

This Week With Our Lord, November 5-12, 2017

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

SUNDAY, November 5- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Noon Senior Youth meets in their church basement hangout area

Birthday Open House for Lorine Reinhardt is canceled!

Monday, November 6-

- 6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball vs. Evansville
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
- 7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at Christ, Jacob vs. Lick Creek

Tuesday, November 7-

- 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Good Shepherd, Marion
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 8-

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church with Dr. Bruce McLaughlin
- 9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Doris Mueller
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 3:30 p.m. 6-8th grades Public School Confirmation classes
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the FH
- 7:30 p.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Numbers)

Thursday, November 9-

- 6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Nehemiah)
- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Julie Fehr
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
- 3:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church
- 6:00 p.m. Bell choir practice in the church balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball (ABC) vs. Steeleville
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 10-

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel at church led by Nikki
- 7:00 p.m. Luther Movie Showing (place to be determined)

Saturday, November 11-

- 10:00 a.m. Junior Youth Operation Christmas Child
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Maggie DuFrenne
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, November 12-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Jesse Crafton
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele and Olivia Schmitz
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Lindsey Fruth
Greeters: Carl and Flo Zschiegner
- 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's Club Annual Wurstmart in the school's old gym

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 350; Communion: 283; Adult/Youth Classes: 35; Sunday School: 46. *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"* Psalm 122:1

ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES:

- Sunday: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall, "Luther: The Movement" (Pastor Nebel)
- Sunday: 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. School Library, "Psalms: Lighthouse" (Pastor Koen)
- Wednesdays: 9:30 a.m. FH (Women's) "Advanced Bible History" (D. Mueller)
- Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall "The Book of Numbers" (Pastor Nebel)
- Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall "The Book of Nehemiah" (Pastor Nebel)
- Thursdays: 8:15 a.m. FH (Women's) "To the Thessalonians" (Julie Fehr)
- 1st & 3rd Saturdays: FH, Men's Bible Breakfast "To the Romans" (Pastor Nebel)

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 10/29- General Fund: \$11,423.49; School: \$955; Debt: \$20; Lutheran Witness: \$20; Sunday School: \$100; Matching: \$17,370. Our expenses over income for 2017 are \$215,402 through September. Our total liabilities are \$1,397,704. *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

Matthew 5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy." This is one of many Bible passages that remind us that we reap what we sow. Likewise, what God puts into us (His own love, mercy, kindness, and generosity) – flows back out of us. For it all starts with His self-giving!

\$100,000 FOR THE 500TH:

During November we will finish our opportunity to raise \$100,000 to be matched by \$100,000 for our congregation's debt reduction to celebrate the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Please use the blue envelopes that are available in the baskets in the entryway. To date, we have received \$69,255.40.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in memory of Ken Schnepel in celebration of the baptism of his great-grandson, Carter Christopher Maloney, in Saturday's service. Thank you!

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.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Carter Christopher Maloney into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. He is the son of Ryan Maloney and Taylor Schnepel. He was born on August 18, 2017 at Memorial East Hospital. His baptismal sponsors are Ashley Siegfried and Danyelle Gargac. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

This weekend many churches observe All Saints Sunday, remembering those who have died in the Christian faith. That prompts us to ask, what does it take to get to heaven? Jesus tells us "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." Listen to "Blessed Are the Pure in Heart" (Matthew 5:8) with Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus Dr. Dale Meyer on KFYO 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).

EPISTLES AVAILABLE:

The November edition of our newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway baskets, on our website or by email if Pastor has your address. Page 3

FRUSTRATING FURNACE FAILURE:

Both boiler units for church have rusted beyond reasonable repair after 19 years of usage. New units have been ordered but we are waiting for installation. The cost for equipment, shipping and installation will be close to \$20,000. The good news is that an anonymous donation has been given to cover the cost of new boilers. We thank God for His blessings through the goodness and generosity of His people!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+”Three Men in the Fiery Furnace”- As our God was present with His faithful three to save them from the torment of a hot Babylonian furnace, our Savior Jesus is with us in His Word and Sacrament to save us from the heat of unbelieving hatred now and the torment of eternal condemnation later. Families may discuss, *Who appeared in the furnace with the three men?* and *How has God rescued us from the fires of hell?*

+High School Bible class meets in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

+Bethesda Lutheran Communities serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities is our mission (national) project that will received 10% of our Sunday School offerings this year. Rev. Reuben Schmitz of Bethesda will be with us on Sunday, December 3 to speak to Sunday School and Bible classes.

