

# *The Epistle*

**DECEMBER 2019**

**St. John's Lutheran  
Red Bud, Illinois**

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**Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

**Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.**

**Christian Education Hour:**

**Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
administer the sacraments and provide  
Christian education in service to all people.

*Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal*

## ***From Lutheran Church Charities Radical Commitment***

*I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me. Galatians 2:20*

We live in a time of commitment-phobia. We want to get as much as we can while giving back as little as possible. We want to be there for others in good times but not bad ones. And our lack of commitment is reflected in the statistics. The marriage rate is down while the divorce rate is up. Involvement in church and participation in compassionate causes are both down. We're becoming a society that fears putting itself on the line or being pinned down by responsibility and obligation.

To escape the awkwardness and embarrassment of saying no, we avoid our obligations and responsibilities by simply being elsewhere when we're needed. And we're a 'sound bite' generation with attention spans geared to fifteen-second commercials. We prefer our sermons simple, entertaining, and above all, short!

Radical commitment is rare – but it's what God wants from us! The Bible says, '*It is better not to make a vow than to make one and not fulfil it*' (Ecclesiastes 5:5). How about commitment to marriage? God doesn't see it as a 50/50 arrangement, but one where both sides give 100 per cent. It's a sacred covenant made before God between a man and woman, 'for better or worse; for richer or poorer; in sickness and in health; until parted by death'. And it works best when both partners have learned to say with Paul, '*I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me.*' That's radical commitment, and it's the way to a great marriage.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, move me by the power of Your Holy Spirit to have a radical commitment to You and to others in Jesus' name. Amen.

## **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

Included in this newsletter is our worship calendar for this new year of the Christian Church. Please save it and place it in a prominent place where you can refer to it regularly.

I pray that this month would be a special time for you and your family and that it also would be a holy season for you to gather with your family of faith in Christian worship as together we prepare for and then celebrate again the birth of God's Son into our human flesh, Jesus the Christ, God's Messiah and our Savior!

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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Many people think of December as the month when Saint Nicholas comes to town. Saint Nicholas is a real person who was born in AD 280 AD Patara, Lycia, an area that is part of present-day Turkey. He lost both of his parents as a young man and reportedly used his inheritance to help the poor and sick. He was a devout Christian who served as bishop of Myra, a city that is now called Demre.

There is a story of another man that is told this time of the year. He is called: Santa Claus, Father Christmas, Saint Nicholas, Kris Kringle, or simply Santa. These traditions grew from the selfless giving of the real man – St. Nicholas. The legend of St. Nicholas carried over into Western Christian culture as Santa Claus. Santa Claus is known for his selfless giving nature of bringing gifts to homes on the night of Christmas Eve (24 December) and the early hours of Christmas Day (25).

The real person named St. Nicholas isn't the "man dressed in red" as many people celebrate. St. Nicholas was a servant of God, a church leader. St. Nicholas was

a gift from God to teach us selfless giving. Jesus tells us in His Sermon on the Mount: “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that, they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven”. St. Nicholas let the “Light of Christ’s love be seen through his gifts to others. St. Nicholas selflessly and anonymously gave to people in his community who were in need. He has taught us the joy of giving at Christmas time.

God gave to us His selfless gift in the birth of His Son we celebrate on Christmas morning. “For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life.” (John 3:16)

Jesus selflessly gave us the gift of forgiveness and life eternal through His death and resurrection on Good Friday and Easter. The Holy Spirit gives us the selfless gift of faith through our Baptism. “For by grace you have been saved through faith, And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God...” (Ephesians 2:8).

Through the gift of faith we can continue to give the gift that God has given to us in the Christ Child, the Babe of Bethlehem. This gift is His selfless love, His forgiveness, and His promise that we will be with Him in Paradise. *Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell Koen*

### **We Bid a Fond Farewell**

October 31 Death of Clifford Stellhorn

### **Welcome to Our Family of Faith**

November 2 Baptism of Hailey Ann Schlueter

November 3 Baptism of Lane Elmer Pollard

November 15 Profession of Faith for Larry Schleifer

### **What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship***

In His Sermon on the Mount Jesus teaches us that worrying about the necessities of life is idolatry, that is, worshipping a false god. This is because worry and anxiety show what we care about. Our anxiety reveals what we love and to what we’re devoted. It reveals what we trust in. Our Lord says: “No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

But we say: “I must eat and drink. I must have clothing to wear and have a home in which to dwell.” Yes, all these things you need. And Jesus says that your

Father in heaven will ensure that you have them. He demonstrates this with a simple argument.

Your Father in heaven feeds the birds of the air, who neither sow, nor reap, nor gather into barns. He clothes the lilies of the field, who neither toil nor spin but are arrayed more luxuriously than Solomon in all his glory. If, then, your Father in heaven feeds the birds and clothes the lilies, how will He not also feed and clothe you when you are worth more than they are?

For you know that you are worth more than them. You are worth infinitely more. You are worth the price of the eternal Son of God. Did the Son of God come down from heaven and become a lily? Did he descend and take on the form of a bird? No!

He came down from heaven and became a man: flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. He is one of us, our brother. And what did He do when He became flesh to dwell among us? He gave His holy, precious blood and His innocent suffering and death, that you might be His own and live under Him in His kingdom forever.

God became man in Christ Jesus. He lived the life we failed to live, and He died the death we deserve because of it. He was raised again on the third day to overcome sin and death ... for us. He was crucified for our transgressions and raised for our justification. So, if your Father in heaven has given His Son to die for us in order that we might live with Him eternally, how will He not also give us all things to support this body and life?

To be anxious about the necessities of life, to devote yourself to food and clothing, to care about this and find security in it, is to serve another god. It is to deny that you will live forever because Jesus, the Son of God is risen from the dead, lives and reigns for all eternity. It is to believe that God – who created you, redeemed you by the death and resurrection of His Son, and sanctifies you by His Spirit – will not keep His promises of sustaining you in this life.

Jesus says: Seek first God’s kingdom and His righteousness. God’s kingdom is His rule among us. His rule among us comes when our Father in heaven gives us His Holy Spirit, so that by His grace we believe His holy Word and lead godly lives here in time and there in eternity. This is what we ask God to do for us in the prayer Jesus taught us.

Your Father in heaven knows what you need – food and clothing, house and home, etc. – and He promises to give it to you. Chief of the things you need is His grace and mercy in His Son, Jesus Christ. So, seek after that. Those who seek will find. And all the necessities of life, our Lord says, will be added to you.

### From the Principal's Pen

As I write this article, the students, faculty and staff look forward to our Thanksgiving break. We are so blessed in all that we have, in family, school and community. We really want for nothing; our God has richly provided us with all we need. God promises to be with us, what a wonderful promise, one that gives us comfort and peace. No matter what our circumstances are in this time and place, God promises to be with us. Thank you God for this great blessing and may our life be one of Thanks living!

December will be quick for us with three short weeks between Thanksgiving and Christmas break. Please plan to join us for one of our many Christmas services: Daycare and Preschool on Dec. 4, Grades Kindergarten-Grade 2 on Dec. 11 and Grades 3-8 on Dec. 18. Services will be held in the old gym at 8:30 AM and 7 PM. Please plan to join us as our students tell the greatest story to us in verse and song.

Both and boys and girls have been very busy with Basketball games. Congratulations to the girls as they placed second in the TSJ/ILS All Lutheran Tournament in Nashville. Addison Dilley and Sofia Jones were named to the All-Tournament team. The boys also competed in a tournament at Good Shepherd in Collinsville and placed 3<sup>rd</sup> out of 16 teams. Great job everyone! The month of December will see more tournaments play so watch the Cougar Tracks, bulletin and Epistle for calendar events.

We were notified that Sofia Jones and Sam Roscow were winners for the Patriot Pen essay contest. We look forward to the presentation of these awards and congratulate them on a job well done.

May God bless your Christmas with the love, joy, peace and faith from Him, *Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



*St. John's Lutheran Boys' A Basketball team earned third place at the Good Shepherd Tournament in Collinsville on November 24. They are pictured with their coaches Chad Langrehr (left) and Danny Moll (right).*

### St. John's Lutheran School Important Dates 2019-2020

December 4- Early Childhood Christmas, 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
December 11- K-2 Christmas Service, 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
December 18- 3-8 Christmas Service, 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m.  
December 20- Early Dismissal, 1:48 p.m.; No ASC  
December 23-January 3- Christmas Break  
December 24, 25, 31 & Jan. 1- Office Closed  
January 6- School Resumes  
January 20- No School/Office Closed, M.L. King's Birthday  
January 29- Early Dismissal, 1:18 pm  
February 5- PK & Kindergarten Open House (tentative)  
February 9- Students sing at Church, 8am service  
February 12- PTL Meeting, 7pm  
Feb. 14- Jump Rope for Heart, 11:20 a.m. dismissal No ASC  
February 17- No school/Office Closed, Presidents Day  
February 26- Early Dismissal, 1:18 pm  
March 2- No school/Office closed, Casimir Pulaski Day  
March 3- Regional Science Fair  
March 13- Early Dismissal, 11:20 am/No ASC  
March 21- Dinner Auction  
March 26- Family Fun Night  
April 3- Early Dismissal, 11:20 am/No ASC  
April 5- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Confirmation  
April 9- No after school care  
April 10- No school/Office Closed, Good Friday  
April 13- No school/Office Closed, Easter Monday  
April 14- PTL Meeting, 7 pm  
April 17- Spring Musical/Book Fair  
April 25-May 2- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class trip to Washington DC  
May 1 & 2- Class of 2021 Rummage Sale  
May 3- PTL Plant Sale/Class of 2021 BBQ  
May 5- Teacher Appreciation Day  
May 20- Tentative last day of school

### Elder Baskets

Our Board of Elders will deliver their annual Christmas gift baskets to our homebound and nursing home members on the morning of Saturday, December 7. If you would like to contribute to this project, please put an envelope marked "Elder Baskets" in the offering or mail/bring it to the office. Thank you!



*St. John's Lutheran Girls' A Basketball team earned second place at the Trinity-St. John Tournament in Nashville on November 24. They are pictured with their coaches Brad Jones (left) and Alan Piel (right).*

### **Thank You For Your Support!**

We thank the members of our Parent-Teacher League for their generous support of our congregation's ministry. In its November 13<sup>th</sup> meeting the PTL approved a \$75,000 donation to the congregation.

### **Evening Guild News**

**Food Drive for Red Bud Food Pantry** at Human Service Center – a donation box is in the narthex and fellowship hall for congregation – appreciate all donations of nonperishable items!

**Evening Guild Gathering** – Our Evening Guild Christmas Party is Tuesday, December 3 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. It will be a potluck dinner with games and fellowship. Please bring a covered dish. Fried Chicken will be provided by the Evening Guild. Husbands and other guests are welcome. Instead of a gift exchange a collection for Bethesda Home and mites will be collected. R.S.V.P. to Sharon Guebert 282-6468.

**Our quilting** chairman is Judy Guebert. If you have a quilt you would like to have quilted contact her at 618-979-2206. The group that quilts is always looking for more help. The times are listed below. You are welcome to join in at your convenience. The quilting schedule for December is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The quilting room is a great place for fellowship! There are many orders waiting. All help is appreciated!

**Baldwin Sight Center:** Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center in December on the 5<sup>th</sup> & 19<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays this month). Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

### **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. Mite Boxes are on table in narthex. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

### **Ushers Needed**

We welcome anyone to assist with our worship services as an usher as 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.

### **Lutheran Women in Mission**

### **Mite Box Grant for 2019-2021— \$100,000**

In order to fulfill their mission of sharing the Gospel, LAMP needs to expand the number of staff who go into the isolated communities of northern Canada. Here, where nearly one million indigenous people live, staff will bring VBS, Bible studies, and personal testimonies of the hope found through faith in Jesus. This witness is the only source of personal Christian education or witness of the Gospel available to these people, where statistically over 15 percent of children and youth in this area will try to take their own lives out of despair and hopelessness. To learn about this mission grant, go to [www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-4](http://www.lwml.org/2019-2021-mission-grant-4).

### **Sunday School News**

*Parents of Early Childhood Sunday School Students:* On Sundays, December 1, 8, and 15, preschool through 1<sup>st</sup> grade Sunday School students will meet in the church to practice our Christmas Service. We will begin practice at 9:25 a.m. and dismiss from there at 10:15 a.m. The Christmas service will be held on Sunday, December 15, at 6 p.m. at the church. If you have any questions, please contact Kathy Liefer at 618-830-0481. Thank you.

Seminarian Cameron Harms is teaching High School Bible Class in Room 2 of the Fellowship Hall. The Book of Acts is the topic for both Adult Bible classes, either Pastor Nebel's in the Fellowship Hall or Pastor Koen's in the school library.

*Mission Project-* The Southern Illinois District Lutheran Emergency Response Team is the mission project for our Sunday School students this year. Ten percent of their offering will go to support this ministry of assistance to those who have suffered from fire, flood, wind, etc. We hope to have a trained team from St. John's at some point in the future.

