

This Week With Our Lord, December 17-24, 2017

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

SUNDAY, December 17-

- 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 (Alternative)
- 3:00 p.m. German Christmas Service (English translation provided)

Senior Youth Progressive Dinner is cancelled; 6:30 p.m. movie in Waterloo instead

Monday, December 18-

- 5:30 p.m. Boys' basketball A & B at TSJ-Nashville
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball 5th grade home vs. RBES
- 6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
- 7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, December 19-

- No Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball (A&C) at Steeleville Public
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball (A&B) at RBES

Wednesday, December 20-

- No Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- No Women's Bible Study in the FH with Doris Mueller
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 3:30 p.m. 8th grade Public School Confirmation class
- 5:45 p.m. Advent Supper in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Midweek Advent Service at church

Thursday, December 21- End of Second Quarter

- 6:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Hebrews)
- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the FH with Julie Fehr
- 8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Day School Christmas Service in old gym
- 1:48 p.m. Early school dismissal
- 7:00 p.m. Grades 3-8 Day School Christmas Service in old gym

Friday, December 22- No School! Christmas Break

Saturday, December 23-

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Katie Schneider
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, December 24-

- 9:00 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School/Bible Class in the FH
- 10:00 a.m. Divine Service** Acolyte: Abby Vallet
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz
- 5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service
Greeters: Cliff and Arlou Papenberg Acolyte: Aubrey Piel
- 9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Candlelight Service
Greeters, Ushers and Acolytes: Senior Youth

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

1 Thessalonians 5:18 "Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Christians express their thanks to God in many ways: in prayer, in giving to the Lord, in acts of service to others, in faithful living in their daily callings. Everything we do to honor God in our lives is a means of returning thanks for the Lord's many gifts to us. Page 2

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 376; Communion: 94; Adult/Youth Classes: 49; Sunday School: 59.

Sunday School Christmas Service: 185

Wednesday's Primary School Christmas Service: AM- 282; PM- 275. *I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!"* Psalm 122:1

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/10- General Fund: \$11,063.85; School: \$1,175; Matching: \$825; Elder Baskets: \$160; Lutheran Witness: \$20; Road to Bethlehem: \$780; Capital Campaign: \$200. Year-to-date our expenses are \$218,361.79 over income. Our total liabilities are \$1,495,752. *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)

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

The flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God and in celebration of the 90th birthday today of Vernon Muench. They are a gift from his children and grandchildren. Thank you and God's blessings! To have flowers in worship please call the office at 282-3873 to notify the committee and to have proper thanks noted in the bulletin of those donating.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

John the Baptist had a passion for the Lamb of God. What's your passion in life? How far into the future will it take you? Listen to "Life Narrows Down" (John 1:6-8, 19-28), with Lutheran Hour Speaker Emeritus Dr. Dale Meyer 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).

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The January –March 2018 edition of our daily devotional, *Portals of Prayer*, is available by the front and back door of church. Sonshine Visitation members are asked to take a copy to those whom they visit. Thank you!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall, "Sermon-Writing" (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)
Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall "To the Hebrews" (Pastor Nebel)
Thursdays: 8:15 a.m. FH (Women's) "To the Thessalonians" (Julie Fehr)
1st & 3rd Saturdays: FH, Men's Bible Breakfast "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "Stephen, the First Christian Martyr" - Our Sunday School students learn how we are crushed by and enraged at the accusations of God's law, but the gospel comes to bring peace and quietness with the forgiveness of our sins. In worship we hear from the pastor the same words Stephen prayed, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them."
+ High School Bible class meets in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall this Sunday.

THRIVENT WALL CALENDARS:

Thrivent is not mailing wall calendars this year. You can request one by calling 1-800/847-4836 and ask for "Fraternal." If you do not want your own copy, please ask them to send it to St. John's Lutheran, 808 S. Main, Red Bud. Page 3

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Boxes of offering envelopes for the year 2018 are on the table in the Fellowship Hall. Please take yours and those of your immediate family. If you did not receive a box and would like one, please call Julie at our office to request one.

THANK YOU:

“I thank the congregation for the registration fee from the Estate Fund for the *Institute on Liturgy, Preaching, and Church Music*. It was a unique experience attending various workshops, eight worship services, and being in the handbell choir that played at the closing festival service.” *Blessings, Joan Ruwald*

SECRET ANGELS:

Please remember your student with a gift and a note of encouragement before Christmas. Thank you!

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.

UPCOMING SPECIAL CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

- Sunday, Dec. 17, 3 p.m. German Christmas Service of Lessons and Carols
 - Wednesday, Dec. 20, 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service
 - Thursday, Dec. 21, 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Day School Christmas (Grades 3-8)
 - Sunday, Dec. 24, 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service
 - Sunday, Dec. 24 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Candlelight Service
 - Monday, Dec. 25, 9 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service
- Services in italics will be held in the school gym (old).*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Leroy Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Don and Paulette Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Alvin Moeller, Edna 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, Wilma 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, 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).*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/17- Lori Langrehr, Vernon Muench; 12/18- Austin Froemling, Joan Wiegand, Kyle Winkelman; 12/20- Jeremy Collins, Jacob Moll; 12-21- Maggie Brown, Ava Clifford, Madison Falkenhain; 12/22- Addalyn Schloemann; 12/23- Olivia Schluter, Nik Stechmesser. *Please call the office with corrections!*

REFORMATION 500:

Another important site for the understanding of Luther is the city of Torgau on the Elbe River. During the era in which Luther lived, Torgau was a very important place. It was a residence of the regional elector, whose importance was reflected in the imposing Hartenfels Castle. The castle was an imposing structure, with a great courtyard and grand architectural details. What is most notable about Torgau is that it was here, on October 5, 1544, that Martin Luther consecrated the newly-remodeled castle chapel. He had helped redesign it so that it reflected the worship practices of the emerging Lutheran Church. Lutheran visitors today make a point of visiting the Katharina Haus where Luther’s wife lived in Torgau, which is now a museum, and the City Church of Saint Mary, where her grave is located. The church dates back to the year 1119 and will soon be celebrating its 900th anniversary. Torgau is one place where many of the sites that Martin Luther personally saw can be viewed by those who follow in his footsteps.

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*

“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!

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!

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUO AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Christ-centered Lutheran worldview. Archived programs are at KFUO.org for on-demand listening. Find us on Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram for your questions. **This week on KFUO AM850**, tune in to monthly program Free to be Faithful to hear host Kip Allen and guest Tim Goeglein discuss religious freedom developments in the past year (12/20 @ 2:30 pm), hear Best Of episodes for Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk (weekdays @ 8 am) and Thy Strong Word with Rev. William Weedon (weekdays at 11:00 am), and study the roots of your Lutheran faith in the Apology of the Augsburg Confession on Concord Matters (12/19 @ 2 pm). Hear the last live midweek Advent service broadcast from Village Lutheran Church in Ladue, Missouri, on 12/20 at noon. Stay tuned for Christmas Music for the Sacred Season beginning next Sunday, December 24, and continuing through Epiphany. Page 5

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Media Coverage of Religion, Pop American Christianity, Christ in the Old Testament, The Birth of Jesus Foretold, The Lutheran Confessions, Philip & the Ethiopian Eunuch and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUD 850 AM in St. Louis or listen to what you want when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

“The Book Nook” church library in the Fellowship Hall features “Treasured Lives: The Story of Bethesda Lutheran Homes and Services” by Marlys Taege Moberg. It is a gift to our congregation from Rev. Rueben Schmitz, our guest last Sunday from Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

CONCERTS AT PEACE:

Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, Missouri will hold a Christmas Concert on Friday, December 22 at 7:30 p.m. featuring the Orchestra of Peace, the Bells of Peace and the Chancel Choir.

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!

SAVE THE DATE: REFORMATION WALK:

Save the Date! Tuesday, January 30, 2018 @ St. John's Lutheran School, walk through the Reformation, meet Katie Luther, John Tetzl and others, witness Reformation events. For all ages.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

618-853-7300 www.coslhs.org

Donation Drive for Life Network: The COS FFA Chapter is sponsoring a baby drive for Life Network of Southern Illinois. Life Network clients especially need baby swings, Aveeno lotion, Aveeno wash, and Dreft laundry detergent. However, all donations are appreciated. Drop your donation off at COS by January 26.

Holiday Hours: On December 27-29, the COS office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. On January 2 and 3, the office will be open 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. School will resume on January 4.

Do you know a high school student looking for a change? COS is accepting transfer students for the spring semester as well as scheduling shadow days. Come see for yourself what makes COS a great high school experience.

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2018-2019 is January 31, 2018. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

Super Hero Themed Trivia Night: The annual COS trivia night will be January 26, 2018 at 7 p.m. Prizes will be awarded to the best themed table. Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling [618-853-7300](tel:618-853-7300).

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



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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, Terra Williams, Melissa Everts, Patricia Brewer, Monica Kunkel, Kristi Martel and Courtney Nieweglowski

Church Council

Chairman: Eric Fritsche Vice-Chairman: Todd Birkner

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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: Owen Liefer

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

Acolyte: Olivia Schluter

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

Instrumentalists: Jonathan Hudak and Brandon Nehrt

Acolyte: Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Third Sunday in Advent 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!

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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*