

This Week With Our Lord, October 20-27, 2019

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

SUNDAY, October 20 -

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the FH
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)
11:00 a.m. Senior Youth Benefit BBQ on the south school parking lot
12:30 p.m. Junior Youth to Eckert's Fun Farm
2:00 p.m. Pastor Nebel has devotional service at Red Bud Care Center
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 21- *Girls' A team tourney at St. Libory this week*

5:15 p.m. Boys' B Basketball vs. Chester at PDR tournament
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room
7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, October 22- *Parent/Teacher conferences at school*

12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
1:48 p.m. Early Dismissal
6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball vs. Lebanon at the St. Libory tournament

Wednesday, October 23- *Parent/Teacher conferences at school*

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

Thursday, October 24-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2 Corinthians)
8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
9:00 a.m. Witnessing to Dechurched Family Workshop at Ruma
9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin
1:48 p.m. Early Dismissal
4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
7:00 p.m. Girls' basketball vs. St. Libory at the St. Libory tournament

Friday, October 25- *No School!*

Saturday, October 26- *Hoops for the Cure basketball at RBHS*

5:00 p.m. Reformation Holy Communion Service Acolyte: Addison Dilley
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, October 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Jacob Kuehner
Greeters: Wil & Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult and Youth Bible Class in the FH
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Chase Lucht
Greeters: Cindy Ebers; Vernon and Evelyn Muench
6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS *Reformation Sunday*

First: Revelation 14:6-7; Epistle: Romans 3:19-28; Gospel: John 8:31-36

SAVE THE DATE!:

Thursday, October 31, 6-8 p.m. Trunk 'r Treat in the new gym lobby.

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

This quarter's edition of our daily devotional, *Portals of Prayer*, is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church. *Portals of Prayer* has been a favorite devotional of generations of CPH readers, a timeless daily source of strength and comfort since 1937. In addition to the *Portals of Prayer* quarterly print publication, it also comes as a digital app. A new resource we're introducing this fall is the *Portals of Prayer Devotional Bible*, which weaves more than 700 devotions into the entire ESV translation of Scripture. Learn more at cph.org/portalsbible.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

"If your heart is full of light, then your eyes shine with generosity and grace, and your body follows the light. If your heart is full of darkness, then your eyes are obscured with fear and greed, and the rest of you follows suit." Listen to "The Lamp of the Body" (Genesis 16) with Speaker Dr. Michael Zeigler on KFUO AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

+Flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the Christian wedding of Tyson and Elizabeth (Moll) Russell that was celebrated here on Saturday. Thank you and God's blessings on their marriage!

+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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 380; Communion: 73; Adult/Youth: 58; Sunday School: 46

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 10/13- No Report. "*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*

Genesis 32:26b – "But Jacob said, 'I will not let You go unless You bless me.' " The great Lutheran musician J.S. Bach composed a beautiful motet using this verse. It is the cry of true faith, much the same as Peter's words, "Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life." True faith clings to the Lord no matter the struggle, no matter the "hard sayings" that the Lord speaks. True faith knows that God means to bless us always.

CONGRATULATIONS CROSS COUNTRY RUNNERS!:

St. John's Lutheran School students Addyson Piel, Tori Muench, Trace Wagner, Trenton Wagner, Isaac Moll, Alan Wolter, and Ty Voss competed in the Lutheran Sports Association State Cross Country Meet in Bloomington this weekend.

MITES FOR MISSIONS:

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contribution of 'mites' – offerings above and beyond regular support. Many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district and local ministries. We invite everyone to contribute to the Mite Box, providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the World. Extra Mite Boxes are on table in narthex. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

THANK YOU:

“Thank you to all those who organized and attended the Pastors’ appreciation reception in the Fellowship Hall on October 13. Your cards contained wonderfully encouraging words. I praise God and thank you for your kindness, generosity and support in our shared ministry of proclaiming Jesus Christ as our Savior.” *Pastor Mark Nebel*

“Members of St. John's, fellow saints in Christ. Thank you for the warm reception on Sunday for Pastor Appreciation. Thank you for the many heart warming cards and messages of Christ's love. I thank God for the privilege of serving our risen Lord together. It has been an added blessing to watch you walk with Jesus and to remain faithful to His Word. May God remain in our hearts as He leads us to His heavenly banquet.” *Pastor Russell Koen*

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

Senior youth will host a benefit BBQ this Sunday October 20 on behalf of Lori Rees who is currently receiving treatments for breast cancer. Youth participating are to be at school by 8:30 a.m. to set up and distribute flyers.

JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

October 20 will be our outing to Eckert’s Fun Farm in Millstadt. We will leave school at 12:30 p.m. and return about 4 p.m. Tickets are \$13 (order online w/ code CHAMPS 19 for \$2 off). Apples are \$1.89 a pound and pumpkins are .69 cents a pound, so bring extra money for purchasing and for snacks. Parents and siblings are welcome to join us. We also need a few drivers.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our quarterly Voters Assembly meeting is Wednesday, October 30 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed St. John’s members 18 years and older are voting members. Please attend and take part in the business of St. John’s!

SENIOR YOUTH ASSISTANCE:

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.

CLASS FUNDRAISER:

The class of 2021 is selling St. Louis Cardinals 2020 calendars. If you would like to order one to support their Washington D.C. trip, please contact a 7th grader, or an order form is located in the school office. The cost is \$15 and you may order through Nov. 1. They will be delivered in time for Christmas and will make great gifts. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn.

LUTHERAN WITNESS SUBSCRIPTIONS:

If you would like to add your name to those who receive *The Lutheran Witness*, our church body’s monthly magazine, mailed to your house in 2020, please call the church office by November 10. The cost is \$18. You can use the envelope in your offering envelope box to reimburse the congregation for this cost.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in 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. *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).

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, Kenny Koester, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Leonard & Norma Vogt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

10/20- Rachel Bievenue, Marty Both, Natalie Bowles, Elaine Guebert, Geraldine Koester, Donald Liefer; 10/21- Caleb Guebert, Makayla Kueker, Justin Palm, Hailey Proctor, Jared Schneider, Ben Schwartzkopf, Linda Weseloh; 10/22- John Preston, Gail Wild; 10/23- Thomas Mulherin, Chelsea Rippelmeyer, Jackie Schluter; 10/24- Wendy Kuehner, Orville Liefer, Brinley Wolter; 10/25- Bill Becker, Kendyll Cox, Blake Henry, Alison Krack, ; 10/26- Deborah Adams, Clare Carnahan, Joyce Kalmer. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

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 or look at the sheet on the board by the glass door.

SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Trinity Lutheran School is having an All-You-Can Eat Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 20th from 11:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m. The dine-in cost is \$10 for adults and \$5 for children 12 & under. Carry-outs will be available. All proceeds benefit the school curriculum fund.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

Romaine, arugula, spinach and kale provide more vitamin C and K and about twice as much fiber as iceberg lettuce. These varieties are also richer in beta carotene and other healthful compounds.

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 (618/920-2403)
- 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)

ISSUES, ETC.:

Issues, Etc. is a radio talk show and podcast produced by Lutheran Public Radio in Collinsville and hosted by LCMS Pastor Todd Wilken. This week's teachings include: The Hymn "Salvation Unto Us Has Come," The Battle Over Religious Liberty in America, James of Jerusalem: Brother of Jesus & Martyr, The Book of Acts and more. Tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM or listen when you want at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app. Page 5

LADIES' BUNCO NIGHT:

The ladies of Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo invite you to a fun night of fellowship, yummy snacks, and Bunco on October 22nd. Don't know what Bunco is or how to play? No worries! It's easy, and we'll teach you. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. The fun begins at 7 p.m. No need to RSVP. Attendance prizes as well as prizes for the top scorers (and even the bottom too). Admission is a donation of either \$2 or 2 school supplies [70-sheet notebooks, rulers with centimeters on one side and inches on the other, pencil sharpener (non-electric), blunt scissors (safety scissors with embedded steel blades work well), unsharpened #2 pencils with erasers, black or blue ballpoint pens (no gel ink), 16- or 24-count crayons, 2½" erasers] to benefit LWR School Kits. Any questions? Please call Lisa in Immanuel's church office at 618-939-6480.

WITNESSING TO DECHURCHED FAMILY MEMBERS:

On October 24 at St John's Lutheran Church in Ruma will be a presentation coming from our national synodical Evangelism program, "Everyone His Witness," is a module encouraging congregations to reach out to dechurched family members and friends who were raised in the church but are no longer connected. With this in mind the Lower Kaskaskia Zone LWML is sponsoring Paula Isakson of Faith Family Reunion to speak on the topics. Paula is a Pastor's daughter and also a dechurched prodigal child herself. All congregational members are invited to come and hear Paula's presentation. Registration will be from 8:15 – 9:00 a.m. with light refreshments provided. We will have an ingathering for Concordia Seminary's Pantry. Any food or personal needs items that you would like to donate will be collected at that time. The monetary collection that day will be for Faith Family Reunion. The morning program will conclude around 12:15 p.m. You may bring a sack lunch and enjoy visiting and fellowship with our hosts providing drinks and dessert.

UNITY EAST ST. LOUIS WORK DAY SATURDAY OCTOBER 26th:

Unity Lutheran Church in East St. Louis, and its partner, Lansdowne Community Initiative, will host a work day on Saturday, October 26. Work crews will meet in the parking lot of Unity Lutheran Church, 4200 Caseyville Ave, E. St Louis, at 9 a.m. Work projects for the day include final clean up on a home owned by the church that has been rehabbed and will be occupied soon, and some neighborhood cleanup as well. If you have them, bring cleaning supplies, trimmers, rakes, gloves, etc. Lunch will be provided at Unity Lutheran Church. The rehab work to be completed has been made possible by a grant from the Lutheran Foundation of St. Louis, and those funds are also being used to purchase a second house directly across the street from the church that will need minimal work to clean and prepare for occupancy. The Lansdowne Community Initiative has also received a \$10,000 dollar-for-dollar matching grant to support the effort and to purchase and rehab additional homes. Donations to meet this matching grant would be welcome! If you cannot come work in person, please help meet the matching grant by sending a check to Lansdowne Community Initiative, 4200 Caseyville Ave, East St Louis, IL 62204. And, if you are able to help with the work day, please assemble a crew from your congregation to meet at Unity Lutheran Church on Saturday, October 26. Thanks in advance for all the assistance given! See Pastor Nebel if you are interested in helping.

WURSTMARKT:

The 73rd annual Holy Cross Wurstmarkt & Country Store at Renault is Sunday, October 27 from noon-5 p.m. with handicap accessible dining. There will be dine-in or carry-outs that include pork sausage, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, sauerkraut, corn, green beans, cranberry sauce, applesauce, homemade apple butter, homemade pies, coffee & lemonade. It is \$10 for adults; \$7 for children 6-12 with children under 5. There will be a Country Store with fresh meat, homemade apple butter, home baked goods and crafts.

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

We get to declare and demonstrate the Word of the Lord even in adversity (2 Timothy 4:2-3). Proclaim the truth of God no matter what political controversies it starts. Perform the love of Jesus no matter what personal choices it interferes with. Speak and show how He creates, redeems, and calls every human life, especially the least of these. Face discrimination with courage and compassion. Meet ridicule with joy and hope. God guarantees justice (Luke 18:7-8).

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to KFUE AM850, the broadcast arm of the LCMS, as we share Christ for you anytime, anywhere via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. You can find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get your podcasts! **This week on KFUE AM850**, hear a curious theological topic discussed on Cross Defense with Rev. Bryan Wolfmueller (10/21 at 2:00 p.m.), study Psalm 26 & 27 along with Isaiah 26-28 on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and dig into Amos 1-3 on Sharper Iron's mini-series "The Day is Surely Drawing Near" (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find these and more podcasts, including the new Lutheran Ladies' Lounge, at kfuo.org or on your podcast app!

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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The 21st Annual Dinner Auction to benefit *COS* is November 2. The silent auction will start at 4 p.m., dinner will be served at 6 p.m., and the live auction will begin at 7:15 pm. We must give a count to the caterer by Friday, Oct. 25.

Mission Trip Smoked Pork Butt Fundraiser: *COS* students are selling smoked pork butts to help raise money for their next mission trip. You may order a pork butt for \$35 by calling *COS* or talking to a *COS* student are by filling out an order form in St. John's office. Orders and payment are due by October 23. The pork will be ready for pick up early in November. This year the pork butts will be smoked by *SLAM Catering* in Red Bud.

The *COS* Volleyball Team will continue to collect items for the troops until October 31. The items being collected are: travel size powder, deodorant, sewing kits, sunscreen, lip balm, jerky, small packets of hand wipes, playing cards, gum, single serve drink mix, AA & AAA batteries, puzzle books, crew length black socks, and pencils. Bring your donations to school.

Shadow Days: Parents of eighth graders and potential transfer students are encouraged to call and make arrangements for their student to spend a day at *Christ Our Savior* shadowing a *COS* student and learning more about the *COS* advantage.

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



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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 Russell Koen Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Sam Wright

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

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Lucas Guebert

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Liturgist: Seminarian Cameron Harms Acolyte: Trenton Wagner

Instrumentalists: Brandon Nehrt and Jonathan Hudak

Flower Servers: Jennifer Fritsche and Diane Guebert

Chancel Paraments: Carol Turner Communion Cloths: JoAnn Yarbrough

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

Nineteenth 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!

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.

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.

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.

"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!

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.

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!

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!

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!!

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!