+Perfect Attendance in October: Nursery- Elsie Liefer; Pre-K: Aiden Arbeiter, Natalie Kassing, Miles Liefer, Holden Wagner; Kdg:- Payton Liefer; 2nd- Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Norah Wagner; 4th- Noah Kassing; 5th- Jakob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Karson Liefer, Makayla Liefer, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 7th- Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer. Thank you!

AFTERNOON HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

This Thursday, November 9 at 3 p.m. we will hold a communion service. This is designed for those not able to attend over the weekend or who are better able to take part in a briefer service where you remain in the pews for distribution. Refreshments will be served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

LUTHER MOVIE:

We will host *Luther: The Idea That Changed the World*, a film collaboration between Thrivent and PBS, on Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m. (Luther’s birthday). There is no cost to attend. We do need your RSVP to know where to show the film (Fellowship Hall or gym?). Please call our office (282-2394) by Nov. 8.

JUNIOR YOUTH:

Our Junior Youth will pack Operation Christmas Child boxes on Saturday, November 11th from 10 a.m.-noon. This opportunity is open to the entire congregation and school! Please pick up your shoebox in the office. Attached to it is a brochure on how to pack it. An optional donation of \$9 will help cover the cost of getting the shoebox to the recipient. To make a donation online, or to find out more about Operation Christmas Child, please go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. If you have questions, contact Lisa Quinn at [618-606-4042](tel:618-606-4042) or lisa_hunt68@yahoo.com. Operation Christmas Child, (a project of Samaritan’s Purse) collects shoeboxes (over 135 million since 1993) filled with gifts and delivers them to children (in over 150 countries) in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel in the hands of local churches.

PICTORIAL DIRECTORIES AVAILABLE:

Copies of our recent pictorial directory are available for purchase from our office for \$50. This money goes for our congregation’s debt relief.

WURSTMARKT:

The 65th Annual Wurstmarkt (Sausage Dinner) hosted by our Men’s Club will be Sunday, November 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in our school’s old gym with all you-can-eat dine-in buffet style. Carryouts and pre-ordered meat (pork sausage, liver, chops, backbone and ribs) will be available. For advance meat orders call C. John at 618/304-2861 and leave a message. Our wurst is the best! All help is welcome! Proceeds will support Men’s Club ministries, including our Capital Campaign.

THANK YOU:

Five maple trees have been planted around the playground at school. We thank Tom Mulherin and Nathan Salger for doing that work. One tree is given in memory of Mr. Ron Snyder, former principal and teacher at St. John’s, as a gift from the faculty and staff. The other four trees are given in celebration of the 500th anniversary of the Reformation as a partner to the tree planted in Wittenberg this summer. They are a gift from Kalin and Kathy Liefer and Bruce and Deitt Schneider.

REFORMATION 500:

+This is the last weekend we are focusing on The Six Chief Parts of Martin Luther’s *Small Catechism* for our sermons and singing hymns that Luther wrote.

+The influence of Luther and his reforms became established in most central and northern German communities. One of the most influential and splendid cities of the middle ages in the region was Dessau, ruled by the nobility of the principality of Anhalt. Its location on the Elbe River made trade there profitable for the local people and commerce flourished. Under Prince George the Third, the Lutheran belief became the faith of the people and the churches became Lutheran starting in 1534. Prince George was a devoted ruler who took very seriously the religious needs of his people. In 1545 Luther ordained George. He received the title “Bishop of Merseberg.” George was the only German prince to serve both as a local ruler and as a Lutheran clergyman at the same time during the Reformation era. Luther reportedly said of this Reformation monarch, “Prince George is more devout than I. Any heaven that bars its gates to him is not likely to let me in either.” Devoted to the memory of Luther after the Reformer’s death, George acquired the manuscript of his translation of the Old Testament and much of Luther’s correspondence to be safely kept in his town. As heirs of Luther in the twenty-first century, we are blessed in having so much of Luther’s writing and so many of his sermons available to us.

CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John’s member Abby Brundage graduated from the US Capitol Police Academy on Friday, October 27. Her first duty station is in the Library of Congress.

CONGRATULATIONS to St. John’s Red Bud High School Athletes:

+The cross country team won its regional with Alex Sievers and Brandon Voss.
+The volleyball team won its regional with Mackenzie Schweizer, Sophie Richards, Claire Grohmann, Jenna Salger, Alyssa Cowell, Alyssa Heller, Sophia Liefer, Reese Foster, Makayla Whelan, Megan Schrader, Adrienne Vallet, Avery Piel, Kailyn Moeller (manager) and Kara Wagner (Assistant Coach).
+The football team participated in the state playoffs with Jayden Birkner, Griffin Ziebold, Gage Baldwin, Parker VanDorn, Caleb Barriger, Derek Uffelmann (coach) and Ben Schwartzkopf (coach).
+The cheerleaders included Emma Fritsche, Erin Hewitt, Claudia Watters, Brianna Hudson, Sara Hewitt, Kinley Bowles and Lydia Wright.
+The golf teams included Nick Guebert, Cole Booker, Ethan Fritsche, Brenden Harms, Dylan Roscow, Amber Mollet, Jessie Deterding, Callie Todaro and Katelyn Koester.

THANK YOU:

“We thank everyone for your active support, participation and prayers for Derrick and his family during this difficult time. The support from the St. John’s Lutheran family is both humbling and appreciated as we continue through our journey. From the Fish Fry, to the #believeinderrick apparel, bracelets, donations and the beautiful signs the daycare children have made in support of Derrick, we truly appreciate all our that our faith family has done and continues to do. Derrick attended school at St. John’s Lutheran as a child and the feeling of family and friendship still remains as his children and nephews walk through the doors each week. We could never thank each of you enough for your love and kindness.” With our thanks,

Jennifer & family, Dan & Donna DeWilde, Doug and Jessica DeWilde & family, Barry & Devon Albert & Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Leroy Guebert, Joyce Lopez, Alvin Moeller, Dorothy Peters, Bill and Alice Smith, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Nina Guebert, Bernadine Kruse, H. Edward Liefer, Clifford Stellhorn, Eunice Stumpf, Willard Uffelmann, and Jody Winkelmann; Oak Hill–Waterloo: Doris Koch

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Twila Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Melba Liefer, Edna Moeller, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Wilma Stellhorn, Wilma Uffelmann, 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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/5- Kathleen Liefer, Addyson Piel, Joshua Reinhardt; 11/6- Noah Kassing, Wayne Miller (80), Chelsea Smithson, Clifford Papenberg, Flo Zschiegner; 11/7- Curt Guebert, Jackson Pensoneau; 11/8- Sherry Doty, Suzanne Neff, Rhonda Nobbe, Earl Sachtleben; 11/10- Debbie Rahn, Joshua Uffelmann; 11/11- Tyler Brauer, Deb Grohmann, Michael Miller, Brittany Veath, Trace Wagner. *Please call the office with corrections!*

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. Archived programs are at KFUE.org for on-demand listening. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for your questions. **This week on KFUE AM850**, learn about Reformation Bible Studies with Rev. Dr. Joel Lehenbauer (Faith & Family 11/6 @ 10 am), study the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk (weekdays @ 8 am) and the Acts of the Apostles on Thy Strong Word (weekdays @ 11 am), and explore the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (11/7 @ 2 pm). November 9th is KFUE Rally Day! Become a Day Sponsor for listener-supported KFUE Radio in bringing Christ to you, anytime, anywhere. Page 6

CHURCH LIBRARY:

“The Book Nook” church library in the Fellowship Hall features “The Reformation” by Dr. Cameron Mackenzie of the Fort Wayne Seminary. It is a beautiful coffee-table style book full of colorful pictures and complete accounts of the people, places and events of the 16th century Reformation.

CARDINALS CALENDAR FUNDRAISER:

The 5th grade class (Class of 2021) is taking orders through Nov. 1 for 2018 St. Louis Cardinals Calendars for \$15. They will be delivered in early December- in time for Christmas! Please see a 5th grader to order. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at lisa_hunt68@yahoo.com or [618-606-4042](tel:618-606-4042).

