

## ***This Week With Our Lord, December 9-16, 2018***

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

### **SUNDAY, December 9-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; 2-8 Sunday School classes at school
- 9:30 a.m. Nursery-1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School service practice at church
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 2:00 p.m. Pastor Nebel has the devotional service at Red Bud Care Center
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service at church, reception following

### **Monday, December 10-**

- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC home vs. Coulterville
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### **Tuesday, December 11-**

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball B & C at Red Bud Catholic

### **Wednesday, December 12-**

- 8:30 a.m. Primary 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation
- 7:00 p.m. Primary School Christmas Service at school

### **Thursday, December 13-**

- 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 FH
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Christmas Dinner in the FH
- 6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC home vs. St. John, Chester
- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball A & B at Marissa

### **Friday, December 14-**

- 6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball ABC at home vs. Steeleville

### **Saturday, December 15-**

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

Acolyte: Blake Henry      Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

### **SUNDAY, December 16-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton  
Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanbutt
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Karson Liefer  
Greeters: Larry & Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

### **UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES:**

Sun	9	6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service at church
Wed	12	8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Primary School Christmas
Wed	19	8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Day School Christmas
Fri.	21	2 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion Service at church <a href="#">Page 2</a>

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

Worship: 424; Communion: 178; Adults/Youth: 40+; Sunday School: NR  
Early Childhood Christmas Services: AM- 283; PM: 455

*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 3:4 – “As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet, ‘The voice of one crying in the wilderness: *Prepare the way of the Lord, make His paths straight.*’” God makes long-range plans: Isaiah lived more than 700 years before St. John the Baptist preached by the Jordan River. Obviously, God sees farther into the future than we do. That’s yet another reason to trust Him when it comes to how He tells us to live life. He knows what’s coming, and we don’t.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 12/2- General: \$11,768.89; School: \$495; Matching: \$12,744; Thrivent Match for School Operation: \$150; Lutheran Witness- \$18; Christmas Decorations: \$20; Rally Day: \$100. 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:**

When people use the word "redeem" outside of religious context, they tend to use it in a commercial sense-redeeming points from purchases or casino tokens for cash. In the Bible, the word "redeem" is used in a family setting. In the story of Ruth, Boaz is a "kinsman redeemer," who points to Jesus, our capital-r-Redeemer. Jesus has done more than pay our points. He redeems by bringing us into His clan, His people, His household so that we might be with Him forever. Listen to “Redeemer with a Capital R” (Ruth 3-4) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUE 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. From now through 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. \$55,683 so far has been received. Thank you!

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

+”The Birth of Jesus Foretold”- Students learn how God favors the young woman of Nazareth, Mary, by choosing her to be the mother of His eternal Son born in human flesh, Jesus. By His grace, God chooses us to be His children. Families may discuss *How has God shown us His undeserved favor?*

+Practice for the Sunday School Christmas Service will be held at the church for 3 year olds through First Grade this Sunday during the Sunday School hour. Please bring your child to the church by 9:25 a.m. The service will be held on Sunday, December 9, at 6 p.m. in the church.

+*November Perfect Attendance:* Nursery- Brewer Krick, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Pre-Kdg- Cassidy Palm, Henry Schnepel; Kindergarten- Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Holden Wagner; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Levi Nagel; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Josef Biffar, Sydney Kassing, Kade Liefer, Karliegh Liefer, Norah Wagner; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Milla Neff; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Noah Kassing; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jakob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Karson Liefer, Sam Roscow; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Hannah Schoenbeck; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Ashton Liefer, Simone Liefer.

+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 Visitation visitors should take one to the people that they 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, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 a.m. “Angels” (Pastor Nebel)

Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. “Sip, Savor and Drink Deeply” (J. Fritsche)

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

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

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

### **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!

### **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!

**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! Page 4

### **EPISTLES:**

The December edition of our congregation’s newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the baskets in the entryway. It is also on our website and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor Nebel has a working address.

### **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](mailto:amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org)

### **HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

12/9- Kenneth Koester, Larry Ehlers, Christian Stechmesser, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer; 12/10- Ronnie Liefer, Delonda Kelley, Leo DuFrenne; 12/11- Mike Moll, Aubrey Kiefer, Connor Rainey; 12/12- Shirley Meyer, Allen Stoll, Sutton Jones, Elaina Uffelmann, Jettson Grohmann; 12/13- Jennifer Fritsche, Stephanie Valleroy, Kayce Schaefer, Grayson Herriman; 12/14- David L. Stellhorn, Christy Palm, Kollin Liefer, Allister Gunter; 12/15- Mary Schultz, Valerie Crafton, Tessa Miller, MaKenzie Liefer. *Please contact the office with any additions or corrections!*

### **THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Lisa Kloeppe is our Prayer Chain coordinator. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Lisa at 282-2426. Please call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

### **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.

### **FOOD DRIVE:**

A donation box for the Red Bud Food Pantry at Human Service Center is in the entryway and Fellowship Hall for your contributions of non-perishable food.

### **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. Page 5

### **JOYFULLY LUTHERAN: Joy tastes like bread and wine**

Jesus invites sinners to eat with Him. He gives His own flesh and blood to feed them. In the gift of the Lord's Supper, Jesus feeds His Church with His body and blood in and with the bread and wine for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of eternal life. This is a joyful feast. We come to the table with our sins and guilt, but walk away forgiven and free. We come to the table hungry for eternal food, and walk away filled with the promise of more to come. We come to the table wearied by this life, and we walk away fed with the promise that Jesus bears our burdens and will come again to usher in His Kingdom, in which there is eternal rest. Find out more at [joyfullylutheran.org](http://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. These past two years have been very difficult, but they have faced this challenge with faith and a willingness to simply enjoy the days that are left. 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](http://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 KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Lutheran worldview. This week on KFUE AM850, hear midweek Advent service broadcast live from Village Lutheran Ladue on 12/12 at 12:00 p.m., continue studying the book of Revelation on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear from Deaconess Heidi Goehmann about discouragement in ministry on The Coffee Hour (12/11 at 9:00 a.m.). Hear programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

### **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 teachings include: The Advent Hymns "O Come, O Come, Emmanuel" & "Once He Came in Blessing," Messengers from John the Baptist, Mary Visits Elizabeth and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

### **PARISH NURSE NOTE:**

*Stroke Warning Signs:* Sudden numbness or weakness of the face, arm or leg, especially on one side of the body; sudden confusion, trouble speaking or understanding; sudden trouble seeing in one or both eyes; sudden trouble walking, dizziness, loss of balance or coordination; sudden severe headache with no known cause.

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

God's grace moves us to approve what is "excellent" (Philippians 1:10). Can anything that ends a life given by God be considered "excellent"? No! While we may not be able to see how, God will bring every life He begins to its holy completion. *Gracious Savior, fill our hearts and mouths with Your glory. Amen.*

### **ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:**

Join Rebecca Schrauth, Director of Social Services, for "A Christmas Celebration and a Lifetime of Memories" in the Ground Floor Auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital on Thursday, December 13, at 6:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

### **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.

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

**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](mailto:mchristman@coslhs.org) for more information.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education. [Page 7](#)**



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Pastor Russell Koen 618-282-1958

Principal - Deitt Schneider 618-806-3049 or home: 824-6335

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms [618-201-5654](tel:618-201-5654); Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz and Stephanie Valleroy

First Grade – Rachel Miller

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Lauri Koen

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

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher

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

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

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Justin Palm

Custodians – Loren Harms, Alan Ohms, and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle; 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 Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Trenton Wagner

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn

Acolyte: Grant Krack

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jim & Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Acolyte: Natalie Korando

Flower Servers: Alverda Rahn and Jacquie Roy

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH**

**Red Bud, Illinois**

*The Second 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](mailto:birdhouse62278@outlook.com).

### **"RAINDROPS KEEP FALLING ON MY HEAD":**

Lost and Found items are on the coat rack shelf across from the restrooms. These include many umbrellas. Take a look, one of them may be yours!

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

Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins- Elder Ron Kunkelmann

Zone 2: Susan Conboy thru Dennis/Kathy Grohmann- Elder Stuart Langrehr

Zone 3: Nick/Emily Grohmann thru Roger/Kim Herriman- Elder Alan Piel

Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick- Elder Mike DeRousse

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick to Janel Maes- Elder Kevin Liefer

Zone 6: Pat Malik to Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Quentin Stenzel

Zone 7: Alan/Amber Piel to Don Schrader- Elder Gerald Hanebutt

Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner- Elder Stanley Langrehr

Zone 9: Derek/Katelin Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- Elder Bill Becker

### **SET UP DIRECT PAYMENTS THROUGH ACH:**

If you so choose, payments for items such as worship offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare can be withdrawn automatically and securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. To set up this option, simply fill out a form (in the school office) and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn (e.g. school lunches, offerings, etc). It is free to set up, and you can make changes or cancel at any time at no cost. If there are insufficient funds in the specified account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn and the user will be notified. Our hope is that this option will offer convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our congregation. Please note that this is completely optional--no one is required to sign up. If you feel more comfortable continuing to use cash or check, please do so! *Kara Wagner, Treasurer*

### **ESTATE FUND ASSISTANCE:**

Our Estate Fund Committee has money available to assist with the Christian Education of St. John's members who are pursuing a church professional career and attending one of our seminaries or Concordia universities, as well as money to help those who attending a Lutheran high school. Please realize that this help is available as you consider your career and educational choices.

### **GOODSEARCH:**

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

### **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](mailto: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.