

This Week With Our Lord, December 16-23, 2018

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

SUNDAY, December 16-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, December 17- *No Choir practice today*

5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball AB home vs. TSJ/ILS
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, December 18- *In Plain Sight Event at home game*

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball C & B home vs. Red Bud Elementary
6:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball B & A vs. Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, December 19-

8:30 a.m. 3-8 grades Day School Christmas Service at school
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
7:00 p.m. 3-8 grades Day School Christmas Service at school

Thursday, December 20-

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
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball AB at Red Bud Elementary

Friday, December 21- *End of Second Quarter*

1:48 p.m. Early School Dismissal (*no school until Jan. 7!*)
2:00 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion Service at church

Saturday, December 22-

1:00 p.m. Junior Youth Christmas Caroling and Party
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

Acolyte: Chloe Cowell Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, December 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Bruce Quinn
Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald
9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Crewe Wagner
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

Wednesday	19	8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Day School Christmas
Friday	21	2 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion Service at church
Monday	24	*5 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion
Monday	24	*9 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion & Candlelight
Tuesday	25	*9 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 345; Communion: 82; Adults/Youth: 32+; Sunday School: 28+ Page 2

Primary School Christmas Services: AM- 290; PM: 370

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

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

Philippians 4:5b-6 – "The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." Wouldn't you like to be free from worry and anxiety? Isn't it worry and anxiety that often keep us from living the generous life God has called us to? St. Paul contrasts anxiety with prayer, supplication, and thanksgiving in making our requests known to God. In other words, when you are tempted to anxiety and worry, pray to the Lord with a thankful heart and pour out your supplications before Him.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/9- General: \$16,632.50; School: \$585; Matching: \$2,482; Thrivent Match for School Operation: \$125; Christmas Decorations: \$300. Our expenses over income are \$152,801 through October. Our outstanding financial liabilities are \$1,311,449. *"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)

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. With anxiety on the rise, the Apostle Paul's call to "rejoice always" seems all but unobtainable. While there are many helpful ways to cope with society's increasing anxiety, Paul points us to a frequently overlooked source of joy and peace, God's grace in Christ. Listen to "In Anxious Times, Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4-7) with Guest Speaker Dr. Anthony Cook on KFYO 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).

"DOWN WITH THE DEBT":

A generous matching gift offer has been given to us. This is the last weekend to 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. \$60,623 so far has been received. Thank you!

CONGRATULATIONS!:

God has blessed Tyler and Megan (Miller) Henry with the gift of life in the birth of a daughter, Whitley Dawn, on Sunday, December 9 at St. Elizabeth's Hospital. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child! Page 3

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+A double lesson, “Mary Visits Elizabeth” and “The Birth of John.” Before he was born John bore witness to Jesus. At his birth John’s father, Zechariah, spoke of how John would give people the knowledge of salvation through Jesus.

+Your child’s Sunday School offering helps to cover the cost of materials and to support our mission project for the year which is support for Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein (formerly of rural Okawville), LCMS missionary in South Korea.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The January through March edition of our daily devotion, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

SONSHINE VISITORS:

Sonshine visitors please pick up the Proclaimer (electronic bible) for those whom you visit from the table in the Fellowship Hall. Also, you can pick up their Christmas baskets at IGA. Please also take a new *Portals of Prayer* to those whom you visit.

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)

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)

THE POINSETTIA GARDEN:

We thank the Altar Guild for doing this each year as it is a beautiful addition to our chancel as well as a heartfelt way to remember our loved ones or just give thanks to the glory of God for His many blessings to us. You may find the Poinsettia Garden forms in the back of church in the Epistle basket. The cost is \$7.00 and you may return it to the office or in the offering by Tuesday, December 18. Thanks!

MORE CONGRATULATIONS:

Red Bud High School seniors and St. John’s members Alyssa Heller, Alex Sievers and Brittany Pensoneau have been named Illinois State Scholars for this school year. Congratulations to these young people!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Please see Doreen Schnepel in the Fellowship Hall between services on Sunday to purchase gift cards. A percentage of each purchase assists the ministry of our family of faith. Cash and checks only please.

IN PLAIN SIGHT: An Adult Education on Teenage Drug Trends

To be held this Tuesday, Dec. 18, beginning at 5:30 p.m. in conjunction with the basketball games at our school. Presented by Gateway Foundation and sponsored by S. Ill. Substance Abuse Alliance and Red Bud Regional Hospital.

SECRET ANGELS:

Please remember the student you have with a greeting and a gift for Christmas. Please bring your items to the school office no later than December 19. [Page 4](#)

CHRISTMAS DECORATION FUND:

This year our committee of volunteers again has done a great job of decorating our church building for the Advent and Christmas seasons. Some new items are purchased every year when there is money 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!

POSITION AVAILABLE:

St. John’s Lutheran Daycare is seeking a caring and responsible individual to fill the position of a Director Qualified Teacher. Qualifications include 64 semester hours with a minimum of 21 hours of college credit in child development, early childhood education or early childhood special education. To obtain more information or to submit a resume please call Amanda at 618-282-3873 ext. 224 or by email at amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS RECEIVED:

Please check the bulletin boards for cards sent to us by Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, Life Network of Southern Illinois, LeadaChild, and Vic and Marty Both of Fairfield, Illinois.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/16- Susie Harms, Stephen Stellhorn, Adam Mehring, Andrew Millmann, Kelsey Horner; 12/17- Vernon Muench, Lori Langrehr, Jayce Cox; 12/18- Joan Wiegand, Kyle Winkelman; 12/20- Jacob Moll, Jeremy Collins; 12/21- Madison Falkenhain, Maggie Brown, Ava Clifford; 12/22- Addalyn Schloemann. *Please contact the office with any additions or 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, 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, June Lawrence, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Olivia Schmitz, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

SPECIAL SERVICES ELSEWHERE:

+Olive Branch Lutheran Church in rural Okawville (Hwy 177 east) will have a German Christmas Service on December 16 at 3 p.m.

+Peace Lutheran in Lemay, Missouri will hold “Christmas at Peace” on Sunday, December 23 at 3 p.m. It will feature the Orchestra of Peace, Bells of Peace and the Chancel Choir.

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.

JOYFULLY LUTHERAN: Love, joy, peace

The fruits of the Spirit in Gal. 5:22-23 begin with these three: love, joy and peace. God's Holy Spirit fills us with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. These are given to us as gifts. We live in this fruit as the Spirit lives in us. Love originates in God's love for us in Christ, and results in our love for others. Joy comes from trusting in the Good News of God's love in Christ, and results in lives of joy in God's grace. Peace is the gift of reconciliation and fellowship with the Almighty God through the forgiveness of sins, and results in our lives of peace as we forgive just as Christ has forgiven us. Find out more at joyfullylutheran.org.

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!

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, at <https://www.gofundme.com/care-for-kate>. Thank you!

+David Ingwersen, a former St. John's teacher, will retire after many years serving in Lutheran education. In January 2017 his wife, Kim, was diagnosed with ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). Her condition has deteriorated to where it is difficult for her to do many daily tasks. With ALS there is no cure. What we take for granted has become what she cannot do alone. In June, Dave will retire from his career in Lutheran Education and become her full time caretaker. There are many things that insurance won't cover. Below is a link to a GoFundMe page that her kids have established. Any amount given would be greatly appreciated.

<https://www.gofundme.com/generous-gift-for-kim-and-dave?fbclid=IwAR1SzHx73GKVMNsmu55XKBpMxD1S-QLDpbg8bm5rYMq9rOuohe3wZqpese0>

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 being 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. [Page 6](#)

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUO AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Lutheran worldview. This week on KFUO AM850, join Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors as they continue digging into what The New Covenant is all about on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), stave off your theological boredom on Cross Defense as Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller and his guest bring a curious topic for your consumption (12/17 at 2 p.m.), and tune in to the final midweek Advent service from Village Lutheran in Ladue, MO (12/19 at 12 p.m.). Next week we begin our special programming for the 12 Days of Christmas, including readings, prayers, special music broadcasts, and in-depth insights into our Christmas liturgy and hymns. Tune in at kfuo.org!

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

A heart-healthy Mediterranean diet may reduce the risk of age-related hearing loss. It emphasizes fruits and vegetables, whole grains, legumes and nuts, uses fats such as olive oil and canola oil, and flavors food with herbs and spices instead of salt. Red meat is limited to no more than a few times a month.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

The Lord clears away the enemies of life with His love of the lives He has created. God's law at work in our conscience convicts us of promoting or allowing violence against life. The Lord also takes away these sins with His forgiveness and redemption in Jesus. *O Prince of Peace, do not allow us to be offended and ashamed by Your gift and word of life. Amen.*

MANY Metal folding chairs are missing from the school's old gym. We need them for children's services. Please return if you borrowed them!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Toy & Food Drive: The COS Student council is holding a toy and food drive as well as adopting a needy family. If you would like to help by donating non-perishable food items and/or a new toy please drop your donation off at COS by December 17. Toys may also be dropped off at Dollar General in Waterloo.

Annual Trivia Night: The annual COS trivia night will be January 25, 2018 at 7 pm. Trivia questions will cover a wide variety of topics to appeal to trivia players of all ages and abilities. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300.

Holiday Hours: December 21 and 28 the COS office will be open 9:00 a.m.-noon. On December 27, 31 and January 2 the COS office will be open 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. School will resume on January 3.

Help us promote COS: Stop by COS and pick up a free yard sign to put in your yard or business.

Do you know a high school student looking for a change? COS is accepting transfer students for the spring semester as well as scheduling shadow days for incoming freshmen. Come see for yourself what makes COS a great high school experience.

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2019-2020 is January 31, 2019. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

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 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; Resource Teacher – Laura Vause

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

Chairman: Gary Buatte Vice-Chairman: Dale Krack

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Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Blake Henry

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

Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton

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

Acolyte: Karson Liefer

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Jacquie Roy

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Third Sunday in Advent 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.

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.

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.

ISSUES, ETC.: