

This Week With Our Lord, November 10-17, 2019

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

SUNDAY, Nov. 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the FH
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's Club Annual Wurstmarkt in the school's old gym
4:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 11- Veterans' Day; No School!

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, November 12- Fall Sports and Picture Retake Day

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center
12:30 – 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
5:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meetings with teachers
6:00 p.m. Girls' ABC at home versus St. John Lutheran, Chester

Wednesday, November 13-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel service at church with Mr. Palm
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. Parent-Teacher League meeting in the school cafeteria
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Joshua)

Thursday, November 14-

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
3:00 p.m. Holy Communion Service at church
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
5:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball ABC at Coulterville
6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball AC at Marissa
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, November 16-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Holiday Happenings Craft Fair at school
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Grayson Herriman
Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, Nov. 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Kadin Liefer
Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult and Youth Bible Class in the FH
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Addyson Piel
Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
1-3 p.m. Junior Youth Operation Christmas Child in the school cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Malachi 4:1-6; Epistle: 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13; Gospel: Luke 21:5-28

ALUMNI NEWS:

The recent edition of the St. John's Lutheran School *Alumni News* is available on the tables in the entryway for those who do not get it in the mail. [Page 2](#)

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

The cross of Jesus is not a downer, but it is an equalizer. If you think you're up on top and you're pushing others aside, the cross of Jesus will bring you down. And if you're down and desperate for some company, you have a friend in the crucified Jesus. Listen to "For Such a Downer" (Genesis 21) 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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 525; Communion: 315; Adult/Youth: 50; Sunday School: 75

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 11/3- General Fund: \$21,746.50; School: \$5530; Sunday School: \$100; Thrivent: \$50; Debt: \$50; Lutheran Witness: \$18. *"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 20:38 – "Now He is not God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to Him." We are people of the Resurrection. We know our future. And this knowledge colors all our actions in this world. Since we know we are destined to live in God's kingdom forever, what kind of lives ought we to live? Where should our priorities be?

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 12. The cost is \$18. You can use the envelope in your offering envelope box to reimburse the congregation for this cost.

THANK YOU:

To the Saints of St. John's: I have been deeply moved by the love you have shared with me during my recovery from my back surgery. Your cards, prayers and words of support have touched my heart with the Love that Christ Jesus has for all of us. I understand even more what Paul wrote to Philemon; *"I thank my God always when I remember you in my prayers, because I hear of your love and of the faith that you have toward the Lord Jesus and for all the saints and I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective for the full knowledge of every good thing that is in us for the sake of Christ"* Your brother in Christ, Pastor Koen.

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. [Page 3](#)

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+Today, we will study "A Judge Leads." God called Gideon to lead His chosen people against their Midianite enemies. God leads Gideon to reduce his army from 32,000 men to a mere 300. Reassured by the Lord, Gideon moves forward with God's improbable plan. Armed with only torches and trumpets, Gideon's mini army defeats the mighty Midianite force without lifting a sword. Discuss ways God can use even small groups of people to accomplish great things.

+*Perfect Attendance for October-* Nursery: Jettson Grohmann; Pre-Kindergarten: Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Liza Wagner; Kindergarten: Cassidy Palm; 1st Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Emma Guebert, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Holden Wagner; 2nd Grade: Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; 3rd Grade: Clare Carnahan; 4th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner; 5th Grade: Amelia Guebert; 6th Grade: Noah Kassing; 7th Grade: Connor Jordan, Makayla Liefer, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton; 8th Grade: Lucas Guebert. Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

SUNDAY SCHOOL 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.

TEACHER NEEDED IN OUR DAYCARE:

St. John's Lutheran Daycare is in search of an energetic and loving teacher qualified individual who would be a wonderful asset to our Infant room staff! To learn more about qualifications or to apply please contact Amanda at 618-282-3873 ext. 224 or amandaf@stjohnsredbud.org

WURSTMARKT:

This Sunday, November 10, is our 67th annual Wurstmarkt in our school's old gym. Serving buffet style will be from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The menu is pork sausage, sauerkraut, mashed potatoes, milk gravy, corn, green beans, and pie. The Men's Club appreciates all the help that is given to make this event possible. Please attend to support this activity of our family of faith! Proceeds fund Lutheran mission work and assist with our congregation's expenses.

AFTERNOON HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE:

With the change in time, we do offer an afternoon Holy Communion service on the second Thursday of the month. This is designed especially for those unable to attend a regular weekend service. It will be held this Thursday, Nov. 14, at 3 p.m. at church. The service is abbreviated and distribution is done in the pews. Refreshments are served afterwards in the Fellowship Hall.

CRAFT FAIR:

"Holiday Happenings" CRAFT FAIR will be held in our school on Saturday, November 16th from 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Booth space is \$35. We will provide publicity and advertising. To reserve a space send your registration form, hold harmless agreement and a check made payable to St. John's Lutheran Class of 2020. Mail forms and payment to: Laurie Wright, 10047 Pine Crest Road, Red Bud, IL 62278 (618-443-7021) or lwright@pdr134.com.

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THANKSGIVING HOLY COMMUNION SERVICES:

We will observe our National Day of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion services on Wednesday, November 27 at 7 p.m. and again on Thursday, Nov. 28 at 9 a.m. This is an excellent opportunity to invite someone who would not otherwise be in Christian worship to attend St. John's with you.

ELDER BASKETS:

Our Board of Elders members 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!

