

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

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

SUNDAY, December 8-

- 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 (Adult Confirmation)
- 5:00 p.m.** Adult Instruction Class in the Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant and Reception 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 (Song of Songs)
- 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. 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 Christmas 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 Acolyte: Luke Quintin
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, December 15-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Jakob Biffar
Greeters: John & Norma Preston; Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarich
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult and Youth Bible Class in the FH
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Evan Kiefer
Greeters: Ron and Donna Burgdorf
- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service and Reception at church

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 35:1-10; Epistle: James 5:7-11; Gospel: Matthew 11:2-15

EPISTLES:

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

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.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Loved and Sent Series - "If we say that God's purpose is simply to take our souls to heaven when we die, we might miss God's bigger 'yes' ... God's 'yes' to putting bodies and souls back together again in the resurrection; God's 'yes' to creation as He intended it to be." Listen to "God's Yes" (Romans 8:18-39) 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).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Thanksgiving Eve/Day: Worship- 226; Communion- 188
Weekend Worship: 379; Communion: 155; Adult/Youth: 63; Sunday School: 62
Early Childhood Christmas Service: AM- 270; PM- 503

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

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 12/1- General Fund: \$17,899.52; Automatic Giving: \$2,040; School: \$950; Debt: \$75; Elder Baskets: \$45; Thrivent: \$100; Lutheran Witness: \$18; Door Offering for our account at Human Service Center: \$420.15. *"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).

2020 WORK PLAN:

Our budgeted expenses for Christian ministry here in our family of faith at St. John's for 2020 is \$1,563,873.81. Due largely to staffing changes that have and will take place this figure is \$65,640.28 below our 2019 Work Plan. This includes going from 92% to 93% of Southern Illinois District scale for our professional staff salaries. Thank you for our support of this ministry plan!

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Please see Doreen Schnepel in the Fellowship Hall between services and after late service to purchase gift cards for the holiday season. A percentage of each purchase assists the ministry of our family of faith. Cash and checks only please.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 3:1-2 – "In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.'" John prepared the way for Jesus by preaching repentance. Then, when Jesus' ministry was complete and He was raised from the dead, He sent out His disciples to preach "repentance and the forgiveness of sins." We never outgrow the need for repentance – examining our lives, turning away from our sins, and turning toward Jesus in faith to receive His forgiveness and strength for a renewed life of godliness.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:

Through the Rite of Confirmation in the late service on Sunday we welcome into communicant membership at St. John's Kevin Florreich, Stephanie Kennedy, Randy and Jamia Klausing, Donald and Debra Schneider. Please greet these new members of our family of faith!

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+“Comfort in Captivity” is the theme for our lesson this week. When Nebuchadnezzar takes the Israelites into exile in Babylon, Jeremiah writes to the exiles, assuring them of God’s continuing care for them. Through Jeremiah, God promises a new covenant where His people will live eternally through Jesus. Families may discuss, “How does God comfort us today?”

+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; 1st Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Alexa Cheek, Maybre Falkenhain, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Holden Wagner; 2nd Grade: Amelia Cheek, Jozlynn Palm; 4th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Molly Kuehn, Norah Wagner; 6th Grade: Noah Kassing; 7th Grade: Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you for your participation in and your faithfulness to our Sunday School ministry!

JUNIOR YOUTH:

Junior youth will have a Christmas Party on Sunday, December 8th from 1 to 3 p.m. in the old gym. Please bring a \$5 wrapped present. We will have drinks and snacks. There will be open gym during the party! Please RSVP to Jennifer Roscow at 618-972-5366 (text or call) or mroscow@htc.net or post a comment on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

PARENTS OF EARLY CHILDHOOD SUNDAY SCHOOL STUDENTS:

On Sundays, December 8, and 15, preschool through 1st 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.

ROAD TO BETHLEHEM PAGEANT:

St. John’s annual Road to Bethlehem Pageant will be this Sunday, December 8, at 7 p.m. with pre-service handbell music beginning at 6:30 p.m. Through spoken and sung word, instrumental and vocal music, and character action, the account of Jesus’ birth will be proclaimed. A reception will be held in the Fellowship Hall afterwards. The freewill donation will support St. John’s member Lori Rees, who is undergoing aggressive treatments for breast cancer.

MEN’S CLUB GATHERING:

Our Men’s Club will gather this Thursday at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for its annual Christmas party and meal of backbone and sauerkraut.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

12/8- Jennifer Moeller, Trevor Stellhorn, Joshua Voss; 12/9- Larry Ehlers, Whitley Henry, Emma Kiefer, Evan Kiefer, Kenneth Koester, Christian Stechmesser; 12/10- Leo DuFrenne, Jr., Delonda Kelley, Ronnie Liefer; 12/11- Aubrey Kiefer, Michael Moll, Connor Rainey; 12/12- Jettson Grohmann, Sutton Jones, Shirley Meyer, Allen Stoll, Elaina Uffelmann; 12/13- Jennifer Fritsche, Grayson Herriman, Kayce Schaefer, Stephanie Valleroy; 12/14- Allister Gunter, Kollin Liefer, Christy Palm, David L. Stellhorn. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

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.

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.

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.

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.

+An Alumni Dinner is being planned for Saturday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a “Lutheran Educated Alumni Party for You, Everyone and All to Rejoice.” More information to come.

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).*

SAVE THE DATE FOR SPECIAL SERVICES:

December 8- 7 p.m. Road to Bethlehem Pageant in the church

December 11- 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Primary School Christmas in old gym

December 15- 6:00 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service at church

December 18- 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. Grades 3-8 School Christmas in old gym

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

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!

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**, continue in the new “Christ is Surely Coming” series on Sharper Iron in 1 Thessalonians (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), hear about the new “Making Disciples for Life” resource on The Coffee Hour (12/11 at 9:00 a.m.), and hear reassurance in God’s Word on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m.). Find programs on demand at kfuo.org!

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 you’ll hear interviews on topics like: Christianity & Culture, Media Coverage of Religion, Pop Christianity, Bible Stories, The Lutheran Confessions and Lutheran Catechesis. 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.

CHRISTMAS BAKE SALE:

St. John Lutheran Women’s Missionary League of Chester will hold a Christmas Bake Sale on Saturday, December 14, from 10 a.m. until sold out. Homemade cookie trays, candy, snacks and gift baskets will be available in the Parish Hall at 1326 High Street in Chester.

CHOIR CONCERT:

St. Paul’s Lutheran – Wine Hill will hold a Christmas Music Concert on Sunday, December 15 at 2 p.m. It will be a program of instrumental, choral, and congregational Christmas music. A free-will offering will go toward the new organ fund. After the program, there will be time for food, holiday beverages, and fellowship in the Parish Hall. Choir Rehearsals – Those interested in singing for this Christmas concert may come to rehearsals on Tuesdays (Dec. 3 & 10) at 6:30 p.m. or Saturdays (Dec. 7 & 14) at 2 p.m. Everyone is welcome!

OLIVE BRANCH GERMAN CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

The Olive Branch German Christmas Service (Weihnachtsgottesdienst) will be on Sunday, December 15th at 3 p.m. (11265 State Route 177 east of Okawville). Rev. Darwin Schrader will preach on Lukasevangelium 2:10-11 with the theme “Fuerchtet euch nicht. Es is Weihnachten wieder.” Rev. Arthur Eichhorn will be the organist for the service. Please stay afterwards to enjoy German cookies and refreshments. All are welcome to enjoy God’s word in German!

Signal Hill Counseling- *A Family Sharing Christ!*

Rev. Mark D. Wiesner, Mdiv, MS (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist)

8100 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223

Office: (618) 397-1407 Emergency: (618) 444-1800

TOWN HALL:

“Opting Out of Retail Marijuana” is a town hall hosted by the Southern Illinois Substance Abuse Alliance this Thursday, December 12, at 6:30 p.m. This will take place at the Red Bud SWIC campus.

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

“[W]elcome one another as Christ has welcomed you” (Romans 15:7). Does the Almighty Maker view you as an inconvenience? Does the Heavenly Father call you parasite or persistent vegetative? Has He not indeed exalted and honored you above any other creature by making Himself your Servant and Savior (Romans 15:8-10)? And shall we not likewise embrace embryos and aged neighbors in the same grace?

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

Colds and Being Cold-We catch a cold not from being outside in cold weather, but from a virus. Cold temperatures, however, can make us more susceptible to catching a cold if we also are exposed to the virus. God gives us skin as a protective barrier that keeps viruses from entering our bodies. But our eyes, nose and mouth are entryways into our body that bypass our skin. When we touch infected objects sneezed on or touched by a person with a cold and then touch our own mouth, nose or eyes, we have increased the chance of catching a cold.

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)

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Thank You for your support on #GivingTuesday. The money raised will help us purchase more classroom chairs. If you missed this promotion, you can still make a gift by sending a check to school or donating through our website www.coslhs.org.

Basketball: Our basketball team will play a home game on Tuesday, December 10 vs. Brehm Preparatory of Carbondale at 6 p.m. They have an away game vs. the Blue Knights at St. Louis Christian College at 6:45 p.m. on December 12.

WIX Tops for FFA: If you use WIX oil filters, please save the box tops with the bar code and turn them into the office or give them to a COS FFA member. The COS FFA chapter can turn them in and receive a donation.

Calling Thrivent Members: Thrivent members willing to help COS at no cost, 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 can help you fill out the application. Contact elauffer@coslhs.org for more info.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education. [Page 7](#)



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Senior Pastor Mark Nebel 618-237-5802 or home 282-3050

Pastor Russell Koen 618-282-1958

Principal - Deitt Schneider 618-806-3049 or home: 824-6335

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 340-6055

Junior Youth - Lisa Quinn and Jennifer Roscow 282-5343

Athletic Director – Justin Palm 214-1103 Secretaries - Julie Ratz & Jessica Schloemann

Senior LYF – Terry and Susie Harms 618-201-5654; Pr. Russell Koen 282-1958

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

Faculty and Staff

Preschool - Cindy Steele

Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller; Aide- Patty Schnepel

Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade – Bill Becker (Librarian)

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

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

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

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

Resource Teacher: Lara Vause

Custodians – Alan Ohms, Bob Schramm and Becky Rhodes

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Day Care

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

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

Guttman, Gerry Thompson, Melissa Schilling, Patricia Brewer, Kristi Martel,

Courtney Schoenbeck, Megan Diercks, Mary Novy, Terra Williams and Jessica Hoffman

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Ray Wagner

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Trustee Chair: John Preston Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Gavin Baldwin

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz

Acolyte: Aliyah Cox

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

Acolyte: Zandra Harless

Flower Servers: Debbie Liefer and Alverda Rahn

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Second Sunday in Advent 2019

WELCOME to St. John's Lutheran Church! We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ, administer the sacraments and provide Christian education in service to all people. We are especially happy that we have visitors with us today. St. John's is a congregation which follows the historic order of Christian worship. Even if you are not Lutheran, you may recognize many of the elements of worship from your own tradition. If you or your small child needs a space for privacy during the service, Room 1 in the Fellowship Hall has a TV with a video feed of our worship service. To help with the reverent nature of our worship, please silence and do not use your cell phones and pagers during this service. Thank you!

ATTENDANCE: During the offering, please sign the black Friendship register at the end of the pew. We ask our guests to please fill out the red side of the card marked "Guests" in the attendance book and give it to an usher. We invite you to worship with us again very soon.

HEARING AND VISION ASSISTANCE: See an usher if you would like to check out a hearing assistance device during our worship service. You can sit anywhere you wish while wearing this device. You can adjust the volume as you desire. Please return it to an usher after worship. Large Print copies of the complete worship service and bulletin notes are available from an usher.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly forms of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also a sign of how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord's Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. Place a finger to your lips if you prefer an individual cup. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

SCHOOL: St. John's Lutheran School provides a quality Christ-centered education for our congregation and community to make and equip disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer classes from pre-school through eighth grade. Our school building is located two blocks south of the church. For information about our school and enrollment please call our principal, Mrs. Deitt Schneider, at the office (282-3873).

DAY CARE: St. John's provides a quality Christian-based day care. The curriculum includes an emphasis on Christian instruction with the full intent of following Dr. Martin Luther's ideal of leading a child to grow in spirit, mind and body. Full and part-time care is available for children ages six weeks to six years. Before- and after-school child care also is offered.

Worship is Saturday at 5 p.m. and Sunday at 8 & 10:30 a.m.
Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes are Sunday at 9:30 a.m.

+Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies that you can do on your own. The topics so far are Angels, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, The Justice of God, Haggai, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Baptism Q & A, Discussing Homosexuality, Word Dwellers, Heaven, God's Will in the Lives of His People, Communications Skills, Having the Right Attitude, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Philemon, and more to come!

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!

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!!

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!

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.

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION CHANGES:

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