

## *The Epistle*

**February 2019**

**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*

### **Blessed on The Job**

***The LORD will send a blessing on your barns and on everything you put your hand to. The LORD your God will bless you in the land he is giving you.***

***Deuteronomy 28:8***

The word vocation comes from the Latin word vocare, which means "spiritual calling." Every vocation, regardless of what it is, is a calling from God. And once you start to see your job in that light, you'll find it easier to believe God wants to bless you on the job. So with that in mind you need to: 1) Pursue work compatible with your gifts. *'If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised' (1 Peter 4:11).* 2) Learn everything possible about your job. *'Let the wise listen and add to their learning' (Proverbs 1:5).* 3) Recognize God as your true employer. *'Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men, because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for whatever good he does' (Ephesians 6:7-8).* 4) See work as being God's gift, not as His

punishment. *'When God gives any man wealth and possessions, and enables him to enjoy them, to accept his lot and be happy in his work – this is a gift of God' (Ecclesiastes 5:19).* 5) Use criticism to your advantage. In fact, make it work for you. Ask for suggestions and correction. *'Poverty and shame shall be to him that refused instruction: but he that regarded reproof shall be honored' (Proverbs 13:18).* 6) Do more than what's expected. *'Whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him [two]' (Matthew 5:41).* 7) See the Lord as your work partner. Stay Christ-conscious throughout the day as you perform your duties, and *'the Lord will command the blessing on you... and in all to which you set your hand.'*

**Prayer:** *Heavenly Father, thank You for using me in my work to be a blessing to others. In Jesus' Name, Amen*

### **Your Pastor's Ponderings**

This month my thoughts turn to my parents. February 14 was their wedding anniversary. I could never be too cynical of a couple wanting me to do a wedding for them on that date, feeling it was just too sickeningly sweet romantic, because that is when my parents were married.

February 4, 1919 was the day my dad was born. This is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of his birth. He died on March 27, 1997. This was Maundy Thursday of my first year in the Hoyleton congregation. His funeral was two days after Easter. While he lived 78 years, I felt like he left us too soon, especially for our children, two of whom not yet born and the other three too young to remember him.

None of you knew my father, so I will tell you a little about him, especially when it comes to our church life. I knew that growing up, his family was only nominally Christian, that much of it coming from Grandma Nebel. Yet, I did not realize until long after he died that Dad was not even baptized until after he and Mom got married. It was also then that he went through Adult Instruction Class and was confirmed.

While not raised in the Lutheran Church, Dad was very active and supportive. We were in worship every Sunday (early service always!). Dad was self-conscious of his singing voice so he would not sing the hymns, but every so often I would stop singing and could hear him singing very softly.

When the Lutheran congregation down the road from us closed its school after my first grade year (did they not want to put up with me for another seven years? Hmm!), Dad and Mom decided to transfer our

membership to the other church across town where I would attend school because they felt that it was important to be part of the congregation where I was receiving my education. I remember Dad with offering envelope in hand (and the amount written on it), saying, "We support this congregation because you are getting your education here." His voice echoes in my head whenever I see that not happening here at St. John's.

Dad also served on the Board of Elders, the Finance Board (I also hear his voice about writing the offering amount on the envelope), and as Assistant Treasurer of the congregation. He was a very quiet man who liked to do his work and pitch in behind the scenes without any recognition or praise.

Instead of joining the family business and selling cars (Dad never cared for sales pitches), he worked as a Research Analyst for the Department of Mental Health for the State of Missouri. He was early on in the use of computer technology (a love and trait that I did not acquire from him). When he came back from serving in World War II (statistician for the Third Army), he returned to his state government job, turning down an offer from a fledgling company that he thought would not get anywhere, IBM! He also went to college with Sam Walton, but did not become friends with him. But then Dad would not have met Mom at work and so forth and so on.

Happy 100<sup>th</sup> birthday, Marvin Elliott Nebel!

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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In the front part of the LSB (hymnal) there are lists of prayers I like to pray when I come to the church on Sunday mornings. In the first prayer in the hymnal, the Psalmist prays: "O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells" (Psalm 26:8).

When I visit with the members of the congregation who cannot attend worship, they will often tell me how they miss being in their church to worship. They will often tell me how they listen to one of the local worship services being broadcast on the radio on Sunday morning. Then they follow up by saying: "but it's not the same."

