

The Epistle

November 2018

**St. John's Lutheran
Red Bud, Illinois**

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Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Hour:

Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people.

Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

From Lutheran Church Charities

Give God Your 'Firstfruits'

Honor the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; Proverbs 3:9

Solomon writes: *'Honor the LORD with your possessions, and with the firstfruits of all your increase; so your barns will be filled with plenty, and your vats will overflow with new wine' (vv. 9-10).* The people who heard these words lived off their land and their livestock. Whenever they reaped a harvest or birthed new cattle, they'd take the first sheaf or the firstborn calf to the temple and offer it to the Lord. These were called 'firstfruits'. By doing this they acknowledged that 'everything I have comes from God, and belongs to God. And everything I'll need for the future depends upon God's goodness to me'.

There's not a more important money management principle you'll ever hear than this: give God your 'firstfruits', not your leftovers! Businessman Arthur DeMoss was a spiritual giant and benefactor who gave millions to God's work and left behind a foundation to carry on his legacy. Mr. DeMoss said that to be successful you should give God the first dime out of every dollar, the first hour out of every day, and the first

day out of every week. You ask, 'Does that mean God won't love me if I don't tithe?' No; you can't do anything to earn God's love. However, giving willingly demonstrates our obedience and love for God.

Prayer- *Heavenly Father, in all the areas of my life help me to see You as First! In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Your Pastors' Ponderings

There is just a little space left for me this month. A lot of activities are taking place. I hope to serve you in worship during this month. "O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good, and His mercies endure forever!" God is good to us every day of every year. Please take time out every day to thank Him for His blessings to you and make time every week to gather with your fellow faithful to thank and praise Him in Christian worship.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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The Apostle John wrote in Revelation 7:9-10 "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'" In Revelation 7:13-14 John continues: "Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where they have come?' ¹⁴I said to him, 'Sir, you know.' And he said to me, 'These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'"

You might be wondering what my point is in quoting these verses. It is our tradition to remember on November 1st those who have departed in the faith during the past year. We call this Feast "All Saints Day." **All Saints' Day** has also been called **All Hallows' Day**, **Hallowmas**, or **Feast of All Saints**, in the Christian church.

The exact origins of this celebration are uncertain, although, after the legalization of Christianity in 313, a common commemoration of the saints, especially the martyrs, appeared in various areas of the Church.

The designation of November 1st as the Feast of All Saints occurred over time. Pope Gregory III (731-741) dedicated an oratory in the original St. Peter's Basilica in honor of all the saints on November 1 (according to some accounts), and this date then became the official date for the celebration of the Feast of All Saints in Rome. St. Bede (d. 735) recorded the celebration of All

Saints Day on November 1 in England. Ado of Vienne (d. 875) recounted how Pope Gregory IV asked King Louis the Pious (778-840) to proclaim November 1 as All Saints Day throughout the Holy Roman Empire.

With the spread of Christianity and the establishment of All Saints Day, some of these pagan customs remained in the English speaking world for All Hallows Eve (or Halloween, All Saints Eve), perhaps at first more out of superstition, and later, more out of fun. Nevertheless, All Saints Day clearly arose from genuine Christian devotion independent of Halloween.

As I said earlier, on November 1st, "All Saints Day" we remember the members of St. John's who have "fallen asleep in Jesus." Paul reminds us: "But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers, about those who are asleep, that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope.¹⁴ For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have fallen asleep." That is why we celebrate on "All Saints Day" each year.

Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell E. Koen

Thanksgiving Holy Communion Services

We will join in our nation's observance of Thanksgiving Day with Holy Communion services on Wednesday, Nov. 21 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, Nov. 22 at 9 a.m. This is a great time to invite someone who would not otherwise be in Christian worship to attend a service here at St. John's! *And you shall eat and be full, and you shall bless the Lord your God for the good land He has given you. Deuteronomy 8:10*

Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "Meditation" (Pastor Nebel)
- Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "The 95 Theses" (Pastor Koen in the school library)
- Men's Bible Breakfast, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7 a.m. "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)
- Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. "Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply" (Jennifer Fritsche)
- Wednesday Sundown, 7:30 p.m. "Deuteronomy" (Pastor Nebel)
- Early Bird Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. "1st Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)
- Thursday Women, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)
- Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller)

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies topics that you can do on your own! There are many interesting topics available and more to come.

