This Week With Our Lord, January 12-19, 2020

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

SUNDAY, January 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

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

2:00 p.m. Senior Youth Snowtubing at Hidden Valley

Monday, January 13- Boys Basketball OVC Tourney at St. John, Chester

7:00 p.m. Choir practice at school

Tuesday, January 14-

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

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

Wednesday, January 15-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel at church with Mrs. Nebel's 5th grade

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

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

Thursday, January 16-

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

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

Saturday, January 18-

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

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

Acolyte: Dustin Salger Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

SUNDAY, January 19- Life Sunday

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

Acolyte: Grant Krack

Greeters: Wil & Martha Krick; Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz

9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school and Youth Bible Class in the FH

9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) Acolyte: Crewe Wagner

Greeters: Ron and Donna Burgdorf

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 49:1-7; Epistle: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; Gospel: John 1:29-42a

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.

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 12/31- General Fund: \$77,882.25; School- \$1,020; 1/5- General Fund: \$17.875; School- \$745; Debt: \$750; Thrivent- \$50; Sunday School- \$100. "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." (Deut. 16:16c-17).Page 2

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

New Series - "Words create a picture of life, life as it really is, life as it could be. And so, if you want God to be your Treasure, you need a vision of life with God. I want a vision of life with God because I want God to be my Treasure, even as I know that, in Jesus, I am His. Listen to "People Are Treasure" (Genesis 39) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler on KFUO AM 850 Sunday at 12:30 & 5 p.m. or on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. (KSIV 1320 AM or 91.5 FM).

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 367; Communion: 173; Adult/Youth: 51; Sunday School: 65 I was glad when they said to me, "Let us go to the house of the Lord." Psalm 122:1

GOODSEARCH:

When you use Goodsearch (<u>www.goodsearch.com</u>) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent!

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The new edition (1st quarter of 2020) of our daily devotional *Portals of Prayer* is available in the racks by the front and backs doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take a copy for the people that you visit.

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Shawn and Tiffany (Schaefer) Wiegard with the birth of their son, Langston Albert, at Missouri Baptist Hospital in St. Louis on December 21. He joins his older brothers Ayden and Mason at home. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life in the birth of a child!

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offering envelopes for 2020 are on the tables in the Fellowship Hall. If you do not have a box assigned to you, but you want one, please call the church office at 282-2394.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matthew 3:15 – "But Jesus answered him, 'Let it be so now, for thus it is fitting for us to fulfill all righteousness." The reason God sent His Son into the world is to fulfill all righteousness for us, to do what we could not do. So here Jesus plunges Himself into our sins and soaks them up in His Baptism, so that in our Baptism we might be cleansed and renewed. The whole of Jesus' life, everything He did and said, was one great offering to the Father in our stead to fulfill all righteousness for us. All our offerings back to our Lord are in thanksgiving for this one great, true offering.

OUT OF THE OFFICE:

This week Pastor Koen is unavailable as he is suffering from a case of shingles. Our principal, Mrs. Deitt Schneider, is on vacation through Friday.

EPISTLES:

The January edition of *The Epistle*, our congregation's monthly newsletter, is available in paper form in the entryway. It is also on our website. It has been sent by email to those for whom Pastor Nebel has an email address.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/13- Norma Preston, Nathan Salger; 1/14- Alan Schwegel; 1/15- Allie Kueker, Jim Schluter, Doris Stamm; 1/16- Samantha Kuehner; 1/17- Ashley Burgdorf, Jeffrey Neff, Mary Sachtleben; 1/18- Hailey Nichols, Eunice Wiatr. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*Page 3

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+This week in our Christian education time, we discuss "Claimed and Tested." At Jesus' baptism in the Jordan River, the heavens open, the Spirit descends, and the Father speaks: "You are My beloved Son" (Luke 3:22). Jesus goes from the waters of baptism to the wilderness, where He faces a series of temptations from the devil. Jesus resists each one as He speaks the truth of God's Word against the lies of Satan. We can ask one another, "How can we today use God's Word as we defend our faith?"

+Perfect Attendance for December- Kindergarten: Connor Liefer; 1st grade: Alexa Cheek, Jackson Neff; 2nd Grade: Amelia Cheek; 6th Grade: Noah Kassing; 7th Grade: Daniel Stapleton and Sam Roscow. Thank you for your participation 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 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.

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Sunday, January 12- Snowtubing at Hidden Valley Ski Resort 3-6 p.m. Cost is \$20 for three hours of tubing. Meet at school at 2 p.m. to carpool. We will need parent drivers. Siblings and friends can be invited. Text Susie (618-201-5654) to RSVP for the snowtubing.

WELCOME TO OUR FAMILY OF FAITH:

We welcome Peggy Ann (Guebert) Simunich into our family of faith at St. John's through her recent Profession of Faith. Please greet her as part of our St. John's family!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

On Sunday, January 19 (Life Sunday) we will recognize and celebrate the new members to our family of faith during 2019 by baptism, transfer, Adult Confirmation or Profession of Faith. There will be a reception with refreshments in the Fellowship Hall between worship services.