Sometimes we exchange worshiping in God's House on Sundays for an activity of our own choice. We allow other things to replace our appreciation of God among us during the Divine Service.

I was recently reminded what it was like to begin the new week without worshiping in God's House. I had

retina surgery on my eye this past month. During that time, I had limited vision out of the right eye. I could not see to read or drive. In fact, the surgeon instructed me not to bend down since it would increase the pressure in the eye, but to rest until my next appointment with him.

Since I was not able to attend church during that time, I listened to the services on KFUE radio. Through KFUE radio I worshiped with Trinity Lutheran Church, in Edwardsville. I tried to participate as much as possible, "but it was not the same" as being in God's House surrounded by God's people.

I have to admit, I greatly appreciated worshiping that day, but I look forward to being in God's House with you each week. God alone rejuvenates our faith with His gifts. In worship God serves us through His presence in His Word and Sacraments. It is a blessing that God takes time to come to us in a very real way during the worship service. It is also a blessing when we come and receive the gifts He brings.

By the time you read this article, God willing, I will be worshiping in God's House with renewed strength. I have grown with a deeper appreciation of the Psalmist who prayed: O Lord, I love the habitation of Your house and the place where Your glory dwells" (Psalm 26:8).

*Your brother in Christ, Pastor Russell Koen*

### Sunday School News

Rally Day Renewal activities went well on January 6 with 58 students taking part in our start to the second half of our Sunday School year. Unfortunately, that momentum slowed as the next two Sundays were poor weather days with snow and then ice. We gain again that momentum as you enable us to educate your child in the Christian faith on Sunday mornings.

*Perfect Attendance for January:* Nursery- Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Kindergarten- Aiden Arbeiter, Maybre Falkenhain, Jackson Neff, Holden Wagner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Carson Bowles; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Norah Wagner; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Emily Bowles; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Ashton Liefer. Thank you so much for your participation and faithfulness!

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.

### Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "Ecclesiastes" (Pastor Nebel)  
Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Koen in school library)  
Men's Bible Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 a.m.  
"Angels" (Nebel)  
Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. "Living the Chocolate  
Life" (J. Fritsche)  
Thursday Sunrise, 6:30 a.m. "1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians" (Pr Nebel)  
Thursday Women, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)  
Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Bible History" (D. 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.

### Evening Guild News

**Our Evening Guild Gathering** this month is Feb.  
19 at 7 p.m. It will be a quilting demonstration. We will  
tie quilts for World Relief. We invite the congregation to  
join us for the demonstration and quilt tying. Cindy  
Nebel will lead devotions. The refreshment committee  
is Linda Guebert, Chairman, Peggy Hanebutt, Vickie  
Heller and Ella Hemmer.

World Relief Project: The Evening Guild and St.  
John's Lutheran School are collecting and assembling  
School Kits. We are seeking anyone who can help make  
the drawstring backpack cloth bags with the pattern and  
fabric provided. Donations needed are 70-sheet  
notebooks (8 1/2 x 11), a 30-centimeter ruler, pencil  
sharpener, blunt scissors, #2 unsharpened pencils with  
erasers, ballpoint pens, 16 or 24 crayons, and 2 1/2"  
erasers.

LWML Spring Retreat, Saturday, March 2 at Good  
Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville. Guest speaker  
Kristi Hofferber will share a powerful message of her  
traumatic conception and the value of all lives. Time:  
8:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m. Cost is \$20.00 including meal –  
reservations are due by February 25 if you want lunch  
included. Registration forms available on February 19<sup>th</sup>.

**The quilting** schedule for February 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 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>. 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*

### Welcome to Our Family of Faith

January 6 Baptism of Whitley Dawn Henry  
January 13 Baptism of Oskar Reid Driesner

### Newly Elected or Re-elected Officers

Chairman: Bruce Schneider  
Vice-Chairman: Ray Wagner  
Treasurer: Gary Buatte  
Elders: Jacob Arbeiter, Adam Guebert, Garon Schnepel  
Trustees: Nathan Salger  
Education: Andrew Stellhorn  
Finance: Marlene Deterding, Jill Gross, Ben Guebert  
Estate Fund: David Guebert  
COSLHS Board: Lisa Quinn



*Chairman of the Elders Gerald Hanebutt and Senior  
Pastor Mark Nebel present St. John's member Wayne  
Liefer with a benefit check from the Road to Bethlehem  
Pageant in December. This money will help Wayne  
cover His recent medical expenses.*

### Last Call for the Donor Tile Wall!

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 February 28.

### **From the Principal's Pen**

Our last few days of January have been extremely cold! I have to admit, I look forward to spring with each passing day! The saying goes in the St. Louis area, "If you don't like the weather, wait a day or two and it will change." With the weekend forecast in the 60 degree range, this saying will be true!

The annual National Geographic Geography Bee was held on January 23. Eighteen students participated this year. Our 1<sup>st</sup> place winner is Brody Stellhorn, 2<sup>nd</sup> place is Landon Ruebusch and 3<sup>rd</sup> place is Ben Whelan. Brody took his qualifying test for the state. We will not hear results till early March. We thank all our students pictured below for participating, the task is not simple!



The basketball season is winding down. The girls B-team placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Holy Cross B-team tournament and the boys B-team won the Consolation trophy. Both boys and girls lost in first round Regional play. Boys' basketball A-team will play in a tournament in Peoria the weekend of Feb. 15-17. Girls' basketball placed 1<sup>st</sup> in conference play and are applying for the Lutheran Sports Association tournament in Chicago. The cheerleaders are also working to compete at the Chicago tournament. Girls' Volleyball took 2<sup>nd</sup> place in the RBC pre-season tournament for the A-team. Please watch the calendar, there will be many games and tournaments at all three levels, A, B and C, the next six weeks.

Lutheran Schools Week was the last week of January. With the snow days, several events will be held Feb. 4 & 5. The week is always fun with activities for all to enjoy. Kindergarten celebrated 100 days of school.

We have early dismissal on the 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:18 p.m., and again on the 15<sup>th</sup> at 11:18 a.m. and no school on the 18<sup>th</sup> for Presidents' Day. Please mark your calendars with these dates and be watchful of rescheduled events from our snow days. Come to school on Sunday the 10<sup>th</sup> for an Open House and a delicious free lunch of soup and desserts from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.! Registration will also take place for Preschool, Kindergarten and 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Entertainment will be provided at 12:30 p.m. Plan to join us! Don't forget about Valentine's Day on Feb. 14, a special day to share with the people we love!

*God's blessings to you, Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



*St. John's students take part in a hymn-sing in the old gym as one of their National Lutheran Schools' Week activities on January 29.*

***Happy Valentine's Day!  
Love in Christ is strong and living,  
Binding faithful hearts in one (LSB 706)***



*Eighth-graders Simone Liefer and Anna Wolter prepare to bowl at the Junior Youth bowling activity held at Blossom City Bowl on Sunday, January 13.*



*Twenty Junior Youth bowlers pose for a group picture.*

### Junior Youth Event

The Junior Youth will go to Hidden Valley on Sunday, February 3rd to snow tube. This is a family event. A parent is required to attend. Siblings are welcome. We will meet at the school at 12:30 p.m. to caravan there. We should be back by 5:30 p.m. The cost is \$26 for three hours of tubing. A liability waiver will need to be signed. It can be found on their website at [hiddenvalleyski.com](http://hiddenvalleyski.com). Please RSVP on our Facebook page or contact Lisa Quinn at 618-606-4042.

### Second Quarter School Honors

Second quarter awards were presented on Jan. 16. The following students were recognized: Kindergarten/Mrs. Schmitz- Perfect School Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Kenadee Crafton, Lucy Kuehn, Lauren Mehring & Abby Stellhorn. Perfect Church Attendance- Maverick Cowell, Grant Florreich & Abby Stellhorn.

Kindergarten/Mrs. Valleroy- Perfect School Attendance- Aiden Kiefer & Miles Liefer. Perfect Church Attendance- Holden Wagner.

1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Colton Albert, Kellen Herriman, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Kaydence Proctor, Austin Stellhorn & Max Voss. Perfect Church Attendance- Colton Albert, Cooper DeWilde, Jozlynn Palm, Henry Sachtleben & Athena Wolfmeier. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Annie Buchheit, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer and Henry Sachtleben.

