

This Week With Our Lord, January 7-14, 2018

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

SUNDAY, January 7-

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 meeting in the church basement

Monday, January 8-

6:30 p.m. BBB OVC Tourney at PDR vs. Coulterville
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, January 9-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Trinity, Prairie
12:30 to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in the school library
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, January 10-

8:30 a.m. Chapel at church with Mrs. Nebel's 5th grade class
9 a.m. – 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Doris Mueller in the FH
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation classes
6:00 p.m. GBB at Tamaroa vs New Athens
7:30 p.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Numbers)

Thursday, January 11-

6:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the FH ("To the Hebrews")
8:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study with Julie Fehr in the FH
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
3:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church
6:30 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the school library
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, January 12-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Amanda
1:00 p.m. School geography Bee in the old gym

Saturday, January 13-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Colton Liefer
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, January 14-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Madison Pensoneau
Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Maggie Brown
Greeters: Jackie Aubuchon; Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Epiphany calls us to believe that the Light has come into the world. A New Year's message about confidence, if you'll believe it! Listen to "Breaking News!" (Isaiah 60:1-6), with 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).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Isaiah 60:6 – "They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD." Faith in God moves the heart toward thanksgiving. This moves us toward making offerings to the Lord in His house. It's simply what Christians do: our thanksgiving to our Lord for all His benefits to us simply must overflow into sacrificial giving to the Lord. What Isaiah prophesied, the Wise Men did, and we still do today: give with a thankful heart.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 258; Communion: 211 Sunday School: 7 Adults/Youth: 25
New Year's Eve Service: Worship- 73 Communion- 57 *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: 12/31- General Fund: \$26,690.01; School: \$1845; Debt Reduction: \$5,020; Capital Campaign: \$11,045; Thrivent Match-School Operating: \$200 . *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:

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.

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!

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+With the departure of one of our aides for college in Nebraska, we are in need of a helper for the 2nd Grade Sunday School classroom. Please see Pastor Nebel or Tammy Moll if you can help these children learn more of Jesus as Savior.
+A lesser known account from the early church, Dorcas' life (Acts 9:36-43) shows how this faithful woman used her gifts and talents to support her fellow believers and received through the Apostle Peter God's gift of resurrected life.

EPISTLES:

The January edition of our congregational newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in the entryway. It is also on our website and has been emailed to those for whom Pastor Nebel has an email address.

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed John and Kim (Stellhorn) Valentine with the gift of life in the birth of their son, Bently Louis, on December 28 at Mercy Hospital in St. Louis. He joins his older brother, Jack, at home. Praise God for His gift of new life!

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.

OFFERING ENVELOPES:

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

THANK YOU:

+”We thank you so very much for the many kind cards and gifts that you gave us over the Christmas season. We praise God for your love, goodness and support for our family. We pray that our Lord Jesus will continue to keep you in His grace and mercy during this new year of 2018.” *Pastor Mark and Cindy Nebel*

+”Lauri and I greatly appreciate the love and support you have shared with us throughout our sixteen years here at St. John’s. God has richly blessed us through your cards, gifts, verbal words of appreciation, and the peace and joy we have together with our Savior Jesus Christ. God’s blessings in this New Year as we join together praising God for His gift of forgiveness, life and salvation that He has given us all. *Pastor and Lauri Koen*

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

In the Fellowship Hall between services on January 21st (Life Sunday) we will welcome those who are new to our congregation in 2017 by baptism, transfer, Adult Confirmation or Profession of faith. We will distribute baptismal lambs from the entryway banner to families of babies baptized in 2017. We will hear from those who direct groups in our congregation. Refreshments will be served.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

We will gather as a congregation on Sunday, Jan. 28 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our Annual meeting. Under our revised constitution, all St. John’s communicant members age 18 and older are automatically voting members. The business of our congregation is your business! Please attend and take part in the planning of our ministry for 2018 and beyond. New officers will be elected at this meeting.

REFORMATION WALK:

On Tuesday, January 30, at 6:30 p.m. you are invited to our St. John’s school to walk through the Reformation, meeting Katie Luther, John Tetzl and others, and to witness Reformation events. This event is open to everyone and is for all ages. Refreshments will be served.

SCHOOL ALUMNI DINNER:

On Saturday, February 3, at 6:30 p.m. we will hold another School Alumni Dinner in the old gym. All graduates of St. John’s Lutheran School are invited. The cost is \$15. RSVP by Friday, January 26 by calling St. John’s Lutheran School at 618-282-3873. A dinner of pork sausage and pork loin, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, applesauce, vegetable, and a dessert will be prepared by David Dannenburg, Class of 1998. We will celebrate the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation with several of our alumni and staff members giving presentations on the Reformation. Speakers will include Jonathan Schultz from the Class of 1982 and David Snyder from the Class of 1977.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/7- Marie Voges; 1/8- Iona Burgdorf, Dustin Dethrow, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer; 1/9- Jennifer Koester; 1/10- Madison Proctor, Jessica Schloemann; Cheyenne Windsor; 1/11- Lauren Koen, Scott Nobbe, Justin Papenberg, Cadin Voss; 1/12- Ryan Glasscock; 1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger. *Please call with corrections!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Leroy Guebert, Nancy Holmstrom, Don and Paulette Kueker, Joyce Lopez, 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, Alvin Moeller, Clifford Stellhorn, Eunice Stumpf, Willard Uffelmann, Wilma Uffelmann, and Jody Winkelmann; Oak Hill–Waterloo: Doris Koch Page 4

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).

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*

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**, we will unveil a brand new website! Our new morning lineup includes your favorite programs like Oratio, Sharper Iron, and Law & Gospel, and you can hear daily chapel services at 10 a.m. and an exciting new morning program at 9 a.m. Let us know what you think! Email kfu@kfuo.org or call us at [314-996-1542](tel:314-996-1542).

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: Lutheran Piety, The Movies "Darkest Hour" & "The Greatest Showman," Original Sin, Peter & Cornelius and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app.

ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP GATHERING:

Program Facilitator Kathy Schmidt and Dr. Amy Rohlfing will present “Drugs: The Good, the Bad and the Ugly” on Thursday, January 11 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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL

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



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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

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

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Molly Ellner

(8 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn

Acolyte: Michael Watters

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

Acolyte: Trace Wagner

Acolyte: Flower Servers: Linda Guebert and Jeniffer Tepe

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Epiphany of Our Lord 2018

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!

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

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!

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: Lifelight" (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)

"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!

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.

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 earlier this month from Bethesda Lutheran Communities.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*