EVENING GUILD GATHERING:

Our next Evening Guild Gathering is Tuesday, January 21 at 7 p.m. This will be our World Relief Quilt project day also. This begins at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for anyone who wants to help organize and assemble. At 7 p.m. we will tie quilts during devotions by Brenda Gilpatrick, our business meeting and refreshments. Mary Ann Wegener is this month's committee Chairman, with Donna Wetzel, Eunice Wiatr and JoAnn Yarbrough.

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!

ANNUAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting is Sunday, January 26 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. All confirmed members of St. John's age 18 and older are eligible voting members. The election of officers and board members will take place at this meeting.

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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.

MITES FOR MISSIONS:

Based on the Bible's 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 in the entryway. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

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.

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.

THE PRAYER CHAIN:

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. If you would like to serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Vickie at 618/521-7417. Call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY CONFINED IN-HOME:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner and Jody Winkelmann, Leonard Vogt; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R & R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelmann; Waterloo Magnolia Terrace- June Lawrence; Waterloo Evergreen Pointe- Arlin Winkelman

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, Norma Vogt, Helen Winkelman

THANK YOU:

"Thank you so much for your donation to Concordia Seminary's Food Bank. This service is such a blessing for my family and cuts down on our grocery bill every month. Thanks be to God for generous donors like you!" *Nick, Vanessa, Avery and Vinie Palmer*Page 5

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!

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.

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

"[A] bruised reed he will not break, and a faintly burning wick he will not quench" (Isaiah 42:3a). He who went into the water with sinners (Matthew 3:6, 13) doesn't let human impairments impede His redeeming. A body broken by deformity He will not discard in abortion, and a person incapacitated by disease He will not abandon in physician-assisted suicide.

"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!

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.

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

Listen to KFUO 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 KFUO AM850, begin studying the book of Joshua on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11 a.m.), continue in the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8 a.m.), and hear words of comfort on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at noon).

RED BUD BEAUTIFICATION BOWLING TOURNAMENT:

January 31 and February 1 will be a 9-pin No-tap bowling tournament at Blossom City Bowl. The cost is \$40 for a team of two with five teams per lane. Payouts for winners and prizes for lowest scores. Call or text Rebecca Cooper at 618/623-9650 to enter.

ISSUES, ETC.:

You can listen to Lutheran talk and Lutheran music anytime, anywhere in 2020 with the Lutheran Public Radio mobile app. Download the app for iPhone, Android and Kindle at issuesetc.org or at the App Store.

2020 ILLINOIS LIFE ESSAY CONTEST:

Sponsored by the Council of Federation Presidents, Lutherans For Life for students in Grades 6-12. Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school is eligible. Lutheran students may also enter through a home school, congregation e.g. confirmation class, youth group when validated by the pastor or teacher. Contest Guidelines: Students will write a life-affirming essay based on the 2020 Conference theme: "From Invisible to Indispensable..." and Conference Bible verse: "On the contrary, the parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable". (1 Corinthians 12:22). Grades 6 - 8 should submit essays up to 400 words and Grades 9 - 12 should submit essays up to 750 words. Entries should be submitted digitally using Microsoft Word by April 1, 2020 via email to cathy.benning.os@gmail.com. See Pastor Nebel for more information.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from LCMS Better Health

A recent Harvard University study published in the Journal of the American Medical Association found that women over the age of 72 who walked as few as 4,400 steps per day increased their average life expectancy.

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

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

COS **Trivia Night:** The 20th Annual *COS* trivia night will be January 31 at 7 p.m. with a Disney theme. The cost is \$12 per person with a limit of eight to a table. Students in 8th grade or under may attend for \$6 each. Reserve your table by calling 618-853-7300. Help us raise money to support Post-Prom at *COS!*

Basketball: On January 17 we will play Christian Outreach at 6:00 p.m. for our Hoops for the Homeless game. We will be collecting items for the homeless at this game. The list of items being collected is posted on our school website, www.coslhs.org.

FFA Water Hydrant Project: FFA would like to run a waterline the gym to the FFA garden and install a hydrant. Designated donations are needed to make this a reality. If this project interests you, send your earmarked donation to *COS*.

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.

Early Registration Discount: The *Christ Our Savior* early registration deadline for 2020-2021 is March 31, 2020. The discounted rate is \$150 for those who register and pay the fee before the deadline.

Scholarships Available: The cost of attending *COS* can be offset by scholarships. Scholarships are available based on financial need as well as academics and service. For more information, call *COS* or visit our website: www.coslhs.org.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christcentered and academically excellent education. Page 7

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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 <u>618-201-5654</u>; 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

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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, Mary Novy, Terra Williams & Brittney Eichholz

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Ray Wagner
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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: Sam Roscow (8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Connor Jordan (10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer Lector: Seminarian Cameron Harms Acolyte: Claire Diewald Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH Red Bud, Illinois

The Baptism of Our Lord 2020

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.

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)

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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!