

This Week With Our Lord, September 8-15, 2019

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

SUNDAY, September 8 -

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult (in sanctuary) & Youth Classes
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 11:00 a.m. Class of 2020 Fundraising BBQ in the school parking lot.
- Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement

Monday, September 9- Pastor Nebel at SPLHS Trustees meeting

- 3:00 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library
- 6:00 p.m. Board of Education meeting in the school library
- 7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, September 10-

- 9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
- 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
- 3:30 p.m. Cross Country meet at the Shooting Complex
- 4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball B at Prairie du Rocher
- 7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school library

Wednesday, September 11-

- 8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Mrs. Nebel
- 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church
- 9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)
- 7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation
- 10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting
- 7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

Thursday, September 12- Pastor Nebel at Vicarage Supervisor's Conference

- 6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)
- 9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
- 1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
- 4:15 p.m. Baseball/Softball at home against St. John, Chester
- 6:00 p.m. Cartwright/Durbin wedding rehearsal
- 7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting w/ NYG Presentation in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, September 13- Pastor Nebel at Vicarage Supervisor's Conference

- 4-7:30 p.m. 7th grade Rummage Sale in the school's old gym
- 5:30 p.m. Junior Youth leaves for 80s Arcade in Columbia

Saturday, September 14- Cross Country Meet at Smithton

- 7:30 a.m. to noon 7th grade Rummage Sale in the school's old gym
- Girls' Softball A tournament at Red Bud Catholic
- 1:00 p.m. Karly Cartwright/Landon Durbin wedding at church
- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Blake Henry
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, September 15-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton
Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the FH
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Samuel Roscow
Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Ezekiel 34:11-24; Epistle: 1 Timothy 1: 12-17; Gospel: Luke 15:1-10

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 378; Communion: 180; Intergenerational Sunday School: 100 Page 2

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Dr. Michael Zeigler says we each have a part to play on God's stage-with a script, without a tryout, with freedom and responsibility. How will you play your part? Dr. Zeigler and his guest, Dr. Charles Arand, discuss our place in God's creation and our role in caring for it, this week on The Lutheran Hour. Listen to "Play Your Part" (Genesis 2) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler 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).

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. 9/1- General Fund: \$19,350.18; School: \$1,035; Debt: \$1,000; Thrivent Match: \$25. 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 14:33 – "So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be My disciple." None of what we have is ours – it all belongs to God. That is the foundation of Christian stewardship. What we have been given is to be used for God's purposes according to our callings in home, church, and society. As we learn to give generously in these callings, we renounce our ownership of our wealth. It's not ours; it's His. God owns; we manage for the furtherance of His goals.

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 Wyatt Jonathan Clifford into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism after the Saturday service. He is the son of Jason and Stacia (Aycock) Clifford. His baptismal sponsors are Chad and Cassy Range. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus!

+We welcome Benjamin Wade Langrehr into the Body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the early service on Sunday. He is the son of Andrew and Jennifer (Hartman) Langrehr. His baptismal sponsors are Mark and Leslie Froemling, Nick and Emily Grohmann. Thanks be to God for His gift of new and eternal life in Christ Jesus!

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!

THANK YOU:

+Dear Members of St. John's Lutheran Church & School, My sincere thanks for your recent recognition of my years of service as a teacher to this congregation and the LCMS. The Lord truly blessed me 30+ years ago when he sent my family to St. John's. It has been a privilege to serve the Lord here caring for the young children of this community. I am grateful for my St. John's family. *In His Service, Betty Schmitz*
+Dear St. John's family, Thank you so very much for your recognition of and gift to me for my 20 years of teaching in the schools of our Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. It is my joy and privilege to serve our Lord and His children in this way. *In Jesus' Name, Cindy Nebel*

SECRET ANGELS:

Please contact Pastor Nebel if you are interested in serving as a Secret Angel for one of our 8th 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!

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.

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 BTFCOM/SNEAKPEEK or look at the sheet on the board by the glass door.

MUM SALE:

Purple, white, red, bronze and yellow mums are for sale at \$8 to support the St. John's Class of 2021. 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.

VOCAL CHOIR AND BELL CHOIR:

+Choir will start on Monday, September 9th 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 27th), Thanksgiving Day (November 28th), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8th), 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 begin regular practice on September 19th (no practice on September 12th 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 27th), the Road to Bethlehem Pageant (December 8th), and Christmas Eve 5 p.m. service.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller 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 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 starting Monday. 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.

EVENING GUILD GATHERING:

On Tuesday, Sept. 17 at 6 p.m. all women of St John's are invited to an Appetizer and Salad Buffet featuring several of Australia's popular treats. Our special guest is Janel Kassing. She traveled to Australia this spring and will share interesting stories on her travels, the foods, the people and the life 'down under'. We invite everyone for an evening of food, fun and inspiring fellowship. Mites will be collected.

WORLD RELIEF BLANKET DAY:

Monday, September 23 will be a work day to complete blankets before the October World Relief deadline. We will tie blankets from noon to 3 p.m.

COUGAR PROWL FUN RUN:

It's that time of year again....time for the 2nd Annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run!!! This will take place on September 19th 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. Call Lauren at 618/939-7715, ext. 10 with your questions.

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

+Our Senior Youth meets this 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 22nd at noon. The Senior Youth invites anyone to watch and join in the discussion following.

+Senior youth is once again looking for donations of mason/canning jars in sizes as small as 4 ounces up to a quart size. We will gladly pick up from your house.

CIVIL WAR DAY:

Way down south in the land of St. John's Lutheran School will be our annual Civil War Day on Wednesday, September 25 at 1 p.m. in the new gym lobby. We thank our 8th grade class for its participation.

GRANDPARENTS DAY:

Mark your calendars!! Grandparents/Special Guests' Day is Friday, September 27th. We will have opening Chapel Service at Church at 8:30 a.m. with all grandparents and special guests invited to attend. Activities at school will begin after that with dismissal at 11:20 a.m. There will be no lunch or after school care that day.

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.

27TH ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT:

St. John's Lutheran School Golf Tournament is Sept. 28th with a 9 a.m. shotgun start. This is a 4-person scramble. The entry fee is \$250 per team which includes golf & cart and meal following the tournament. This will be held at North County Country Club. All proceeds will benefit St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund. For any questions please contact Quent Stenzel (282-4661).

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!:

9/8- Willie Guebert, Case Hess, Dennis Kruse, Janel Maes, Lilian Meyer, Stanley Mueth; 9/9- Nicholas Guebert, Gerald Hanebutt, Donna Wetzel; 9/10- Ken Booker, Trenton Cox, Connor Guebert, Maria Wiatr-Aucoin; 9/11- Amanda Falkenhain, Jared Heller, Maggie Kuehn, Michael Ratcliff, Don Schrader, Holden Wagner; 9/12- Patricia Byer, Mike DeRousse, Kevin Liefer, Carter Mehring, Leslie Wolter; 9/13- Elsie Liefer, Teresa Porter; 9/14- Brittany Schaefer, Gary Schwartzkopf, Scott Voss, Crewe Wagner, Ken Williams. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

LIFE NETWORK'S ANNUAL WALK-RUN-RIDE:

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

THE GOLD STAR CELEBRATION:

A ceremony to honor the families of our fallen will be Sept. 29, 10:30 a.m., at the Missouri National Veterans Memorial, 1172 Veterans Memorial Pkwy in Perryville. Gold Star family members please contact Ron Rathert at 618-826-2813 by Sept. 9.

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 Marionite 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) [Page 6](#)

LIFE THOUGHTS: (from *Lutherans for Life*) www.lutheransforlife.org

Philemon viewed Onesimus as a slave (Philemon 16). The Apostle Paul knew Onesimus as a brother created, redeemed, and called by their one Lord Jesus. A human being! A fellow member of our sacred race! A bearer of God's own image! Precious treasure, gift and privilege, just like you!

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 include: Suffering, Equipping Families to Use the Hymnal at Home, An Introduction to the Koran, Scripture in the Divine Service and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUO, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

KFUO 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 1st Baptist O'Fallon on September 10 at 6:00 p.m. Come cheer the Soldiers!

Cross Country: COS Cross Country team runs on September 10 at the Marissa meet at the World Shooting Complex. The boys will start running at 4:25 p.m.

COS Trap Team will be in action at the World Shooting Complex for the SIYSSA Fall Classic 200 bird shoot on September 14.

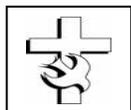
Popeye Picnic: Enjoy curly fries and a sandwich while supporting COS the Popeye Picnic in Chester today.

Hungry for more curly fries? COS will make curly fries in the Evansville Fire Dept. booth at the Kentucky Drag Boat Races in Evansville on September 14 and 15.

The 21st Annual Dinner Auction to benefit COS will be November 2. Reservations paid before October 2 are \$30 per person or a table of eight for \$210. After October 2, the price will be \$35 per person or \$245 for a table of eight. Donations, sponsorships and auction ads are being accepted now. Pictures of big ticket items will be posted to our website and on Facebook. You can make your reservation by sending or bringing your payment to COS or by visiting www.coslhs.org. If you would like to help with this event, please call school or email auction@coslhs.org.

Recycling: We only are collecting 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. [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; 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 (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6th-8th) – 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

Guttmann, 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 Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Kaci Trost

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

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Grant Krack

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

Liturgist: Seminarian Cameron Harms Acolyte: Owen 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 Thirteenth 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.

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

+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) 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 3rd and 4th 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!

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

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.

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!

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).