

This Week With Our Lord, December 30, 2018-January 6, 2019

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

SUNDAY, December 30-

- 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 with Holy Communion

Monday, December 31- Office closed

- 6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service; Acolyte: Cadin Voss

Tuesday, January 1, 2019- *The Name of Jesus*

- 10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service; Acolyte: Sofia Jones

Wednesday, January 2-

- Boys & Girls B Team Basketball Tourney at Holy Cross through Saturday*
- 6:30 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in the school library
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

Thursday, January 3-

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Corinthians)
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, January 4-

- 9:00 a.m. School teachers' meeting in the school library

Saturday, January 5-

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Kane Trost Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, January 6- *The Epiphany of Our Lord*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Lucas Guebert
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele and Olivia Schmitz
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School Rally in new gym
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Trace Wagner
Greeters: Ken & Karen Wetzels; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
- Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:

Mon. Dec. 31, 6 p.m. NYE Holy Communion; Tues. Jan. 1, 10 a.m. NYD Matins

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 311; Communion: 67; Adults/Youth: 33; Sunday School: 40
Christmas Eve Worship-612; Comm.-442; Christmas Day Worship-130; Comm.-121
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

Luke 2:38 – "And coming up at that very hour she began to give thanks to God and to speak of Him to all who were waiting for the redemption of Jerusalem." Giving thanks to God leads to good works (speaking about Jesus, in this case). Thankfulness toward God for all He has done for us is the foundation of a Christian life lived in godliness. For if we know all that the Lord has done for us, how can we not strive to honor Him with what we think, say, and do?

"DOWN WITH THE DEBT":

A generous matching gift has been given to us. Our "Down With the Debt" offer resulted in \$103,033 received. Thank you to our donor and to all who contributed to this match! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow!

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/23-25 Total: \$48,993.57. "*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:

As the year come to a close, we likely have regrets and guilt. We can beat ourselves up over work left undone, but Jesus Christ has assured us that He is your hope. His grace is more than sufficient to take us into another year and give us peace. Listen to "A Long Goodbye" (Luke 2:27-37) with Guest Speaker Dr. Dean Nadasy 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).

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Witten Clyde Walter Cheek into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 a.m. service. He is the son of Joshua and Melissa (Bollinger) Cheek. His baptismal sponsors are Chris and Sarah Moll, Angela Cheek and Tyler Donjon. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "The Birth of Jesus" - A Savior has been born for you! He is Christ the Lord! Families may discuss how Jesus' birth takes away our fear in life and gives us peace.
+ Next Sunday will be "Rally Day Renewal" the jump start to the second half of our Sunday School year. Activities will be held in the school's new gym.
+ 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 AND EPISTLES:

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. The January edition of our monthly newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway.

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

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "Ecclesiastes" (Pastor Nebel)
Wednesday Evening, 7:30 p.m. "Deuteronomy" (Pastor Nebel)
Thursday Sunrise, 6:30 a.m. "1 Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)
1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/30- Edward Wagner, Erin Cowell, Allison Rainey, Traci Proctor, Jordan Buch, Blake Uffelmann; 12/31- Reese Foster, Emma Guebert; 1/1- Esther Williams, Jill Harless, Jeremy Voss, Jackie Aubuchon; 1/2- Evan Guebert, Taylor Neuhaus; 1/3- Alice Guebert, Terryl Liefer, Linda Guebert; 1/4- Richard Miller, Jeffrey Koester, Nicholas Grohmann, Hudson Schmidt; 1/5- David Blankenship, Garrick Liefer, Melissa Klausung, Sara Siegfried, Devin Johnson. *Call the office with corrections!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Nancy Holmstrom, June Lawrence, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

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.

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).*

SPECIAL SERVICES ELSEWHERE:

+To mark the Christmas season, the musicians of Good Shepherd Lutheran Church are presenting a special service featuring John Leavitt's *A Midnight Clear*. The service features favorite carols interspersed with scripture lessons and includes the choir, the orchestra and congregational hymn singing. It is this Sunday, December 30, at 3 p.m. at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 1300 Beltline Road, Collinsville. For more information please call 618-344-3151.

+Sing your favorite Christmas Carols one last time this season! Christ Our Savior congregation in Freeburg invites you to a 12th Day of Christmas Music Festival on Saturday, January 5, at 7 p.m. Organ, piano, brass, strings, winds, handbells, and vocal choirs will be featured. The event is free. A reception follows. Christ Our Savior is at 612 North State Street in Freeburg. For more information, call the church office at 618-539-5664 or email coslc@att.net.



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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618-237-5802 or home 282-3050

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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

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Russell Koen Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Joan Ruwald

(5 p.m.) Greeter: Miriam Poston Acolyte: Cody Strong

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold

Acolyte: Summer Luttmann

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolyte: Crewe Wagner

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Jacquie Roy

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough [Page 4](#)

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The First Sunday after Christmas 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.

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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.

JOYFULLY LUTHERAN: Vocation: joy in service

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!

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!

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.:

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "Acts" (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)

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.

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,

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

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 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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Trustee Chair: Scott Voss Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker
Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.