CHILI DINNER:

The Annual Lutheran Youth Fellowship Chili Dinner is Sunday, November 5th from 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. at St. John Lutheran Church in Baldwin. All proceeds benefit the St. John Lutheran Youth Fellowship as they continue to raise funds for the 2019 National Youth Gathering.

GRIEF SEMINAR:

“GriefShare: A Surviving the Holidays” seminar is scheduled for Tues., November 7, from 6-7:30 p.m. in the conference room at Good Shepherd Church, 1300 Beltline Rd, Collinsville. This is an encouraging seminar for people facing the holidays after a loved one’s death. It features practical suggestions and reassurance through video interviews with counselors, grief experts and others who have experienced the holidays after their loved one’s death. Attendees can purchase (\$5) a book with over 30 daily readings that provide insights and ideas on holiday survival. To register call Good Shepherd at 344-3151, or email cookparishnurse@charter.net

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

A Lutherans for Life regional conference will be held on Saturday, November 11 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Pekin, Illinois. For information, including registration fees, schedules, hotels, and more, go to: www.lutheransforlife.org/conference or email Virginia Flo at vflo@lutheransforlife.org. Exhibitors will share wonderful resources, products, ministries, and organizations. LFL conferences offer a great opportunity to meet local, state, and national LFL leaders.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

618-853-7300 www.coslhs.org

Thank you for attending our Annual Benefit Dinner on Saturday evening.

Learn about urban farming in New York City. Join us on November 8 at 7:00 p.m. in the COS gym and hear what our FFA learned on their recent trip to NYC. They have prepared an interesting presentation and will be serving refreshments.

Smoked Pork Benefit: COS students are selling smoked pork butts to help raise money for a short mission trip to Houston in May. You may order a pork butt for \$30 by calling COS or talking to a COS student. Payment is due by Nov. 10. This year the pork will be smoked by *The Burnt End* in Red Bud.

Basketball Club’s first game is at home on December 1 vs. Faith Christian at 6:00 p.m.

Keep saving those lids! The girls are getting closer, but still need more plastic lids. The lids must be clean and have no stickers, paper inserts or metal attached and be under 8”. Prescription bottles with the labels removed are also acceptable. Please bring your lids to school during business hours.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education. Page 7



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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, 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

Third Grade – Lauri Koen and Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Bill Becker (Librarian)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care Director)

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, Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Lori Moses, Danyelle Gargac, Heidi Guttmann, Samantha Yankey, Gerry Thompson, Morgan Woosley, Kayla McCauley, Terra Williams, Melissa Everts, Patricia Brewer, Monica Kunkel

Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner

Secretary: Becky Biffar Treasurer: Kara Wagner Board of Finance: Cindy Steele

Elder Chair: Gerald Hanebutt Parish Education Chair: Thomas Mulherin

Trustee Chair: Kenneth Langrehr Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Lisa Quinn

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Lector: Seminarian Cameron Harms Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Allyson Fruth

(8 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold

Acolyte: Riley Candler

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

Acolyte: Grace Guebert

Acolyte: Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

All Saints Sunday 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.

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

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!

ST. JOHN'S BUSINESS YELLOW PAGES:

The new edition of the St. John's Business Yellow Pages is available on the table in the entryway. This is a first run copy. If you would like your business added to this edition, please contact the office so that we can include it in a larger, second issue. Thank you!

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*)

ISSUES, ETC.:

"RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING ON MY HEAD":

Lost and Found items are on the coat rack shelf across from the restrooms. These include many umbrellas. Take a look, one of them may be yours!

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP GATHERING:

Program Facilitator Kathy Schmidt and , will present "" on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Hospital. All are welcomed to attend. Light refreshments will be served. No R.S.V.P. is required. Call Julie at 282-5456 for more information.

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 once every five weeks. Please call the office if you can help!

SET UP DIRECT PAYMENTS THROUGH ACH:

If you so choose, payments for items such as worship offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare can be withdrawn automatically and securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. To set up this option, simply fill out a form (in the school office) and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn (e.g. school lunches, offerings, etc). It is free to set up, and you can make changes or cancel at any time at no cost. If there are insufficient funds in the specified account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn and the user will be notified. Our hope is that this option will offer convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our congregation. Please note that this is completely optional--no one is required to sign up. If you feel more comfortable continuing to use cash or check, please do so! Kara Wagner, Treasurer

Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

On the Sunday after All Saints' Day (November 1) we remember our brothers and sisters in Christ whom God has called to eternal life through Jesus during this past year. With joy and fondness we recall the lives of our family members and friends who were such a blessing to us. With thankfulness and praise we similarly remember our fellow members of St. John's for whom God had made His baptismal promise of salvation. During the last twelve months they were called out of this earthly life. We now speak to God in the words of Bible passages He has given to us which assure us of our eternal life with Him as a gift of His love and mercy.

+Clyde Renner: December 27, 1930—December 7, 2016+

P: Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is seated at the right hand of God.

C: **Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things.** (Colossians 3:1-2)

+Dorothy Faye Hartmann: July 16, 1942—December 28, 2016+

P: And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,

C: **giving thanks to God the Father through Him.** (Colossians 3:17)

+Donald Guebert: March 5, 1932—January 1, 2017+

P: But Christ has indeed been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.

C: *For since death came through a man, the resurrection of the dead comes also through a man. (1 Corinthians 15:20-21)*

+Keith Koester: August 10, 1954—January 4, 2017+

P: For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we belong to the Lord.

C: *So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. (Romans 14:7-8)*

+Lois Koester: December 22, 1943—February 16, 2017+

P: I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end He will stand upon the earth:

C: **and after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God.** (Job 19:25-26)

+Genevieve Moeller: April 4, 1927—February 27, 2017+

P: Jesus says, "I tell you the truth, whoever hears My word and believes in Him who sent Me has eternal life;

C: **and will not be condemned: he has crossed over from death to life."** (John 5:24)

+Leoma Heller: September 23, 1930—March 2, 2017+

P: I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.
C: Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness. (2 Timothy 4:7-8)

+*Harry Peters: September 21, 1923—March 4, 2017+*

P: He will swallow up death forever. The Lord will wipe away tears from all faces;

C: He will remove the disgrace of His people from all the earth. (Isaiah 25:8)

+*Dorothy Heinemeyer: March 17, 1923—March 10, 2017+*

P: And Jesus died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves

C: but for Him who died for them and was raised again. (2 Corinthians 5:15)

+*Gary Schnepel: July 23, 1951--March 22, 2017+*

P: Jesus said, "Whoever drinks the water I give him will never thirst.

C: Indeed, the water I give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life." (John 4:14)

+*Farreol Koester: January 16, 1926—May 1, 2017+*

P: And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Now the dwelling of God is with men, and He will live with them.

C: They will be His people, and God Himself will be with them and be their God." (Revelation 21:3)

+*Omar Koester: October 27, 1946--May 11, 2017+*

P: Jesus says, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies;

C: and whoever lives and believes in Me will never die." (John 11:25-26)

+*Christi Burmester: December 31, 1958--May 31, 2017+*

P: "Jesus, remember me when You come into Your kingdom."

C: Jesus answered him, "I tell you the truth, today you will be with Me in paradise." (Luke 23:42-43)

+*Ronald Snyder: August 1, 1933--June 21, 2017+*

P: "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

C: "Blessed indeed, that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." (Revelation 14:13)

+*Donald Salger: January 2, 1937—August 1, 2017+*

P: Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, a time is coming and has now come

C: when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God and those who hear will live." (John 5:25)

+*Ralph Melliere: April 13, 1929—September 17, 2017+*

P: Jesus says, "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me.

C: I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will

snatch them out of My hand." (John 10:27-28)

+*Leona Dannenbrink: July 20, 1921--October 18, 2017+*

P: For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus,

C: God will bring with Him those who have fallen asleep. (1 Thessalonians 4:14)

(please stand if you are able)

P: Almighty God, in whose glorious presence live all who depart this life with faith in You and before whom all the souls of the faithful who are delivered of the burden of this flesh dwell in joy and bliss, we give You thanks for Your loving-kindness to all Your servants who have finished their course in faith and now rest from their labors. We humbly implore Your mercy that we, together with all who have departed in the saving faith, may have our perfect fulfillment, in both body and soul, of Your eternal and everlasting glory; **C: through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**