

# *The Epistle*

## **FEBRUARY 2020**

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Red Bud, Illinois**

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

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**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**

#### **“Go Deeper!”**

*“When Jesus had finished speaking, He said to Simon,  
‘Put down into deep water, and let down your nets for a  
catch.’” Luke 5:4*

The disciples fished all night and caught nothing. Then Jesus said, *“Launch out into the deep and let down your nets”...And when they had done this, they caught a great number of fish’ (Luke 5:4-6)*. Notice 3 things here:

1) Working harder isn't necessarily the answer. The disciples *‘toiled all night’*. Nobody could have questioned their work ethic. But when you fish in water that's too shallow, no amount of effort will bring results.

2) You need to obey God even when you don't understand His plan. Peter, a seasoned fisherman, had to set aside his pride and say, *‘Nevertheless at Your word I will...’* In 2 Kings 5, Naaman had to humble himself and bathe in the Jordan in order to be healed of leprosy. In Gethsemane Jesus displayed the same attitude when He prayed, *‘Not my will, but yours be done’ (Luke 22:42)*.

3) Going deeper always works. Jesus said two men built houses, but only one house survived the storm because the builder *‘dug...deep and laid the foundation on rock’ (Luke 6:48)*.

Author Phil Yancey's former pastor said he sometimes felt like an old hand-operated pump. *‘Everyone who came along would reach up and pump vigorously a few times, and each time he felt something drain out of him. Finally, he had nothing more to give. At a ministry retreat he expressed his thoughts to a very wise nun, expecting her to offer soothing words about what a wonderful sacrificial person he was. Instead she gave him some great advice: “There's only one thing to do when your reservoir is dry. Go deeper!”’* And that's the word for you today!

Prayer- Heavenly Father, by Your Spirit's power, help me to “go deeper” into Your Word of the Bible and to trust in You to help me in my life. In Jesus' name. Amen.

### **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

During February we remember words that begin with the letter “L”. There is “love” as we celebrate the romance of our lives on Valentine's Day. There is “life” as we honor those who served and led our nation on Presidents' Day. There is “Luther” as the great Reformer of the church died on February 18. And this year there is “Lent” as this season of the church year begins on Feb. 26, Ash Wednesday. I pray that you will make use of the special midweek worship services that we are planning for the Wednesdays during Lent.

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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February is a month with a lot going on... it is Heart Health Month as well as Women's Heart Disease Awareness Month with the Red Dress Campaign. It is the birth month of President George Washington and President Abraham Lincoln, which we remember on Presidents Day. It is also the month where we take special time to show appreciation to our loved ones with Valentine's Day.

February is a month full of celebrations, awareness, and remembrances. My wife tells me that as a teacher it is a very busy month with all the “special” topics to teach the children.

So, I would like to use this month of celebrations, awareness, and remembrance to share some news of remembrance and “celebrations” of my own. I plan to retire from the Pastoral Ministry as of July 31, 2020. At this point July 26, 2020 will be my last preaching day here at St. John's. This is a time of remembrance for me – remembering the wonderful people of God that God put into my life over the years. Each and every one has made an impact on my life and the lives of my family. It is a time for me and my family to reflect and again become

aware of all the blessings of God. It is also a time of mixed celebration, a celebration and apprehensiveness as I will begin a new stage in my service to God. During the months of February, March, and April I will be meeting with the District Office, Concordia Health Plans and Medicare to prepare for this retirement.

As the Lord has recently been sending me new challenges with my health I told my wife (jokingly) “Maybe God is convincing me that it is time to retire!”

I want to thank all of you for your continued prayers and support as God continues to heal me and strengthen me with His Words of comfort and peace. *“Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations; I will be exalted in the earth!” The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.*

I look forward to the months ahead as I still serve Jesus and His people here at St. John’s during these last few months of my Pastoral Ministry. I will remember the many ways you shared God’s love with me during these past eighteen years.

*Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell Koen*

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

Of the three things a person is not to talk about in polite company – religion, politics, and money – the church is called, in one way or another, to talk about all three. Perhaps this is the reason why teaching about stewardship often seems to be an afterthought. It’s something that happens only out of necessity when financial constraints are already nipping at the heels.

There is a more excellent way. Stewardship shouldn’t be the kind of teaching that comes up only when there is a financial crunch. It should be part and parcel of the ongoing instruction of Christians as they live out their faith in their vocations – members of their family, their society, and their church. This teaching touches upon every facet of our lives; it stakes a claim upon our time, our presence, our prayers, and our possessions.

Stewardship begins with the acknowledgment that we are stewards. A steward is a manager of someone else’s possessions. In Christian stewardship, we recognize, according to the Apostles’ Creed, that God is the owner of all things as the Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier. And in His fatherly divine goodness and mercy, He gives us what is His to manage here below.

The principal virtue for stewards is faithfulness. Stewards must manage that which belongs to the owner according to the owner’s wishes. That is what it means to be faithful in stewardship.

That raises a question: How are Christian stewards to be faithful in their managing of what God has entrusted to them to manage? In other words, what are the specific duties of a Christian steward?

This depends upon what God has revealed in His Word for each of our vocations in life as those in a family (fathers, mothers, husbands, wives, children), society (governors or citizens), and the church (pastors or laity). The Table of Duties from *Luther’s Small Catechism* lays this out in helpful and orderly way.

Let’s look just at what the laity (hearers as it is labeled in the catechism) owe their pastors:

“In the same way, the Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel.” (1 Corinthians 9:14)

“Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.” (Galatians 6:6–7)

“Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, ‘You shall not muzzle an ox when it treads out the grain,’ and, ‘The laborer deserves his wages.’” (1 Timothy 5:17–18)

“We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves.” (1 Thessalonians 5:12–13)

“Obey your leaders and submit to them, for they are keeping watch over your souls, as those who will have to give an account. Let them do this with joy and not with groaning, for that would be of no advantage to you.” (Hebrews 13:17)

We can see that the Lord commands hearers to support the work of the ministry with the gifts God endowed them – their time, their presence, their prayers, and their possessions. This is the means by which God blesses His people with His gifts: the ministry with the support of those whom they serve, and the hearers with the work of the ministry.

Paul instructs the church at Corinth to give regularly, proportionally, and generously of our first-fruits with a spirit of eagerness, earnestness, cheerfulness and love.

This teaching is within the context of those stations in life to which God calls us. This is always appropriate for the church to speak because it instructs God’s people in how we are to live out our faith as His stewards, those who are created, redeemed, and sanctified by Him.

### We Bid a Fond Farewell

January 6 Transfer out of Wade and Shelley (Liefer)  
Koester to Faith Lutheran Church, Oakville, MO  
January 18 Death of Jane Donjon



*On January 5 we celebrated the baptisms of Bryson, Gavin and Evelyn Williams. They are the children of London and Terra Williams. They are students in our school. Terra works in our daycare.*

### From the Principal's Pen

We had a wonderful National Lutheran Schools Week with lots of activities and fun! Many thanks for all the planning and participation; it takes both to have a successful week! Many pictures have been posted to face book with all the activities, hope you were able to enjoy them! The collection of health care items will be packaged at a later time but many thanks for your generous donations! The coin war between the classes ends today so totals are not available yet. Money raised will go to Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life.

Congratulations to Lucas Guebert for winning the 2020 GeoBee on January 24. Coming in second was Dylan Minemann and third, Landon Ruebusch (*pictured below*). Brody Stellhorn was in fourth place as he tried hard to defend his title from last year. All of our students did well. It is not easy to answer questions sight unseen and in front of a crowd of people. Lucas follows in his father's footsteps; Kevin was our GeoBee winner in 1992 and 1993. Lucas will take the State GeoBee Qualifying test in early February to determine if he qualifies for the state bee which will be held on March 27.



A special calendar date is coming up on February 2, 2020. Yes, this is Groundhog Day and Super Bowl Sunday but the numbers are special-02/02/2020. I hope the day is special for you in some way!

Our Science Fair will be February 3. I know the students have been working hard to complete their projects. They will be on display at the volleyball game to be held on February 4. Also on that day, we will have a demonstration of Fire and Ice put on by the Science Center. We held an assembly like this several years ago and look forward to a fun demonstration. On February 5 we will have Preschool and Kindergarten registration and Open House from 4:30-6:30 p.m. A variety of soups will be available as well as hot dogs and chips. Desserts will be in the classrooms and entertainment will be at 5:30 p.m. in the old gym. We hope you can come and join us. On February 7<sup>th</sup> the Kindergarten will celebrate 100 days of school with fun activities.