From the Principal's Pen

Fall is my favorite time of year with all the beautiful fall colors! I have been patiently waiting for the bright red, oranges and yellows and they are finally beginning to appear! God provides us with so many special gifts. Did you happen to enjoy seeing the moon on Tuesday night? It was so bright in the sky and beautiful to see!

October always goes by in a hurry! The Fall Festival was well attended and a fun night for all. Thanks for your support. Report cards and Parent-teacher conferences are complete and First Quarter awards will be handed out on October 31 following the Kindergarten Reformation Chapel. The sneak peak award listing is as follows:

Kindergarten/Mrs Schmitz- Perfect school attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Kendadee Crafton, Grant Florreich, Lauren Mehring, McKenzie Neimeyer, Connor Rainey, Grayden Schloemann & Abby Stellhorn. Perfect Church attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Grant Florreich & Abby Stellhorn.

Kindergarten/Mrs. Valleroy- Perfect school attendance- Leiyini Arpin, Kendyll Cox, Maybree Falkenhain, Sydney Krick, Presley Liefer, Roxy Markotay & Holden Wagner. Perfect Church attendance- Ella Birch & Holden Wagner.

1st Grade/Mrs Miller- Perfect school attendance- Colton Albert, Landon Bumann, Cooper DeWilde, Kellen Herriman, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Lily Luther, Brayden McCarthy, Evan Muench, Kaydence Proctor, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Ellessandria Sutton & Max Voss. Perfect Church attendance- Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Evan Muench & Jozlynn Palm. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Amelia Cheek & Aubrey Kiefer.

2nd Grade/Mrs. Liefer- Perfect school attendance- Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausing, Maya Macbeth, Wiley Minemann, Levi Nagel, Jack Sachtleben, Lyle Schlueter, Tessa Stenzel, Brendyn Wegener & Cailyn Wilson. Perfect Church attendance- Ella Cowell, Lyle Schlueter & Cailyn Wilson. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Caleb Klausing, Lyle Schlueter & Cailyn Wilson.

3rd Grade/Mrs. Koen- Perfect school attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Loreli Aubuchon, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Peighton Cox, Louis DeWilde, Braylin Eggemeyer, Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Brian Liefer, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Madeline Luther, Aaron Mardirosian, Lilly Meyer, Addy Schloemann, Norah Wagner. Perfect Church attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Cason Birch, Brian Liefer, Kade Liefer, Karleigh Liefer & Norah Wagner. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Kade Liefer & Karleigh Liefer.

4th Grade/Mr. Becker- Perfect school attendance- Kendall Crafton, Shamus Korves, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Ian Moll, Addelyn Rahn, Eve Schwartzkopf, Olivia Valleroy & Barrett Wagner. Honors- Shamus Korves & Barrett Wagner. High Honors- Connor Bumann, Kendall Crafton, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Addelyn Rahn, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton & Olivia Valleroy. Highest Honors- Jenna Whelan & Julia Whelan.

4th Grade/ Mrs. Nebel- Perfect school attendance- Olivia Candler, Annika Herriman, Kadence Koen, Lilly Minemann, Liam Quintin, Landon Ruebusch, Colby Voss & Ty Voss. Honors- Olivia Candler. High Honors- Amelia Guebert, Annika Herriman, Kate Krack, Liam Quintin, Colby Voss & Ty Voss. Highest Honors- Adeline Buchheit, Kadence Koen, Lilly Minemann, Landon Ruebusch & Brodie Stenzel.

5th Grade/Mrs. Letcher- Perfect school attendance- Ava Clifford, Grayson Herriman, Austin Kiefer, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Kadin Liefer, Addie Meyer, Addyson Piel, Luke Quintin, Addison Salger, Brody Stellhorn & Alexa Wegener. Perfect Church attendance- Addie Meyer. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Addie Meyer. Honors- Grayson Herriman, Lily Kent, Addie Meyer, Luke Quintin. High Honors- Jack Crafton, Emma Kiefer, Addyson Piel, Alexa Wegener, Kerrigan Zeiger. Highest Honors- Evan Kiefer.

6th Grade/ Mrs. Schnepel- Perfect school attendance- Gavin Baldwin, Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Taylor Guebert, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Natalie Korando, Christine Liefer, Karson Liefer, MaKayla Liefer, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Daniel Stapleton, Cadin Voss, Crewe Wagner. Perfect Church attendance- Christine Liefer, MaKayla Liefer, Summer Luttmann, Hailey Proctor, Jack Roscow. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Emme Deterding, Karson Liefer & Daniel Stapleton. Honors- Gavin Baldwin, Olivia Gerald & Karson Liefer. High Honors- Taylor Guebert, Grant Krack, Summer Luttmann, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Cadin Voss, Crewe Wagner. Highest Honors- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton & Derek Whelan.

7th Grade/ Mrs. Whelan- Perfect school attendance- Melayna Crafton, Claire Diewald, Chase Lucht, Dylan Minemann, Isaac Moll, Dustin Salger, Byron Schlueter, Olivia Schluter, Kaci Trost, Abigail Vallett, Trace Wagner, Benjamin Whelan & Addison Dilley. Perfect Church attendance- Dustin Salger & Byron Schlueter. Honors- Lucas Guebert, Byron Schlueter, Kaci Trost, Benjamin Whelan, Josie Meyer, Sam Wright & Isaac

Moll. High Honors- Claire Diewald, Cash Langrehr, Dylan Minemann, Dustin Salger, Abigail Vallett. Highest Honors- Melayna Crafton, Addison Dilley, Chase Lucht, Ryker Papenberg, Olivia Schluter & Trace Wagner.

8th Grade/ Mr. Palm- Perfect school attendance- Mitchell Fleming, Grace Guebert, Sophie Heller, Madison Kirkland, Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer, Landon Luthy, Carlyne Mulherin, Aubry Piel, Madi Proctor, Logan Salger, Kane Trost & Anna Wolter. Perfect Church attendance- Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer & Anna Wolter. Perfect Sunday School attendance- Ashton Liefer & Simone Liefer. Honors- Riley Candler, Ashton Liefer, Landon Luthy & Kane Trost. High Honors- Mitchell Fleming, Simone Liefer, Carlyne Mulherin, Aubrey Piel, Logan Salger, Noah Tepe & Anna Wolter. Highest Honors- Grace Guebert & Madi Proctor.

Congratulations to our Girls Cross Country team, they placed 6th in the Lutheran State Cross Country Meet held in Bloomington on October 13. We are proud of you! Aubrey Piel qualified for the Lutheran National Cross Country Meet in Wisconsin and placed 53rd out of 237 runners, finishing in the top fourth of all racers! The weather was anything but ideal that day but she represented our school very well. Thanks to Coach Justin Palm for taking over the Cross Country Team coaching position, you had a great year!

November is right around the corner. The school was asked by the City of Red Bud to help with the Safe Routes to School surveys which were sent home to parents. Thank you for taking the time to complete them. We will have a special guest, Mr. Jeff Fick, from the S. Illinois District with us on Nov. 8. Don't forget we have an early dismissal day on November 9 at 11:18 a.m. We do not have a day off for Veterans Day as it will fall on a Sunday this year. November 11 is the Men's Club Wurstmarkt so plan to have dinner with them for some great German food! They will have the Country Store and the PTL will have silent bid gift baskets available.

Thanksgiving is a little earlier this year, Nov. 22. Please enjoy spending the break with your family and friends for the nice long weekend. The students will be able to do early Christmas shopping with the Christmas Cottage at school sponsored by the Class of 2021.

Both our girls and boys basketball teams have been very busy with games and tournaments to begin the season. The cheerleaders also spend a great deal of time practicing and preparing for the games. Please plan to stop by and cheer our teams on to victory!

Yours in Christ, Mrs. Deitt Schneider



St. John's 4th grade teacher Bill Becker was recognized at the Central and Southern Illinois District Teachers' Conference in Morton on October 5 for 25 years in the teaching ministry. He is pictured with SID School Executive Mr. Jeff Fick and St. John's Principal Deitt Schneider. Also awarded certificates for their years in ministry were St. John's teachers Cindy Steele, Rebekah Liefer and Lauri Koen.

Evening Guild News

We will sponsor a Food Drive for the food pantry at the Human Service Center in Red Bud – a donation box will be placed in narthex and Fellowship Hall – we need non-perishable food.

Evening Guild Gathering – Tuesday, November 20 @ 7 p.m. with a Bible study on “The Book of Ruth” led by Doris Mueller. Hostesses: Flo Zschiegner, Chairman, JoAnn Yarbrough, Lucille VanHoy and Gladys Brand

The quilting schedule for November is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The quilting room is a great place for fellowship! There are many orders waiting. All help is appreciated!

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month. We will do the 8th in November but take off the 22nd to observe Thanksgiving. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

“Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates.”
Proverbs 31:30-31

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

The deadline to subscribe to next year's *Lutheran Witness*, our church body's monthly magazine, is November 10. The cost will be \$18 to have this mailed to your house. Call Julie at our office (282-2394) or put a check in the offering marked “Lutheran Witness.”



Evening Guild members Sharon Guebert and Marie Voges presented our Kindergarten students with their first Bible after the October 3 chapel service. The students are pictured with teachers Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy and Mrs. Betty Schmitz.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

- September 30 Death of Edna Voss
- October 2 Transfer out of Ashley (Wirth) Narup to St. John Lutheran Church in Chester, Illinois
- October 2 Transfer out of Kyle and Michelle Guebert and baptized children Emma and Ella to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault, Illinois
- October 3 Death of Edward Schneider

Annual Wurstmarkt is November 11

Sunday, November 11 is the date of our 66th annual Wurstmarkt in our school's old gym. Serving buffet style will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, corn, green beans, and pie. For country Store advanced orders, please call C. John Prigge at 618-304-2861 to leave a message. The Men's Club appreciates all the help that is given to make this event possible. We need as many people as possible to pitch in and make this a fellowship fundraiser. Proceeds fund Lutheran mission work and assist with our congregation's expenses.

Sunday School News

We continue our lessons from the Old Testament during November. The focus will be on the Israelites journey through the wilderness on their exodus from Egypt to the Promised Land of Canaan.

Please consider sending an offering with your child to help cover the cost of materials and to support our mission project for the year (still to be determined).

The students in nursery through 1st grade will prepare for their Christmas Service in church on November 25, Dec. 2 and 9 from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. The service will be in church on Dec. 9 at 6 p.m.

Rally Day activities went so well that we are considering a renewal of Rally Day event for January.

Christmas Decoration Fund

Every year a committee of volunteers does a great job of decorating our church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Some new items are purchased every year. However, there is no money left in that account. If you would like to help in this way, please contact the office or put an envelope in the offering marked "Christmas Decorations." Thank you!

Junior Youth Activities

The Junior Youth will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 18, from 1-3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. There will be items and boxes to pack. You also can bring a pre-packed shoe box to donate. You can pick up a box in the office. After the boxes are packed, the youth will enjoy snacks and an open gym. Contact Jennifer at 618-972-5366 for more information.