*Perfect Attendance for November- Nursery:* Blakelynn Grohmann, Jettson Grohmann; Pre-Kindergarten: Brewer Krick, Maggie Kuehn, Elsie Liefer, Layla Meyer, Liza Wagner, Brinley Wolter; Kindergarten: Blake Horrell, Connor Liefer, Cassidy Palm, Henry Schnepel; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Alexa Cheek, Maybre Falkenhain, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Holden Wagner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: Amelia Cheek, Jozlynn Palm; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Molly Kuehn, Norah Wagner; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade: Noah Kassing; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade: Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton.

Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

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

Zone 1: Deborah Adams thru Rodie Collins-

Elder Ron Kunkelmann (282-3504)

Zone 2: Sue 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: Ryan 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)

**Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall**

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. "Acts" (Pastor Nebel or Pastor Koen in the school library)

Wednesdays at 9 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fritsche)

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. "2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians" (Pastor Nebel)

Thursdays at 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fehr)

Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. Advanced Bible History (D. Mueller)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays: Men's Bible Breakfast (Pr. Nebel)

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies topics that you can do on your own! There are many interesting topics available and more to come.

**Men's Club**

Our Men's Club will meet on Thursday, December 12 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This will be our annual backbone and sauerkraut Christmas dinner and party. All men of the congregation are invited to attend.

**Senior Youth Activities**

Our Senior Youth meeting is Sunday, December 1 at noon. We will usher and greet in 9 p.m. candlelight service on Dec 24th.

We are planning a Progressive Dinner for January 5 at 4 p.m. in lieu of our monthly meeting.

Fundraising at the craft fair was a success. Thank you to all who donated jars and lids. Another thank you to all who purchased something from us!

We still have boxes of all-occasion greeting cards for sale. There are 30 embellished cards in every sturdy and pretty storage box for \$30.

*God's blessings, Terry & Susie Harms*

**Junior Youth Activity**

We will Christmas carol at Red Bud Care Center and Garden Place during December. Details to follow!

**The Prayer Chain**

Our Prayer Chain Coordinator is Vickie Heller. 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. *Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective* (James 5:16).

**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.

**Men's Club Wurstmarkt**

Thank you to everyone who attended and assisted with our November 10<sup>th</sup> Wurstmarkt hosted by the Men's Club with great help from spouses, children and our Senior Youth Group. Between dine-in and carry-out 584 meals were served. The Men's Club uses the proceeds to support ministry in our congregation and throughout the world.

**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.

**December Assistants from the Altar Guild**

Flower Servers: Debbie Liefer and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

**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 (new code) to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

### Worship Greeter Schedule

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

Sat. Nov. 30 5 p.m. Miriam Poston  
Sun. Dec. 1 8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber;  
Clyde and Kathy Rowold  
10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers;  
Vernon and Evelyn Muench

Sat. Dec. 7 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Dec. 8 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick;  
Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz  
10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;  
Omer and Neva Liefer

Sat. Dec. 14 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Dec. 15 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston;  
Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich  
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

Sat. Dec. 21 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Dec. 22 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn  
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel;  
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Tues. Dec. 24 5 p.m. Clifford and Arlou Papenberg  
9 p.m. Senior Youth

Wed. Dec. 25 9 a.m. The Nebel Family

Sat. Dec. 28 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller  
Sun. Dec. 29 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer;  
Gerald and Jill Hanebutt  
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert;  
Carl and Flo Zschiegner

Sat. Jan. 4 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried  
Sun. Jan. 5 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;  
Ken and Joan Ruwald  
10:30 a.m. Vernon and Evelyn Muench;  
Cindy Ebers

***There is an opening in our 10:30 a.m. schedule for a couple  
or for two individuals to serve as greeters. Please call the  
church office if you are willing to help!***

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. November 30 5 p.m. Kerrigan Zeiger  
Sun. December 1 8 a.m. Noah Kassing  
10:30 a.m. Chloe Cowell

Sat. December 7 5 p.m. Morgan Kent  
Sun. December 8 8 a.m. Aliyah Cox  
10:30 a.m. Zandra Harless

Sat. December 14 5 p.m. Luke Quintin  
Sun. December 15 8 a.m. Jakob Biffar  
10:30 a.m. Evan Kiefer

Sat. December 21 5 p.m. Lily Kent  
Sun. December 22 8 a.m. Tori Muench  
10:30 a.m. Maggie Brown

Tue. December 24 5 p.m. Ryker Papenberg  
9 p.m. Senior Youth

Wed. December 25 9 a.m. Natalie Korando

Sat. December 28 5 p.m. Taylor Guebert  
Sun. December 29 8 a.m. Christine Liefer  
10:30 a.m. Hailey Proctor

Tue. December 31 6 p.m. Makayla Liefer

Wed. January 1 10 a.m. Konnor Cartee

Sat. January 4 5 p.m. Olivia Gerald  
Sun. January 5 8 a.m. Austin Kiefer  
10:30 a.m. Karson Liefer

*If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch  
with another acolyte and contact the office with the change.*

### Set Up Direct Payments Thru ACH

Routine payments to St. John's can be made by direct electronic withdrawal for offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. Fill out a form in the school office and select each payment account you would like to have automatically withdrawn. It is free. You can make changes or cancel any time. If there are insufficient funds in the account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn. You will be notified. We hope this option offers convenience to users and greater efficiency for our funding. This is optional. If you feel more comfortable making payments by cash/check, please do!



## December Church and School Calendar

Friday, November 29- Office Closed!

5:00 p.m. Austin/Liefer wedding rehearsal

Saturday, November 30-

1:00 p.m. Laney Austin and Kyle Liefer wedding

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, December 1- New Church Year Begins!

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 with Holy Communion

Noon Senior Youth Gathering at the church

Afternoon Decorating of the church for the Christmas season

6:30 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, December 2-

6:00 p.m. Nominating Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball C team game

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, December 3-

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Christ, Jacob

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

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Christmas Party and Dinner in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball at St. John Lutheran in Chester

Wednesday, December 4-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Christmas service in the school's old gym

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. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

7:00 p.m. Early Childhood Christmas service in the school's old gym

7:45 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Thursday, December 5-

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)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball A & C at home vs. St. Mark's Lutheran

Friday, December 6-

*Girls' Basketball A team tournament at Edwardsville*

*Boys' Basketball C team tournament at Red Bud Catholic*

Saturday, December 7-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Elder basket deliveries

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion (Adult Confirmation)

SUNDAY, December 8-

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

5:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant at church

Monday, December 9-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC at St. John Lutheran, Chester

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball ABC at home vs. St. James

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, December 10-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball A & C at home vs. Red Bud Catholic

Wednesday, December 11-

8:30 a.m. Primary Grades Christmas service in school's old gym

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting at church

9:00 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office staff meeting

7:00 p.m. Primary Grades Christmas service in school's old gym

Thursday, December 12-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

3:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC at home vs. Evansville

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball ABC away at Holy Childhood, Mascoutah

6:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering/meal in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, December 13-

*Boys' Basketball C team tournament at Red Bud Catholic*

*Girls' Basketball C team tournament here at home*

Saturday, December 14-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, December 15-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas service at church

Monday, December 16-

5:30 p.m. Girls' Basketball A & B at home versus TSJ/ILS

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the school library

Tuesday, December 17-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

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

1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place

6:00 p.m.

Wednesday, December 18-

8:30 a.m. Grades 3-8 Christmas Service in school's old gym

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

7:00 p.m. Grades 3-8 Christmas Service in school's old gym

Thursday, December 19-

6:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)

9:30 a.m. Women's Advanced Bible History in Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, December 20-

1:48 p.m. Early dismissal

Saturday, December 21-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall

5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, December 22-

8 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Adult and Youth Bible classes

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, December 23-

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school music room

Tuesday, December 24- Office Closed

5:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Service

9:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Holy Communion Candlelight

Wednesday, December 25- The Nativity of Our Lord; Office Closed

9:00 a.m. Christmas Day Holy Communion Service

Thursday, December 26- Office Closed

Friday, December 27-

Saturday, December 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, December 29-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, December 30-

7:00 p.m. Sunday School teachers meeting in the school library

Tuesday, December 31- Office Closed

6:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

Wednesday, January 1- Happy New Year! Office Closed

10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins Service

**ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-Red Bud, Illinois**

**Worship Calendar: 2019-2020 Church Year**

**DECEMBER 2019**

Sat/Sun	30/1	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Advent
Wed	4	<i>8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Early Childhood Christmas Service</i>
Sat/Sun	7/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Advent
Sun	8	7 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant
Wed	11	<i>8:30 a.m./7 p.m. Primary School Christmas</i>
Thu	12	*3 p.m. Holy Communion Service
Sat/Sun	14/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Advent
Sun	15	6 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service
Wed	18	<i>8:30 a.m./7 p.m. Day School Christmas</i>
Sat/ Sun	21/22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent
Tue	24	*5 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
Tue	24	*9 p.m. Christmas Eve Com./Candlelight
Wed	25	*9 a.m. Christmas Day Communion
Sat/Sun	28/29	*1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas
Tue	31	*6 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion

*Services in italics will be held in the school gym (old).  
(Saturdays and Sundays do not match up this month!)*

**JANUARY 2020**

Wed	1	10:00 a.m. New Year's Day Matins
Sat/Sun	4/5	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Christmas
Thu	9	*3 p.m. Holy Communion Service
Sat/Sun	11/12	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany
Sat/Sun	18/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany (Life)
Sat/Sun	25/26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany (St. Titus)

**FEBRUARY 2020**

Sat/Sun	1/2	Purification of Mary/Presentation of Lord
Sat/Sun	8/9	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany
Thu	13	*3 p.m. Holy Communion Service
Sat/Sun	15/16	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday After the Epiphany
Sat. Sun	22/23	*The Transfiguration of Our Lord
Wed	26	*8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. Ash Wednesday

**MARCH 2020**

Sat/Sun	29/1	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent
Wed	4	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
Sat/Sun	7/8	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent
Wed	11	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
Sat/Sun	14/15	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent
Wed	18	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
Sat/Sun	21/22	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent
Wed	25	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Annunciation of Lord
Sat/Sun	28/29	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent

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**APRIL 2020**

Wed	1	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
Date	TBD	7 p.m. Confirmation Questioning Service
Sat/Sun	4/5	*Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion <i>(Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.)</i>
Thu	9	*8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
Fri	10	8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Good Friday
Sat	11	*5 p.m. Resurrection Festival Service

Sun	12	*6:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunrise Service
Sun	12	*10:30 a.m. Resurrection Festival Service
Sat/ Sun	18/19	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sat/Sun	25/26	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter

**MAY 2020**

Sat/Sun	2/3	4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Sat/Sun	9/10	5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
Sat/Sun	16/17	6 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter
Thu	21	*8:30 a.m. (?) & *7 p.m. Ascension Day
Sat/Sun	23/24	7 <sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter (Freedom Celebration)
Sat/ Sun	30/31	*Day of Pentecost

**JUNE 2020**

Sat/Sun	6/7	*The Holy Trinity
Sat/Sun	13/14	Pentecost 2 (Proper 6)
Sat/Sun	20/21	Pentecost 3 (Proper 7) (Father's Day)
Sat/Sun	27/28	Pentecost 4 (Proper 8)

**JULY 2020**

Sat/Sun	4/5	Pentecost 5 (Proper 9)
Sat/Sun	11/12	Pentecost 6 (Proper 10)
Sat/Sun	18/19	Pentecost 7 (Proper 11)
Sat/Sun	25/26	Pentecost 8 (Proper 12)

**AUGUST 2020**

Sat/Sun	1/2	Pentecost 9 (Proper 13)
Sat/Sun	8/9	Pentecost 10 (Proper 14)
Sat/Sun	15/16	Pentecost 11 (Proper 15)
Sat/Sun	22/23	Pentecost 12 (Proper 16) (Staff Dedication and/or Rally Day?)
Sat/ Sun	29/30	Pentecost 13 (Proper 17)

**SEPTEMBER 2020**

Sat/Sun	5/6	Pentecost 14 (Proper 18)
Sat/Sun	12/13	Pentecost 15 (Proper 19)
Sat/Sun	19/20	Pentecost 16 (Proper 20)
Sat/Sun	26/27	Pentecost 17 (Proper 21)

**OCTOBER 2020**

Sat/Sun	3/4	Pentecost 18 (Proper 22) (LWML)
Sat/Sun	10/11	Pentecost 19 (Proper 23)
Sat/Sun	17/18	Pentecost 20 (Proper 24) (St. Luke)
Sat/Sun	24/25	Pentecost 21 (Proper 25)

**NOVEMBER 2020**

Sat/Sun	31/1	*Reformation/All Saints' Day
Sat/Sun	7/8	Faithful Departed/Mission Festival
Sat/Sun	14/15	Pentecost 24 (Proper 28)
Sat/Sun	21/22	Christ the King (Proper 29)
Wed/Thu	25/26	*7 p.m. and *9 a.m. Thanksgiving <i>(Saturdays and Sundays do not match up this month!)</i>

Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.  
Holy Communion is at 5 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays  
Holy Communion is at 8 a.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays  
Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m. on 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays  
\*Holy Communion also is every 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday & 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of the month and major church festivals