Our sports teams are still going strong! Our boys' basketball team will play for the Regional Championship title on Saturday, February 1 at Marissa against Marissa. We wish them well. Our girls have begun volleyball with a first place win in the Red Bud Catholic preseason tournament. From now until the middle of March the girls will play in some sort of tournament or regular season play. The season is fast and furious!

Both our girls and boys basketball teams have applied for the Lutheran State Tournament to be held in the Chicago area the weekend of March 6-8. We will keep you posted; there is a possibility that they may have a play-in game to determine participation.

I will attend the Lutheran Education Association Administrators conference and Best Practices in Ministry Conference in Phoenix, Arizona, the week of February 18. These two conferences are back to back to make the best use of time and money for travel and convenience. I look forward to attending these conferences. On a side note, I

am leaving a little early to help my last living uncle, my godfather, celebrate his 85<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 15. It will be nice to celebrate with him, his sons and members of my family.

We have an early school dismissal on February 14 which is also the day of our Heart Challenge. Dismissal will be at 11:18 a.m. with no lunch served that day and no after school care. February 14 is Valentine's Day so please remember the ones you love with a kind word, note, candy, flowers, kiss or hug. God's love is always showered upon us and this is a special day to remember others. February 26 also is an early dismissal day but the time will be at 1:18 p.m. Lunch will be served and there is after school care provided that day.

*God's love and blessings to all of you,*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



8<sup>th</sup> grade nights were held at the last homes games in January to honor our 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys' and girls' basketball teams and our cheerleaders. They are pictured with their parents.



**St. John's Lutheran School Important Dates 2020**

- February 5- School Open House and Soup Supper
- February 9- Students sing at Church, 8 a.m. service
- February 12- PTL Meeting, 7 p.m.
- 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 p.m.
- March 2- No school/Office closed, Casimir Pulaski Day
- March 3- Regional Science Fair
- March 13- Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m./No ASC
- March 21- Dinner Auction
- March 26- Family Fun Night
- April 3- Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m./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 p.m.
- 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 27- Tentative last day of school



Lori Rees of our congregation was the recipient of our Road to Bethlehem Pageant this year. The offerings were given to help her pay the costs of her breast cancer surgeries and treatments. Pageant coordinator Patty Schnepel presents Lori the check as Pastor Nebel looks on.

**Evening Guild News**

**On Tuesday, February 18** at 7 p.m. our Evening Guild gathers in the Fellowship Hall. It is movie night showing a biblical movie from the Sight & Sound Theater in Branson. After a successful January of tying quilts, was decided to watch a movie and tie quilts for this gathering. There will be a short business meeting with collection of mites. During Lent the Guild will collect donations for the Musketeer Market at Red Bud High School. Hostesses in February are Flo Zschiegner (Chair), Gladys Brand, Janet Braun, & Carolyn Cooper.

**Our quilting** chairman is Judy Guebert. If you would like to have a quilt contact her at 618-979-2206. The group that quilts is always looking for more help. You are welcome to join in at your convenience. The quilting schedule for February 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 February on the 13<sup>th</sup> & 27<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays this month). Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

### **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 8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fehr)

Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Class (J. Fritsche)

Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. "Judges" (Pastor Nebel)

Thursdays at 6:30 a.m. "Luke" (Pastor Nebel)

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.

### **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.

### **PTL Presentation**

Is your child struggling and you can't figure out why? Does your child have trouble reading? Does your child possibly show signs of ADD or ADHD? Many children have vision issues that we never suspected. Dr. Julie Steinhauer of VisionForLife will be at our February 12 PTL meeting and she will talk about vision therapy and syntonics. There are many success stories! She is willing to return to test students. Please come to the PTL meeting on February 12 at 7 p.m. to find out what this is all about.

### **Sunday School News**

*Perfect Attendance for January:* Pre-Kdg.- Brewer Krick, Layla Meyer, Liza Wagner; Kindergarten- Connor Liefer, Henry Schnepel; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Aiden Arbeiter, Alexa Cheek, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Jackson Neff, Holden Wagner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Amelia Cheek; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Caleb Klausing, Jacob Liefer; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Lillian Meyer, Norah Wagner; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bruce Quinn, Sam Roscow; 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Dustin Salger. Thank you for your participation and your faithfulness in our Sunday School Ministry!

*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 in the future.

### **Men's Club**

*Retired LCMS 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President to Speak at St. John's*

The Rev. Dr. Herbert Mueller, Jr. will be the guest speaker at a dinner sponsored by St. John's Men's Club. The congregation is invited to attend on Thursday, February 13 @ 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The meal will be catered by Mission Catering of Columbia. The cost of the meal is \$13 per person.

Dr. Mueller was elected three times as 1st Vice-President of LCMS serving from 2010 – 2019. Previous to this he was the President of The Southern Illinois District of the LCMS for over 20 years. During much of that time he and his family were members of our family of faith here at St. John's.

Reservations for the meal must be made by February 9 by calling Gerald Hanebutt @282-3792 or email [hanebutt@htc.net](mailto:hanebutt@htc.net). Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

### **February Assistants from the Altar Guild**

Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

### **Senior Youth Activities**

Our regular monthly meeting is Sunday, February 2, at noon in the church basement.

On Sunday, February 9 we will go Snowtubing at Hidden Valley Ski Resort 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$20 for three hours of tubing. Meet at school at 2:30 p.m. to carpool. We will need parent drivers. Siblings and friends can be invited. Text Susie (618-201-5654) to RSVP ASAP for the snowtubing. Need to have release form signed and in hand.

We possibly will hold a benefit BBQ for Love Abby on Sunday February 23 but we still are working out the details. *God's blessings, Terry & Susie Harms*

### **Junior Youth Activity**

Our Junior Youth will rollerskate at FUN SPOT in Belleville on Sunday, February 9th. We will leave the school parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and get back to the school at 4:30 p.m. The admission cost is \$9 and skate rental is \$3 for regular skates or \$4 for inline skates. Bring extra money for snacks and drinks. Please RSVP by February 7th to Jennifer Roscow (text or call 618-972-5366) or leave a comment on the Junior Youth Facebook Event page. We may need parent drivers.

**Happy Valentine's Day!**

### Lenten Services

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26 with Holy Communion services. We will have midweek services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (pre-service hymn sing) for six Wednesdays. The theme for our Lenten services this year is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus."

Lenten suppers are served in the Fellowship Hall before the evening service. Any organization or individual(s) interested in serving one or more of these free-will offering meals should contact Pastor Nebel.

### School Alumni News

Our School Alumni Dinner is Saturday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. It will be a "Lutheran Educated Alumni Party for You, Everyone and All to Rejoice." Speakers at the Alumni Dinner are: Master of Ceremonies: Eugene Liefer (Class of 1961); Alumnus Presentation: Gerald Hanebutt (Class of 1966); and Parent of Future Alumni: Quent Stenzel. The catering will be done by Trevor Stellhorn, (Class of 1994) and decorations by Sharon Guebert (wife of Charlie Guebert, Class of 1954). The cost is \$14.50 for adults and \$7.25 for children. RSVP with a form on the bulletin board or by calling our office at 282-3873.

### 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).

### Beta Sigma Psi - National Lutheran Fraternity

There are scholarship opportunities for Lutheran high school seniors boys at <https://www.betasigmapsi.org/>.

The UofI Alumni Chapter is offering a \$1,500 scholarship given out to a Lutheran male freshman attending the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in Fall 2020. There is no obligation to join Beta Sigma Psi or be related to a member of the fraternity to receive this award. Runner-ups may be eligible for \$500. Our scholarship application may be found online at <https://forms.gle/w1ozhFanY4KeBFLbA> All applications are due March 20th, 2020.

The Beta Sigma Psi Educational Foundation also offers additional scholarship and grant opportunities for members of the Lutheran community. Look up <http://wp.betasigmapsi.org/scholarships-grants/high-school-scholarships/>

### Worship Greeter Schedule

*I was glad when they said to me,*

*"Let us go to the house of the Lord!" Psalm 122:1*

Sat. Feb. 1	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Feb. 2	8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner
Sat. Feb. 8	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Feb. 9	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Vernon and Evelyn Muench; Cindy Ebers
Sat. Feb. 15	5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
Sun. Feb. 16	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer
Sat. Feb. 22	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Feb. 23	8 a.m. Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Wed. Feb. 26	7 p.m. Clifford and Arlou Papenberg
Sat. Feb. 29	5 p.m. Miriam Poston
Sun. March 1	8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

*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. February 1	5 p.m. Melayna Crafton
Sun. February 2	8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton 10:30 a.m. Olivia Schluter
Sat. February 8	5 p.m. Summer Luttman
Sun. February 9	8 a.m. Morgan Kent 10:30 a.m. Trenton Wagner
Sat. February 15	5 p.m. Owen Liefer
Sun. February 16	8 a.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Sofia Jones
Sat. February 22	5 p.m. Sam Wright
Sun. February 23	8 a.m. Lucas Guebert 10:30 a.m. Chase Lucht
Ash Wednesday February 26	8:30 a.m. Dylan Minemann 7:00 p.m. Jacob Kuehner
Sat. February 29	5 p.m. Addi Dilley
Sun. March 1	8 a.m. Bruce Quinn 10:30 a.m. Isaac Moll

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

## February Church and School Calendar

### Saturday, February 1-

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

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

### SUNDAY, February 2-

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 Installation of Officers

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

### Monday, February 3-

4:15 p.m. Girls' Volleyball ABC at Valmeyer

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

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

### Tuesday, February 4-

10:00 a.m. Communion service for Circuit Pastors' Conference

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home vs. Prairie du Rocher

### Wednesday, February 5-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church with Mrs. Miller's 1<sup>st</sup> grade

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

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

9:30 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

4:30 - 6:30 p.m. School Open House and Soup Supper

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Judges)

### Thursday, February 6-

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home vs. Steeleville

### Friday, February 7- 100 Day activities at school

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service

5:30 p.m. ff Girls' C team Volleyball tournament at RBC

### Saturday, February 8- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, February 9- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

12:30 p.m. Junior Youth rollerskating at FUN SPOT in Belleville

2:30 p.m. Senior Youth snowtubing at Hidden Valley

### Monday, February 10-

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund meeting in the Fellowship Hall

5:30 p.m. Girls' Volleyball vs. TSJ/ILS at Nashville

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

### Tuesday, February 11-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' volleyball at home vs. RBC/Trinity/SMS

6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in the school library

### Wednesday, February 12-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church with Mrs. Vallery's 3<sup>rd</sup> grade

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

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

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 (Judges)

### Thursday, February 13-

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

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. Men's Club Valentine's Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, February 14- Jump Rope for Heart at school

11:18 a.m. Early dismissal *Boys' Basketball at Christ, Peoria*

5:00 p.m. Girls' A Volleyball vs. Evansville at St. Mary's tourney

### Saturday, February 15-

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

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

### SUNDAY, February 16-

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 (Alternative)

### Monday, February 17- Presidents' Day No School! Office Closed

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

### Tuesday, February 18-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Volleyball at home vs. St. John Lutheran, Chester

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

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathering in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, February 19-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church with Mrs. Schnepel's 6<sup>th</sup> grade

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

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)

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 (Judges)

### Thursday, February 20-

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' A & C Volleyball at Evansville

### Friday, February 21- Girls' B team Volleyball tournament here

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel with Mrs. Steele

Saturday, February 22- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, February 23- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

6:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Monday, February 24-

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at home vs. Zion, Belleville

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

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

### Tuesday, February 25- Spring pictures at school

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

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

5:00 p.m. Girls' ABC Volleyball at St. Libory

### Wednesday, February 26- Ash Wednesday, Lent begins

8:30 a.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at church

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

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

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fritsche)

7:00 a.m. & 2:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting 1:18 p.m. Early dismissal

5:45 p.m. Lenten Supper in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Holy Communion at church

### Thursday, February 27-

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

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, February 28-

8:00 p.m. Girls' A Volleyball vs Chester Jr. High at Chester Lutheran

### Saturday, February 29-

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

6:30 p.m. School Alumni Dinner

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **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!