

The Epistle

APRIL 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

My son, if your heart is wise, then my heart will be glad.

Proverbs 23:15

Author and pastor James Merritt reports that fatherless children are 100 to 200 per cent more likely to experience emotional and behavioral problems...twice as likely to use drugs and alcohol...more likely to become sexually active at an early age...and three times more likely to commit violent crime. Over 50 per cent of teens who attempt suicide live in single-parent homes.

Most runaways leave fatherless homes, and boys without fathers are 300 per cent more likely to end up incarcerated. Seventy per cent of juveniles in long-term correctional facilities grew up without a father. Fatherless daughters are 53 per cent more likely to marry in their teens, and 164 per cent more likely to have children outside of marriage. Fatherless daughters who marry have a 92 per cent higher divorce rate, and fatherless sons are 35 per cent more likely to experience marital failure. 80 per cent of teenagers admitted to psychiatric hospitals come from fatherless homes, and are 50 per cent more likely to grapple with learning

disabilities. They fare worse in school, and are three times more likely to drop out than kids who grew up in a home with a father.

And it's possible to be physically present, yet emotionally absent. In a recent poll, 50 per cent of fathers said they feel guilty about spending too little time with their children. According to the Family Research Council, the average dad spends eight minutes a day in direct conversation with his kids. And in families where the mom works outside the home it drops to four minutes. If you find these statistics shocking, wake up and do something about it! And fathers – support your wives, the mothers of your children!

Prayer- Heavenly Father, help me and all parents spend time with their children in guiding them in knowing You. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Your Pastor's Ponderings

While June is the month for Father's Day, this topic is too important to wait until then! The previous devotion highlights the importance of husbands/fathers exercising their God-given headship in the spiritual life of their families. A father's model in this area is more influential than that of a mother for their children. This topic came up in our Thursday morning Bible class recently as we discussed 1 Corinthians 14:33-34. It was noted how many men do not attend worship with their wives (including some who are members of St. John's). Real men do lead their families in worshipping Jesus as our Lord and Savior!

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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I am sure you have heard the expression: "Health is a crown on a well man's head, but only the sick man can see it. This past March I spent three days in the hospital due to several "TIA's" (mini strokes). In a way it was one of God's hidden blessings that we went to the hospital. While I went through "CT" scans, "MRI" and an extensive EKG.

I didn't pay attention to the discomfort in my left arm until I attended my aunt's funeral on March 20. Lauri and I were on our way home when the discomfort was unbearable. Lauri was driving so she decided I was going to the hospital against my desire.

I have weakness in my leg and arm as a result of the mini strokes. I will be going through Physical Therapy for that. The MRI confirmed that there was no damage to the brain. So the doctors plan to treat me with

medication for the weakness in my body. I will see a Neurologist to determine how to proceed.

God allows us to experience things that we don't understand, but it always brings us closer to Him. Life experiences "wake us up" to God and His protective hand in our lives.

"We rejoice in hope of the glory of God. More than that, we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit Who has been given to us." (Romans 5:2b – 5) To God be the Glory!

Your brother in Christ, Pastor Russell Koen

Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "Justification/Sanctification" (Nebel)

Sunday, 9:30 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Koen in school library)

Men's Bible Breakfast, 1st and 3rd Saturdays, 7 a.m.

"Angels" (Nebel)

Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. "Living the Chocolate

Life" (J. Fritsche)

Thursday Sunrise, 6:30 a.m. "1st 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.

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

Evening Guild News

On Tuesday, April 16 at 7:00 p.m. all women of St John's are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a Movie Night. Devotions will be lead by Brenda Gilpatrick. Refreshments will be by: Patti Liefer, chairman, Neva Liefer, Pat Malik, Doris Mueller and Cindy Nebel. There will not be a business meeting!

Quilting schedule for April is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 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 on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of each month. In April that is the 11th and 25th. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

LWML Zone Spring Renewal - Thursday, April 25 hosted by St John's Evening Guild. Registration starts at 8:30 a.m. with coffee, fruit and breads. Matins begins at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$10.00 – Theme is "Go and Be Reconciled" with Pastor Sean Smith, with Ambassadors of Reconciliation, a Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS that works to bring reconciliation to families and congregations in conflict. Lunch will be served at noon.

"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

Midweek Lenten Services, Holy Week and Easter

The theme for the messages as we continue our midweek Lenten services is "Minor Prophets with a Major Message." The liturgy for the midweek services will be "Service of Prayer and Preaching" from the hymnal. Supper with desserts will be served in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. A hymn-sing will begin in the sanctuary at 6:50 p.m.

April 3- Midweek Lent IV: Zephaniah 3:14-17

"Fear Not, the Lord is With You"; Meal: Tacos

April 10- Midweek Lent V: Malachi 3:14-18

"They Shall Be Mine"; Meal: Holy Hoagies

April 14- Palm Sunday (Confirmation): Jonah 1 and 4
"God Is Gracious and Merciful and Relents from Disaster"

April 18- Maundy Thursday: Habakkuk 3:17-19

"God, the Lord, is Our Strength"

April 19- Good Friday: Zechariah 12:10-11a

"God Will Pour Out a Spirit of Grace"

April 20 (5 p.m.) & 21 (10:30 a.m.)- Festival: Hosea 6:1-3
"The Lord Will Revive and Raise Us That We May Live"

April 21 (6:30 a.m.) Easter Sunrise Holy Communion

Men's Club

Our Men's Club gathering for April will be on a different day and at a different place. We will meet on Tuesday, April 2, 7 p.m. at the Roeslein plant behind the UCC church for a tour of that facility.

Sunday School News

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. We will visit with them via Skype on Sunday, April 28.

11th Annual Dinner Auction: "Hollywood Nights"

Thank you! Thank you! Thank you! Our gratitude goes out to those who served on this year's PTL Dinner Auction Committee, to all those who donated items or services, and to those who attend the evening.

This event was held on Saturday, March 16 at the Hecker Community Club! Over 275 people enjoyed the meal, the hundreds of silent auction items, the 80+ oral auction items, the games and fellowship. We raised over \$71,000.

From the Principal's Pen

Happy Spring!! All of us at school are happy for the warm and sunny days we are having! The sunshine just helps us all feel better! The third quarter ended for us on March 15. The following students received third quarter awards on March 22:

Kindergarten/Mrs. Schmitz- Perfect School Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Maverick Cowell, Lauren Mehring, Connor Rainey & Abby Stellhorn. Perfect Church Attendance- Aiden Arbeiter, Grant Florreich, Lucy Kuehn, Abby Stellhorn. Perfect Sunday School- Aiden Arbeiter.

Kindergarten/Mrs. Valleroy- Perfect School Attendance- Sydney Krick, Miles Liefer, Roxy Markotay & Brody Rahn.

1st Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Annie Buchheit, Amelia Cheek, Cooper DeWilde, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Lily Luther, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Kaydence Proctor, Easton Ruebusch & Sophia Zeiger. Perfect Church Attendance- Colton Albert, Cooper DeWilde, Payton Liefer, Evan Muench, Jozlynn Palm & Henry Sachtleben. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Jozlynn Palm.

2nd Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Maya Macbeth. Perfect Church Attendance- Cailyn Wilson.

Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Caleb Klausing & Cailyn Wilson.

3rd Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Louis DeWilde, Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Brian Liefer, Karleigh Liefer, Lilly Meyer & Addalyn Schloemann. Perfect Church Attendance- Louis DeWilde & Molly Kuehn.

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

4th Grade/Nebel- Perfect School Attendance- Adeline Buchheit, Olivia Candler, Landon Ruebusch, Brodie Stenzel, Colby Voss & Ty Voss. Perfect Church Attendance – Colby Voss. Honors- Liam Quintin. High Honors- Amelia Guebert, Annika Herriman, Kadence Koen, Lilly Minemann & Colby Voss. Highest Honors- Adeline Buchheit, Kate Krack, Landon Ruebusch, Brodie Stenzel & Ty Voss.

5th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Grayson Herriman, Kadin Liefer, Addie Meyer, Addyson Piel, Luke Quintin & Alexa Wegener. Perfect Church Attendance- Addie Meyer. Honors- Grayson Herriman, Lily Kent, Luke Quintin & Kerrigan Zeiger. High Honors- Emma Kiefer, Addie Meyer, Addyson Piel & Alexa Wegener. Highest Honors- Jack Crafton & Evan Kiefer.

6th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Sofia Jones, Connor Jordan, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Hailey Proctor, Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow & Cadin Voss. Perfect Church Attendance- Connor Jordan, MaKayla Liefer, Hailey Proctor, Eva Kinney & Sam Roscow. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Connor Jordan & Sam Roscow. Honors- Taylor Guebert, Cadin Voss, Crewe Wagner. High Honors- Grant Krack, Christine Liefer, Karson Liefer, Summer Luttmann, Tori Muench & Hailey Proctor. Highest Honors- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Eva Kinney, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton & Derek Whelan.

7th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Claire Diewald, Cash Langrehr, Chase Lucht, Josie Meyer, Isaac Moll, Abigail Vallett, Trace Wagner & Benjamin Whelan. Honors- Josie Meyer, Dylan Minemann, Byron Schlueter, Kaci Trost, Abigail Vallett & Sam Wright. High Honors- Claire Diewald, Lucas Guebert, Cash

Langrehr, Isaac Moll, Dustin Salger, Trace Wagner & Benjamin Whelan. Highest Honors- Melayna Crafton, Addi Dilley, Chase Lucht & Olivia Schluter.

8th Grade- Perfect School Attendance- Mitchell Fleming, Madison Kirkland, Ashton Liefer, Landon Luthy, Kyle Loughner, Aubrey Piel, Noah Tepe & Anna Wolter. Perfect Church Attendance- Ashton Liefer. Perfect Sunday School Attendance- Ashton Liefer. Honors- Madison Kirkland, Kyle Loughner & Landon Luthy. High Honors- Simone Liefer, Carolyne Mulherin, Aubrey Piel, Logan Salger, Noah Tepe & Anna Wolter. Highest Honors- Mitchell Fleming, Grace Guebert & Madi Proctor.

The Ag in the Classroom poster contest results had Braylin Eggemeyer coming in 1st in the classroom and 2nd in Randolph County. Joey Biffar placed 2nd in the classroom. Each received a cash prize. Jack and Melayna Crafton participated in the Regional Office of Education Spelling Bee on March 21 held at Trinity, Prairie. Each received 6th place in the bee.

The 7th and 8th grades are looking forward to their field trip to Springfield on March 28. The Preschool and Kindergarten are also excited about Family Fun night which will be held that night from 6-7:30 p.m.



Children are ready to hear "The Tiny Seed" read to them at Family Fun Night on March 28.



We will have an early dismissal at 11:18 a.m. on April 5. That day we will also thank the many people who help at school throughout the year. All of these people are greatly appreciated!

Mr. Becker and Mrs. Hudak are working to prepare our students for the musical on April 5. Two performances will be held, one at 10 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m. Please plan to join us as the students perform "Go for the Gold". Each family is asked to bring a dozen cookies for fellowship after the evening performance.

The track season is underway. The first meet will be the OVC Sr. meet on April 10, followed by the OVC Jr. meet on April 17 and the Randolph Co meet on April 25. We wish all of our students well as they compete against other students from our area schools. We are blessed to have several coaches helping out with the track season.

The Rite of Confirmation will take place on Palm Sunday, April 14. Questioning will be held on April 11 at 7 p.m. We will have no school on April 19 for Good Friday observance and no school on Easter Monday, April 22.

We will have several field trips in April. Grades 3-5 will attend the Weather Bash on April 24 and the Cardinal game that follows. The 8th grade class will travel to Washington DC April 27 through May 4. We have 41 students, parents and guests making the trip this year. Please keep us in prayer for safe travel and favorable weather.

Easter blessings to you, Mrs. Deitt Schneider

Youth Lock-In

The next Junior Youth event will be the Lock-In with the Concordia Youth Ministry on Saturday, April 6th from 7 p.m. to Sunday, April 7th at 7 a.m. There is no cost for this event. A parent/guardian will need to sign the child in and out for the event. If your child will be late for the event, please advise us prior to the event since the doors will be locked by 7:15 p.m. Your child will need to bring a sleeping bag, pillow and a change of clothes. Cell phones and other electronic devices will NOT be allowed during the event. Your child may leave a phone with one of the adult chaperones in case he/she needs to contact you during the event. Two of the classrooms will be available (one for girls and one for boys) to sleep. Pizza, snacks and drinks will be provided for the youth that night. Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow (mroscow@htc.net or 618-972-5366 or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page) no later than April 4th.

Annual Volunteer Luncheon

Our annual Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon is being planned for Friday, April 5 with lunch at noon in the cafeteria. Volunteers also are invited to attend "Here For the Gold," our spring musical dress rehearsal at 10:00 a.m. in the old gym. The evening performance of that musical is at 7 p.m. that day.

Easter Egg Hunt

The annual Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 20 at 9:30 a.m. in the north lawn area of the school. Meet at the north doors beginning at 9:20 a.m. The hunt is open for infants to 6 years old children. *Donations of filled plastic eggs are needed! Please bring your donation to the school office between now and Thursday, April 18. *Using scotch tape to close the eggs works great!** Thank you in advance!

National Youth Gathering Opening

We have one spot available for the National Youth Gathering. At this time, it can be a male or female high school age (or current 8th grade) student. Deposit is based on years of active participation in the youth group, but this can be discussed in person if you're interested. This spot to fill will be reduced to a female only spot in a couple weeks. We'd love to have you join us for this experience. Call or text Susie Harms @ 618-201-5654.

April Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn and Donna Wetzel
Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Junior Youth Activities

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Senior Youth Activities

This is on the SLY (St. John's Lutheran Youth). Our monthly meeting is Sunday, April 7 at 7 p.m. in the Youth Lounge (church basement). On March 30 at 1 p.m. we will snow tube at Hidden Valley Ski Resort. It costs \$26 a person for three hours of tubing.

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!

"Lauri and I thank you for your generous gifts, your prayers of support, and your encouraging words. We thank the Lord for allowing us to serve Him here at St. John's. God daily sends us His angels through the acts of His people. [Jesus said:] 'For I was hungry and you gave Me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave Me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited Me in; I needed clothes and you clothed Me, I was in prison and you visited Me.... I tell you the truth, whatever you did to the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me.' God's blessings as you continue to serve Him!"

Pastor and Lauri Koen

No Addresses or Phone Numbers

We still need contact information for the following members: Dock and Laura Hamilton and sons John and Alex; Jason Hick and son Colton; Robert Fricke; Barbara Junge and children Rebecca, Leah and Angela; Pamela Kessel and daughter Emma; Kevin and Kelly Mehring; Michael Notter; Marcy Rahn; Pamela Seeger and daughter Kelsey; 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.

Camp Wartburg Chicken Dinner

We are invited to attend Camp Wartburg's 50th Annual Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 28th. Serving will take place from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. the cost for adults is \$10 and \$5 for children 5 and over. Children under five eat free.

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.

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.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. March 30	5 p.m. Taylor Guebert
Sun. March 31	8 a.m. Ashton Liefer 10:30 a.m. Jenna Spanley
Wed. April 3	8:30 a.m. Tori Muench
Midweek Lent IV	7:00 p.m. Ashlynn Crafton
Sat. April 6	5 p.m. Olivia Gerald
Sun. April 7	8 a.m. Christine Liefer 10:30 a.m. Claire Diewald
Wed. April 10	8:30 a.m. Hailey Proctor
Midweek Lent V	7:00 p.m. Sophie Heller
Sat. April 13	5 p.m. Grant Krack
Sun. April 14	8 a.m. Bruce Quinn 10:30 a.m. Kaci Trost
Thu. April 18	8:30 a.m. Karson Liefer
Maundy Thursday	7 p.m. Owen Liefer
Fri. April 19	8:30 a.m. Makayla Liefer
Good Friday	7:00 p.m. Blake Henry
Sat. April 20	5 p.m. Cadin Voss
Sun. April 21	6:30 a.m. Noah Tepe
Easter	10:30 a.m. Sam Roscow
Sat. April 27	5 p.m. Gavin Baldwin
Sun. April 28	8 a.m. Connor Jordan 10:30 a.m. Natalie Korando
Sat. May 4	5 p.m. Summer Luttman
Sun. May 5	8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton 10:30 a.m. Crewe Wagner

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

Dinner Auction Continuation

You still can be a part of the PTL Dinner Auction support by purchasing a ticket for the Cinco de Mayo Celebration at the Ratzkeller in Red Bud on Saturday, May 4. Doors open at 6 p.m. The meal (nacho and taco bar) will be at 6:30 p.m. Music by Terry Meyer will be from 7- 11 p.m. The cost is \$35 per person for the meal, draft beer and margaritas. Call the school office at 282-3873 to reserve a ticket.

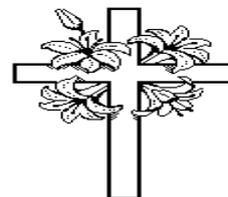
Worship Greeter Schedule

I was glad when they said to me,

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

Sat. March 30	5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. March 31	8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz 10:30 a.m. Larry & Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
Sat. April 6	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. April 7	8 a.m. John and Norma Preston; Loren Harms and Lois Mesnarich 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
Sat. April 13	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. April 14	8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. April 20	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. April 21	6:30 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Ken & Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. April 27	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. April 28	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Jim & Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner
Sat. May 4	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. May 5	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Larry & Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench

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!



April Church and School Calendar

Monday, April 1-

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

Tuesday, April 2- SIUC Science Fair

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in New Athens
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Tour of Roeslein

Wednesday, April 3-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten 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 FH (J. Fritsche)
11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 6-8th Grades Public School Confirmation classes
5:30 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

Thursday, April 4-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Proverbs in FH (J. Fehr)
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in FH (D. Mueller)
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, April 5- Book Fair

10:00 a.m. Dress rehearsal for the musical in the old gym
11:18 a.m. Early dismissal
Noon Volunteer Luncheon in the school cafeteria
7:00 p.m. School Musical in the old gym

Saturday, April 6-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
7:00 p.m. Youth Lock-in with Concordia Youth Ministry (school)

SUNDAY, April 7-

7:00 a.m. Youth Lock-in ends
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible classes; Sunday School classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
5-7 p.m. Junior Confirmation Retreat (Pizza and Practice)
7:00 p.m. Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

Monday, April 8-

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, April 9-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Altar Guild meeting and chancel cleaning at church
7:00 p.m. PTL meeting in the school cafeteria

Wednesday, April 10- Senior OVC Track Meet

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten 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. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation classes
5:30 p.m. Lenten supper in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

Thursday, April 11-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Proverbs in the FH
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. Junior Confirmation Questioning Service at church

Friday, April 12- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, April 13- RBC Invitational Track Meet

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

SUNDAY, April 14- Palm Sunday

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 (Confirmation)

Monday, April 15-

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

Tuesday, April 16-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathering and movie night in FH

Wednesday, April 17- Junior OVC Track Meet

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

Thursday, April 18 - Maundy Thursday

8:30 a.m. Holy Communion service at church
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in FH
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in the FH
7:00 p.m. Holy Communion service at church

Friday, April 19- Good Friday, No School!

8:30 a.m. Good Friday Worship Service at church
7:00 p.m. Good Friday Tenebrae service at church

Saturday, April 20-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
9:00 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the north side of school
5:00 p.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, April 21- The Resurrection of Our Lord

6:30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Holy Communion Service
8:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in the old gym hosted by Senior Youth
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Easter Festival Service with Holy Communion

Monday, April 22- No School!

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, April 23-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

Wednesday, April 24- Grades 3-5 Weather Bash

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. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation class

7:00 p.m. Quarterly Voters Assembly meeting in Fellowship Hall

Thursday, April 25- Randolph County Track Meet

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Proverbs in the FH
8:30 a.m. Registration for LWML Zone Rally
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in FH
9:30 a.m. Matins Service in the church

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, April 26- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel

Saturday, April 27-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service
Midnight 8th Grade Class trip leaves from school parking lot

SUNDAY, April 28-

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, April 29-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers' meeting in school library

Tuesday, April 30-

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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