EPISTLES:

The November edition of our congregation's newsletter, *The Epistle*, is available in paper copy in the entryway. It also is on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor Nebel has an address.

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).

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.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, 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!:

11/10- Debbie Rahn, Zachary Seibold, Joshua Uffelmann; 11/11- Deb Grohmann, Brittany Veath, Trace Wagner; 11/12- Robert Burgdorf, Amanda Hudson, Zachary Langrehr, Valerie Liefer, Michael Miller, Kane Trost; 11/13- Konnor Cartee, Dorothy Hartmann, Nick Kassing, Barrett Wagner, Ronald Weseloh; 11/14- Janet Braun, Michael Schnepel; 11/15- Susan Conboy, Sophie Heller, Crystal Liefer, Chase Lucht, Geoffrey McDaniel, Debra Meyer, Peggy Moeller, Evan Muench, Lucas Schwartzkopf, Michael Watters; 11/16- Robert Kueker, Alexander Rainey. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

TRINITY, PRAIRIE FISH FRY: Sat. Nov. 16, 4-8 p.m. "All-You-Can-Eat" \$12-Adults, \$6 children 6-12; 5 and under are free. River, White, Baked Page 5

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.

JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

Our Junior Youth will pack boxes for Operation Christmas Child on Sunday, November 17th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the school cafeteria. We will have items and boxes to pack. You also can bring a pre-packed shoe box to donate. There will be Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes in the school office that you can use for your donated items.

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: Musician Kanye West's Conversion to Christianity, Jesus in the Koran, The Fall of the Berlin Wall, The Vocation of Soldier and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis. You can also listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

DINNER:

There will be a Kettle Beef and Ham dinner with homemade desserts and Country store on Sunday, November 10th from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville. The church service will be at 8:30 a.m.

HUMAN SERVICE CENTER OPEN HOUSE:

Our local Human Service Center (south on Hwy 3) will hold an Open House on Wednesday, Nov. 13 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. to showcase Community Day Services. A free lunch and tours will be available until 1 p.m. Please RSVP to Michaelyn at 282-6233, ext. 131 by noon on Monday, November 11.

SPECIAL PRESENTATION:

St. John Lutheran Church in Ruma invites us on Sunday, Nov. 17 at 11:30 a.m. for a free lunch. Rev. Rodney Benkendorf of Lutheran Heritage Foundation (LHF), will tell us about the worldwide work of LHF. A RSVP is appreciated by calling the church at 282-6060 or email at stjohnlutheranruma@gmail.com

DEMYSTIFYING THE COLLEGE APPLICATION PROCESS:

Sunday, November 17; 1 p.m. – 3 p.m. (optional support sessions from 3 – 4:30 p.m.) at St. John's Lutheran Grade School. This workshop is designed to support both parents and students as they navigate the college application process. We will discuss what students should consider when deciding where to apply, including how to balance college quality, academic fit, and the cost of attendance. There will be time set aside for Q&A. Two optional, 90-min long support sessions will follow the workshop—one for parents on the FAFSA and one for students on writing a college admission personal essay. The workshop and support sessions are geared towards high school students and their parents; grade school students and their parents are discouraged from attending. Feel free to share knowledge of this workshop with others, including those outside St. John's Lutheran. The workshop will be led by Rachel Steele. Registration is not required but can be done at SteeleCollegeWorkshop.weebly.com

KFUE 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 kfue.org and wherever you get your podcasts! **This week on KFUE AM850**, hear the Gospel for you in music and Scripture on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. / weekends at 7:45 a.m.), hear a special Mental Health Monday episode for Veterans on The Coffee Hour (11/11 at 9:00 a.m.), and study the familiar chapters 37-41 in Isaiah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs and podcasts on demand at kfue.org!

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

"[H]e is not God of the dead, but of the living" (Luke 20:38). Creation and nature, incarnation and resurrection, conception and heaven everlasting are not only His works, they are His will and His way. He has revealed and given Himself to humankind that every genetic member of our race may have life, abundant and eternal, even amid suffering (Exodus 3:7-8) and destruction (2 Thessalonians 2:3). Take heart and stand firm!

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 Uffelman thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Bill Becker (282-2958)

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Donkey Basketball: The COS FFA chapter will host a donkey basketball game on November 14th at 6 p.m. Tickets are on sale for \$6 through a COS FFA member. Tickets at the door will be \$8. Teams are Guns vs. Hoses and COS Alumni members vs. COS FFA. Come join the fun!

Blood Drive: Make plans to help save a life and donate blood at the Evansville Community Blood Drive hosted by COS on November 26 from 2 p.m. – 6 p.m. You can make an appointment by visiting RedCrossBlood.org and searching by for zip code 62242. Donors will receive a \$5 Amazon.com gift card by email.

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.

Calling Thrivent Members: If you are a member of Thrivent and are willing to help COS at no cost to you, please consider organizing or participating in a Thrivent Action Team. Each Thrivent member is eligible to lead two project teams per year. Every project team is given up to \$250 along with organizational materials to help make their project successful. We have many projects that would help further the mission of COS. We even can help you fill out the application. Contact elauffer@coslhs.org for more information.

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, 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 and Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Ava Clifford

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Bruce Quinn

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

Acolyte: Jack Crafton Lector: Seminarian Cameron Harms

Flower Servers: Debbie Liefer and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Parameters: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

Twenty-Second 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!

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!

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!

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!

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!

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!!

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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*