

## ***This Week With Our Lord, May 12-19, 2019***

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

### **SUNDAY, May 12- *Happy Mother's Day!***

- 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, May 13-**

- 8:15 a.m. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades field trip to Concordia Seminary
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### **Tuesday, May 14-**

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
- 12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, May 15-**

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church w/ Pastor Koen
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:00 a.m. 8<sup>th</sup> grade leads chapel service at Unity Lutheran School
- 3:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (last class)
- 6:30 p.m. School Sports Award Banquet in old gym
- 6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in Fellowship Hall
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

### **Thursday, May 16 -**

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Micah)
- 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study on Proverbs in the FH
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in FH (last class)
- 11:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony (last practice)

### **Friday, May 17-**

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

### **Saturday, May 18- *Lutheran State Track in Chicago***

- 9:15 a.m. Junior Youth leave for Sky Zone
- 2:00 p.m. Savannah Buch/Ryan Howe wedding at church
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Kane Trost  
Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

### **SUNDAY, May 19-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Mitchell Fleming  
Greeters: John & Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Sofia Jones  
Greeters: Ron and Donna Burgdorf

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS**

First: Acts 11:1-18; Epistle- Revelation 21:1-7; Gospel- John 16:12-22

### **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 345; Communion: 182; Adults/Youth: 12; Sunday School: 29

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

### **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. Page 2

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. Offering: 5/5: General Fund- \$9,683.25; School- \$715; Matching Gift: \$1,550. *"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).

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

John 10:27 – "My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me." On their own, sheep are in great danger. They need a shepherd to guide them. The sheep know the Shepherd's voice, and we delight to go where He leads. Of course, the world, the devil, and our own sinful flesh want to pull us in another direction. Namely, they want to pull us in the direction of death. But following the Shepherd means life. So, no matter how difficult the path is that the Shepherd points out, let us follow Him!

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

With Jesus, we have a home. That's the good news for today. Listen to "Home" (John 14:1-7) with Guest Speaker Dr. Dean Nadasdy 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).

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

God has blessed Lucas and Valerie (Lindenberg) Liefer with the gift of a child in the birth of their son, Henry George, on Wednesday at Memorial East Hospital in Shiloh. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

+The story "Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter" serves as the focus of Sunday School today. Just as Jesus by word and touch raised this dead girl to life, so by His Word and Sacraments, He kills and buries death and raises us to eternal life. Questions for discussion include, *"How did Jesus heal this little girl? How does Jesus heal us from the sickness of sin?"*

+*Perfect Attendance for April:* Nursery- Elsie Liefer; Kindergarten: Emma Guebert, Natalie Kassing, Jackson Neff; 1<sup>st</sup> grade- Kellen Herriman, Payton Liefer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: Sydney Kassing; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Amelia Guebert, Annika Herriman, Milla Neff; 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Noah Kassing; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lucas Guebert, Hannah Schoenbeck. Thank you for your faithfulness and your participation!

+Your child's Sunday School offering helps to cover the cost of materials and to support our mission project for the year which is support for Rev. Dr. Hans Trinklein (formerly of rural Okawville), LCMS missionary in South Korea.

### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS OPPORTUNITIES; (Fellowship Hall unless noted)**

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "We Are the Church" (video)

Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Koen- school library)

Men's Bible Breakfast, 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays, 7 a.m. "Angels" (Pastor Nebel)

Wednesday Women, 9:30 a.m. "Waiting: A Bible Study on Patience" (J. Fritsche)

Wednesday Sundown, 7:30 p.m. "Deuteronomy" (Pastor Nebel)

Thursday Morning Women, 8:15 a.m. "Proverbs" (Julie Fehr)

Thursday Ladies, 9:30 a.m. "Advanced Bible History" (Doris Mueller)

### **EPISTLES:**

The May edition of our congregation's newsletter, The Epistle, is available in paper copy in the baskets in our entryway. It is also on our website and has been sent by e-mail to all those for whom Pastor Nebel has an address.

### **EASTER CELEBRATION MATCHING GIFT:**

We have the opportunity of a \$60,000 matching gift during the Easter season (through June 9) to help pay down our building and operating deficit. Please use the envelopes provided in the bulletins today. \$12,873 has been received so far.

### **SCRIPT CARDS:**

Gift cards for local and national business are available for purchase in the entryway today. A percentage of these sales benefits our school ministry. If you forgot a present for Mother's Day a script card can get you out of trouble!

### **THANK YOU:**

+St. John's Estate Fund has received a bequest from the estate of late St. John's member Wilma Uffelmann. We thank God that she remembered her family of faith this way. The committee has placed this money into the Foundation Fund.

+”On behalf of Life Network of Southern Illinois, I would like to express our heartfelt gratitude for your church's participation in our 2019 Baby Bottle Campaign. Your congregation's contribution of \$580.21 is vital to our efforts to provide needed services to our clients. We appreciate your faithfulness and commitment to upholding the sanctify of life.” *God Bless, Debbie Geist*

### **EVENING GUILD NEWS:**

On Tuesday, May 21 we will gather for Dutch Treat Night held at the Ratzkeller beginning with dinner (ordering off the menu) at 6:30 p.m. Devotions will be by Linda Guebert. Then will follow a business meeting and installations of officers. Our officers for 2019--2020 are: Sharon Guebert, President; Vickie Heller, Vice-President; Peggy Hanebutt, Secretary and Marie Voges, Treasurer.

### **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](http://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](mailto:mroscow@htc.net) or comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page).

### **CALLING ALL GRADUATES:**

St. John's Lutheran School will hold graduation on Tuesday, May 28 at 7 p.m. At that service, in that previous weekend's bulletin, and in our June newsletter, we would like to recognize all members of our family of faith who are graduating from a school this spring (or during this previous year). Please contact the office with your college graduation including school, degree and major program of study. Thank you!

### **ASCENSION DAY HOLY COMMUNION:**

We will celebrate the return of the risen Lord Jesus into heaven with a service of Holy Communion on Thursday, May 30 at 7 p.m.

### **SAVE THE DATE:**

St. John's Lutheran Vacation Bible School is *June 17-21* from 9 a.m.-11a.m. at church for children who have just finished 3-year-old Pre-K through 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

### **COUGAR BALL GAMES:**

On Monday August 12 The St. John's Lutheran Cougars will play The Red Bud Royals at the Gateway Grizzlies Stadium. The softball game will begin at 5:00 pm with the baseball game to follow at 7:00 pm. Tickets are \$4 and will get you into both games. Come join us at this awesome event and watch your Cougars play like the pro at 2301 Grizzlie Bear Blvd in Sauget, IL 62206. Tickets can be purchased at St. John's Lutheran School Office.

### **CARDINALS BASEBALL:**

Once again our students have the opportunity to sing at the Cardinals game on August 25th. The game is at 1:15 p.m. The Cardinals will play the Colorado Rockies. Our students will sing "Take Me Out to the Ballgame" on the field during the 7th inning stretch. Tickets are \$25 and include a voucher for a free hot dog and soda.. Forms are available in school office. Any questions please call Tammy Moll @ 618-806-4026. All proceeds go to the class of 2023.

### **THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

We thank Lisa Kloeppe for serving as our Prayer Chain Coordinator for the last ten years. Vickie Heller has taken over as our new Prayer Chain Coordinator. We thank her for agreeing to this service. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Vickie at 618/521-7417. 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).

### **"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!

### **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.

### **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, Melba Liefer, Clifford Stellhorn, Wilma Wagner and Jody Winkelmann; New Athens- Eunice Stumpf; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R & R- Fern Schnepel, Jean Menke, Willard Uffelmann

**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.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

5/12- Alyce Niklich, Jesse Crafton, Noah Tepe; 5/13- Marlene Deterding, Kimberly Whetstine, Meike Hooch, Jackie Quintin, Carla Hess, Jackson Muench, Alexa Cheek, Coral Hess; 5/14- Eugene Stamm, Becky Moeller, Christa Brundage, Marcia Watters; 5/14- JoAnn Kunkel, Scott Burmester, Erin Hewitt, Avery Piel; 5/16- Samantha Lee; 5/17- Kim Valentine, Madison Pensoneau, Carson Bowles; 5/18- Stacia Clifford. *Please Call the office for additions or corrections!*

**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.

**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.

**DISTRICT GOLF OUTING- JUNE 8:**

The 15<sup>th</sup> Bob Streuter Memorial Golf Scramble will be on Saturday, June 8 at the Roland Barkau Memorial Golf Course in Okawville. This fundraiser assists our Southern Illinois District Student Aid Endowment Fund to support those in our area who are studying for church professional careers. Over \$100,000 has been provided to 225 students over the years from this event. We have a sponsor for a St. John's team if there are three or four players who are interested in attending. The shot-gun start is at 8:30 a.m. A chicken dinner will be provided at the end of the event. If not playing, you still can support this cause by being a tournament sponsor for \$50. See Pastor Nebel if you are interested.

**POSITION AVAILABLE:**

St. Paul's Lutheran Preschool, Columbia, is accepting applications for a preschool teacher assistant part-time for the 2019-2020 school year. Teacher and director qualified individuals are also encouraged to apply. Contact [secretary@stpauls-lcms.org](mailto:secretary@stpauls-lcms.org) or call Karen (618)806-4369. Page 6

**CREATION CONFERENCE:**

How old is the Earth? Billions of years? Thousands? Find out why the latter is the better answer at the seventh annual creation conference, "Thousands not Billions: How Old is the Earth?" The International Center of The LCMS is the site in St. Louis on June 14 & 15. Visit [www.SocietyofCreation.org](http://www.SocietyofCreation.org) for a printable registration form or for online registration.

**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 AM 850, we wish all mothers a blessed Mother's Day, hear the Truth in Genesis 24-26 on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), continue in the Gospel of John on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear God's Word in Daily Chapel at 10:00 a.m. Find all your favorite programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org) or wherever you get your podcasts!

**ISSUES, ETC.:**

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show/podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by Rev. Todd Wilken. This week's topics include: Religious Liberty, The Book of Malachi, Jesus Walks on Water, The Historic Liturgy & the Apostles' Creed 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](http://www.issuesetc.org) and on the LPR mobile app.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** *(from Lutherans for Life)*

Heavenly Father's forgiveness and salvation heal even the guilt of abortion, the grief of terminal diagnosis, and the fear of complicated pregnancy. The Hand that rules the world also rocks the cradle.

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300**

**Track Season:** This week, you can cheer on the Soldiers at the Boy's Sectionals in Pinckneyville on May 17 at 4:00 p.m.

**Join us in congratulating and giving thanks for our graduates.** The 2019 COS Graduation Service will be held May 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. in our gym.

**Office Hours:** Beginning May 20, the office will be open 8 a.m.-4 p.m. The office will be closed for Memorial Day on May 27. In June and July, office hours will be 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Monday to Thursday and 9 a.m. – noon on Fridays.

**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.

**Annual Rummage Sale:** Our annual rummage sale will be July 19 & 20. We will accept donations starting July 5.

**It's not too late!** Registrations are still being accepted for all classes for 2019-2020. Financial assistance is available. For more information, contact Michele Christman, [mchristman@coslhs.org](mailto:mchristman@coslhs.org).

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

**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 – Lara Vause

Fourth Grade– Bill Becker (Librarian) and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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

Elder Chair: Kevin Liefer Parish Education Chair: Miriam Poston

Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

#### Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Lucas Schwartzkopf

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz

Acolyte: Melayna Crafton

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

Acolyte: Trace Wagner

Flower Servers: Melonie Bollinger and Jamie Korando

Chancel Paraments: Flo Zschiegner Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

*The Fourth Sunday of Easter 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.

**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](http://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 teachings include:

**PARISH NURSE NOTE:** (from LCMS Better Health)

**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

**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!!

**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!