

The Epistle

December 2018

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

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Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.

Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Christian Education Hour:

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

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

Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor

Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

From Lutheran Church Charities

The Virtue of Diligence

Lazy hands make a man poor, but diligent hands bring wealth. Proverbs 10:4

The word diligent means 'to cut or sharpen'. It describes a worker who's sharp, decisive, and keen. He or she wants to work, make a difference, and contribute to their families and to society. Life 'owes' you nothing except an opportunity to succeed. And you'll have to work for that success. One day two teens were talking when one said to the other, 'I'm really worried. Dad slaves away at his job so I'll never want for anything. He pays all my bills and sends me to college. Mum slaves every day washing, ironing, cleaning up after me, and even takes care of me when I'm sick.' Puzzled, his friend asked, 'So, what're you worried about?' He replied, 'I'm worried the slaves might escape!'

If you're a parent, teach your children the virtue of diligence. And don't just preach it – live it! You'll know you're succeeding when they no longer feel 'entitled' to an allowance, and stop seeing you as a human cash

machine with the words 'Give me!' stamped on your forehead. Your children will spend over half the waking hours of their prime adult lives working, and they need to know that it was God's idea and not a form of punishment. Some people think work was the result of the curse in Eden, but it wasn't. God gave Adam the job of tending the garden before sin came on the scene (see [Genesis 2:15](#)). Jesus was a carpenter (see [Mark 6:3](#)). And Paul, one of the greatest Christians in history, was a tentmaker (see [Acts 18:1-3](#)). There's nothing dishonorable about work worth doing, and work done well. **Prayer-** *Heavenly Father, thank You for the privilege of being able to work and help me instill that in my children and others. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

Your Pastors' Ponderings

I know I run the risk of being called "Ebenezer Scrooge" for including the previous devotion in this month's newsletter. However, I think it makes important points as we face another commercialized Christmas season. It would be easy to say that children are too focused on getting stuff at Christmas and miss out on the reason for the season, the birth of God's Son, our Savior Jesus. But I am afraid that an entitlement mentality of "what's in it for me?" has outlasted childhood for far too many of our fellow citizens.

The following is a summary of an article, "Give Without Spoiling," from [Money](#) magazine (December 2017?) written by Alexa von Tobel about gifts for her daughter. Alexa is a mother and financial planner.

I don't want to refrain from gift-giving altogether, but I want to raise her to appreciate presents, not expect them.

Give memories- Research has shown that spending money on "stuff" doesn't make us any happier.

Give patience- Those who can delay gratification are healthier and more successful through high school and as adults. Money they receive should be divided into: 20% spend now; 30% spend a year from now; and 50% for future.

Give generosity- Give older children money for them to donate to a charity of their choice. It is a way to involve your children in the decision-making. For younger kids, take them to a toy store for them to pick out—and then wrap at home—a toy to be given to a local charity.

One last note: included in the paper copy is our new church year worship calendar and the financial paper I presented at our Family of Faith Fall Fellowship in the new gym on October 10.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Nebel

On June 15th of this year while I was mowing the lawn, I was thinking about how much time we had before December would arrive. Well guess what, it is here! Black Friday has come and gone. The bright lights of the season began appearing the week before Thanksgiving Day. My granddaughter began asking me before Thanksgiving arrived when the “Elf on the Shelf” would arrive. And of course, she has been giving us hints of what she would like to have for Christmas Day.

Some things don’t change. I remember when it was close to Christmas, my sisters and I would take turns keeping mom busy while we went through the closet, looked under the bed and up in the attic to see where she was hiding the Christmas presents.

The Sunday before Christmas, we would head down Highway 67 to Grandma Koen’s home. When we arrived at her house we would all huddle around the stove in the dinner room that heated the rest of the house. The smell of percolated coffee filled the house. Every year a tall man would come into the living room and step on my fingers as I was playing with my little cars in the middle of the floor. I learned later that the tall man was my Uncle Stanley, (it is amazing the lasting impressions we have of our childhood Christmases!).

When it came time to eat the men ate first while the women and children waited until they were done. After dinner each grandchild got a dollar that was hanging on a small Christmas tree sitting on the coffee table. My Grandma Stringfield gave all the boys a shirt with a bow tie and the girls got a doll each year. I have a lot of fond memories of my past Christmases.

But the first Christmas was a lot different than the ones we experience today. There were no lights, trees or special sales going on. An innkeeper rejected Mary and Joseph, forcing them to use a cave for the birth of our Savior. It was on that day the Son of God took on human flesh in the child He named Jesus. God coming to fulfill a promise He made to Adam and Eve. It was a time filled with God’s joy, peace and love. The angel came to announce the arrival of our Savior; our Immanuel is with us. Nothing in the world would be the same. Satan would be shackled. He time to torment us would be cut short. The Son of God would deliver us His people beginning with a crib in Bethlehem. He would declare His victory three decades later on the Cross of Calvary. But His victory would not go unnoticed. The angels would announce to the women that first Easter morning: “Don’t be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here for He has risen from the dead.” At His ascension, Jesus sent us His Holy Spirit

Who would guide us each day through the Word and Sacraments.

