

This Week With Our Lord, February 23-March 1, 2020

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

SUNDAY, February 23- Transfiguration Sunday

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 with Holy Communion

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

Monday, February 24-

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

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. 8th 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

Greeters: Clifford and Arlou Papenberg; Acolyte: Jacob Kuehner

Thursday, February 27- Epistles Articles are due in the office

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- Girls' C team Volleyball tournament at our school

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

Acolyte: Addi Dilley Greeter: Miriam Poston

6:30 p.m. School Alumni Dinner in the new gym lobby

SUNDAY, March 1-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service w/ Holy Communion Acolyte: Bruce Quinn

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the FH

10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Isaac Moll

Greeters: Ken and Karen Wetzel; Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

Noon: Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Genesis 3:1-21; Epistle: Romans 5:12-19; Gospel: Matthew 4:1-11

THRIVENT CHOICE DOLLARS:

Those who have a life insurance product with Thrivent can direct "Choice Dollars" to St. John's Lutheran Church. This needs to be done by March 31 to get credit for your 2019 dollars.

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TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

"The Fish-and-Bread Sign" is the topic for the lesson this week. A crowd of at least five thousand men, plus women and children, gather to hear Jesus preach. When challenged to find a way to feed the hungry crowd, the disciples question how this is possible. Using just five barley loaves and two fish, Jesus feeds them all, with abundant leftovers. Discuss, "How does God provide food for His people today?"

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 354; Communion: 172; Adult/Youth: 42; Sunday School: 67

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

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Jesus knows our failures and our fears; He knows how to lift us up and bring us through. Listen to "Know-How" (Exodus 1-2) 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).

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. 2/16- General Fund: \$20,999.64; School- \$1,345; Debt: \$550. *"Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in My house. And thereby put Me to the test, says the LORD of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you a blessing until there is no more need."* (Malachi 3:10)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Matt. 17:8 – "And when they lifted up their eyes, they saw no one but Jesus only." Jesus is enough. Moses and Elijah point to Jesus and are happy to fade into the background. With our eyes focused on Him – and Him alone – the rest of our lives come into focus. He is primary; all else is secondary. When that order is right in our lives, things truly fall into place.

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!

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.

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.

UPCOMING CHANGE IN HOLY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION:

The Board of Elders voted to adjust the distribution of Holy Communion so that the individual cup will be offered before the common cup. Those using the individual cup will be asked to hold it so that the person offering the common cup can see it. This change will begin in our Ash Wednesday services. Page 3

THANK YOU!:

“Thank you to everyone who remembered me in your prayers, with your cards and by your visits and well-wishes following my emergency surgery in July and my recovery since then. I am thankful to be feeling better and happy to be back at work in the office.” *Love in Christ, Julie Ratz*

EXPLORE THE BIBLE EVENT:

Sunday, February 23 - Join us as we explore the Bible at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 4 p.m. The topic will be "The New Testament: Prophecy," presented by Rev. Joseph Schlie from Immanuel Lutheran Church in Perryville, Missouri. Complimentary soup & sandwiches will be served afterwards.

SONSHINE VISITATION MEETING:

Our Sonshine visitors meet on Sunday, February 23 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall to discuss our visits and update our list of visitors and those being visited. We welcome new visitors who will make time to spend with our older members!

LENTEN SERVICES AND SUPPERS:

The season of Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, February 26. This year's theme is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus." 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 from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. This week's menu is Chicken Noodle Non-soup, peas, pineapple and desserts. Any organization or individual(s) interested in serving one or more of these free-will offering meals should contact Pastor Nebel.

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL BOOKLETS:

Various Lenten devotional booklets are available on the table in the entryway for you to take. One is based on our theme this year, "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus."

DON'T MISS OUR ALUMNI DINNER!:

Our School Alumni Dinner is Saturday, February 29, at 6:30 p.m. in the school's new gym lobby. It will be a "Lutheran Educated Alumni Party for You, Everyone and All to Rejoice." Speakers 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 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.

SCHOOL DINNER AUCTION:

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 ASAP. Last year we collected \$480.21 to support Life Network of Southern Illinois! Page 4

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.

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:

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.

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 AT:

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Wilma Wagner, 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, Gloria Stellhorn, Wilma Stellhorn, Norma Vogt, Helen Winkelman

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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

2/23- Doug Sachtleben, Jennifer Falkenhain; 2/24- Charles Hartmann, Diana Becker, Scott Brown, Ava Kiefer; 2/25- Daniel Liefer, Ryan Stamm, Megan Henry, Jordan Schneider, Amelia Guebert, Brynlee Liefer; 2/26- Mary Gross, Ella Hemmer, Robert Gross, Steven Burgdorf, Dylan Roscow; 2/27- Gene Liefer, Dennis Deterding; 2/28- Terry Oettle, James Liefer, Brooke Stellhorn, Finn Liefer. *Call the office for additions or corrections*

SPAGHETTI DINNER:

Trinity Lutheran Church (503 East Washington, Millstadt) will hold a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, March 8, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Carry-outs will be available. The cost is \$11 for adults, \$5 for children ages 4-10 and free for three and under.

PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

Pounds Punish the Pocketbook or Weight Whoops the Wallet- Being obese can increase a person's medical costs by as much as 42 percent—an estimated \$200,000 throughout one's lifetime. This includes the price of treating Type 2 diabetes and costly interventions like heart surgery.

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, & kfuo.org, hear Ash Wednesday worship service from Peace Lutheran on Barracksview Road on 2/26 at 11:00 a.m., begin studying the book of Zechariah on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.), and hear comforting Gospel words on Moments of Assurance (weekdays at 12:00 p.m.). Find your favorite 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's topics include: The Book of 1 Thessalonians, "Love" in the New Testament, The Season of Lent, Jesus Feeds Five Thousand and more. Tune in weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM in St. Louis or on-demand at www.issuesetc.org and LPR mobile app.

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS!

Lutheran Student Fellowship at Southeast Missouri State University invites you to attend an open house for the Lutheran Chapel of Hope at SEMO on March 7th from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join us to hang out, have fun, talk about campus life, and get a personalized tour of campus. Lunch will be served at 11:30 a.m. with snacks and refreshments before and after. Our address is 903 College Hill, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701. Contact Olivia Hart at oliviaphart@gmail.com or by phone at (573) 694-2239. We look forward to your visit! Thank you and God's blessings, *Faron Bartens President, Lutheran Student Fellowship*

ST. LOUIS PRO-LIFE EVENT:

March on the Arch will be Saturday, March 7. Check-in is 11 a.m. and the rally is at 12:30 p.m. Meet at 4251 Forest Park Ave. (Planned Parenthood Abortion facility) to walk through the heart of St. Louis to the Arch. Register @STLMarch.com (314/827-4039). Premium registration receives a return shuttle ticket, t-shirt and gift bag!

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

Many advocates of death-as-a-solution traffic in “cleverly devised myths” (2 Peter 1:16). Claims about “bodily autonomy,” “reproductive health care,” “medically necessary,” “safer than childbirth,” and “coat hangers” only obscure the beautiful truth. Gospel-motivated voices may lay the lies to rest with the Word “fully confirmed” (2 Peter 1:19) in eyewitness testimony: in the body and life of Jesus, God gives glory and sanctity to every member of our race.

LOST AND FOUND:

The coat rack across from the bathrooms contains our “Lost and Found” items.

BBO DINNER:

St. Peter UCC in Red Bud will hold an “All-you-can-eat” buffet-style BBQ dinner on Sunday, February 23, beginning at 11 a.m. The menu includes ribs, pork steak, pork roast, chicken, German and American potato salad, baked bean, cole slaw, salad, desserts and drinks. Carryouts will be available. There will be a Country Store for the purchase of home baked goods, jam, jellies and crafts.

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!

2020 ILLINOIS LUTHERANS FOR LIFE ESSAY CONTEST:

For students in Grades 6-12. *Any Lutheran student or student in a Lutheran school is eligible. You also may enter through a home school, congregation e.g. confirmation class or 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.

ELDER ZONES FOR 2020: (Chairman, Stuart Langrehr)

- Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins- Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)
- 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 David Reinhardt (618/967-7967)
- 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 Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

Buy Gas and Support FFA Chapters in Randolph County: During February, FS donate 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 split the money raised between the five FFA Chapters in the county.

Buchheit's FFA Fundraiser: Make a donation to our FFA Chapter at Buchheit's through Feb. 24 and receive a \$5 coupon to use on your next visit.

The Annual COS Fish & More Dinner: Plan to join us on March 6 between 4:30 and 7:00 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.

Early Registration for 2020-2021: Register your students for next year by filling out the forms and paying the early registration fee of \$150. The early registration period ends March 31. You are also encouraged to apply for financial aid via FACTS and complete the COS Scholarship application.

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](tel: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: Gary Buatte

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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. Joan Ruwald

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Sam Wright

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Milton and Mary Ann Weber; Clyde and Kathy Rowold

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Lucas Guebret

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

Acolyte: Chase Lucht

Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Transfiguration 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.

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!

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 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!!

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.

"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).

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