

This Week With Our Lord, March 10-17, 2019

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

SUNDAY, March 10- Daylight Savings Time; Spring forward one hour!

- 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
- 6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, March 11-

- 5:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at Smithton
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, March 12-

- 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. Board of Parish Education meeting
- 7:00 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, March 13-

- 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, March 14-

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Proverbs in the Fellowship Hall
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
- 5:00 p.m. Region 8 Volleyball games begin at our school
- 6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
- 6:00 p.m. Men's Club Dinner/Presentation in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 15- Report Cards go home!

- 8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Mrs. Schmitz

Saturday, March 16-

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Ryker Papenberg Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried
- 6:00 p.m. PTL Dinner and Live Auction (7:30 p.m.) at Hecker

SUNDAY, March 17-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Dylan Minemann
Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald
- 9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible classes; Sunday School classes at school
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Isaac Moll
Greeters: Ken & Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament- Jeremiah 26:8-15; Epistle- Phil. 3:17-4:1; Gospel- Luke 13:31-35

EPISTLE:

The March edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, 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. [Page 2](#)

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Sun. Worship: 326; Communion: 234; Adults/Youth: 31; Sunday School: 30 (snow)

Ash Wednesday Worship: 328; Communion: 148

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:

Art helps us to better see the world. John's Gospel, which is both history and art, puts the world in proper focus. Listen to "Through Another's Eyes" (John 9:1-41) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUD 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: 3/3: General Fund-\$18,576.87; School- \$980; Debt: \$200. "*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.*" (Deut. 16:16c-17). There still are boxes of offering envelopes for 2019 on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 4:8 – "And Jesus answered him, "It is written ...'" Isn't it interesting that Jesus does not defeat Satan with His power as God but rather by His perfect obedience in His perfect humanity? Jesus defeats Satan not by miracles but by quoting the Scriptures and living according to it. This should cause us great joy for two reasons. First, because we see Jesus win the victory for us. Second, because here Jesus shows us how to stand in that victory – on the Word of God alone. Let us build our lives on the sure rock of this Word!

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Noah David Hernandez into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. He is the son of Gabriel and Karla (Guebert) Hernandez. His baptismal sponsors are Alan and Traci Proctor, Trevor and Julie Hudson. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+ "Jesus Clears the Temple." Jesus' cleansing of the temple carries a twofold message for the Jews and for us: first, that the true Lord of the temple was here in the flesh, and second and more important, that Jesus is the true temple, who houses and perfects us, raising our bodies to be like His. Parents could ask, "*Why did Jesus clear the temple? How is Jesus our temple?*"

+ 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.

+ *Perfect Attendance for February:* Nursery- Blakelynn Grohmann, Elsie Liefer; Pre-Kindergarten- Jackson Carnahan, Connor Liefer, Henry Schnepel, Kindergarten- Aiden Arbeiter, Natalie Kassing; 1st grade- Payton Liefer; 3rd Grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing; 4th Grade- Milla Neff; 5th Grade- Noah Kassing; 6th Grade- Connor Jordan, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you so much for your participation and faithfulness!

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next edition of our quarterly devotional booklet, *Portals of Prayer*, is in the racks by the front and back doors of church.

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!

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)

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)

MIDWEEK LENTEN SERVICES:

The theme for the messages in our midweek Lenten services on Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. is "Minor Prophets With a Major Message." This week is "God Will Repair, Raise Up, Restore and Rebuild" from Amos 9. Supper will be served in the Fellowship Hall each Wednesday beginning at 5:30 p.m. This week's menu is chicken pot pie, applesauce and crescent rolls. The pre-service hymn sing begins at 6:50 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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT WITH ERIC CARLE:

St. John's Lutheran School is hosting its 5th Annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 28 at 6:00 pm. We invite congregation families who have preschool and kindergarten-aged children to this fun night. All the activities, games, and snacks will be centered around books written by the author Eric Carle. We hope you can join us at school on March 28.

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER TO SUPPORT LIFE NETWORK:

Please bring back the baby bottle you have used to collect change for Life Network and put them in the box in the Fellowship Hall. Last year we raised \$888.48 for the work of Life Network in this way!

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, text the message @2h9de to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/10- Greg Deien, Andrew Langrehr, Riley Foster; 3/11- Curtis Stoll, Tammy Moll, Courtney (Kueker) Skoworn, Timothy Donjon; 3/12- Emily Harms, Landon Ruebusch; 3/13- JoAnn Yaarbrough, LouAnn Liefer, David Kuhn, Katelin Uffelmann, Zandra Harless, Lyla Hess, Miles Liefer; 3/14- Donald Fausz, Blakelynn Grohmann; 3/15- Jeannie Voss, Rebecca Cooper, Andrew Quinn, Emma Fritsche; 3/16- Dolores Voss; Carolyn Stellhorn, Derek Uffelmann, MaKayla Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf. *Call the office with additions or corrections!*

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).*

SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Trinity Lutheran Church in Millstadt (503 E. Washington) will hold an All-You-Can-Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 10, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. The cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children ages 4-10. Carryouts will be available.

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.

FISH FRY:

St. Peter UCC of Red Bud will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 15 and again on April 19 from 4-7 p.m. This will include jumbo cod, catfish cutups, chicken strips and shrimp with German and American potato salad, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, slaw, French fries and cucumber salad.

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:

Join the American Kantorei Chorus and Orchestra on a journey with Bach through three cantatas on Sunday, March 17, at 3:00 pm. These stirring works unite text with music, moving from supplication to thanksgiving under the theme, "Christ Who Is My Life." The performance by chorus, soloists, and orchestra will be presented at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, 12345 Manchester Road, in Des Peres. An offering will be received, and a reception will follow the concert. All are welcome. For more information, visit AmericanKantorei.org

RUMMAGE SALE:

The youth group at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia (Route 3 and Bottom Avenue across from Walgreens) 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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUE AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Lutheran worldview. This week on KFUE AM850, we talk with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour about when Ministry needs a Resurrection (March 12 at 9:15 a.m.), worship together in this first week of Lent during mid-week service from Peace Lutheran Barracksview in St. Louis (March 13 at 11a.m.), and continue "In the Beginning was the Truth" on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and his guest pastors (weekdays at 8 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or where you get your podcasts.

LIFE NETWORK OF SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ANNUAL DINNER:

Thursday, April 4 and Friday, April 5 are the dates for the Life Network's annual fundraising dinner at The Falls Reception Center in Columbia. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. and Dinner begins at 6:30 p.m. Adults only please, as seating is limited. The speaker will be Dr. Robert Record of Hope for the Heart Ministries. There is no charge to attend, but there will be an opportunity to make a financial gift. Please RSVP before March 22 by calling 939-4224.

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!

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville, and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's subjects include: 5th Century Missionary to Ireland Saint Patrick, The Book of Habakkuk, Holy Baptism, Jesus Teaches Nicodemus and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP:

The Alzheimer's Support Group meets in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital on Thursday, March 14 at 6:30 p.m. Program Facilitator Rebecca Schrauth will present "Reducing the Risk of Sundowning." Refreshments will be served. Call Julie at 282-5456 for more information.

LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*)

Satan tempted Jesus to produce physical proof of His identity and importance, but God's promise and power entitled Him to life even in the absence of bread (Luke 4:3-4). Thanks to our Savior, no one's age, appearance or ability can impair or improve their sanctity. God's creating and redeeming Word already renders every human being as precious.

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 Stanepel

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

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

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The Second Annual Shamrock Shootout NASP Tournament and Fun Flights will be held at *COS* on March 16 from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Not only is this a fun tournament for NASP School individuals and teams to participate in, we also will be having fun flights in which coaches, parents and community youth and adults can compete. This as a fundraiser to grow NASP in the Southern Illinois area. Wearing green is encouraged and a good time is guaranteed. Concessions will be available. Parents and community members can get more information and register using form: <http://bit.ly/coslhs-Shamrock> Registration is \$10 per archer. Medals will be awarded to the top archers.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Eligible Thrivent Financial members who have 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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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. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Jeremy Collins

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolyte:Carolyn Mulherin

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Acolyte: Simone Liefer

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn and Donna Wetzal

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The First Sunday in Lent 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.

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).

"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.

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:

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.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The spring edition of our quarterly

PARISH NURSE NOTE:

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!

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.

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