

This Week With Our Lord, November 11-18, 2018

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

SUNDAY, November 11-

- 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. to 2 p.m. 66th Annual Wurstmarkt in the school's old gym

Monday, November 12-

- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball D team Round Robin at Red Bud Catholic
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
- 7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meet in the cafeteria

Tuesday, November 13- *Fall Picture Retake Day*

- 9:30 a.m. Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball (AC) at home vs. SPPCS
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meets in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 14-

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church (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
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Education meets in the school library
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, November 15-

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 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- *Basketball tourneys: Boys-Collinsville; Girls- Nashville*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Mrs. Schmitz

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
- Acolyte: Taylor Guebert Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, November 18-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Christine Liefer
Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Jenna Spanley
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Listen to "What Is Heaven?" (John 17:1-5) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUO AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

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OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 465; Communion: 294; Adults/Youth: 47; Sunday School: 52

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

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.

EPISTLES:

The November edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor Nebel has an address.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Mark 12:44 – "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on." From Old Testament times right through to today the Lord has urged us to give to His work in the Church in proportion to how He has blessed us. He has also called us to sacrificial giving, that is, giving that actually costs us something. That's the shape of true Christian generosity.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 11/4- General: \$11, 516.94; School: \$360; Matching: \$4,960; Lutheran Witness: \$110; Sunday School: \$100; Christmas Decorations- \$20. Our expenses over income are \$134,210 through September. Our outstanding financial liabilities are \$1,310,099. *"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."* (Deuteronomy 16:16c-17)

"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. \$10,995 so far has been received. Thank you!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "The Ten Commandments"- God's revelation of Himself to His ancient people came through Moses. His grace and truth for His New Testament church has come through His Son, Jesus Christ, who has kept God's law perfectly for us.

+ *Perfect Attendance in October*- Nursery: Brewer Krick, Elsie Liefer; Pre-Kdg: Cassidy Palm; Kindergarten: Maverick Cowell, Maybre Falkenhain, Aiden Kiefer, Sydney Krick, Miles Liefer, Jackson Neff; 1st Grade: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; 2nd Grade: Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausung; 3rd Grade: Mallory Arbeiter; 4th Grade: Milla Neff; 6th Grade: Connor Jordan, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 7th Grade: Hannah Schoenbeck; 8th Grade: Ashton Liefer. Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry! Page 3

+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).

JOYFULLY LUTHERAN: Lutherans trust in Christ alone for salvation

“Our churches teach that people cannot be justified before God by their own strength, merits, or works. People are freely justified for Christ’s sake, through faith, when they believe that they are received into favor and that their sins are forgiven for Christ’s sake. By His death, Christ made satisfaction for our sins. God counts this faith for righteousness in His sight” (AC IV). This article is often referred to as the doctrine on which the Church stands or falls. This confession relies entirely on God’s work in Christ for salvation. This is joy: God loves you and has worked for your salvation. Rejoice! Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES: *(Fellowship Hall unless noted)*

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. “Ecclesiastes” (Pastor Nebel)

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. “The 95 Theses” (Pastor Koen- 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” (J. Fritsche)

Wednesday Sundown, 7:30 p.m. “Deuteronomy” (Pastor Nebel)

Early Bird Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. “1st Corinthians” (Pastor Nebel)

Thursday Mornings, 8:15 a.m. “Proverbs” (Julie Fehr)

Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. “Advanced Bible History” (Doris Mueller)

NEW LAMP POSTS IN FRONT OF CHURCH:

Two new lamp posts have been installed in front of church. They are a gift to the congregation in loving memory of St. John’s member Norb Kassing from his family. Thank you for this gift and to those who worked to install them!

CONGRATULATIONS:

St. John’s member John Preston has been recognized by the Illinois Department of Veterans’ Affairs and the Illinois Bicentennial Office as a recipient of Bicentennial HONOR 200, honoring the work of 200 veterans who continue to make extraordinary contributions to the people of Illinois. The recipients represent more than 50 counties across the state of Illinois. Nominees were evaluated based on their achievements, and on the extent to which their contributions have aided, benefited and provided inspiration to their community at large. In addition, nominees must have received an honorable discharge from the U.S. military and reside in Illinois. *(article from the North County News)*

DOOR OFFERING THIS WEEKEND:

Red Bud High School National Honor Society members will take a door offering here this weekend in honor of Veterans Day to support the work of Fishers House, a facility next to Jefferson Barracks that houses families of veterans receiving care at the St. Louis VA Medical Center and families of active duty personnel who have loved ones in other area facilities.

WURSTMARKT:

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. The Country Store will be in the new gym lobby. The PTL Silent Auction will be in the cafeteria. The Men’s Club appreciates all the help that is given to make this event possible. Call Gerald Hanebutt (282-3792) to volunteer. Proceeds fund Lutheran mission work and assist with our congregation’s expenses.

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. Call Julie at our office (282-2394) or put a check in the offering marked “Lutheran Witness.”

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!

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:

Junior and Senior 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 available to pack or you can get boxes from the school office into which you can place your donated items. Afterwards there will be snacks and an open gym.

ALTAR GUILD:

Altar Guild members will meet on Monday, November 19, **6:00 p.m.** (time change) at church for cleaning, polishing and a short meeting. Thank you!

SCHOOL LIBRARY VOLUNTEER NEEDED!

The school’s library needs your help beginning November 20!! Please consider helping on Tuesday mornings and afternoons. The first shift is from 8:15-9 a.m. At this time the helper will pick up books from the lower grade classrooms and check them in. Some computer work is involved. The second shift is from 1-2:30 p.m. There are two classes that come into the library and will be checking out books. Please let Mr. Becker know if you are willing to help! Thanks!!

THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION:

We will celebrate our country’s Day of National Thanksgiving with Holy Communion services on Wednesday, November 21 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, November 22 at 9 a.m. This is a great time to invite someone who would not otherwise be in worship to join us here at St. John’s!

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!

ELDER CHRISTMAS BASKETS:

Our Board of Elders will deliver Christmas baskets to our nursing home, Garden Place and homebound members on Saturday, December 8. If you have a name to add to the list or would like to contribute to this project, please contact our office.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

11/11- Deb Grohmann, Brittany Veath, Valerie Liefer, Michael Miller, Trace Wagner; 11/12- Robert Burgdorf, Amanda Hudson, Andrea Mastrantuono, Zachary Langrehr, Kane Trost; 11/13- Ronald Weseloh, Dorothy Hartmann, Nick Kassing, Konnor Cartee, Barrett Wagner; 11/14- Janet Braun, Michael Schnepel; 11/15- Peggy Moeller, Susan Conboy, Debra Meyer, Crystal Liefer, Geoffrey McDaniel, Michael Watters, Sophie Heller, Chase Lucht, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Evan Muench; 11/16- Robert Kueker, Alexander Rainey, Chrystie Schoenbeck. *Please contact the office with corrections!*

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).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

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

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Nancy Holmstrom, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

VETERANS DAY CONCERT:

The Orchestra of Peace Lutheran Church in Lemay, Missouri will present a program of patriotic music (with Lauren Gathman, Soprano, and Ian Elbrecht, Bagpipes) in Honor of Veterans Day on Sunday, November 11, at 3 p.m.

PASTORAL INSTALLATION:

St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 227 Goodhaven Street, in Columbia invites you to the Installation of Rev. Stephen Krenz as Pastor of St. Paul's congregation on Sunday, November 11th, at 4 p.m.

HYMN FESTIVAL AT ST. JOHN LUTHERAN IN NEW MINDEN:

On November 18, Dr. Nancy Peterson, organist at Zion in Mascoutah, will begin the evening with a mini-recital at 6:30 p.m. The hymn festival begins at 7 p.m. Hymns will be interspersed with Scripture and devotional commentary by Pastor Jacob Mueller, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Emma, Missouri. A brief historical introduction will be given by Mr. Paul Mueller, teacher at Zion Lutheran School in Litchfield. A portion of the offering is designated to support the work of Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein and family, missionaries in Seoul, South Korea.

DERRICK DeWILDE FAMILY BENEFIT BRUPPER:

Breakfast for Supper is Friday, November 23, from 4-7 p.m. at Market on Main in Red Bud featuring egg casseroles, biscuits & gravy, coffee cakes, etc. Dine-in or carry-out for \$10 (adult) and \$5 (child). Gift Baskets will be for sale. Stop by before the Santa Village Opening and Christmas Tree Lighting. Sponsored by: Thrivent Financial. If you have questions call Danette Miller at 618-282-6831.

FOR YOUR PRAYERS AND ASSISTANCE:

Kate Snyder, daughter-in-law of St. John's member Eunice Snyder, 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 home, she is too young for Medicare. Please pray for her and donate, if able, to at <https://www.gofundme.com/care-for-kate>. Thanks!

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

We do not put our trust in congresses or courts for they cannot delay even their own deaths. We take refuge in the God who made the universe. He who formed our bodies watches over the hopeless, lifts up the lowly and saves our lives. Page 6

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.

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, we wish our listeners a blessed Veterans Day, finish our study of Job on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), begin an in-depth study of 2 Corinthians 3 with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and celebrate KFUE Radio's Rally Week all week. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or wherever you get your podcasts!

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Stroke occurs when a blood vessel that brings blood and oxygen to the brain gets blocked by a clot or ruptures. When this happens, brain cells don't get the blood and oxygen that they need to survive. Nerve cells then stop working and die within minutes, affected the part of the body that they control. These effects may be permanent. Strokes are the 5th leading cause of death in America.

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken and produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville. This week's topics include: An Introduction to the Koran, Hallowed Be Thy Name, Worship in the Tabernacle, The Abomination of Desolation and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Help us promote COS: Pick up a free yard sign to put in your yard or business.

The End of Year Giving Campaign for COS has started. If you have already sent in your gift, thank you! If you have not yet had an opportunity, you can do so in whatever form of giving you feel most comfortable, whether that be a mailed check or online via our website or Facebook. The campaign will end on #GivingTuesday, November 27, which is an international day of online giving.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders and potential transfer students are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at *Christ Our Savior* shadowing a COS student and learning more about the COS advantage.

Calling Thrivent Members: If you are a member of Thrivent and are willing to help COS at no cost to you, please consider organizing or participating in a Thrivent Action Team. Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two project teams per year. Every project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational materials to help make their project successful. We have many projects that would help further the mission of COS. We can even help you fill out the application. Contact mchristman@coslhs.org for more information.

The COS Office will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 21 & 22.

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; 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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

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 Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Gerry Thompson, Morgan Woosley, Terra Williams, Melissa Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Monica Kunkel, Kristi Martel and Courtney Schoenbeck

Church Council

Chairman: Gary Buatte Vice-Chairman: Dale Krack

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Elder Chair: Gerald Hanebutt Parish Education Chair: Jamie Korando

Trustee Chair: Scott Voss Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Madison Falkenhain

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald

Acolyte: Sam Roscow

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Larry and Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Acolyte: Simone Liefer

Flower Servers: Darla Cowell and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

Twenty-Fifth 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.

"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.

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!

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 latest pictorial directory are available for purchase from our office for \$50. This money goes for our congregation's debt relief.

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.

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!

+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!

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 for more information.

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!