

This Week With Our Lord, February 24-March 3, 2019

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

SUNDAY, February 24- *Parish Nurse Blood Pressure Check*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Class of 2019 Kettle Beef Dinner in school's old gym

Monday, February 25-

- 5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at home vs. Valmeyer
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school
- 7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

Tuesday, February 26-

- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 4:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball A & C at Red Bud Catholic
- 5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at home vs. St. Libory

Wednesday, February 27-

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with 5th Grade
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation
- 6:00 p.m. Volleyball A & C vs. St. Mary's, Chester
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

Thursday, February 28-

- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Afternoon Holy Communion service at church**
- 4:15 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at Coulterville
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, March 1- *Girls Basketball and Cheerleading at Lutheran State*

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel service
- 11:18 a.m. Early school dismissal

Saturday, March 2-

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

SUNDAY, March 3- *Transfiguration Sunday*

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Riley Candler
Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Chase Lucht
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
- Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament- Deut. 34:1-12; Epistle- Hebrews 3:1-6; Gospel- Luke 9:28-36

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

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

Worship: 350; Communion: 172; Adults/Youth: 44; Sunday School: 29 Page 2

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:

There is a spiritual hunger beyond food that is expressed in food. Jesus provides for both. Listen to "Not By Bread Alone" (John 6:1-29) 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).

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 2/17: General Fund- \$15,178.87; School- \$1,190; Debt- \$130; Rally Day- \$100. "*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). There still are boxes of offering envelopes for 2019 on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT LIFE NETWORK:

You still are able to pick up a baby bottle in the Fellowship Hall. Over the next month you can place spare change in it to support the work of Life Network of Southern Illinois as they help mothers and babies during and after unplanned pregnancies. They will be collected here by the end of February. Last year we raised \$888.48 for the work of Life Network in this way!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael"- Early in His earthly ministry Jesus calls others to follow Him as disciples. Following His resurrection and before His ascension into heaven, Jesus will commission them to take His gospel message of salvation into all the world. *How did Philip and Nathanael know that Jesus is the Christ? How do we learn that?*

+ 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.

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

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "Response to Abortion Actions" (Pastor Nebel)
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. "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience" (J. Fritsche)
Wednesday Sundown, 7:30 p.m. "Deuteronomy" (Pastor Nebel)
Early Bird Thursdays, 6:30 a.m. "1st Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)
Thursday Mornings, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)
Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller)

KETTLE BEEF DINNER-

The St. John's Lutheran Class of 2019 invites you to join them this Sunday, February 24 from 10:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. for a Kettle Beef Dinner in the school's old gymnasium. Dine in or Carry Out \$10/plate (ages 12 and under \$5) includes choice of beef or ham, mashed potatoes, green beans, slaw, bread, and a drink. Free-will desserts also are available. Proceeds will be used for the class's upcoming trip to Washington, DC. *Thanks in advance for your support!* Page 3

SENIOR YOUTH FUNDRAISING:

Our St. John's Senior Youth will take orders of Hemme Brothers Cheese (curds, block and Quark) through February 28. The Cheese will be delivered during the second week of March. Call/text Susie Harms or call any youth group member. Or check it out on our Facebook page, St. John's Lutheran Senior Youth.

ASH WEDNESDAY AND MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 6. We will observe this day with special orders of Holy Communion at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. The theme for the messages in our midweek Lenten services is "Minor Prophets With a Major Message." Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m.

DINNER AND A PRESENTATION:

The congregation is invited for an enjoyable evening on Thursday, March 14 starting at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall with a catered dinner featuring beef brisket and chicken piccata. The meal will be followed by a presentation from Rev. John Dehne, lead pastor at St. Andrew Lutheran Church in Cape Girardeau. He is a graduate of Red Bud High School Class of 1991. He is the son of Mr. & Mrs. Dale Dehne. Pastor Dehne spends a few weeks each year in East Africa, from Kenya to Tanzania, doing mission work. He will speak of his travels to this area. The cost for the evening will be \$13 per person for the meal. Reservations are required for the meal. Please RSVP to Gerald Hanebutt by March 10. You may call (282-3792) and leave a message or email (hanebutt@htc.net). The evening is being sponsored by St. John's Lutheran Men's Club.

