

This Week With Our Lord, May 5-12, 2019

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

SUNDAY, May 5- *Pastor Nebel on vacation through Monday*

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
11:00 a.m. Class of 2020 Fundraising BBQ and PTL Plant Sale at school
Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

Monday, May 6-

6-8 p.m. Father and Son Basketball game
7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, May 7- *District Pastors' Conference in Columbia*

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

Wednesday, May 8-

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
10:45 a.m. Red Bud High School Band and Chorus at our school
11:30 a.m. Office staff meeting
3:30 p.m. 8th Grade Public School Confirmation class
7:30 p.m. Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, May 9-

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
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:30 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the garage (fish fry)
7:00 p.m. Youth Gathering Bible Study at St. John-Sparta

Friday, May 10- *Kindergarten and 1st Grade field trip to Grant's Farm*

Saturday, May 11- *Southern Illinois District Track Meet*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
8:00 a.m. to ? Senior Youth sell Krispy Kremes at 4-way
5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Lucas Schwartzkopf
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

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

8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Melayna Crafton
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Trace Wagner
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

First: Acts 20:17-35; Epistle- Revelation 7:9-17; Gospel- John 10:22-30

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 313; Communion: 82; Adults/Youth: 36; Sunday School: 43

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: 4/28: General Fund- \$8,365.56; School- \$320; Matching Gift: \$5,707. 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).

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

John 21:6 – "He said to them, 'Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish." Won't the disciples ever learn? Jesus pulled this same trick before. When the odds seemed completely against it, the Lord gave them a command to let down the nets, a command that seemed crazy. But they complied, and He blessed their obedience. When will we learn this lesson, too?

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Jesus is not only the Good Shepherd; He's the Good Fisherman, who draws the fish and fills the nets. Listen to "The Good Fisherman" (John 21:1-14) with Guest Speaker Rev. Ryan Tinetti on KFUE 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).

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+Today the Sunday School students study the account "Jesus Calms a Storm." Just as Jesus calmed the storm with His Word for the frightened disciples, so He calms and ends the storm of sin and death by taking our sin upon Himself and dying in our place so we may live eternally. Consider discussing, *"What did Jesus do to calm the storm? How does Jesus calm the storms in our life?"*

+*Perfect Attendance for April:* Nursery- Elsie Liefer; Kindergarten: Emma Guebert, Natalie Kassing, Jackson Neff; 1st grade- Kellen Herriman, Payton Liefer; 3rd Grade: Sydney Kassing; 4th Grade: Amelia Guebert, Annika Herriman, Milla Neff; 5th Grade- Noah Kassing; 6th Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 7th Grade- Lucas Guebert, Hannah Schoenback. 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. We enjoyed our visit with him via Skype last Sunday.

HOLY BAPTISM:

We welcome Demi June Grohmann into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday. She is the daughter of Nicholas and Emily (Hartman) Grohmann. Her baptismal sponsors are Andrew and Jennifer Langrehr, Megan Grohmann, and Erick Thien. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Kristopher and Danielle (Fuerst) Liefer with the gift of life in the birth of their daughter, Kendall Nicole, on Wednesday, May 1, at St. Anthony's Hospital in St. Louis. She joins her older brother, Kolton, at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child. [Page 3](#)

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, 1st and 3rd 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 are being given 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 baskets in the church entryway.

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 in this way. The Estate Fund 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 sanctity of life." *God Bless, Debbie Geist*

MEN'S CLUB:

Men's Club members and guests will enjoy their annual fish fry with sides and beverages on Thursday, May 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the garage behind church.

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. 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). [Page 4](#)

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!

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 6th grade.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

We thank Lisa Kloepper 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.

CONGRATULATIONS!:

Red Bud High School Prom Queen is St. John's member Bailey Montroy.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

5/5- Katherine Stellhorn, Angie Hewitt, Natalie Guebert, Becky Wright, Emily Grohmann; 5/6- Fred Buch, Carol Matzenbacher, Angie Schoenbeck, Cole Booker, Alana Millmann; 5/7- Gloria Neuhaus, Sophia Zeiger; 5/8- Loren Harms, Jason Hick; 5/9- Wilmer Krick, Curtis Schrieber, Connor Liefer; 5/10- Joan Ruwald; 5/11- Kevin Hartmann, Danette Miller, James Ratz, Danielle Liefer. *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. [Page 5](#)

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.

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.

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.

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 Maeystown 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.

DISTRICT GOLF OUTING- JUNE 8:

The 15th 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.

FREE RETINA SCREENING:

The Red Bud Lions Club is hosting a free diabetic retinopathy screening on May 10 from 9 a.m.-noon at Garden Place in Red Bud. Persons 55 or older, diabetic, or pre-diabetic are encouraged to participate.

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

Research shows that spending money on experiences such as a vacation to a national park, visiting a museum or attending cultural events leave you with more lasting happiness (and memories) than spending money on pricey material objects.

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 for a printable registration form or for online registration.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to Worldwide KFUO AM850, your radio station for news, talk, and sacred music with a Lutheran worldview. This week on KFUO AM 850, we hear the Truth in Genesis 22-24 on Sharper Iron with Rev. Jonathan Fisk and guest pastors (weekdays at 8 a.m.), continue our conversation about friendships and ministry with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann on The Coffee Hour (5/7 at 9:15 a.m.), and study another section of the Smalcald Articles on Concord Matters (5/7 at 2 p.m.). Hear your favorite programs on demand at kfu.org.

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: The Vocation of Mother, Man's Fall into Sin, 19th Century Lutheran Theologian CFW Walther, Jesus Heals Jairus' Daughter, Confession & Absolution, Job and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and the LPR mobile app.

LIFE THOUGHTS: *(from Lutherans for Life)*

Even the one whose faculties are declining and whose dying appears undignified shines in the light of God's love and power (John 21:18-19). Jesus who rose, reigns, and is returning brings blessings in every burden. His gracious guidance speedily and mightily derives dances out of dirges (Psalm 30:11). He extends this compassion to every human being without exception (Revelation 5:9)!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Track: Cheer on the Soldiers at Girls' Sectionals in Sparta on May 8 at 4 p.m.

Join us in congratulating and giving thanks for our graduates. The 2019 COS Graduation Service will be held May 17th at 7 p.m. in our gym.

Like to help plan events? COS could use a few more people to help plan next fall's Dinner Auction. Call the office (618-853-7300) to volunteer.

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.

It's not too late to register for all classes for 2019-2020. Financial assistance is available. For information, contact Michele Christman, 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 info, 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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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 (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 Guebret

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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 and Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Summer Luttman

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold

Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Vernon and Evelyn Muench; Cindy Ebers

Acolyte: Crewe 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 Third 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) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent!

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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!