

This Week With Our Lord, February 2-9, 2020

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

SUNDAY, February 2-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
- 9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service (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 1st 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. 6th-8th 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 Acolyte: Summer Luttmann
Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller

SUNDAY, February 9-

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Morgan Kent
Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the FH
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service w Holy Communion Acolyte: Trenton Wagner
Greeters: Vernon and Evelyn Muench; Cindy Ebers
- 12:30 p.m. Junior Youth rollerskating at FUN SPOT in Belleville
- 2:30 p.m. Senior Youth snowtubing at Hidden Valley

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 58:3-9a; Epistle: 1 Cor. 2:1-12; Gospel: Matthew 5:13-20

HOLY BAPTISMS:

+We welcome Oliver Nathan Brown into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. He is the son of Stephen Brown and Brittany Schaefer. His baptismal sponsors are Joey and Jamie Brown.

+We welcome Langston Albert Wiegard into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the Saturday service. He is the son of Shawn and Tiffany (Schaefer) Wiegard. His baptismal sponsors are Cody Jacobsen, Ciara Schaefer, and Danielle Shannon.

+We welcome Nolan Ralph Liefer into the body of Christ through the water and word of Holy Baptism in the late service on Sunday. He is the son of Kollin and Macey (Heinen) Liefer. His baptismal sponsors are Brandon and Kristin Sachtleben and Kaci Greer. Thanks be to God for His gifts of new and eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord!

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 454; Communion: 130; Adult/Youth: 52; Sunday School: 70

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

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 back doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take a copy for the people that you visit.

FLOWERS IN THE CHANCEL:

Flowers on the pedestal are given to the glory of God in thanksgiving for the baptism of Nolan Ralph Liefer in the late service on Sunday. Thank you and God's blessings to him!

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. 1/26- General Fund: \$20,585.75; School- \$705; Debt: \$150; Automatic Giving: \$2,040. *"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).

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Without the fire of the refiner's forge, there can be no glittering gold. And so it is with us. You are more precious to God than gold. But, like gold, you and I need refining. Listen to "Gold Without Glitter" (Genesis 46) with Speaker Dr. Michael Ziegler 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).

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+The Sermon on the Mount is the topic for this week's lesson, "Mountain Message." Jesus reminds His listeners not to worry about things they cannot control. The birds of the air and the flowers of the field serve as examples of God's continuing care for His creation. Likewise, we have no need for worry or anxiousness, because God provides and cares for us.

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

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

The S. Ill. District Lutheran Emergency Response Team is the mission project for our Sunday School 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.

CONGRATULATIONS:

God has blessed Josh and Bridgett (Voss) Kennedy with the gift of a daughter, Harper Jean born on January 28 at Memorial East Hospital in Shiloh. Thanks be to God for His gift of new life!

2020 OFFERING ENVELOPES:

Offering envelopes for 2020 are 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.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting last Sunday elected the following officers and board members to be installed in our late service on Sunday: Chairman- Bruce Schneider; Vice-Chairman- Gary Buatte; Treasurer- Ray Wagner; Elders- Eric Fritsche, Kirk Liefer, Davd Reinhardt; Trustees- Lenny Colbert, John Preston; Education- Karen Liefer, Breanne Muench; Finance- Rebecca Cooper, Pam Henry, Virginia Moeller; Estate Fund: Brian Guebert and COSLHS Board- Christina Gidley. Thank you to everyone who allowed their names to be placed into nomination. Thank you also to those whose current term of service has ended: Ray Wagner (Vice-Chairman); Gary Buatte (Treasurer); Kevin Liefer, Ron Kunkelmann and Bill Becker (Elders); JoAnna Ellner (Trustees); Miriam Poston and Tammy Moll (Education); Ben Guebert, Melissa Henry, Kristopher Liefer (Finance); Rick Liefer (Estate Fund) and Kathy Valleroy (COSLHS; term ends June 30).

SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:

Our regular monthly meeting is Sun., Feb. 2, at noon in the church basement. Snowtubing has been rescheduled for Sun., February 9, leaving at 2:30 p.m. Need to have release form signed and in hand. RSVP ASAP for this. Possible benefit BBQ for Love Abby on Sun. February 23. Still working out the details.

EXPLORE THE BIBLE EVENTS:

+Tuesday, February 4 - Join us as we explore The Bible at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 p.m. The topic will be "The Old Testament: History," presented by Rev. Mark Nebel from St. John's Lutheran Church in Red Bud. Light refreshments will be provided.

+Sunday, February 9 - Join us as we explore The Bible at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 4 p.m. The topic will be "The Old Testament: Poetry," presented by Rev. Terry Grebing from Holy Cross Lutheran Church in Renault. Complimentary soup & sandwiches will be served after the presentation.

WEDNESDAY WOMEN IN THE WORD:

+ "The Calling; Living a Life of Significance" is a CPH women's Bible study on Wednesdays from Jan 29th through March at 8:15-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email Julie Fehr if you are interested: jkfehr@htc.net.

+ "Romans" is the topic for the women who meet from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. on Wednesdays in the Fellowship Hall with Jennifer Fritsche.

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

Our Junior Youth will rollerskate at FUN SPOT in Belleville on Sun., February 9th. We will leave the school parking lot at 12:30 p.m. and get back there 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.

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 from Vision For Life will have a presentation 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 Feb. 12 at 7 p.m. to find out what this is all about. RSVP to Becky at 618/570-4957.