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Maya Macbeth, Levi Nagel, Lyle Schlueter, Tessa Stenzel, Brendyn Wegener & Brooke Wolter. Perfect Church Attendance- Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Caleb Klausing, Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson.

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Louis DeWilde, Colin Korando, Brian Liefer, Addy Schloemann, Hollis Wolfmeier & Norah Wagner. Perfect Church Attendance- Brian Liefer, Cason Birch & Norah Wagner. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Brian Liefer & Cason Birch.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Mr. Becker- Perfect School Attendance- Kendall Crafton, Kinley Macbeth & Lucas McCarthy. Honors- Ian Moll & Barrett Wagner. High Honors- Connor Bumann, Kendall Crafton, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton & Olivia Valleroy. Highest Honors- Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Addi Rahn, Jenna Whelan & Julia Whelan.

4<sup>th</sup> Grade/Mrs. Nebel- Perfect School Attendance- Kate Krack, Brodie Stenzel, Colby Voss & Ty Voss.

Honors- Olivia Candler & Amelia Guebert. High Honors- Annika Herriman, Kadence Koen, Lilly Minemann, Liam Quintin, Colby Voss & Ty Voss. Highest Honors- Adeline Buchheit, Kate Krack, Landon Ruebusch & Brodie Stenzel.

5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Ava Clifford, Grayson Herriman, Austin Kiefer, Addie Meyer, Addison Salger & Alexa Wegener. Perfect Church Attendance- Addie Meyer & Luke Quintin. Honors- Grayson Herriman, Morgan Kent, Addie Meyer, Luke Quintin & Kerrigan Zeiger. High Honors- Jack Crafton & Lily Kent. Highest Honors- Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Addyson Piel & Alexa Wegener.

6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Olivia Gerald, Taylor Guebert, Blake Henry, Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Grant Krack, MaKayla Liefer, Summer Luttmann, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Sam Roscow, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Daniel Stapleton, Cadin Voss, Trenton Wagner & Derek Whelan. Perfect Church Attendance- Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Hailey Proctor, Jack Roscow, Sam Roscow & Trenton Wagner. Perfect Sunday School- Connor Jordan & Sam Roscow. Honors- Karson Liefer, Summer Luttmann, Tori Muench, Cadin Voss & Gavin Baldwin. High Honors- Taylor Guebert, Grant Krack, Christine Liefer, Hailey Proctor & Crewe Wagner. Highest Honors- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Eva Kinney, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton & Derek Whelan.

7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Claire Diewald, Chase Lucht, Josie Meyer, Isaac Moll, Dustin Salger, Byron Schlueter, Kaci Trost, Trace Wagner & Benjamin Whelan. Perfect Church Attendance- Josie Meyer & Dustin Salger. Honors- Lucas Guebert, Josie Meyer, Isaac Moll, Byron Schlueter, Kaci Trost & Sam Wright. High Honors- Claire Diewald, Cash Langrehr, Dylan Minemann, Dustin Salger, Olivia Schluter, Abigail Vallett, Trace Wagner & Benjamin Whelan. Highest Honors- Melayna Crafton, Addison Dilley, Chase Lucht & Ryker Papenberg.

8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Grace Guebert, Ashton Liefer, Madison Proctor, Noah Tepe & Anna Wolter. Perfect Church & Sunday School Attendance- Ashton Liefer. Honors- Ashton Liefer, Kyle Loughner, Landon Luthy, Carolyn Mulherin & Kane Trost. High Honors- Simone Liefer, Aubrey Piel, Madison Proctor, Logan Salger, Noah Tepe & Anna Wolter. Highest Honors- Mitchell Fleming & Grace Guebert.

### **School Open House And Registration**

On Sunday, February 10, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. all are welcome to visit our school building, talk to our teachers, sample some soup, delight in desserts, and enjoy some entertainment at our annual School Open House. This also will be the time to register new students for the 2019-2020 school year in Preschool, Kindergarten or any of the upper grades.

### **Quilting Class**

We invite everyone who wants to learn to quilt or help tie quilts for the homeless through Lutheran World Relief to the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday, February 19 at 7 p.m. This is a worthwhile project that is easy as a 'holy sheet' covers each quilt. Bring a scissors. Devotions will be led by Cindy Nebel. Refreshments will be served.

### **Volley For A Cure**

On Thursday, February 21, the St. John's Lutheran Lady Cougars Volleyball team will face the Evansville Eagles in a "Volley for the Cure" night. We will honor Susie Harms, a member of our St. John's family for 24 years. Susie was first diagnosed in May 2018 with Triple Negative Breast Cancer. With her continued treatments, Susie is currently cancer free! We wish her continued success in her recovery. Our event will include silent auction baskets as well as a door prize. We would also like to honor those who have had cancer, battling it and those who have beat it. We would like to thank you all in advance. We would like to see the house packed and show you amazing support. The success of this event would never have been possible without the support of our community and the generosity of family and friends.

### **11<sup>th</sup> Annual 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! Check with the school office for donations and ticket forms.

### **Beta Sigma Psi College Scholarships**

Lutheran young men who are interested in living up to the ideals of being a Christian gentleman and who are starting college in Fall 2019 can apply for a \$2,000 Martin Luther Scholarship for any 4-year college or university, or for a \$1,500 Christian Leadership Award for Purdue University, Indiana University or the University of Illinois. Applications are due by February 16. Apply online at <http://scholarships.betasigmepsi.org>.

### **Senior Youth Activities**

This is on the SLY (St. John's Lutheran Youth). Thanks to all who supported our BBQ on January 27! Our monthly meeting is Sunday, February 3 at noon in the church basement.

Info about the National Youth Gathering - We have 24 youth and 6 adults registered to go. We are selling 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 Your Goodness**

"I thank everyone for your prayers, cards, visits and well wishes as I recovered from my surgery. I am blessed with skillful doctors and nurses and a supportive family. Special thanks to Pastor Nebel and Pastor Koen for their prayers and visits. God bless all of you!" *Olivia Schmitz*  
"We thank you for your wonderful gifts to our mother at Christmas. We greatly appreciate your very thoughtful kindness to our mom. Her Christian faith is very important to her." *God's blessings, Elda Seders family*

### **No Addresses or Phone Numbers**

We have no contact information for the following members: Gary Bievenue and children Heather, Reesha and Rachel; Dock and Laura Hamilton and sons John and Alex; Jason Hick and son Colton; Barbara Junge and children Rebecca, Leah and Angela; Mark Junge; Pamela Kessel and daughter Emma; Kevin and Kelly Mehring; Michael Notter; Marcy Rahn; Teresa Rhodes and daughter Emma Koester; Pamela Seeger and daughter Kelsey; Kelly Teets; Cara Voges; Kimberly Whetstine and children Blake and Haley. Without an ability to be in contact with them, we cannot provide Christian ministry to them. Thank you for your help in reconnecting with these members.

### **Save the Date!**

The annual Lutheran Older Adult Retreat, "Growing in Christ" will be held on May 1-2, 2019 at Pere Marquette Lodge under the theme, "From Age to Age the Same." Keynote Speaker will be humorist Jan Struck and Rev. Mark Femmel of Zion in Maryland Heights, Missouri will be the Bible study leader. Registration fee is \$100 (plus lodging). Contact Margo Wolf at 618-622-0264 or [dmwvette74@gmail.com](mailto:dmwvette74@gmail.com).

### **Special Presentations on Topics of the Faith**

“The Six Wonders of Christianity: Presentations on Topics of the Christian Faith”

*The Bible and the Ten Commandments*

Rev. Rodney Beckendorf, Lutheran Heritage Foundation

Tuesday, February 5, 6 p.m. at

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville

*The Apostles' Creed*

Rev. Alan Furst, PhD student at Concordia Seminary

Sunday, February 10, 4 p.m. at

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma

*The Lord's Prayer*

Rev. John Lukomski of St. Paul, New Athens

Tuesday, February 12, 6 p.m. at

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville

*Holy Baptism*

Rev. Mark Nebel of St. John's, Red Bud

Sunday, February 17, 4 p.m. at

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma

*Confession and Absolution*

Rev. Timothy Sims of St. John, Chester

Tuesday, February 19, 6 p.m. at

St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville

*Holy Communion*

Rev. Sean Smith of St. Paul/Immanuel, Wine Hill/West Point

Sunday, February 24, 4 p.m. at

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma

*Light refreshments will be served at the Evansville event and a soup and sandwich supper will follow the Ruma presentations.*

### **Set Up Direct Payments Thru ACH**

Routine payments to St. John's now can be made by direct electronic withdrawal for offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. 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. 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 funding. This is completely optional. If you feel more comfortable continuing to make payments via cash or check, please do so!

### **Assistants from the Altar Guild**

Flower Servers: Diana Becker and Briana Becker

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

### **Acolyte Schedule**

Sat. February 2 5 p.m. Olivia Schluter  
Sun. February 3 8 a.m. Sam Wright  
10:30 a.m. Claire Diewald

Sat. Feb. 9 5 p.m. Addison Dilley  
Sun. Feb. 10 8 a.m. Aubrey Piel  
10:30 a.m. Jeremy Collins

Sat. Feb. 16 5 p.m. Trenton Wagner  
Sun. Feb. 17 8 a.m. Lucas Guebert  
10:30 a.m. Ashlynn Crafton

Sat. Feb. 23 5 p.m. Cailee Strong  
Sun. Feb. 24 8 a.m. Jacob Kuehner  
10:30 a.m. Grace Guebert

Sat. March 2 5 p.m. Hannah Schoenbeck  
Sun. March 3 8 a.m. Riley Candler  
10:30 a.m. Chase Lucht

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

### **Worship Greeter Schedule**

Sat. Feb. 2 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Feb. 3 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;  
Ken and Joan Ruwald  
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. Feb. 9 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Feb. 10 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber;  
Clyde and Kathy Rowold  
10:30 a.m. Ken & Karen Wetzel;  
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Sat. Feb. 16 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Feb. 17 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick;  
Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz  
10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert;  
Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Sat. Feb. 23 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Feb. 25 8 a.m. Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich  
10:30 a.m. Larry & Cindy Ebers;  
Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Sat. March 2 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. March 3 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn  
10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;  
Omer and Neva Liefer

*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!*

## **February Church and School Calendar**

### Friday, February 1- Kindergarten 100<sup>th</sup> Day!

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service  
9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Lifeline Screening in the Fellowship Hall  
7:15 p.m. B team V-ball tourney at Rocher vs. Chester Lutheran

### Saturday, February 2-

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

### SUNDAY, February 3-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes; Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service  
Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement  
12:30 -5:30 p.m. Junior Youth Snow tubing at Hidden Valley

### Monday, February 4- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meet in the Fellowship Hall

### Tuesday, February 5-

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Marion  
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at Zion in Belleville

### Wednesday, February 6-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church  
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 from school  
2:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation class  
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting  
7:30 p.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

### Thursday, February 7-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in FH  
4:15 p.m. Volleyball at Steeleville  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

### Friday, February 8- C Team Volleyball at RBC all evening

*A Team Volleyball at St. Mary's this weekend*

### Saturday, February 9- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, February 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult/Youth Bible Classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Open House at school w/ soup/dessert

### Monday, February 11-

6:30 p.m. Boys' AC Basketball at home vs. Trinity/E'dsville  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### Tuesday, February 12-

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. Volleyball at Trinity vs. Trinity/RBC

### Wednesday, February 13-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with First 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation classes  
7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meets in the school cafeteria  
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

### Thursday, February 14-

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

7:00 p.m. Men's Club meets in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 15- B Team Volleyball Tourney here

11:18 a.m. Early Dismissal  
5:30 p.m. B Team Volleyball vs. Smithton

### Saturday, February 16- B Team Volleyball Tourney here

*Boys' Basketball A team at Peoria tournament this weekend*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

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

### SUNDAY, February 17-

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, February 18- Presidents' Day/No School/Office Closed!

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

### Tuesday, February 19-

12:30 - 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in the FH  
6:00 p.m. Volleyball at Chester Lutheran  
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathers in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 20-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church  
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  
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Deuteronomy)

### Thursday, February 21-

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. Volleyball at home vs. Evansville

### Friday, Feb. 22- A Team Volleyball tourney at St. John, Chester

4 and 5:30 p.m. C Team Volleyball at Red Bud High School

### Saturday, February 23- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, February 24-

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, 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  
5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC vs. St. Libory

### Wednesday, February 27-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with 5<sup>th</sup> 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. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> 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

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