

This Week With Our Lord, May 13-20, 2018

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

SUNDAY, May 13- Happy Mother's Day!

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, May 14-

- 8:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. 7th and 8th Grades Field Trip to LCMS IC
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, May 15- Last Day of School!

- 8:30 a.m. Closing Chapel Service
- 11:00 a.m. Final school dismissal
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, May 16-

- 8:00 a.m. School faculty meeting
- 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
- 6:30 p.m. School Sports Banquet
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (Numbers)

Thursday, May 17- No Bible class in the Fellowship Hall

- 7:30 p.m. Eighth Grade Graduation Service at church

Friday, May 18-

- 7:00 p.m. Graduation at Christ Our Savior Lutheran HS

Saturday, May 19- Lutheran State Track meet at Chicago

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Melayna Crafton Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, May 20- The Day of Pentecost

- 8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Lucas Guebert
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 with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Zandra Harless
Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

OT: Ezekiel 37:1-14; Pentecost: Acts 2:1-21; Gospel: John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED:

There are openings 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!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go into the house of the Lord!" Ps. 122:1

Worship: 319; Comm.: 191; Sunday School: NR Adults/Youth: 31+

Thursday, May 10, Ascension Day- Worship: 253; Communion: 85 Page 2

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 5/6- General Fund: \$19,373.50; School: \$945; VBS: \$300. Our expenses over income are \$26,017 through March. Our outstanding financial liabilities are \$1,305,311. *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 Cor. 9:6-7)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

1 John 5:12 – *"Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life."* Jesus is the foundation, the bedrock, the beginning and the end. To have Him is to have it all. In Him we have life. And we are called to live in Him, to live this new life He has given us, to grow up into His image. This is a struggle in this sinful world. But His grace is sufficient as He refreshes us through Word and Sacrament.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

Flowers on the altar this weekend are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 60th wedding anniversary of Carl and Flo Zschiegner on May 11. They are a gift from their children and grandchildren. Thank you and congratulations! 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:

There are times Christians might readily wish the Lord would airlift them out of this world. Because we have some work to do, the Lord Jesus prays we be kept safe. So, how's that working for you? Listen to "Doesn't Fit" (John 14:14-17), with Speaker Emeritus Dr. Ken Klaus on KFUEO 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).

SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "Jacob and Esau" is a story of competition and bad feelings between brothers, parental favoritism and family squabbling. In the midst of this chaos, God acts with His wonderful grace toward all of them—as He also does to us. Families might discuss *How do these sins afflict every family? Why is forgiveness important in families?*

+ Perfect attendance for April: Nursery- Elsie Liefer; Pre-Kindergarten- Maverick Cowell and Natalie Kassing; Kindergarten- Payton Liefer; 2nd Grade- Sydney Kassing; 4th Grade- Noah Kassing; 5th Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow and Daniel Stapleton; 7th Grade- Ashton Liefer. Thank you for your faithful participation in our Sunday School's Christian education ministry!

EPISTLES:

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

GRADUATION SERVICE:

The graduation of our 17 8th grade students of St. John's Lutheran School will be celebrated in a service on Thursday, May 17 at 7:30 p.m. at church. All other graduates are welcomed to attend and be recognized during the service. Page 3

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An instruction class in the basics of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church will be held over the summer months. The day will be determined by the class members. This class could lead to the Rite of Confirmation and communicant membership in the Lutheran Church for those who so desire. It is also a good review for those whose catechism instruction was years ago. Please see Pastor Nebel if you have interest.

BUILDING KEYS:

Anyone who had a reason to have keys for our church or school buildings in the past but does not have a reason to have those keys any longer, please return them to our office so that those who now do need a key can be issued one.

HOMELESS ASSISTANCE:

St. John's members and Red Bud High School National Honor Society students Alex Sievers and Alyssa Heller are asking for our help for a NHS project to help the homeless in St. Louis through the St. Patrick's Center. They have a box in our Fellowship Hall to collect non-perishable food, personal hygiene items and paper products. Congratulations to them for this concern. Thanks for your help!

CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John's member Claudia Watters, a senior at Red Bud High School, was recognized with an award and a scholarship for Citizenship at the recent awards night at the high school. Congratulations Claudia!

ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES:

Sunday: 9:30-10:15 a.m. Fellowship Hall, "The Lord's Prayer" (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)
Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m. Fellowship Hall, "Numbers" (Pastor Nebel)
1st & 3rd Saturdays: FH, Men's Bible Breakfast "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)

MEN'S CLUB MEETING AND FISH FRY:

Our Men's Club will gather this month on Thursday, May 24th (a correction from *The Epistle*) at 6:30 p.m. in the garage behind church for our monthly meeting and Fish Fry dinner. All men of St. John's are welcomed to attend!

EVENT REMINDERS ON YOUR CELL PHONES:

We are offering you another method of receiving information about events here at St. John's. It is Remind Me.com, a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith. However, it does not allow for group discussions so that there will not be continued unwanted messages from anyone in the group receiving the text. To join this remind system for St. John's, simply text the message @2h9de to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

GRADUATES:

Please call our office with the names of St. John's members who have or are graduating from any level of education this year. We would like to include their names in our graduation worship folder, in our bulletin on the last weekend of May and in our June newsletter. Please include the name of the school and the type of degree received (if a college graduate). Thank you!

ESTATE FUND ASSISTANCE:

Our Estate Fund Committee has money available to assist with the Christian Education of St. John's members who are pursuing a church professional career and attending one of our seminaries or Concordia universities, as well as money to help those who attending a Lutheran high school. Please realize that this help is available as you consider your career and educational choices.

HELP NEEDED FOR NURSING HOME VISITATION!:

We need help in a rotation taking the worship DVD and bulletins to Red Bud Care Center on Mondays from 9:45 to 11:15 a.m. You will help gather residents in the dining room and play the DVD. After the service you will take the DVD to Garden Place, leave it at the front desk, pick up the previous DVD and return it to the school office. Call the office or Arlene Pratt (282-2275) if you can help.

SAVE THE DATE!:

Vacation Bible School will be *June 18-22* from 9-11a.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church for children who have just finished 3-year-old Pre-K through 6th grade. (Please notice the change in age. It goes according to the grade you just finished in school rather than the grade you will be entering.) Youth and adult helpers will be needed, appreciated, and blessed!

A THANK YOU FROM LIFE NETWORK:

"I express our sincere gratitude for your church's participation in our 2018 Baby Bottle Campaign. Your contribution of \$864.75 will assist us in providing care to young women and men in our community. We deeply appreciate your faithfulness and willingness to join our mission to uphold the sanctity of life. We look forward to our continued partnership to protect the unborn."

Debbie Geist, Executive Director, Life Network of Southern Illinois

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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/13- Marlene Deterding, Meike Hooch, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Becky Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcia Watters, 5/15- JoAnn Kunkel, Scott Burmester, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kim Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford; 5/19- Joyce Mesnarich, Candace Horrell. *Please call the office with corrections!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Nancy Holmstrom, Don Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Alice Smith, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Melba Liefer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Wilma Stellhorn, Edna Voss and Wilma Wagner

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

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

DONOR TILE WALL IN THE NEW GYM LOBBY:

There are 13 more spaces available in the Donor Tile Wall in the lobby of the new gym at school. Please call the school office (282-3873) if you would like to reserve a space in the next run of tiles. The cost is \$400.

CLEAN-UP DAY IN UNITY LUTHERAN SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD:

Saturday, May 19 will be the Lansdowne Community Initiative's 3rd annual "Clean-Up Day" in the neighborhood of Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School in East St. Louis. We can help with yard cleaning, painting and neighborhood beautification or by providing financial support. For more information contact Rev. Willie Stallworth at 314/724-9949. Financial gifts to LCI can be mailed to 4200 Caseyville Avenue, East St. Louis, IL 62204.

MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY:

Immanuel Lutheran Church in Murphysboro is coordinating a mission trip to Beaumont, Texas from Sunday, May 27th through Sunday, June 3rd. This trip will focus on sharing Christ's love by helping to rebuild homes that were damaged six months ago from Hurricane Harvey. No technical skills are needed. If you would like additional information about the trip or have questions, please call Immanuel Lutheran church at 618/684-3012 and leave a message for Bryce Cramer. Additional information and required forms are available on their website www.immanuelmurphy.com

DISTRICT STUDENT AID GOLF OUTING:

Saturday, June 9th is the Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Scramble at Roland Barkau Memorial Course in Okawville. The shotgun start is at 8:30 a.m. The cost is \$80 per person for 18 holes with cart and meal following. There will be a hole in one contest for \$5,000. The proceeds benefit our Southern Illinois District Student Aid Endowment Fund to assist those studying for church professional careers. See Pastor Nebel if you would like to represent St. John's on a team.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Easing Your Anxiety- When you are anxious, stopping to take a break can help you to be more productive. Take a short walk or listen to soothing music. Keep a devotional booklet handy, read a favorite Bible passage, and take time to pray. *I sought the Lord, and He answered me and delivered me from all my fears.* Psalm 34:4

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 teachings include: The Person & Work of the Holy Spirit, The Sanctity of Marriage, Stewardship, Ramadan, The Book of Nehemiah, Jacob's Family and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app. Page 6

KFUE 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**, we wish all mothers a Blessed Mother's Day, hear from Rev. Jonathan Fisk on his new book "Echo" on The Coffee Hour (5/17 at 9:00 a.m.), learn about Rev. Ryan McDermott's life as a missionary for deaf ministry in Togo, West Africa, on The Coffee Hour (5/18 at 9:00 a.m.), study the Gospel of Luke on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and continue studying the book of Jeremiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find these programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

"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!

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.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2018: (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

- Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins- Elder Ron Kunkelmann
- Zone 2: Susan (Stellhorn) Conboy thru Jill Grohmann- Elder Stuart Langrehr
- Zone 3: Nick/Emily Grohmann thru 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 Dorothy Peters- Elder Quentin Stenzel
- Zone 7: Alan/Amber Piel to Don Schrader- Elder Gerald Hanebutt
- Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner- Elder Stanley Langrehr
- Zone 9: Derek/Katelin Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- Elder Bill Becker

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Happy Mother's Day! Thank you to all women who make Christian education a priority on a daily basis. Thank you also for sharing the love of Christ with your family, community and world.

Join us in congratulating and giving thanks for our graduates. The 2018 COS Graduation Service will be held May 18th at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.

Last Day of School: Our last school day is May 17. Office hours for the remainder of May will be 8:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m., Monday to Friday. The office will be closed for Memorial Day on May 28. Summer hours will start in June.

It's not too late! Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2018-2019. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Michele Christman, mchristman@coslhs.org.

Annual Rummage Sale: Our annual rummage sale will be July 20 & 21. We will accept donations starting July 5.

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 – Paige Liefer

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: Gary Buatte Vice-Chairman: Dale Krack

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Kara Wagner Board of Finance: Ben Guebert

Elder Chair: Gerald Hanebutt Parish Education Chair: Jamie Korando

Trustee Chair: Scott Voss Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Vickie Heller and Lisa Quinn

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Liturgist: (Sunday) Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Kane Trost

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Ken & Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn

Acolyte: Maggie DuFrenne

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Acolyte: Dustin Salger

Flower Servers: Lori Langrehr and Darlene Liefer

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Seventh Sunday of Easter 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.

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!

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*

CHURCH LIBRARY:

"The Book Nook" church library in the Fellowship Hall remembers the recently departed evangelist Billy Graham with his books, "The Journey: How to Live by Faith in an Uncertain World," "Billy Graham in Quotes" and "The Collected Works of Billy Graham.

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!

WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN FOR TRANSPORT TO CHURCH:

Terry Heller is asking for a ride to church here at St. John's once a month from the Columbia Care Rehab Center. He would need a wheelchair accessible van for transport. Please call our church office if you can help.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*