

## ***This Week With Our Lord, September 1-8, 2019***

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

### **SUNDAY, September 1 -**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

**Monday, September 2-** *Labor Day! School and Office are closed.*

### **Tuesday, September 3-**

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Chester  
12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at Steeleville  
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### **Wednesday, September 4-**

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Pastor Koen  
9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church  
10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting  
7:00 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation  
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

### **Thursday, September 5-** *Cross Country Meet at Okawville*

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)  
4:15 p.m. Baseball and Softball at home against RBC/St. Joseph  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir polishing in the church balcony

### **Friday, September 6-**

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Kellie  
7 p.m. Baseball vs. MCS at Edwardsville Tournament

### **Saturday, September 7-** *Cross Country Meet at Pinckneyville*

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
Boys' Baseball B at Edwardsville Tournament  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Acolyte: Kaci Trost                      Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

### **SUNDAY, September 8-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service    Acolyte: Grant Krack  
   Greeters: Milton & Mary Ann Weber; Clyde & Kathy Rowold  
9:30 a.m. Fellowship Hall- Adult class: "Acts" (Nebel); Youth (Harms)  
9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the school building  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Owen Liefer  
   Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann  
Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement

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

Old Testament: Deut. 30:15-20; Epistle: Philemon 1-21; Gospel: Luke 14:25-35

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

Worship: 418; Communion: 77; Sunday School: Bible Class: 37

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

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Genesis tells us that God made all things. But it won't answer every question about when, how, and why God did it. That's because Genesis is mostly about getting to know God. Dr. Michael Zeigler begins a new series of messages based on the first book of the Bible. Listen to "Begin Again" (Genesis 1:1-2:30) 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). Page 2

### **FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:**

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Omer and Neva Liefer on September 5. They are a gift from their family. Thank you and congratulations!

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. 8/25- General Fund: \$18,676.75; School: \$2,912.50; Debt: \$50; \$50. Our total liabilities are \$1,246,648. *"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*

Luke 14:11 – "For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, and he who humbles himself will be exalted." The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom. That's called humility. The Lord is God, and we are not. With that in mind, how could we not seek to follow His Word in all aspects of life? He knows what He is talking about; we don't. If you believe that, then striking out on a path of faithfulness in the realm of stewardship is a lot easier.

*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).

### **HOLY BAPTISM:**

We welcome Carson James Ratz into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. He is the son of James and Jamie (Schaefer) Ratz. His baptismal sponsors are Jonathan Ratz, Carrie Koester and Aaron Koester. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

### **SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

+A part-time teacher needed in a rotation for our Kindergarten class. Please contact Tammy Moll at 618/806-4026 if you are willing to serve. Thank you!

+This Sunday everyone will gather in the Fellowship Hall for the Bible lesson from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. There will be music, a video, a skit and refreshments.

### **SECRET ANGELS:**

Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are interested in serving as a Secret Angel for one of our 8<sup>th</sup> grade day school students or public school confirmation students. You will pray for your student and encourage your student in studies with regular notes and small gifts (twice a month perhaps) and occasional larger gifts (for example, birthday, Christmas). You will be given an information form that the student has completed. Please wait until then to contact your student. Your identity will be revealed to your students at the Rite of Confirmation in the spring. Thank you!

### **ORGAN ISSUES:**

Unfortunately, this is our third straight Sunday without the use of our pipe organ. The previous repair person has not returned our calls. The company before him has gone out of business. New repair people looked at it on Wednesday, identified the issue and ordered a part but it won't be in until this week. We hope to be able to use the organ next weekend. Page 3

### **EPISTLES:**

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

### **ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:**

Those interested in taking part in an instruction class this fall that will cover the basics of the Christian faith as taught in the Lutheran Church should see Pastor Nebel. This 12-week class is a good review for those whose confirmation instruction was years ago. It leads to the Rite of Confirmation and communicant membership at St. John's for those who desire to join our family of faith.

### **MULCH HELP NEEDED:**

This Monday at 4 p.m. there will be much help needed to spread mulch on the school playground. Please bring rakes and shovels. Thank you in advance!

### **BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CHANGES:**

New labels soon will appear on participating products. Instead of clipping labels you will scan your receipt and use a new Box Tops mobile app that instantly will add those Box Tops points to our school's earnings. The traditional Box Tops still can be clipped and cash earned until they expire. Learn more at [BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK](http://BTFE.COM/SNEAKPEEK) or look at the sheet on the board by the glass door.

### **65<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE:**

St. John's members Omer and Neva Liefer will celebrate their 65<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary with an Open House in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, September 1, from 2-4 p.m. All are invited to attend. No gifts please!

### **MUM SALE:**

Purple, white, red, bronze and yellow mums are for sale at \$8 to support the St. John's Class of 2021. Pre-order by September 4. Presale pick-up in the school parking lot is Friday, September 13 from 2:30- 7:00 p.m. The open sale is Saturday, September 14, from 8 a.m. to noon. Call Karen Liefer at 618/357-1695. Order forms are in the church entryway. They are great flowers to have because they are so quiet!

### **VOCAL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR:**

+Choir will start on Monday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school music room. We will sing on average two Sundays per month (either the early or late worship service). In addition, we will also sing on Reformation Sunday (October 27<sup>th</sup>), Thanksgiving Day (November 28<sup>th</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Day. We appreciate all the help we get!

+Bell Choir practices will take place on Thursday evenings this year in the church balcony at 6 p.m. We will polish the bells on September 5<sup>th</sup>, then begin regular practice two weeks later on September 19<sup>th</sup> (no practice on September 12<sup>th</sup> due to a scheduled wedding rehearsal). We have an open slot available if anyone new is interested in playing with us!!! Bell choir plays an average of 1-2 worship services per month plus Thanksgiving Eve (November 27<sup>th</sup>), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8<sup>th</sup>), and Christmas Eve 5 p.m. service.

### **THE PRAYER CHAIN:**

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. We thank her for 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. Call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers.

### **RUMMAGE SALE:**

The annual fall rummage sale will take place on September 13 and 14th. Friday's sale is a preview sale \$2 at the door beginning at 4 o'clock and ending at 7:30 p.m. Saturday's sale is a bag sale beginning at 7:30 a.m. and finishing at noon. All help is appreciated from every seventh grade family. There is a sign-up going out online. All donations can be brought to the north entrance of school. If the doors are locked, items can be left under the awning. All proceeds from the sale go to benefit the seventh graders' Washington DC trip.

### **COUGAR PROWL FUN RUN:**

It's that time of year again....time for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run!!! This will take place on September 19<sup>th</sup> from noon-2:30 p.m. Like last year, students will get sponsors and then run or walk laps around the fun run course set up behind school between the ball fields. This is a great fitness awareness event that is put on by our PTL and was one of our biggest fundraisers last year!! Each student will get a free t-shirt, Fun Run water bottle and smart snack and there is a chance for each classroom to receive participation awards!! Pledge envelopes and informational flyers have gone home!

### **JUNIOR YOUTH EVENTS:**

+Our Junior Youth will go to the Back to the 80s Arcade between Waterloo and Columbia on Saturday, September 21 to enjoy retro games and fun. They will leave our school at 12:30 p.m. and return at 3:30 p.m. Parents are welcome to attend and drivers will be needed. The cost is \$12.50 but bring money for snacks. You can stay longer, the price is for all-day play.

+Our S. Ill. District is holding a Junior High Youth Retreat at Camp Wartburg on Friday, October 4 to Saturday, October 5 (6 p.m. to 6 p.m.) under the theme "REAL. PRESENT. GOD." The \$55 registration cost is due by September 27 at [campwartburg.com](http://campwartburg.com). Call Lauren at 618/939-7715, ext. 10 with your questions.

### **SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:**

Our Senior Youth will meet next Sunday at noon in the church basement with a super secret guest speaker. They will make a National Youth Gathering presentation to our Men's Club on September 12. They will show the movie "Unplanned" in the church basement on September 22<sup>nd</sup> at noon. The Senior Youth invites anyone to watch and join in the discussion following.

### **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.

### **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!

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:**

Don and Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Donald Kueker, Joyce Lopez, Jean Menke, Edna Moeller, Elda Seders.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Clifford Stellhorn, Wilma Wagner and Jody Winkelmann; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R & R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:**

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Wilma Stellhorn, Leonard and Norma Vogt.

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:**

9/1- Macie Brown, Alex Quinn, Ellie Stellhorn, Chad Voss, Christopher Voss, Cheryl Walker; 9/2- Amelia Cheek, Kim Herriman, Nancy Horrell, Keegan Hudson, Tammy Kueker, Amanda Liefer, Macey Liefer, Carson Moll, Doreen Schnepel, Scott Schoenbeck, Kara Wagner; 9/3- Savannah Cowell, Dallas Doeding, Makennah Harless, Danny Moll, Marilyn Oettle; 9/4- Lena Heller, Jordyn Mulherin, John Wiatr; 9/5- Morgann Grohmann, Kevin Guebert, Owen Koester, Mildred Liefer, Claudia Watters, Helen Winkelman; 9/6- David Burgdorf, Betty Fausz, Lucie Heaton; 9/7- Jack Crafton, Corey Ratcliff, Steven Tindall. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

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

“Beer Belly?”- Limiting alcoholic drinks and being aware of their calorie content can help you avoid adding weight around your waist. A 12-ounce soda typically contains 150 calories. Non-light beer has from 140-175 calories. Five ounces of wine is from 100-125 calories (but 228 if it is sweet). Six ounces of a fruity drink can be from 214-336 calories.

**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 @8243ad2 to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

**SID OLDER ADULT ST. LOUIS DAY TRIP:**

Wednesday, October 16, board bus at St. Clair Square Water Tower at 8:15 a.m. Visit Holocaust Museum and Learning Center, St. Raymond’s Marionette Cathedral (with lunch at your cost), and Intersect Art Center at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. Return to St. Clair Square at 4:45 p.m. Cost is \$45 by August 30 or \$50 by September 20. Registration forms are on the bulletin boards.

**ELDER ZONES FOR 2019:** (Chairman, Kevin Liefer)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Ron Kunkelmann (282-3504)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann- Elder Stuart Langrehr (282-2736)

Zone 3: N/E Grohmann thru R/K Herriman- Elder Jacob Arbeiter (618/615-1108)

Zone 4: R. Herriman thru T/E Krick- Elder Adam Guebert (618/290-2403)

Zone 5: Wil/Martha Krick thru Janel Maes- Elder Kevin Liefer (618/521-9126)

Zone 6: Pat Malik thru Lanie Pensoneau- Elder Quentin Stenzel (282-4661)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader- Elder Garon Schnepel (813/240-8978)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner- Elder Stanley Langrehr (282-3481)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Bill Becker (282-2958)

**THE GOLD STAR CELEBRATION:**

We are invited to honor the families of our fallen and their sacrifice on September 29 with a ceremony at 10:30 a.m. at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial, 1172 Veterans Memorial Pkwy in Perryville. If you are a Gold Star Family member please contact Ron Rathert at 618-826-2813 by September 9.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** (from Lutherans for Life) [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

Supporters of abortion suggest babies with disabilities are better off not being born. Advocates of assisted suicide also presume certain injuries and illnesses make life too burdensome. But Jesus calls us all fallen and helpless—and then rewrites His commandments to save us as sons and daughters (Luke 14:2-5). He receives “the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind” (Luke 14:13) as honored guests, and invites us also to celebrate the blessing of each one.

**LIFE NETWORK’S ANNUAL WALK-RUN-RIDE:**

This will be held on September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Waterloo office, 722 N. Market St. Find event information on the website, <http://supportmylifenet.com>, or Facebook page, Facebook.com/lifenetworkofsoill. Please contact the Life Network office if you have any questions. Thank you so much for your support!

**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: This week’s teachings include: This week’s teachings feature a series on The Devil, The World, and The Sinful Nature. The guest will be LCMS Worship Director Rev. William Weedon. 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.

**KFUE AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:**

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**ALZHEIMER’S SUPPORT GROUP:**

The Alzheimer’s Support Group meets in the ground floor auditorium of Red Bud Regional Hospital on Thursday, September 12 at 6:30 p.m. Red Bud Care Center Activities Director Missy James will present “Activities for Alzheimers Patients.” Refreshments will be served. Call Julie at 282-5456 for more info.

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

**Volleyball:** Our next volleyball game is at home on September 3 vs. Dupo at 6 p.m.

**Cross Country:** COS Cross Country team run again on September 4 at the St. Vincent meet on the seminary grounds in Perryville. The boys will run at 5 p.m.

**Volunteer Opportunities:** September 6-8, we will again have a Curly Fry stand at the Popeye Picnic in Chester. Call school to volunteer or stop by the stand to enjoy the best Curly Fries & sandwiches around!

**Our Annual Dinner Auction** will be Nov. 2. To help with this event, please call school or email [elaufer@coslhs.org](mailto:elaufer@coslhs.org). Our next meeting is September 5 at 4:30 p.m.

**Recycling:** We now collect only OEM printer and toner cartridges for recycling.

**The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.**



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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; Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

Matthew Foster, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 853-7300

#### Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller; Aide- Patty Schnepel

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Bill Becker (Librarian)

Fifth Grade - Darlene Letcher and Cindy Nebel (Before/After School Care)

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

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Becky Rhodes

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

#### Day Care

Amanda Falkenhain, Director; Kellie Shields, Assistant Director; Jennifer Pfannebecker,

Lisa Quinn, Pam Henry, Nicole Kadlec, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Heidi

Guttman, Samantha Yankey, Gerry Thompson, 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 Russell Koen Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Pianist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeter: Miriam Poston Acolyte: Claire Diewald

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Connor Jordan

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

Liturgist: Seminarian Cameron Harms Acolyte: Karson Liefer

Flower Servers: Jennifer Fritsche and Diane Guebert

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

*The Twelfth Sunday After Pentecost 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.

+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!

**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!!

**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.

**“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.

**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!

**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.

**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.

**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!

**RECORDERS AND FLUTOPHONES:**

Got an old recorder/flutophone sitting around gathering dust? Please "recycle" it by giving it to Mrs. Hudak! She will wash, sanitize, and re-use them for her 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grade music classes for the upcoming school year. Flutophones and recorders need to be in good condition (no chips, breaks, or teeth marks please!), but do NOT need to be in their original packaging. Please lay them on Mrs. Hudak's desk in her office. Thank you!

*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).*