

## **This Week With Our Lord, September 23-30, 2018**

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

### **SUNDAY, September 23- Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Checks after worship**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:15 a.m. Active Shooter Presentation in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 4:00 p.m. Circuit Ten Forum in our Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, September 24-**

- 7 p.m. Choir practice at school
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

### **Tuesday, September 25- Cross Country Meet at Waterloo**

- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### **Wednesday, September 26-**

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Acolyte Training and Pizza Party at church (Grades 6-8)
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

### **Thursday, September 27-**

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)
- 8:15 a.m. Proverbs Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Julie Fehr)
- 9:30 a.m. Advanced Bible History Class in Fellowship Hall (D. Mueller)
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### **Saturday, September 29- St. Michael and All Angels**

- 8:00 a.m. LWML District Convention at COSLHS in Centralia
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- Acolyte: Olivia Schluter Greeter: Miriam Poston

### **SUNDAY, September 30-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Riley Candler  
Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Chase Lucht  
Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

### **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 in the bulletin of those donating.

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 457; Communion: 185; Adults/Youth: 49 Sunday School: 60

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

### **PORTALS OF PRAYER:**

The next edition of our quarterly devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, can be found in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

In a classic message from 1998, Dr. Dale Meyer explains how a common table prayer reminds us of our dependence upon God and His gifts. Listen to "Come Lord Jesus" (Exodus 16) on KFUO 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).

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 9/16- General Fund: \$14,826.72; School: \$1,230; Senior Youth \$200; Sunday School: \$100. Our expenses over income are \$120,824 through August. The offerings in August were our lowest month in over four years. Our outstanding financial liabilities are \$1,270,425. *"The people shall not appear before their Lord empty-handed. Every one shall give as he is able, according to the blessing of the Lord your God that He has given you."* (Deut. 16:16c-17)

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

Mark 9:32 – "But they did not understand the saying and were afraid to ask Him." The disciples really do hold up a mirror to our faces and force us to see ourselves: misunderstanding, afraid, confused. But the Word of God is clear if only we will listen with open ears. What was blocking the disciples' ears? The Gospels tell us time and again: they did not expect a suffering Christ, and so when Jesus spoke of suffering they plugged their ears and didn't listen, and so they ended up confused and scared. What about us? What's in the Word of God that we find hard to hear and contrary to our desires and expectations? That might just be exactly what we need to hear.

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

"Joseph Forgives"- When Joseph reveals himself to his brothers in Egypt, he tells them that God used their evil acts against them for His good. Our Lord Jesus reveals Himself to us and forgives us of our sins through His Word and Sacraments. *How did God turn Joseph's bad situations into good? How does God turn the bad in our lives or world into blessings for our good?*

### **ACTIVE SHOOTER PRESENTATION:**

On Sunday, September 23 from 9:15 to 10:15 a.m. Randolph County Sherriff Shannon Wolff will deliver an active shooter presentation in the Fellowship Hall for all adults and youth. This will consist of a Power-Point presentation and Q and A time. It is a sad sign of our times that we must be prepared for such a disturbance, whether happening at church or when we are out in public.

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES; (Fellowship Hall unless noted)**

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "The Lord's Prayer" (Pastor Nebel)  
Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "The 95 Theses" (Pastor Koen- school library)  
Men's Bible Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 a.m. "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)  
Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply" (call Jennifer Fritsche at 282-4215 if you would like to order a book)  
Wednesday Sundown, 7:30 p.m. "Deuteronomy" (Pastor Nebel)  
Early Bird Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. "1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)  
Thursday Mornings, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)  
Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller) [Page 3](#)

+Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Angels, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, The Justice of God, Haggai, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Baptism Q & A, Discussing Homosexuality, Word Dwellers, Heaven, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Communications Skills, Having the Right Attitude, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Philemon, and more to come!

**ACOLYTE TRAINING:**

All St. John's members in grades 6-8 are asked to attend an Acolyte Training session with Pastor Nebel this Wednesday, September 26, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. at church. Pizza and soda will be enjoyed in the Fellowship Hall also.

**JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:**

Southern Illinois District Junior High Retreat!!! "Found in the Flame" for Grades 6-8 on October 6 & 7 at Camp Wartburg (10 a.m. on Saturday to 4 p.m. on Sunday). The cost is \$65. The online sign up for the Junior High Retreat is live on Camp Wartburg's website.

**SENIOR YOUTH:**

Our Senior Youth Group is purchasing tickets to Six Flags for Saturday, Oct 20. If you'd like to buy tickets for this day, using the group rate of \$35/ticket, please contact Susie Harms right away by text or call 618-201-5654. Also, they are asking for a donation of quart-sized Mason jars which they will pick up so no need to deliver. Contact Susie at 618-201-5654. They will collect through the end of October.

