

## **This Week With Our Lord, February 9-16, 2020**

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

### **SUNDAY, February 9-**

- 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
- 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-**

- 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
- 1:30 p.m. Holy Communion Service at Garden Place
- 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. Valleroy'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 Acolyte: Owen Liefer  
Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried

### **SUNDAY, February 16-**

- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Acolyte: Lucas Schwartzkopf  
Greeters: Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; Ken and Joan Ruwald
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School at school; Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the FH
- 10:30 a.m. Divine Service Acolyte: Sofia Jones  
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

### **NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS**

Old Testament: Deut. 30:15-20; Epistle: 1 Cor. 3:1-9; Gospel: Matthew 5:21-37 [Page 2](#)

## **OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:**

Worship: 529; Communion: 193; Adult/Youth: 54; Sunday School: 71

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

### **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. 2/2- General Fund: \$22,987.20; School- \$675; Debt: \$25; Thrivent- \$300; Sunday School: \$100; Lutheran Hour Ministries: \$10. *"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).

### **STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources**

Matthew 5:17 – "Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have not come to abolish them but to fulfill them." We cannot keep the Law of God perfectly. For us to be saved, Jesus had to keep the Law in our place. Now the threat of the Law is abolished for us. For in Christ now we desire to fulfill the Law and to live out a godly Christian life. This is precisely because we are so full of thanksgiving toward God for His salvation in Christ.

### **THE LUTHERAN HOUR:**

Sometimes, the difference between then and now, between what used to be and what is, comes in a single moment, a defining act. We call that a breakthrough. Listen to "Break Through the No-Go Zone" (Genesis 43-45) 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).

### **CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:**

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Leonard Vogt who died in the Lord on Monday at the age of 98 years and received his Christian burial here on Friday. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

### **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!

### **TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:**

+ "A Weather Wonder" is the theme for this week's lesson. With the simple command, "Peace! Be still!" (Mark 4:39), Jesus proclaims His power over a storm strong enough to shake even experienced fishermen. With the disciples, we must ask, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey Him?" (v. 41). *How can your family respond to this question?*

+ *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!

### **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.

### **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.

### **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.

### **SENIOR YOUTH ACTIVITIES:**

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.

### **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.

### **EXPLORE THE BIBLE EVENTS:**

+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.

+Tuesday, Feb 11 - 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: Prophecy," presented by Rev. Roger Abernathy from Zion/Salem Lutheran Churches in Crosstown/Farrar, Missouri. Light refreshments will be provided.

+Sunday, Feb 16 - 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: History", presented by Rev. Timothy Sims from St. John Lutheran Church in Chester. 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 29<sup>th</sup> through March at 8:15-10 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Email Julie Fehr if you are interested: [jkfehr@htc.net](mailto: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.

### **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 Feb. 16. Last year we collected \$480.21 to support Life Network of Southern Illinois! Page 4

### **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 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. Rev. Mueller was elected three times as 1<sup>st</sup> 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!

### **SONSHINE VISITATION MEETING:**

Our Sonshine visitors will 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 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 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.

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY AT:**

Red Bud Care Center: Virginia Bahr, Melba Liefer, Gloria Stellhorn, 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, 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!:**

2/9- Don Glasscock, Amanda Stellhorn, Makayla Whelan; 2/10- Casey Vallett, Karys Papenberg; 2/11- Gavin Baldwin; 2/12- Elroy Stellhorn, Bruce Schneider, Drew Kelley, Alex Renner, Jake Cox, Katie Schneider, Payton Liefer; 2/14- Willard Guebert, Eric Fritsche, Elizabeth Connor, Lucas Guebert, Ryker Papenberg; 2/15- Wanda Steele, Barbara Deterding, Craig Stellhorn, Alex Niemeyer. *Please call the office for additions or corrections!*

**SAVE THE DATE!:**

Our 12<sup>th</sup> 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.

**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).*

**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](http://kfuo.org) and wherever you get your podcasts! This week on KFUE AM850, dig into a Mental Health topic on The Coffee Hour with Deaconess Heidi Goehmann (2/10 at 9a.m.), continue studying the Gospel of Matthew on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8a.m.), and dive in-depth into our Lutheran Confessions on Concord Matters (2/11 at 2p.m.). Find programs on demand at [kfuo.org](http://kfuo.org)!

**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)

**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: Defending Boyhood, The Academy Awards, The Death of Education, Rebuilding Institutions and more. Tune in weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850 AM in St. Louis or on-demand at [www.issuesetc.org](http://www.issuesetc.org) and LPR mobile app.

**LIFE THOUGHTS:** (from *Lutherans for Life*) [www.lutheransforlife.org](http://www.lutheransforlife.org)

Our Lord hears humanity's cries of distress (Isaiah 58:8-9). His salvation prepares us not to hide ourselves from our own flesh (Isaiah 58:7), particularly our gestating children and aging relatives. We need not take refuge in death as a solution, because Jesus does the hiding for us (1 Cor. 2:7) – hiding life's preciousness even behind surprise pregnancies and terminal diagnoses.

**BBQ 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.

**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](mailto:cathy.benning.os@gmail.com). See Pastor Nebel for more information.

**CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300**

**COS Blood Drive:** Donate blood at the COS Blood Drive on February 11 from 2-6 p.m. in our gym. Appointments can be made by going to [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org).

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

**Buchheit's FFA Fundraiser:** Make a donation to our FFA Chapter at Buchheit's between Feb. 12-24 & receive a \$5 coupon to use on your next visit.

**Puff Pastry Orders:** Student Council is taking orders until February 21. A copy of the order form is available on our website at [www.coslhs.org](http://www.coslhs.org).

**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.**



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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 (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom and Athletic Director (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>) – 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

Secretary: Joan Ruwald Treasurer: Ray Wagner Board of Finance:

Elder Chair: Stuart Langrehr Parish Education Chair:

Trustee Chair: Estate Fund Chair: Jim Walker

Lutheran High School Board: Lisa Quinn and Kathy Valleroy

#### Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher: Pastor Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist and Choir Director: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Summer Luttman

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Kalin and Kathy Liefer; Gerald and Jill Hanebutt

Acolyte: Morgan Kent

(10:30 a.m.) Greeters: Vernon and Evelyn Muench; Cindy Ebers

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Trenton Wagner

Flower Servers: Janet Braun and Kathy Rowold

Chancel Paraments: Irma Birkner Communion Cloths: Joan Ruwald

## ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

*The Fifth 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.

**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](http://www.goodsearch.com)) for the benefit of St. John's Lutheran School as your computer search engine we get one cent!

**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.

**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.

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