DINNER AUCTION:

The PTL Dinner Auction is Saturday, March 16 at the Hecker Community Club! Please like our Facebook page, St. John's Lutheran Dinner Auction. Plan to attend and support this school fundraiser! Donations can be turned into the school office. Ticket forms are now available at school. The Senior Youth will provide childcare for this event in return for free-will donations from 4:30-11:00 p.m. Please RSVP to Susie at 618-201-5654 by text or call and leave a message.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Ryan Stamm, Megan (Mrs. Tyler) Henry, Jordan Schneider, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Gene Liefer, Dennis Deterding; 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Hayden Donjon, Brooke Stellhorn, Finn Liefer; 3/1- Jane Moeller, Judy Guebert, Brandon Wittenborn; 3/2- Amy Zeller, Jakob Biffar. *Call the office with additions or corrections!*

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. Due date is Feb. 28.

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

Risk factors for high blood pressure that can't or are difficult to control include family history, race/ethnicity, aging, being male, chronic kidney disease and obstructive sleep apnea. The only way to know if you have high blood pressure is to get it checked regularly. Please see us at our table in the Fellowship Hall and let us check your blood pressure for you!

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; Ruma R & R- Fern Schnepel

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).*

ELDER ZONES FOR 2019: (Chairman, Kevin Liefer)

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 Jacob Arbeiter
Zone 4: Ryan Herriman to Travis/Erin Krick- Elder Adam Guebert
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 Garon Schnepel
Zone 8: Jeff/Dawn Schrader to Bob/Carol Turner- Elder Stanley Langrehr
Zone 9: Derek/Katelin Uffelmann to Doug Zschiegner- Elder Bill Becker

NEEDED AT SCHOOL:

With track season approaching and no returning coaches available, Mr. Palm is looking for a coach or coaches. The position could be divided into Fitness Coach, Scheduling Coach and Statistician. If you would consider any of these positions please contact Mr. Palm; 618-214-1103.

SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS ON TOPICS OF THE FAITH:

"The Six Wonders of Christianity: Presentations on Topics of the Christian Faith." This week's topics, presenters and locations are *Holy Communion*, with Pastor Sean Smith this Sunday, February 24, 4 p.m. at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma (with soup and sandwich supper following); and *The Creed* with Rev. Alan Furst (Ph.D. student at Concordia Seminary) on Tuesday, February 26, 6 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville (rescheduled from February 10, with refreshments provided).

BBQ FUNDRAISER:

St. Peter UCC in Red Bud will hold an "All-You-Can-Eat" buffet BBQ on March 3 starting at 11 a.m. The menu will include ribs, pork steaks, pork roast, chicken and sides. Carryouts will be available. There will be a country store.

BALDWIN SIGHT CENTER FUNDRAISER:

A Pancake and Sausage Brunch (with biscuits and gravy, coffee cakes, rolls and fruit) will be held at Trinity Lutheran School gym on South Prairie Road on March 3 from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. with profits to fund the Baldwin Sight Ministries Center supplies.

FISH DINNER:

On Friday, March 8 at Trinity Lutheran School in Prairie a Fish Dinner will be held serving from 4:30 - 8:00 p.m. with WHITE FISH & RIVER FISH, hot dogs, American & German style potato salad, slaw, baked beans, mac & cheese, french fries & desserts.

CHICKEN DINNER:

St. John's Lutheran in Baldwin will host its annual "All-You-Can-Eat" Chicken Dinner on Sunday March 10th from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. The menu will be fried chicken, mashed potatoes/gravy, corn, green beans, slaw, drinks and desserts included. Only ½ chicken dinners available as carry-outs.

CHOIR CONCERT:

The Kapelle of Concordia University in Chicago, will be in concert on Sunday, March 10, 4 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran Church in Hoffman; on Monday, March 11, 7 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church in Belleville; and on Tuesday, March 12, 7 p.m. at Trinity Lutheran School in Cape Girardeau, Missouri. Learn more about this choir at CUCHICAGO.EDU/KAPELLE.

BACH CANTATA CONCERT:

The American Kantorei Chorus and Orchestra invite you to enjoy an afternoon of Bach Cantatas on Sunday, March 17, at 3 p.m. The concert will be presented at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on Manchester Road in Des Peres. All are welcome to reflect on the words set to Bach's music expressing the theme, "Christ Who Is My Life." A freewill offering will be received, and a reception will follow the performance. Visit AmericanKantorei.org for more information.

RUMMAGE SALE:

The youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia will hold a Rummage Sale on Saturday, March 23, from 8 a.m.-noon. Funds raised will help make it possible for our 7 students to attend the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Minneapolis in July. Whether you'd like to shop or donate items, we greatly appreciate your support. Any and all items are accepted, but please no computers or TVs. Route 3 and Bottom Avenue across from Walgreens.

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.

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!

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, we begin an exciting new series on February 28 on Sharper Iron digging into the book of Genesis (8:00 a.m.), continue in the study of Ezekiel on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and worship together during Daily Chapel services weekdays at 10:00 a.m. Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org or wherever you get your podcasts.

ISSUES, ETC.:

You're invited to attend the **Issues, Etc.** "Making the Case" Conference on Friday, June 7 and Saturday, June 8 at Concordia University Chicago. Topics include: Secular Progressivism, Christian Joy, The Lord's Supper, The Hippocratic Oath and Conservatism. Speakers include: Matt Harrison, Ross Douthat, Hans Fiene, Wesley Smith, Will Weedon and Aaron Wolf. Early bird registration is \$115 and includes three meals. For more information, visit www.issuesetc.org or call (618) 223-8385.

CHURCH LIBRARY:

"Why Am I Joyfully Lutheran?" is in the Book Nook of the Fellowship Hall. It is a book of instruction, meditation and prayers on Martin Luther's Small Catechism. 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!

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

Death comes as an enemy, not a friend (1 Corinthians 15:26). It does not offer solutions, only greater suffering and difficulty. Christ Jesus, crucified and risen from the dead for us, has defeated death for us. He gives us life now and forever.

SAVE THE DATE!:

The annual Lutheran Older Adult Retreat, "Growing in Christ" will be held on May 1-2 at Pere Marquette Lodge with the theme, "From Age to Age the Same." Keynote Speaker will be humorist Jan Struck. Rev. Mark Femmel of Zion in Maryland Heights will be the Bible study leader. Registration fee is \$100 (plus lodging). Contact Margo Wolf at 618-622-0264 or dmwvette74@gmail.com.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Support COS FFA: If you give a donation at Buchheit of Sparta to support FFA between now and February 25, your donation will be given to the COS FFA. In return, Buchheit will give you a coupon good for \$5 off your next \$25 purchase.

Fish & More: Join us for our annual Fish & More Dinner Friday, March 1 from 4:30 to 7. We will be serving fish, chicken, sides and desserts in the COS gym with plenty of room for a crowd. Handicap parking is available behind the gym. If you would enjoy helping with this event, please call COS.

Sponsor a Thrivent Action Team: If you would like to organize or participate in a Thrivent Action Team to benefit *COS*, please call us to let us know what you would like to do. We can help you fill out the application. Each project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational material and t-shirts to help make their project successful. See: <https://www.thrivent.com/actionteam/> for more information.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have been designated Choice Dollars have until **March 31** to direct any remaining 2018 Choice Dollars. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" after the prompt.

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

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



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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 – Laura Vause

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 – Lauri Koen

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, Heidi Guttmann, Samantha Yankey, Gerry Thompson, Morgan

Woosley, Terra Williams, Melissa Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Kristi Martel,

Courtney Schoenbeck and Megan Diercks

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Ray Wagner

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Trustee Chair: Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

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. Joan Ruwald

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Cailee Strong

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich

Acolyte: Jacob Kuehner

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

Acolyte: Grace Guebert

Flower Servers: Diana Becker and Briana Becker

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

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ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany 2019

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!

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!

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.

+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!

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!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

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

EPISTLE:

The edition of our congregation's newsletter is available in paper copy in the entryway. It is also on our website under the Media tab and has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor Nebel has an address.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital on Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. Program Facilitator Rebecca Schrauth will present "." Refreshments will be served. Call Julie Hudson at 282-5456 for more information.

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.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources