them. More information can be found at www.TrinityLutheranSC.com.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Leona Dannenbrink, Leroy Guebert, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Bill and Alice Smith, Leonard and Norma Vogt, and Jody Winkelmann

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Nina Guebert, Bernadine Kruse, H. Edward Liefer, Donald Salger, Clifford Stellhorn, Eunice Stumpf and Wilma Uffelmann; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Doris Koch

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 Kloeppe 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).

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Reasons to Avoid Energy Drinks: 4) Added Weight- The calories in energy drinks (168 in one 12-ounce can) are mostly due to the sugar content and can lead to weight gain if consumed regularly.

THANK YOU:

“Thank you so much for the warm welcome you gave me when I spoke at your church (June 11) and the generous donation you (Sunday School) gave to Life Network! You are such a blessing to our ministry. We appreciate your continual support.” *Debbie Geist, Life Network of S. Illinois Executive Director*

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUO AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a cross-focused, Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. All programs are archived at KFUO.org for 24/7 on-demand listening. Find us at @KFUOradio on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for your questions. **This week on KFUO AM850**, we discuss why and how adults should memorize the catechism (hint: you can and should!)(*Faith & Family 6/28 @ 10am*), continue in our study of the Apology of the Augsburg Confession (*Concord Matters 6/27 @ 2pm*), and share the LCMS resources in response to the Netflix series "13 Reasons Why" (*Faith & Family 6/30 @ 10am*).

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 teachings include: Martin Luther's Prayers, The Prophet Jeremiah, Joseph Cares for Jacob, 5th Century Archbishop of Alexandria Cyril, 2nd Century Bishop of Lyons Irenaeus and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

LUTHERAN YOUTH MINISTRIES SUMMER CAMP:

“Survival Through Christ” is July 16-21st at Camp Sherwood Forest in Cuivre River State Park, Troy, Missouri for high school youth (Class of 2017 to 2021). The cost is \$155 for application postmarked by July 6 (\$50 deposit due with application). Forms are on the church bulletin board. Contact Bob Milkert (618/558-8668 or LTMCAMP@aol.com) or see Chelsea Nebel for more info.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

“The Book Nook” church library is open for your use in the Fellowship Hall. We thank David Blankenship for his excellent craftsmanship in constructing the new shelves and for the Evening Guild inspiration for this project. Featured now is a new book “The Messengers: Discovered” authored by Lisa Clark (formerly of Waterloo) and published by CPH. It is described as Christian, fiction and futuristic, especially geared to youth.

LUTHERAN CHURCH EXTENSION FUND:

Connect Plus: 3% fixed rate for 2-year note on first \$5000 for new LCEF investors 18 and older with \$500 minimum to open. Call 800-843-5233 or visit www.lcef.org.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AT ST. JOHN IN BALDWIN:

Mighty Fortress Vacation Bible School will be Sunday, July 9th to Thursday, July 13th from 6-8:30 p.m. You may register a student at <http://vbsmate.com/StJohnBaldwin> on the first night they attend. The VBS is for children entering kindergarten through sixth grade.

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.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY SERVICE:

Trinity Lutheran Church, Prairie is celebrating its 175th Anniversary this year. There will be a special Anniversary Divine Service on Sunday, July 9, at 9:00 a.m. Guest preacher is Rev. Dr. Lawrence Rast, president of Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne. A potluck dinner will follow in the school gymnasium, beginning at approximately 11:00 a.m.

CHRISTIAN DAY AT THE BALLPARK:

The Sunday, July 30, 1:15 p.m. Cardinals game is Christian Day at the Ballpark sponsored by Thrivent Financial. The post-game program will feature former Cardinals player Lance Berkman as the keynote speaker. Use coupon code BERKMAN for \$18 Loge tickets. For tickets or info call 314/345-9000 or visit www.cardinals.com/christianday.

SAVE THE DATE:

“In Christ Alone We Stand” Lutheran Older Adult Retreat on October 25-26 at Pere Marquette Lodge in Grafton. For reservations and information contact Margo Wolf at 618/622-0264 or dmwvette74@gmail.com. The registration fee is \$100. Lodging is an additional cost.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR COREY KOESTER:

Fellow Lutheran and local resident Corey Koester was severely injured in a vehicle accident early in the morning of March 4 west of Red Bud. He was airlifted to a St. Louis hospital with serious and long-term injuries. We can help during this difficult time when both he and his wife will be off work. From your cell phone or computer type in gofundme.com and then type in “Koester.” Instructions will appear.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

Voices for life won't avoid hardship and resistance (Matthew 10:21-25). But how can we keep silent or still (Jeremiah 20:9) when He who upholds even the sparrows escorts us like a dread warrior (Jeremiah 20:9-11)? And so He dotes on each human being down to their every hair! *Life-giving God, make our bones overflow with Your joy. Amen.*

RED BUD ROTARY YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM:

The Rotary Club of Red Bud is seeking two more families who live in the Red Bud school district and are interested in hosting a foreign exchange student for 3 or 4 months during the 2017-2018 school year. Contact Dian Keil at [618-604-2284](tel:618-604-2284) or dian1212@live.com.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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

Parade Time: We welcome volunteers to join our Parade Crew for Fireman's Picnic June 25 and Steeleville 4th of July. If you are interested in representing Soldier Nation on our float, tossing out swag, and having a great time, contact Michele Christman at mchristman@coslhs.org or call the school office.

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2017-2018. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Michele Christman, mchristman@coslhs.org.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 21 & 22. Volunteers are needed to help organize and work at the rummage sale. We prefer that items be brought to school after July 5. If you need assistance getting donations to school, please call and we will make arrangements to help.

Summer Hours: Someone will usually be in the office from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Monday through Thursday and on Fridays from 9 a.m. to noon. The office will be closed July 3 & 4.

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

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FROM THE Association of Evangelical Confessing Lutheran Congregations:

Today there is much emphasis placed on the necessity for worship to be entertaining. This is perfectly evident in the elaborate productions taking place on Sunday mornings in many mega churches and far too many Lutheran congregations. It is equally apparent in the way people talk about their Sunday morning experiences. “I really enjoyed the music.” “I was so moved by the service.” “The worship today touched my heart.” Please, do not get me wrong. I am in no way opposed to being “moved” by what takes place on Sunday mornings. I would hope that our hearts, and not just our minds, are engaged in the worship service. The difference is that the Divine Service should not be orchestrated to induce an emotional response. If one is moved emotionally by the Word, that is wonderful, as long as the emotional response, rather than the Good News of Christ's life, death and resurrection, does not become the focus.

The problem is that the more we focus on entertainment the less we focus on the Word. In reflecting on my statements in quotation marks above you will note that it is not the truth of the Word that moved the person but the experience. The problem is that we are increasingly demanding to be entertained. Whether what we are hearing is completely faithful to the Word of God is not really the issue. We are people who expect to be offered a feeling, not demanded to think!

That the secular culture is setting aside critical thinking for entertainment is dangerous. That Christians are doing so is horrifying, for it makes them vulnerable to deception, even to the point of losing the faith. That Lutherans, especially Lutheran pastors, are promoting this way of thinking displays a real ignorance of the true Means of Grace! Many Christians forget that Jesus commanded allegiance, not only of our hearts, but also our minds. By joining with a culture that feels rather than thinks we distance ourselves from the historic, Apostolic church. The Apostle Paul commended the hearers in Berea, not for their being “real,” being sincere or showing great emotion to what he said, but because they checked his preaching against what God's Word actually said (Acts 17:11).

Every Christian should insist that Christ crucified for the sins of the world be at the heart of the Divine Service, the foundation for every sermon, and the very reason for gathering together in the house of God. It is this divine proclamation that separates the Christian faith from all this world's many man-made religions. Leave out the birth, life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ and we end up with nothing more than a social gathering couched in religious garb, a “feel good session” to help one get through the week. If the worship “experience” is focused on the “experience” of the worshiper, it is **not** focused on the Word and the Sacraments.

May all Christians today emulate those first Christians who sought, not an emotional experience, but the Word of God in all its truth and purity! And they continued steadfastly in the Apostles' doctrine and fellowship in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers (Acts 2:42).

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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, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Lori Moses, Danyelle Gargac, Heidi Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Tiffany Wiegard, Gerry Thompson, Morgan Woosley

Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner

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Lutheran High School Board: Christina Gidley and Vickie Heller

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak Lector: Seminarian Cameron Harms

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Noah Tepe

(8 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Ruwald; Roger and Peggy Hanebutt

Acolyte: Brendan Harms

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Acolyte: Jeremy Collins

Acolyte: Flower Servers: Cindy Ebers and Vernitta Wolter

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Third Sunday After Pentecost 2017

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.

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!

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).

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!

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

CONCERTS AT PEACE: