

This Week With Our Lord, April 21-28, 2019

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

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 our 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! Office Closed

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 at the Weather Bash in Busch Stadium

- 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
- 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 for Zone LWML Rally
- 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. School Chapel service at church
- Midnight 8th Grade Class trip leaves from school parking lot

Saturday, April 27-

- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Gavin Baldwin
Greeters; Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, April 28-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Connor Jordan
Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Acolyte: Natalie Korando
Greeters: Jim & Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

First: Acts 5:12-20; Epistle- Revelation 1:4-18; Gospel- John 20:19-31

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Sun. Worship: 539; Communion: 354; Adults/Youth: 33; Sunday School: 44
Maundy Thursday AM: Worship- 233; Communion 68

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

God is the true Gardener. He brought the soil of His garden into His being to make a new creation. Listen to "Cross in the Garden" (John 19:30-20:18) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUO 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).

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.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 4/14: General Fund-\$11,387.26; School- \$1,285; Matching Gift: \$1,250; Debt: \$100. Our expenses were \$54,000 more than our income in March. Our operating deficit is \$1,231,700. *"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 are boxes of envelopes for 2019 on the table in the Fellowship Hall.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Luke 24:6-7 – "He is not here, but has risen. Remember how He told you, while He was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men and be crucified and on the third day rise." So Jesus is risen, but is that Good News? What if He is mad at us for betraying Him, for running away at Gethsemane, and for not believing He would rise? The Good News is not just that Jesus is risen but that He is risen to bless us. There is no need to be alarmed. He still calls us His friends and brothers and means to bring us through death to resurrection as well. The Lord is risen; He is risen indeed!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+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. We plan to visit with him via Skype on April 28

ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES: (Fellowship Hall unless noted)

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "Justification and Sanctification" (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 Morning Women, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)
Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller)

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our regularly scheduled Voters Assembly meeting will be this Wednesday the 24th at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members of the congregation 18 years and older are voting members and encouraged to attend. Guests are welcomed to attend.

CLASS FUNDRAISER:

The Class of 2021 IS selling Code 3 Spices until May 3rd. They are available in 5 flavors - Backdraft, Grunt, 5-0, Rescue and Sea Dog. The 6 oz. size is \$7 each or combo of any 3 flavors for \$20. The 12 oz. size is \$12 each or combo of any flavors for \$34. Proceeds benefit the Class of 2021 Washington DC trip and a portion of the sales benefit 1st responders. Contact any 6th grader to order or for a description of the flavors. Please contact Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366 or mroscow@htc.net) with any questions.

EASTER CELEBRATION MATCHING GIFT:

We are being given the opportunity of a \$60,000 matching gift during the Easter season to help pay down our building and operating deficit. Please use the envelope provided in your bulletin today.

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 Sat., 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.

JUNIOR YOUTH:

The next Junior Youth event will be Sky Zone in Fairview Heights on Saturday, May 18th. We will depart from the school at 9:15a.m. and return approximately at 12:15 p.m. The cost is \$20 for 90 minutes of jump time, plus an additional \$3 for Sky Zone socks- if you have some from previous times, bring them to avoid the extra \$3 cost. Also, bring a few extra dollars for snacks. You MUST go to the Sky Zone-Fairview Heights website site to fill out a waiver prior to attending or your child will not be able to jump www.skyzone.com/fairviewheights. Tickets may also be purchased on the website or on the day of the event at Sky Zone. Drivers may be needed! Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow (618-972-5366 or mroscow@htc.net or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page).

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Lisa Kloeppe 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).

USHERS NEEDED:

We welcome anyone to assist with our worship services as an usher. You will be part of a team that serves three months at a time and then is off for a year. See Head Usher Scot Heller or Pastor Nebel if you are interested.

ALSO NEEDED- CUSTODIAN FOR FUNERALS:

Assistance is needed for a custodian to work funerals at church during the week. The pay is \$12.50 an hour for this occasional work. See John Preston or Pastor Nebel for more information.

THANK YOU:

Thank you so very much for the kind cards our students made to celebrate my birthday last Saturday! I appreciate the wonderful work they did and wonderful words they expressed. I am greatly encouraged by their thoughts. Thank you also to all those who sent cards to me. They were great to read and no two of them were alike! Thank you also for those who remembered me with a gift. I am grateful for your generosity. *God's blessings, Pastor Mark Nebel*

“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! [Page 4](#)

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED:

There is an opening 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!

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.

PAYMENTS ON FAST DIRECT:

Fast Direct now allows you to make payments online directly from Fast Direct using your credit or debit card! Simply log in, select Finance from the top of the page. You will add your credit or debit card info in the "wallet" section. Once that has been completed you can go to "make a payment". Be sure to select which account you want to make the payment to...tuition, lunch, daycare, After school care, etc. We are very excited about this new feature, but like always please call the office if you have any questions at all!!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

4/21- Curtis Hartmann, Mike Kuhn, Donna Burgdorf, Adam Muench, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr; 4/22- Pearl Luttmann, Matthew Becker; 4/23- Sydney Schweizer, Allyson Fruth, Lindsey Fruth, Kellen Herriman; 4/24- Jill Hanebutt, Randy Grohmann, Chris Liefer, Tyler Henry, Shawn Nichols, Alexander Sievers, Ashton Liefer; 4/25- Ann Becker; 4/26- Connie Muench, Karen Liefer, Bailey Booker, Claire Grohmann, Ella Herriman; 4/27- Peggy Sitzes, Tiffany Wiegard, Aiden Kiefer. *Please Call the office for additions or corrections!*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

Nancy Holmstrom, June Lawrence, Joyce Lopez, Edna Moeller, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Kenneth Koester, Melba Liefer, Clifford Stellhorn, Willard Uffelmann, Wilma Wagner and Jody Winkelmann; New Athens- Eunice Stumpf; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R & R- Fern Schnepel, Jean Menke

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Lisa Kloeppe, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, and Wilma Stellhorn.

APPLE BUTTER AVAILABLE:

The Ladies Aid of St. John's Lutheran Church, Ruma is selling apple butter for \$5 a pint and \$8 a quart. Please call Marlene Ling (618-853-2671) or Pearl May (618-282-2642) to place your order and arrange pick-up.

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 a.m. to 2 p.m. The cost for adults is \$10 and \$5 for children 5 and over. Children under 5 eat free. [Page 5](#)

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.

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 teachings include: The Easter Hymn "I Know That My Redeemer Lives," The Resurrection in Handel's "Messiah," Christ's Resurrection in John's Gospel, Evidence for the Resurrection, The Easter Hymn "He's Risen, He's Risen" and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM in St. Louis or listen at your convenience at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

WOMEN'S RETREAT:

"BOND OF PEACE" is the theme for the 8th annual Women's Mini-Retreat hosted by the women of Immanuel Lutheran Church (522 S. Church St.) in Waterloo. This refreshing and renewing morning will be held on Saturday, April 27 from 9-11 a.m. Our theme scripture is Ephesians 4:1-3. Our guest speaker will be Rosie Adle. There is no cost for the retreat which will include a delicious breakfast, an inspirational message, and beautiful music! Call [618-939-6480](tel:618-939-6480) or visit <http://immanuelwaterloo.org/women/> if you have questions or to reserve your spot. While pre-registrations are appreciated, walk-ins are always welcome, too! Donations will be welcomed for the Bi-County Backpack Program and Christian Friends of New Americans.

RED BUD COMMUNITY PRAYER BREAKFAST:

On Thursday, May 2nd at 7 a.m. in the Red Bud Regional Hospital auditorium the National Day of Prayer will be observed with Red Bud Regional Hospital, in cooperation with the Rotary Club of Red Bud, the Red Bud Lions Club, and the Red Bud Chamber of Commerce, hosting a community prayer breakfast. Chaplain Captain George E. Kahl, 375th Air Mobility Wing and Master Sergeant Vanessa Minnick, 375th Comptroller Squadron, both from Scott Air Force Base Illinois, will be the guest speakers. A \$10 suggested donation is requested for the buffet, with all proceeds going to the Human Service Center. Seating is limited, so please RSVP to Julie Hudson at 282-5456 or at julie_hudson@quorumhealth.com by April 26th.

CHICKEN DINNER:

An All-You-Can-Eat Chicken Dinner will be held on Sunday, May 5 from 11 a.m.-2:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Lutheran Church (5765 Maestown Road) in Wartburg. The menu will be chicken, mashed potatoes and gravy, green beans, corn, cole slaw, drink and dessert with carryouts available and a Country Store.

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 authored by 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! [Page 6](#)

PARISH NURSE NOTE: (from LCMS Better Health)

Take Time to Sleep (but not during the sermon): God created our bodies to require sleep. As we regularly nourish our bodies with food, we also need to shut them down for the night for consistent rest and renewal to tackle the new day. Those who go to bed later than they wanted to are more likely to be poorly rested and score lower in self-control tests.

KFUE 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 AM 850, we celebrate our Risen Lord as we enter the season of Easter! April 25-27 is KFUE Radio's 2019 Sharathon, our yearly time of reflecting on the Lord's blessings to us and asking our listeners to partner with us financially so that we can continue to share the Gospel to people at home and abroad. Visit kfuo.org/sharathon to learn how you can join us!

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

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The Annual Student Showcase Gala on the COS campus, Saturday, April 27 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. The Gala will highlight student activities and feature alumni and their businesses in our community. Lisa's of Prairie du Rocher will cater. Rev. Todd Wilken of Issues, Etc. will be our guest speaker for the evening. No tickets are necessary but a call to 618-853-7300 to RSVP by April 22 is encouraged. An opportunity to make a donation in support of the mission of COSLHS will be presented during the evening. We will join in singing two wonderful songs written by Joan Voges and Chris Bergmann as a musical celebration of the gifts Christ has given us. We are asking choir members from our area churches to join us in making this joyful noise. Please talk with your choir director or contact Michele Christman at 618-853-7300 to get copies of the music and to RSVP. We would love representation from several of our churches.

Christ Our Savior is seeking a high school certified teacher for math and/or science for the 2019-2020 school year. Resumes are to be submitted to 810 Soldiers Way, Evansville, IL 62242.

Workout Equipment Wanted: Our track team could use more free weights and workout mats. If you have any that you would like to donate, please drop them off at school or contact our Athletic Director, Lisa at 713-7125.

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. [Page 7](#)



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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618-237-5802 or home 282-3050

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 – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Ashley Otto

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, Heidi Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Gerry Thompson, Terra Williams, Melissa Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Megan Diercks and Mary Novy

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Ray Wagner

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Gary Buatte Board of Finance: Ben Guebert

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: (5 p.m. and 10:30 a.m.) Pastor Mark Nebel; (6:30 a.m.) Pastor Russell Koen

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Cadin Voss

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

Acolyte: Noah Tepe

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Ken & Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Acolyte: Sam Roscow

(6:30 a.m.) Instrumentalists: David Snyder and Brandon Nehrt

Flower Servers: Pam Stellhorn and Donna Wetzel

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Resurrection of Our Lord/Easter Sunday 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).

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.

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.

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.

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 at 282-5456 for more information.

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!

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*