**FAMILY OF FAITH FALL FELLOWSHIP** (formerly the first, now the 2<sup>nd</sup>):

We will gather in the new gym on Wednesday, October 10, at 6:30 p.m. for performances by our school cheerleaders, a player/parent scrimmage of both our girls' and boys' basketball teams, and presentations from our pastors and principal. Refreshments will be provided. Please, parents, participate!

**FROM OUR DIRECTOR OF PARISH MUSIC:**

+Choir started on Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school music room. We will sing on average two Sundays per month (either the 8 a.m. OR 10:30 a.m. worship services). In addition, we will sing on Reformation Sunday (October 28<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Day (November 22<sup>nd</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), and Christmas Day. Any new and returning members are welcome!! We appreciate all the help we get!!

+Bell Choir practices this year will be Thursday evenings in the church balcony at 6 p.m. We have started practicing. Bell choir plays on average two worship services per month plus Thanksgiving Eve (November 21<sup>st</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 2<sup>nd</sup>), and Christmas Eve (the 5 p.m. service).

**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!:**

9/23- Rodney Koester, Ben Guebert, Shane Hewitt; 9/24- Gary Moeller, Doris Hartmann, Barbara Muench, Kirk Liefer; 9/25- Christine Cox, Rachael Liefer; 9/26- Paul Mollet, Sondra Braun, Quinn Johnson, Abigail Vallett, Easton Ruebusch; 9/27- Alice Duclos, Pam Stellhorn, Hannah Sievers; 9/28- Edward Luttmann, Milton Weber, Carolyn Cooper, Eric Hartmann, Rebekah Liefer, Heidi Wetzel. *Please call the office with corrections!*

**FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND ASSISTANCE:**

A Pasta Dinner for Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of St. John's member Eunice Snyder, will be held at Salem Lutheran School Gym (5190 Parker Road, Florissant, MO 63033) on Friday, October 19 at 6 p.m. A free-will offering will be taken. Kate has been fighting a brain tumor for ten years, with surgery as recently as April 16. Due to a possible brain stem stroke, her recovering has been very slow. She has been making progress but is completely dependent for all mobility and needs more rehab therapy. Currently at a nursing home, insurance has denied further care. She is too young for Medicare. Private pay at a nursing home is expensive. To return home safely, she needs our help to cover costly medical devices, home modifications, a specialized wheelchair and supplies. Please pray for her and donate if you are able to at <https://www.gofundme.com/care-for-kate>. Thanks!

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Nancy Holmstrom, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Alice Smith, Leonard/Norma Vogt.

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, H. Edward Liefer, Alvin Moeller, Clifford Stellhorn, Willard Uffelmann, Edna Voss, Wilma Wagner and Jody Winkelmann; New Athens- Eunice Stumpf

**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, and Wilma Stellhorn.

**CONCORDIA PUBLISHING HOUSE BIBLE SALE:**

Call our church office to order one of a variety of Bibles on sale from CPH at up to 33% off until Sept. 30. Check the church's bulletin board for a list and prices. *Your Word is a lamp to my feet, and a light for my path.* (Psalm 119:105)

**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: The Movie "The Nun," What Is the Catechism and Why?, The 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Commandments, Wisdom & Fear and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LUTHERANS FOR LIFE NATIONAL CONFERENCE:**

"From Age to Age the Same": Immanuel Lutheran Church, Olivette, Missouri, October 12-13. The cost for adults is \$100 (\$125 after 9/25) and \$25 for children ages 6-12. Register at [www.lutheransforlife.org/conference](http://www.lutheransforlife.org/conference).

### **“BREW IN THE LOU”:**

Home brewers, chili kings, sausage lovers, vendors, consumers...everyone is welcome at the 6<sup>th</sup> annual Brew in the Lou, October 13 from 1-5 p.m. at Francis Park to benefit Lutheran Elementary School Association's 35 member Schools serving 8,800 students and 500 faculty members. For more information, please visit <https://lesastl.org/home/6th-annual-brew-lou/> or call 314-200-0797. Our local Lieferbrau will be a featured vendor.

### **STUDENT EXCHANGE HOST NEEDED:**

Would you host a foreign exchange student for 3 or 4 months during the 2018-2019 school year? The Red Bud Rotary Club is seeking two families who live in Red Bud school district to host a high school student for January through mid-April and mid-April through mid-July. Please contact Dian Keil at 618-604-2284 or [dian1212@live.com](mailto:dian1212@live.com) for more information. Jesus said, *The King will say to those on His right, 'Come, you who are blessed by My Father; take your inheritance...I was a stranger and you invited Me in,'* (Matthew 25:34 and 35)

### **KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

Listen to Worldwide KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Lutheran worldview. This week on KFUE AM850, hear about faithfully bearing crosses from Cheryl Swope and Katie Schuermann, authors in the new book "He Restores My Soul," on The Coffee Hour (9/25 & 9/27 at 9:15 a.m.); learn about the faith of the ancients in Hebrews 11:22-29 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.); and study the great Old Testament book of Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

### **EVENT REMINDERS ON YOUR CELL PHONES:**

Remind Me.com is a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith here at St. John's. 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.