That is why our Christmas is filled with fond memories. As we gather together with our families, we remember that the greatest memory of Christmas is: Jesus, our Immanuel, our Savior is with us.

Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell Koen

Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. “Ecclesiastes” (Pastor Nebel)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. “The 95 Theses” (Pastor Koen in the school library)

Men’s Bible Breakfast, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7 a.m. “Angels” (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 Women, 8:15 a.m. “Proverbs” (Julie Fehr)

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

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

Road To Bethlehem

Sunday, December 2, at 7 p.m. will be our annual Road to Bethlehem pageant. Pre-service begins at 6:30 p.m. with our Bell Choir. School children in grades 2-4 will sing. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall following the pageant. Offerings will benefit the medical expenses of St. John’s member Wayne Liefer.

From the Principal’s Pen

Happy Advent season! We have entered our busiest and fastest (or so it seems) time of the year! We prepare our hearts for the coming of the Christ Child in all the preparations of the season. Our church and school offer so many opportunities to hear the good news about the Savior’s birth.

Before I mention our school worship opportunities, please allow me to recognize some of our November highlights. Two students were recognized by the Randolph County Soil and Water Conservation District. Kendall Crafton placed 2nd in the Poster Contest and will be awarded \$15. Daniel Stapleton placed 2nd in the Essay Contest and will be awarded \$20. We are proud of both of you for representing our school so well! The awards will take place after our morning December 5 service in the old gym.

Our school always participates in the Red Bud Elementary Language Arts Festival. We recognize our classroom winners as well as students who read at the event. In Kindergarten, First and Second Grades the winners from St. John's Elementary School were Henry Sachtleben, Aubrey Kiefer and Ava Gibson; in Third and Fourth Grade Molly Kuehn, Adeline Buchheit and Kadence Koen; in Fifth and Sixth Grade Samuel Roscow, Sofia Jones and Blake Henry, in Grades Seven and Eight Aubrey Piel, Madison Proctor and Dustin Salger. Readers for the event were Henry Sachtleben, Molly Kuehn and Sam Roscow. Molly Kuehn had her name drawn to win a Kindle. Jozlynn Palm and Ella Cowell both won \$5 gift cards from McDonald's for attendance prizes. Our own classroom winners were Kindergarten Schmitz-Miles Liefer and Lucy Kuehn, Kindergarten Valleroy-Brody Rahn and Sydney Krick, First Grade-Aubrey Kiefer and Henry Sachtleben, Second Grade – Jack Sachtleben and Ava Gibson, Third Grade – Molly Kuehn and Karleigh Liefer, Fourth Grade Nebel – Adeline Buchheit and Kadence Koen, Fourth Grade Becker – Kendall Crafton and Annika Herriman, Fifth Grade- no entries, Sixth Grade – Samuel Roscow and Sofia Jones, Seventh Grade – Dustin Salger and Addison Dilley, Eighth Grade – Aubrey Piel and Madison Proctor.

Our Christmas services at school will be in the old gym on December 5, 12, and 19 both at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The Early Childhood service on December 5th is "Christ the Savior is Born." On December 12 the Kindergarten through 2nd Grade will lead us in "Christmas Greetings." The 3rd through 8th Grades will lead us on December 19th in "A Reason to Celebrate." The offerings for all six services are designated to Scholar Help for students who attend our school. Two other worship opportunities will be the Road to Bethlehem pageant on Sunday, December 2 at St. John's Lutheran Church beginning at 7 p.m. and the Nursery through 1st Grade Sunday School service on Sunday, December 9th at 6 p.m. We all have many opportunities to hear the good news throughout the Advent and Christmas Season.

We give thanks for a very generous donation which was given to the Children's Tuition Fund and is only specified for students in our school. The application will be available on January 8 through the Children's Tuition Fund website. You must use the State of Illinois application and apply using FACTS, a tuition assistance form. The money is available for anyone who pays tuition to our school and meets the criteria on the

application. We give thanks for the generous hearts which provided this assistance. This application will be similar to the Empower Illinois which several families applied for, but the main difference is that the money given is only for St. John's Lutheran School students and families. This company is Christian-based and watches out for our Christian school families.

Don't forget, we have early dismissal on December 5 at 1:18 p.m. and December 21 at 1:48 p.m. There will be no after school care on December 21.