Senior Youth Activities

This is on the SLY (St. John's Lutheran Youth)

Nov 4 - holding a benefit BBQ serving brats, pork steaks, homemade potato salad, coleslaw and baked beans and then our monthly meeting immediately following the clean up of BBQ in the school cafeteria.

Nov 11 - Senior Youth will help with the Men's Club Wurstmarkt

Nov 17 - Holiday Happenings Craft Fair booth selling Hemme Bros Creamery cheese, all occasion greeting cards, and mason jar mixes.

Nov 18 - working with junior youth to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes at school.

When the leaves finally fall from the trees, we will do our annual "leaf raking day". Right now, it's TBA. If you are in need of this service, please contact Susie Harms 618-201-5654.

Thank you to everyone who donated mason jars! We really appreciate it.

Info about the National Youth Gathering - We have 24 youth and 6 adults registered to go. We will again sell stock for the gathering as a fundraiser. If you would like to "invest" in the youth, please contact us. Youth group members sent out letters to ask for support. If you did not receive one and would be interested, we'd love to talk to you.

God's blessings, Terry and Susie Harms

Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:30

"Down With The Debt"

A generous matching gift offer has been given to us. From now until December 16 we can have our special gifts, over and above our regular offerings, matched up to \$100,000. This will help lower the building and operating debt that we continue to carry. While worship offerings during 2018 are 7% higher than in 2017, our expenses are running 8% higher than last year. This is on top of previous years' operating shortfalls and what is still left to pay from the church remodeling and school expansion project. Due to current budget constraints, we have ceased our monthly loan repayments for the rest of 2018. Please consider making a gift toward this matching fund by mailing it to the church office (noted "Down With the Debt") or using a blue envelope (baskets in the entryway) to put into the offering plate during worship. Thank you!

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. However, it does not allow for group discussions so there will be no 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. If you have any questions about this please contact our office at 282-2394. Thank you!

Set Up Direct Payments Through ACH

Routine payments to St. John's now can be made by direct electronic withdrawal. If you choose, payments for such as offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare can be automatically withdrawn 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. It is free to set up. 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. We hope that this option offers convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our congregation. This is completely optional. No one is required to sign up. If you feel more comfortable continuing to make payments via cash or check, please do so! *Kara Wagner, Treasurer*

Happy Thanksgiving!

Holiday Happenings Craft Fair

The craft fair is quickly approaching! This will take place during the City of Red Bud's Holiday Happenings event on November 17th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Informational packets are available in the school office if anyone is interested in a booth. This benefits the Class of 2020! For questions contact Laurie Wright!

LCEF Announces 40-Month Note At 4%

To celebrate 40 years of partnership in ministry, Lutheran Church Extension Fund (LCEF) introduces a 40-month term note that pays 4% interest. It is available for a limited time. The minimum investment is \$500 while the maximum amount one may invest is \$40,000 (spouses may invest separately). The offer is for new funds only (no transfers from existing LCEF accounts). This is offered to raise \$100 million in additional capital to assist in meeting LCEF's loan demand. Ministries are expanding around the world. LCEF wants to help those ministries grow! This offer will expire once the \$100 million goal is achieved, so be to take advantage of this opportunity soon. You may visit www.lcef.org/40month to print an application or see the bulletin board. If you have questions, please call LCEF at 800-843-5233.

Acolyte Schedule

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| Sat. Nov. 3 | 5 p.m. Madison Falkenhain |
| Sun. Nov. 4 | 8 a.m. Ashton Liefer 10:30 a.m. Abby Vallett |
| Sat. Nov. 10 | 5 p.m. Grace Guebert |
| Sun. Nov. 11 | 8 a.m. Jakob Biffar 10:30 a.m. Simone Liefer |
| Sat. Nov. 17 | 5 p.m. Taylor Guebert |
| Sun. Nov. 18 | 8 a.m. Christine Liefer 10:30 a.m. Jenna Spanley |
| Wed. Nov. 21 | 7 p.m. Lyla Hess |
| Thu. Nov. 22 | 9 a.m. Bruce Quinn |
| Sat. Nov. 24 | 5 p.m. Chloe Cowell |
| Sun. Nov. 25 | 8 a.m. Tori Muench 10:30 a.m. Emme Deterding |
| Sat. December 1 | 5 p.m. Olivia Gerald |
| Sun. December 2 | 8 a.m. Connor Jordan 10:30 a.m. Hailey Proctor |

If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte and contact the office with the change.

Worship Greeter Schedule

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

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| Sat. Nov. 3 | 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried |
| Sun. Nov. 4 | 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner |
| Sat. Nov. 10 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. Nov. 11 | 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench |
| Sat. Nov. 17 | 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried |
| Sun. Nov. 18 | 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer |
| Wed. Nov. 21 | 7 p.m. Cliff and Arlou Papenberg |
| Thu. Nov. 22 | 9 a.m. |
| Sat. Nov. 24 | 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller |
| Sun. Nov. 25 | 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf |
| Sat. Dec. 1 | 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried |
| Sun. Dec. 2 | 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann |

There is an opening in our 10:30 a.m. schedule for a couple or for two individuals to serve as greeters. Please call the church office if you are willing to help!

November Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Alverda Rahn
Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr



November Church and School Calendar

Thursday, November 1- All Saints' Day

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)
8:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
No Bell practice today!

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball, ABC, at Evansville

Saturday, November 3-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
12:45 p.m. Girls Basketball Hoops for the Cure vs. SPPCS
2:00 p.m. Boys Basketball Hoops for the Cure vs. SPPCS
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 4- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Daylight Savings time ends; move clocks back an hour!

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11:00 a.m. Senior Youth Benefit BBQ in the school parking lot

Monday, November 5-

5:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball, ABC, at St. Mark's in Steeleville
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, November 6-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Murphysboro
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball, ABC, at St. James

Wednesday, November 7-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church (Mrs. Koen's 3rd Grade)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

Thursday, November 8-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)
8:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball, ABD, at St. Mary's in Chester
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 9- Pastor Nebel in Concordia

11:18 a.m. Early Dismissal Day
5:15 p.m. Girls and Boys Basketball at home vs. Unity Lutheran

Saturday, November 10- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 11- Veterans Day!

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11 a.m.-2 p.m. 66th Annual Wurstmarkt in the school's old gym

Monday, November 12- Fall Picture Retake Day

6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball (AC) at home vs. SPPCS

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in the cafeteria

Tuesday, November 13-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 14-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church (Mr. Becker 4th grade)
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. Office staff meeting

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation classes

6:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in the school library

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

Thursday, November 15-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)

8:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball, ABC, home vs Coulterville

Friday, Nov. 16- B-ball tourneys: Boys-Collinsville; Girls- Nashville

Saturday, November 17-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Holiday Happenings Craft Fair at school
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, November 18-

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

1-3 p.m. Junior / Senior Youth pack Operation Christmas Child boxes

Monday, November 19-

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball, AC, at home vs. Prairie duRocher
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, November 20-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball, AC, at St. John Lutheran in Chester
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 21-

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

11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:30 p.m. 8th Grade Public School Confirmation

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Thursday, November 22- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Friday, November 23- No School! Office Closed

Saturday, November 24- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 25-

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

Monday, November 26-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball A at Trinity, Prairie
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

Tuesday, November 27-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
5:30 p.m. Girls' Basketball, ABC, at Steeleville Public

Wednesday, November 28-

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

11:00 a.m. Office staff meeting

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

Thursday, November 29-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)
8:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball, AC, vs. Red Bud Catholic

Friday, Nov. 30- Tourneys: Boys C at RBC; Girls A at Edwardsville

Saturday, December 1-

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

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