MEN'S CLUB VALENTINE'S DINNER:

Retired LCMS 1st 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. Rev. 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. Mark your calendars. We hope to see you there!

LENTEN SUPPERS:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. We will have midweek services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (pre-service hymn sing) for six Wednesdays. 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.

ALUMNI NEWS:

+A new edition of the St. John's Lutheran School *Alumni News* is in the entryway with very interesting articles and a couple of (embarrassing?) pictures.

+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.

THANK YOU!:

"Thanks for your gift package to me in my new home! Your kindness was so thoughtful and is appreciated." *June Lawrence*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/2- Lois Fuhrhop, Deb Liefer, Clint Crafton; 2/3- Bob Pratt, Miriam Poston, Diane Guebert, Faye Reinhardt, Carrie Beshoar; 2/4- Molly Ellner, Megan Henry, Lilly Minemann; 2/5- Kenny Althoff, Tim Hollmann, Juli Deterding; 2/6- Harold Liefer, Carl Ellner; 2/7- Brenda Salger, Zach Williams, Dylan Falkenhain, Carlyne Mulherin, Milla Neff; 2/8- Andrew Stellhorn, Maria Miller, Samantha Zacheis, Dustin Salger. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

SAVE THE DATE!:

Our 12th Annual PTL Dinner Auction "Calling All Super Heroes" is Saturday March 21 at the Hecker Community Club. Doors open at 5 p.m. with dinner at 6 p.m. and the live auction at 7:30 p.m. Donation forms are available in the office or at SignUpGenius. Ticket forms have gone home with students but also are available in the office. If the PTL can raise \$100,000 our congregation will receive a matching gift of \$100,000 for our Debt Reduction Fund.

LIFE NETWORK BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER:

If you did not receive a baby bottle from Life Network, more are available in the Fellowship Hall. Return your full bottle to the green box there by February 16. Last year we collected \$480.21 to support Life Network of Southern Illinois!

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, Arlin Winkelman.

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT RED BUD GARDEN PLACE:

Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Vernon and Evelyn Muench, Lorine Reinhardt, Dr. Paul Schrieber, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Helen Winkelman

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, hear meditation on scriptures on Moments of Assurance with Pastor Mark Hawkinson (weekdays at 12:00 p.m. & weekends at 7:45 a.m.), dig into curious theological topics on Cross Defense with Pastor Bryan Wolfmueller (2/3 at 2:00 p.m.), and continue in the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron's "All Righteous Fulfilled" series (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.). Find programs on demand wherever you get your podcasts!

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 topics include: A Post-Christian View of the Body, The Book of Colossians, The Baptismal Rite, The Solid Declaration of the Formula of Concord, and more. You can tune in live weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE, 850 AM in St. Louis or listen on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and on the LPR mobile app.

PERANDOE FUNDRAISER:

A Chicken Dinner and Dance will be held on Saturday, February 8, at the Seasons Event Center (Shooting Complex) in Sparta to benefit Perandoe Special Education District and The Maidez Center for students with disabilities in Randolph and Monroe Counties. Doors open at 6 p.m. with buffet dinner until 7:30 p.m. (open bar all evening). Live music by Freefall from 7:30-11:30 p.m. Tickets are \$40. Contact Linda Birkner at lbirkner@perandoe.org or 282-6251.

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.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Thank you for supporting our Trivia Night! The money raised will help our upcoming mission trip and post prom.

Buy Gas and Support FFA Chapters in Randolph County: During February, FS will be donating 3 cents per gallon of gas and diesel sold at Sparta FastStop, N&B FastStop in Red Bud, and Prairie du Rocher FastStop. At the end of the month, FS will be splitting the money raised between the five FFA Chapters in the county.

FFA Alumni: Help us start an FFA Alumni group at COS. An information meeting will be held February 3 at 6:30 p.m. in the COS mezzanine. If you have questions, call Lisa Luebkekmann. You do not have to have an FFA background or be a COS grad to join this Alumni group.

Cheer the Soldiers! Our next home basketball game is February 6 at 6:00 p.m. vs. First Baptist Academy.

COS Blood Drive: Make plans to donate blood at the next COS Blood Drive on February 11 from 2-6 p.m. in our gym. Appointments can be made by going to redcrossblood.org.

Puff Pastry Orders: Student Council is taking orders until Feb. 21.

The Annual COS Fish & More Dinner: Plan to join us on March 6 between 4:30 and 7:00 p.m. for delicious fried & baked fish, fried chicken, sides and desserts. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer to help with this meal.

The mission of Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is to provide a Christ-centered and academically excellent education.



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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 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 & Brittney Eichholz

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: Pastor Russell Koen Liturgist: Pastor Mark Nebel
 Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak
 (5 p.m.) Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried Acolyte: Melayna Crafton
 (8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn
 Acolyte: Daniel Stapleton
 (10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Jim and Judy Guebert; Carl and Flo Zschiegner
 Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Olivia Schluter
 Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold
 Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH
Red Bud, Illinois
The Fourth Sunday After Epiphany 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 2020: (Chairman,)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder

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

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

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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!

"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.

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.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

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!

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

WORSHIP GREETERS NEEDED:

There is room 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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: *LCMS Stewardship Resources*

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.

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. please call the office if you have any questions at all!!

MITES FOR MISSIONS:

From the Bible's account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is used for regular contribution of 'mites'--offerings beyond regular support. Lutheran Women in Mission use 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.

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.

Signal Hill Counseling- *A Family Sharing Christ!*

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