I look forward to the time we have off for Christmas break. Spending time with family and friends creates such great memories. May God bless you all as we celebrate the greatest gift ever given to us, the Savior, Christ our Lord!

Peace, hope, faith and love, Mrs. Schneider

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.

A Blessed Christmas to you and yours!

From your office staff: Pastor Mark Nebel,
Pastor Russell Koen, Mrs. Deitt Schneider,
Mrs. Julie Ratz and Mrs. Jessica
Schloemann





Parents and children filled the school's new gym lobby for Trunk or Treat on October 31. Many sponsors gave out candy to the costumed children. The table in the foreground is covered with Martin Luther items as a reminder that the date is really Reformation Day ;)

Evening Guild News

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

Our Evening Guild Christmas Party is Tuesday, Dec. 4 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall- Potluck Dinner with fried chicken provided. Bring a guest, a side dish and your mite box. Devotions will be by Lisa Kloepper.

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

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center this month on the 6th and 20th in December. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

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

We Bid a Fond Farewell

November 4 Death of H. Edward Liefer

November 5 Release of Ryan Glasscock

November 5 Release of Gerald Holmstrom II

November 5 Transfer out of Donald and Geraldine Heller to Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault, Illinois

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

November 25 Baptism of Logan Thomas Rainey

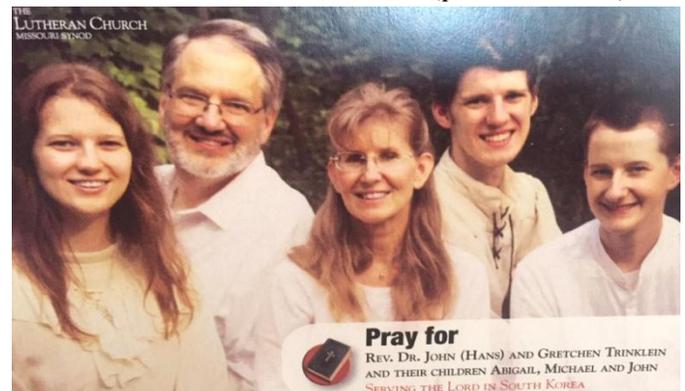
Sunday School News

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

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

Rally Day activities went so well that we are planning a renewal of Rally Day event for January 6 to start the second half of our Sunday School year.

Please consider sending an offering with your child to help cover the cost of materials and to support our mission project for the year. We are supporting LCMS missionary to South Korea, Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein and his family. He formerly served as pastor of Olive Branch Lutheran Church in rural Okawville (*pictured below*).



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!

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 money to this project, please contact our office.

The Poinsettia Garden

We thank the Altar Guild for doing this each year as it is such 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 by way of the offering basket by Tuesday, December 18. Thank you!

New Lampposts in Front of Church

Nicholas, Chrystie, their families and I thank the men who installed the lights in front of church, also to Deb Liefer and Eagle Stone for the landscaping for these new lampposts that recently were installed in memory of our loved one, Norb Kassing. This project was made possible by family and friends who gave to the memorials for Norb! Thank you all for your generosity and talents! Let God's light shine through these lights as they brighten our way into worship. Thanks also to Hannah for having this great idea. *Janel Kassing*

Senior Youth Activities

This is on the SLY (St. John's Lutheran Youth) Our monthly meeting is Sunday, December 2 at noon in the church basement. We will rake leaves on Saturday, December 8. Meet at 9 a.m. at school. We will serve as ushering in the candlelight service on Christmas Eve at 9 p.m.

Thank you to all who graciously donated mason jars to the Senior Youth group. Because of your generosity, we were able to make & sell 78 jars filled with cookie, brownie, banana nut bread, soup, and hot cocoa mixes. Thank you very much!

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

God's blessings, Terry & Susie Harms
Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. Isaiah 40:30

"Thank you for all the cards, gifts, prayers, and support throughout the last several months. God had truly blessed me with family and friends. It's quite humbling to see God's love and work through your thoughtful words and cards." *Susie Harms*

Junior Youth Activities

The Junior Youth will meet at the Garden Place in Red Bud at 1 p.m. on Saturday, Dec. 22nd for Christmas caroling (led by Cindy Ebers). We will continue on to the Red Bud Regional Care Center and end our afternoon at the school where we will have a Christmas party. Please bring a wrapped \$5 gift to exchange. Any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at 606-4042. Please RSVP on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

"Down With The Debt"

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

Set Up Direct Payments Thru ACH

Routine payments to St. John's now can be made by direct electronic withdrawal. If you choose, payments for such as offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare can be automatically withdrawn securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. To set up this option, simply fill out a form in the school office and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn. It is free to set up. You can make changes or cancel at any time at no cost. If there are insufficient funds in the specified account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn and the user will be notified. We hope that this option offers convenience to users and will result in a greater level of efficiency for our congregation. This is completely optional. No one is required to sign up. If you feel more comfortable continuing to make payments via cash or check, please do so! *Kara Wagner, Treasurer*

Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Jacquie Roy and Alverda Rahn
Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Event Reminders on Your Cell Phones

Remind Me.com is a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith. However, it does not allow for group discussions so there will be no continued unwanted messages from anyone in the group receiving the text. To join this remind system for St. John's, simply text the message @2h9de to the number 81010. If you have any questions about this please contact our office at 282-2394. Thank you!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. December 1	5 p.m. Olivia Gerald
Sun. December 2	8 a.m. Connor Jordan 10:30 a.m. Hailey Proctor
Sat. December 8	5 p.m. Trenton Wagner
Sun. December 9	8 a.m. Grant Krack 10:30 a.m. Natalie Korando
Sat. December 15	5 p.m. Blake Henry
Sun. December 16	8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton 10:30 a.m. Karson Liefer
Sat. December 22	5 p.m. Chloe Cowell
Sun. December 23	8 a.m. Samuel Roscow 10:30 a.m. Crewe Wagner
Mon. December 24	5 p.m. Aubrey Piel 9 p.m. Senior Youth
Tue. December 25	9 a.m.
Sat. December 29	5 p.m. Cody Strong
Sun. December 30	8 a.m. Summer Luttmann 10:30 a.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf
Mon. December 31	6 p.m. Cadin Voss
Tue. January 1	10 a.m. Sofia Jones

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

Smiles

*If everyone would light a lantern
There would be no dark corners
And the light would shine
On the smiles of uplifted faces.*

*I am part of that everyone,
A face in that faceless crowd,
But in the light of my lantern*

See how the smiles appear. Vic Both, 9-1-18

Travel Opportunities

A 22-day Europe and Transatlantic Cruise from Oct. 19-Nov. 8, 2019 from New York to Copenhagen and back to New Orleans on the Norwegian Jewel with 10 port stops and all ship-board meals.

An 11-day Alpine Europe tour with the Passion Play in Oberammergau from September 16-26, 2020.

Both trips are with veteran tour leaders Rev. Cliff and Lois Winter of Wichita, Kansas. Call 316/461-2593 or email loiswinter@yahoo.com

Worship Greeter Schedule

I was glad when they said to me,

"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1

Sat. Dec. 1	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Dec. 2	8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich 10:30 a.m. Ken & Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Dec. 8	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Dec. 9	8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner
Sat. Dec. 15	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Dec. 16	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Larry & Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
Sat. Dec. 22	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Dec. 23	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
Mon. Dec. 24	5 p.m. C/A Papenberg 9 p.m. Senior Youth
Tue. Dec. 25	9 a.m. The Nebel family
Sat. Dec. 29	5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. Dec. 30	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

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

December Church and School Calendar

Saturday, December 1-

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

SUNDAY, December 2-

8 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. 2-8 Sunday School, Adult/Youth Bible classes
9:30 a.m. Nursery to 1st Grade Sunday School at church
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement
7:00 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant and reception

Monday, December 3-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meet in the Fellowship Hall

Tuesday, December 4-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Campbell Hill
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Christmas Potluck in the FH
6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball AC home vs. St. John, Chester

Wednesday, December 5-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood 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; 1:18 p.m. Early Dismissal
2:00 p.m. 8th Grade Public School Confirmation
7:00 p.m. Early Childhood Christmas service at school
8:00 p.m. Board of Education meets in the school library

Thursday, December 6-

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
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball ABC at St. Mark's, Steeleville

Friday, December 7- *Girls C Team Tournament here*
Boys C Team Tournament at Red Bud Catholic

Saturday, December 8-

9:00 a.m. Elder Basket deliveries & Senior Youth Leaf raking
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, December 9-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. 2-8 Sunday School, Adult/Youth Bible Classes
9:30 a.m. Nursery to 1st Grade Sunday School at church
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas service at church

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. 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 BC 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. 6th-8th 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 AB 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

SUNDAY, December 16-

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

Monday, December 17-

5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball AB home vs. TSJ/ILS
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
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
6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball AB home vs. Red Bud Elementary
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball BC vs. Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, December 19-

8:30 a.m. 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. 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 FH
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

SUNDAY, December 23-

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

Monday, December 24-

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service
9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion/Candlelight Service

Tuesday, December 25- *The Nativity of Our Lord*

9 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, December 26-

11:00 a.m. Office staff meeting

Thursday, Dec 27- *Pastor Nebel on vacation through Saturday*

Saturday, December 29-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, December 30-

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

Monday, December 31-

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

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

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service