### **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.

### **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!

### **DONOR TILE WALL IN THE NEW GYM LOBBY:**

There are a few 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.

### **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. [Page 6](#)

### **LIFE THOUGHTS:** (from *Lutherans for Life*)

Everyone who loves the Lord God also loves His little ones (Mark 9:37). Every child is a treasure. Every person is our neighbor. Every life is a gift from God. Life-or-death situations allow opportunity for us to receive them and meet their needs. *Dear Father in heaven, move us to receive Your little ones in faith. Amen.*

### **PARISH NURSE NOTE:**

Please stop by our table in the Fellowship Hall after worship and let us check your blood pressure for you. Nearly 30 percent of Americans take a daily multivitamin, but new research had found that multivitamins do nothing to protect heart health. Instead of a pill, we do more for our heart health by eating fresh fruits and vegetables, exercising regularly and not smoking.

### **CHURCH LIBRARY:**

"Joyfully Lutheran" is in The Book Nook of the Fellowship Hall. It is a message to the Church about the challenges we face and how we are to face them. It is authored by our LCMS president, Dr. Matthew Harrison. Pick up a book, take it home to read, and bring it back. We are on the honor system here at St. John's!

### **UPCOMING DINNERS:**

+Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo will hold its annual Wurstmarkt & Country Store on Sunday, October 7, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$6 for children ages 5-12. Pre-orders for meat from Lehr's Meat Market in New Athens can be made by calling 939-6480. All proceeds will be donated to Eric and Linda Funke, missionaries to Tanzania.

+The Annual Fried Chicken Dinner at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma is on Sunday, October 7, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. We look forward to serving you!

+Grace Lutheran Church, Uniontown, MO will host a Whole Hog Sausage Supper (all-you-can-eat) on Sunday, October 7, beginning at 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 6-12. There will be a Country Store.

### **LUTHERAN MARRIAGE ENCOUNTER:**

Rediscover the one you love at Sojourn Retreat Center in Dittmer, Missouri on November 2-4. Restore your communication, rekindle your romance, and renew your commitment to your relationship at this special enrichment event. Apply at [GodLovesMarriage.org](http://GodLovesMarriage.org) or contact Tom and Kathy Von Behren at [vonbeh@sbcglobal.net](mailto:vonbeh@sbcglobal.net) or 636/343-9453 for more information.

### **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300**

**Volleyball:** Our next home volleyball game is September 24 against Providence at 6:00 p.m. On September 25, we will play Christian Fellowship in Du Quoin at 6:00 p.m. Come to one or both games and support the Soldiers!

**FFA Barnyard Games:** Have fun watching the FFA Barnyard Games on September 27 at 5:30 p.m. The *COSLHS* FFA will be competing against area pastors, teachers and volunteers in a variety of old fashioned games like straw stacking, animal races, tire flipping, wheelbarrow races and shovel racing. Admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for students and free for those under 5. Concessions will be available. For more information, call FFA Advisor Lisa Luebke at 618-713-7125.

**Refrigerator Wanted:** a good used refrigerator to hold student lunches would be a blessing. If you have one to donate, please call 618-853-7300.

**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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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 Stephanie Valleroy

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Lauri Koen

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian) and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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 Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Monica Kunkel, Kristi Martel and Courtney Schoenbeck

#### Church Council

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#### 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: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Kaci Trost

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolyte: Noah Tepe

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

Acolyte: Claire Diewald

Flower Servers: Tammy Herman and Carol Stoll

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

*The Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost 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!

*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).*

**THE BIRDHOUSE VERSION OF OUR CHURCH BUILDING:**

The Rotary Club of Red Bud is pleased to include St. John's Lutheran Church as part of their second series of Red Bud collectible mini birdhouses. These birdhouses are approximately 3.5" x 3.5" x 5". Other buildings in this new series are: Market-On-Main, Ziebold Building and Kutting Edge. The Birdhouses are \$27.50 each or the collection of all 4 or combination of any 4 is \$100. All profits from this fundraiser are used to fund the Rotary Club of Red Bud's local and international projects. To order a St. John's one for \$25, call our office or for a complete set of the four call Dian Keil at 618-604-2284 or email [birdhouse62278@outlook.com](mailto:birdhouse62278@outlook.com).

**"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!

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2018:** (Chairman, Gerald Hanebutt)

- Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins- Elder Ron Kunkelmann
- Zone 2: Susan Conboy thru Dennis/Kathy 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 Lanie Pensoneau- 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

**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*

**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.

**ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. Program Facilitator Kathy Schmidt and will present "." Refreshments will be served. Call Julie at 282-5456 for more information.

**GOODSEARCH:**

When you use Goodsearch ([www.goodsearch.com](http://www.goodsearch.com)) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent!