

# The Epistle

**MARCH 2020**

**St. John's Lutheran  
Red Bud, Illinois**

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**Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.**

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

**Christian Education Hour:**

**Sundays from 9:30-10:15 a.m.**

We preach the Gospel of Jesus Christ,  
administer the sacraments and provide  
Christian education in service to all people.

*Rev. Mark A. Nebel, Senior Pastor*

*Rev. Russell E. Koen, Pastor*

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

*Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal*

## **From Lutheran Church Charities "God Forgives You"**

*But with You there is forgiveness, therefore You are  
feared. Psalm 130:4*

The psalmist wrote: *'Help, God – the bottom has fallen out of my life! Hear my cry for help! Listen hard! Open your ears...to my cries for mercy. If you...kept records on wrongdoings, who would stand a chance? As it turns out, forgiveness is your habit...that's why you're worshipped' (vv. 1-4).* But God's forgiveness is worthless unless you receive it by faith – and then forgive yourself! You say, 'But what about my past?' The moment you receive God's forgiveness you no longer have a past – you only have a future.

However, you must do three things: 1) Realize that everybody fails. Samson failed by getting too close to the wrong woman (see *Judges 16*). Jonah failed by trying to run from the assignment God gave him (see *Jonah 1:3*). Peter failed when he denied Jesus (see *Matthew 26:34*). Yet God forgave and used each of them for His glory. 2) You must process your emotions. Regret: 'If only I hadn't done it.' Frustration: 'I did my best. Why wasn't it good enough?' Self-pity: 'Nobody loves me so I'll just sit here

and lick my wounds.' Paralysis: 'I've done it too often. My mistake is too big. I'll never get beyond it.' Your emotions are lying to you – don't believe them! 3) When you fall, get back up again. *'Though a righteous man falls seven times, he rises again' (Proverbs 24:16).*

Notice, the righteous as well as the unrighteous fall. So be like the lady who said, 'I'm never down. I'm either up, or I'm getting up!' How about it – are you ready to get up and try again? If so, God will work with you.

**Prayer- Heavenly Father, thank You for never giving up on me, even when I have. Thank You for Your forgiveness. In Jesus' Name, Amen**

## **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

On February 19 I received this letter to share with you:

Dear members of St. John's, Greetings in the name of our Creator and Sustainer Father, our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit, from the members of St. Paul Lutheran Church in Eldora, Iowa.

Our congregation has been vacant sine June 30 2019 when our pastor retired after serving us for over 30 years. This past Tuesday our congregation met to consider eight fine pastors and to be led by the Holy Spirit to choose one to whom we would place a Call. Out of all the candidates on our call list, we felt that Pastor Nebel was the best match for our needs and voted to extend a Call to him.

We invite you to pray with us that the Lord will guide Pastor Nebel as he seeks to discern whether to continue to serve Him at your parish or to answer our Call and come to Eldora. May God bless you as we wait for the Holy Spirit to reveal His will. *Sincerely, Chris Balvanz, Chairman*

I also ask for your prayers as I consider this Divine Call. I plan to use the time this Sunday (March 1) between services to have an open forum discussion for as long as people want to talk about this. I thank you for your insights and guidance. I will have a decision to share with you by March 22.

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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The family structure, to some extent, has not changed over the centuries. I know we have moved forward to better work environments, living conditions for the individual and the list continues. But I'm referring to a life situation that has not disappeared since early biblical times.

You might recall how Eunice and Lois raised Timothy by teaching the Word of God to him. I know that moms and grandmothers are not the only ones catechizing the children these days. Pastors, fathers, grandfathers, teachers, siblings have played an active role in the process as well. Solomon tells us in a familiar Proverb: *“Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it.”*

It is important that we teach our children acceptable behavior. They need to understand there are consequences for misbehaving. They should be rewarded for good behavior.

Parents can be proud when they see their children’s accomplishments in sports or academics. The best way to teach a child is to remember that he or she is a child; God’s child. The Gospel is the basis for parenting, not some “how-to-do book” with a list of rules. Parents need to talk to their children about love and forgiveness that begins with the cross and empty tomb.

God’s undeserved love in Christ reminds us that parenting is not a right, but a blessing. Having children is a gift from God. Parents bring their children to Jesus through the water of Holy Baptism. They bring their children to God by the way they model or live their lives. They bring their children to Jesus by instructing them in God’s Word.

*Your brother in Christ, Rev. Russell Koen*

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

We are at the beginning of Lent. During the Lenten season, the church calls to our attention the sufficiency of what God gives. It points to the sufficiency of God’s grace in the atoning work of Jesus. It shows us the sufficiency of faith in Jesus’ work for us. It makes known the sufficiency of God’s Word in faith and life.

But Lent doesn’t just remind us of the sufficiency of God’s spiritual gifts, the gifts that pertain to our redemption and salvation. Lent also reminds us of the sufficiency of the physical, temporal gifts of God, those that pertain to this body and life. In other words, it reminds us of the importance of godly contentment and of outward discipline and training of the body.

This outward training of the body teaches us not to give in to every desire of our flesh but to learn to say no to them. And it does this in such a way that if you fail, it is no sin. It is a way to practice without putting yourself into a compromising situation.

The easiest example of this is fasting. When you fast, you are practicing saying no to the desires of your body.

But if you fail in this, if you break your fast, you have not sinned. You have, though, learned something about how your flesh works, how difficult it is to fight against it, and how you need help from above in order to do it.

There is another example of this. It is alms-giving. This is an increase in giving to the church and its mission during this time. We all know that our flesh finds security in money and stuff. By committing to give more to the church, you are training your flesh. You are, by this outward discipline, training yourself to be content with what God gives. You are practicing saying “no” to your desires. Again, if you fail, you have not sinned. But you’ve learned just how powerful your flesh is in leading you instead of you leading it. You’ve learned how you need help from above in being content with what God gives.

This is why St. Paul instructs young Pastor Timothy in this way:

“But godliness with contentment is great gain, for we brought nothing into the world, and[a] we cannot take anything out of the world. But if we have food and clothing, with these we will be content. But those who desire to be rich fall into temptation, into a snare, into many senseless and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evils. It is through this craving that some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pangs.” (1 Tim 6:6–10)

Our sufficiency is not of ourselves; it is in God.

### **St. John’s Lutheran School Important Dates 2020**

March 2- No school/Office closed, Casimir Pulaski Day  
March 3- Regional Science Fair  
March 13- Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m./No ASC  
March 21- Dinner Auction  
March 26- Family Fun Night  
April 2- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Questioning Service, 7 p.m.  
April 3- Early Dismissal, 11:20 a.m./No ASC  
April 5- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Rite of Confirmation  
April 9- No after school care  
April 10- No school/Office Closed, Good Friday  
April 13- No school/Office Closed, Easter Monday  
April 14- PTL Meeting, 7 p.m.  
April 17- Spring Musical/Book Fair  
April 25-May 2- 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Class trip to Washington DC  
May 1 & 2- Class of 2021 Rummage Sale  
May 3- PTL Plant Sale/Class of 2021 BBQ  
May 5- Teacher Appreciation Day  
May 27- Tentative last day of school

### From the Principal's Pen

February has been a month of lots of activity! The Science Fair went well and our 7<sup>th</sup> grade students will represent our school on March 3 at the Regional Science Fair in Carbondale at the Southern Illinois University campus. We thank the PTL for sponsoring the Mad Science demonstration, Fire and Ice. Open House and Registration went well. All enjoyed the entertainment and food. There is still time to register for the new school year. Please call the school office. The boys and girls basketball teams will get to play in the Lutheran Sports Association tournament in Chicago March 6-8. Both teams continue to practice and prepare for the tourney. The girls are in the height of volleyball season and continue to play as well.

Congratulation to our boys' basketball team for their Consolation Trophy earned at the Christ Lutheran Tournament in Peoria. Isaac Moll won the Three Point Shootout and was chosen to the All-Tournament Team. Only 12 players are chosen for the All-Tournament team out of 24 teams in the tournament. We are proud of you Isaac! Girls' volleyball won a pre-season tournament, St. Mary's tournament and the B-team placed third in our tournament. There is still much more volleyball to play as the season continues till the end of March.

We were happy to host the Ag Expo on February 28 at our school. Trinity, Prairie, and St. John the Baptist students joined us. This program is part of the Ag in the Classroom sponsored by Randolph County Farm Bureau.

March will keep us busy! As mentioned before, the Regional Science Fair will be March 3. The teams will leave on March 5 after school for the March 6-8 Lutheran State basketball tournament. We will have a pep rally to send them on their way. Mr. Becker is meeting with students on March 11 to get ready for the upcoming musical in April. One March 17 we will hold a parent information meeting about an active shooter drill we are required to hold for the school. Kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade will have age-appropriate presentations made and 6-8 grades will participate in the actual drill. The Sheriff's department will lead this drill as they have been involved in leading other schools in the procedure. Preschool, Kdg and First grade will have a Family Reading Night on March 26. Activities, readers & food will be available for our students and it is a great night of fun for the families.

There will be no school on March 2 for Casmir Pulaski Day. We have an early dismissal day on March 13 at 11:18 a.m. No lunch or after school care will be provided that day. We are all anxious for sun-filled days as we continue into spring.

*God's blessings to all of you, Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



*Our 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade students thank Mrs. Jennifer Roscow of Southwestern Illinois Lutherans for Life for providing them their own "Pro-life Kids" life books.*

### Parent-Teacher League Dinner Auction

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.



*Isaac Moll 3-point shooting contest at the Christ Lutheran Tournament in Peoria. The tournament had 24 teams participating. Isaac is the son of Danny and Tammy Moll.*

### March Assistants from the Altar Guild

Flower Servers: Vickie Heller and Vernitta Wolter  
Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller  
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr



*Girls' Volleyball A-team won the St. Mary's-Chester Tournament. They are coached by Natalie Guebert, Beth Diewald and Tonya Wagner.*

**Family Fun Night - Down on the Farm**

St. John's Lutheran School is hosting their 6th Annual Family Fun Night on Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m. We invite congregation families who have preschool, kindergarten, and 1st grade-aged children to this fun night. All the activities, books, games, and snacks will be centered around agriculture. We hope to see you there. It is always an enjoyable evening for families!



*Boys' basketball earned the Consolation Trophy at the 24-team Christ Memorial Lutheran Tournament in Peoria. They are coached by Chad Langrehr, Danny Moll, Quent Stenzel and Nick Quintin.*

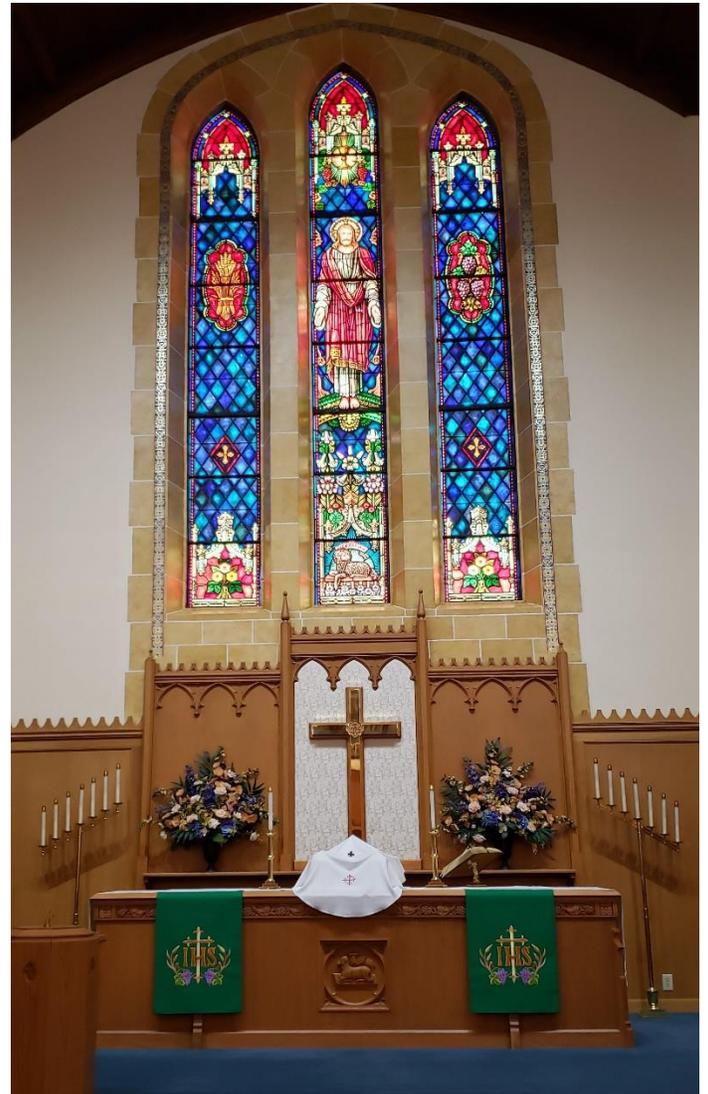
**The Prayer Chain**

Our Prayer Chain Coordinator is Vickie Heller. We thank her for agreeing to this service. If you would like to serve as part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call Vickie at 618/521-7417. Please call the church office if you would like to add someone to our worship prayers. *Pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

**Men's Club**



*Rev. Craig Muehler, Director of Ministry to the Armed Forces, LCMS, spoke at the Men's Club Valentine's Dinner in the Fellowship Hall on Thursday, February 13.*



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

## We Bid a Fond Farewell

February 3 Death of Leonard Vogt

### Evening Guild News

Musketeer Market: Lenten Mission Project – 40 days of Giving. To help combat the food insecurity in Red Bud High School for needy students, our Evening Guild is holding a food and toiletry drive. A donation box is in the Fellowship Hall along with lists of items needed. Pick up a list in the bottom of the tub and make purchases for the next 6 weeks. Donations will be delivered to RBHS weekly.

SID LWML Spring Retreat: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Collinsville on Saturday, March 21. The cost is \$20. Reservations must be made by March 15<sup>th</sup>. Details along with registration form on the web site at [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org) or contact Sharon Guebert.

March Evening Guild Gathering: Tuesday, March 17 at 7 pm. Prayer Service with Pastor Nebel, followed by business meeting and election of officers. The refreshment committee is Brenda Gilpatrick, Chairman, Mary Gross, Judy Guebert and Linda Guebert. The theme is from Psalm 100:2 “*Serve the LORD with gladness.*”

**Our quilting** chairman is Judy Guebert. If you would like to have a quilt, contact her at 618-979-2206. The group that quilts is always looking for more help. You are welcome to join in at your convenience. The quilting schedule for February is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. The quilting room is a great place for fellowship! There are many orders waiting. All help is appreciated!

**Baldwin Sight Center:** Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center in March on the 12<sup>th</sup> & 26<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays this month). Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2893) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

### Bible Class Opportunities in the Fellowship Hall

Sundays at 9:30 a.m. “Acts”

(Pastor Nebel in FH or Pastor Koen in the school library)

Wednesdays at 8:15 a.m. Women’s Bible Class (J. Fehr)

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

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

Thurs. at 9:30 a.m. Advanced Bible History (D. Mueller)

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturdays: Men’s Bible Breakfast (Pr. Nebel)

Check our website under the Media tab for Bible studies topics that you can do on your own! There are many interesting topics available and more to come.

## Midweek Lenten Services

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

Lenten suppers are served in the Fellowship Hall at 5:45 p.m. 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.

### 40 Days For Life Prayer Vigil

From 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day from February 26 through April 5 the 40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil is taking place at the new Planned Parenthood, 317 Salem Place in Fairview Heights (across I-64 from St. Clair Square Mall). Contact Theresa@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com or [Christy@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com](mailto:Christy@CoalitionForLifeSTL.com).

### St. Louis Pro-Life Event

March on the Arch will be Saturday, March 7. Check-in is at 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!

### Sunday School News

*Perfect Attendance for February:* Nursery- Jettson Grohmann; Pre-Kdg.- Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Layla Meyer, Liza Wagner, Brinley Wolter; Kindergarten- Blake Horrell; 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Maverick Cowell, Sydney Krick, Holden Wagner; 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Kellen Herriman, Aubrey Kiefer; 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausing, Brooke Wolter; 4<sup>th</sup> Grade- Josef Biffar, Sydney Kassing, Lillian Meyer, Norah Wagner; 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Noah Kassing; 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jakob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you for your participation and your faithfulness in our Sunday School Ministry! We welcome Debbie Meyer to our staff as a teacher along with Cyndi Liefer in our Kindergarten class. *Mission Project-* The Southern Illinois District Lutheran Emergency Response Team is the mission project for our Sunday School students this year. Ten percent of their offering will go to support this ministry of assistance to those who have suffered from fire, flood, wind, etc. We hope to have a trained team from St. John’s in the future.

### **Senior Youth Activities**

Our regular monthly meeting is Sunday, March 1, at noon in our church basement lounge.

On March 7 several youth members and parents are attending the March to the Arch pro-life march in St Louis.

Our Benefit BBQ is on Sunday, March 15 for Love Abby.

We are offering babysitting services at school for the PTL Dinner Auction if anyone is interested. Free will donation or accepting toy donations for Toys for Tots.

We are planning an Escape Room outing for a fun event in March. No date confirmed yet, come to the meeting to discuss and help plan.

Our April meeting is moved up to Sunday, March 29 in order to accommodate confirmation families who will be busy on the first Sunday in April.

*God's blessings, Terry & Susie Harms*

### **Junior Youth Activity**

Concordia University students are coming from River Forest to lead the Junior Youth in another fun lock-in on March 28 at 7 p.m. to March 29 at 7 a.m.! Students are encouraged to attend the 5 p.m. church service on Saturday before the lock-in. The Bible studies will count as Sunday School attendance. There will be mixer games, food, Bible Studies, and fun! There is NO CHARGE to attend! Please RSVP by March 26th to Jennifer Roscow at 618/972-5366 (text or call), [mroscow@htc.net](mailto:mroscow@htc.net) or comment on the event page on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

### **Beta Sigma Psi - National Lutheran Fraternity**

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

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

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

### **Life Network Of Southern Illinois Dinner**

The Life Network Annual Fundraising Dinner is Thursday, March 26 and Friday, March 27 at The Falls Banquet Center in Columbia. The Keynote Speaker will be Dr. William Lile. For more information or to make a reservation call 939-4224 or email [dgeist@htc.net](mailto:dgeist@htc.net).

### **Mites For Missions**

Based on the Biblical account of the widow's mite, the Mite Box is intended for regular contribution of 'mites' – offerings above and beyond regular support. Many Lutheran Women in Mission have used the Mite Box to gather funds in support of national, district and local ministries. We invite everyone to contribute to the Mite Box, providing the opportunity for us to spread the Gospel to the world. Mite Boxes are on table in narthex. Place your contributions in the large LWML Mite Box.

### **Ushers Needed**

We welcome anyone to assist with our worship services as an usher as part of a team that serves three months at a time and then is off for a year. See Head Usher Scot Heller or Pastor Nebel if you are interested.

### **Pictorial Directories Available**

Copies of our latest pictorial directory are available for purchase from our office for \$50. This money goes for our congregation's debt relief.

### **Box Tops For Education Changes**

New labels soon will appear on participating products. Instead of clipping labels you will scan your receipt and use a new Box Tops mobile app that instantly will add those Box Tops points to our school's earnings. The traditional Box Tops still can be clipped and cash earned until they expire. Learn more at [BTFCOM/SNEAKPEEK](http://BTFCOM/SNEAKPEEK) or look at the sheet on the board by the glass door.

### **Event Reminders On Your Cell Phones**

Remind Me.com is a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith here at St. John's. However, it does not allow for group discussions so that there will not be continued unwanted messages from anyone in the group receiving the text. To join this remind system for St. John's, text the message @8243ad2 (new code) to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

**Set Up Direct Payments Thru ACH**

Routine payments to St. John’s can be made by direct electronic withdrawal for offerings, school lunches, preschool tuition, and daycare securely from the bank account you designate at either bi-weekly or monthly intervals. Fill out a form in the school office and select each payment account you want automatically withdrawn. It is free. You can make changes or cancel any time. If there are insufficient funds in the account at the time of payment, no funds will be withdrawn. You will be notified. We hope this option offers convenience to users and greater efficiency for our funding. If you feel more comfortable making payments by cash/check, please do!

**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)

**Worship Greeter Schedule**

- Sat. Feb. 29 5 p.m. Miriam Poston
- Sun. March 1 8 a.m. Wil and Martha Krick;  
Cindy Steele & Olivia Schmitz  
10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzels;  
Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
- Sat. March 7 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
- Sun. March 8 8 a.m. John and Norma Preston;  
Loren Harms & Lois Mesnarch  
10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert;  
Carl and Flo Zschiegner
- Sat. March 14 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
- Sun. March 15 8 a.m. Ken and Joan Voges, Lisa Quinn  
10:30 a.m. Vernon and Evelyn Muench; Cindy Ebers
- Sat. March 21 5 p.m. Harold and Deb Siegfried
- Sun. March 22 8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer;

- Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
- 10:30 a.m. Bob and Arlene Pratt;  
Omer and Neva Liefer
- Sat. March 28 5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
- Sun. March 29 8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt;  
Ken and Joan Ruwald  
10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

*There is an opening in our 10:30 a.m. schedule for a couple or for two individuals to serve as greeters. Please call the church office if you are willing to help!*

**Acolyte Schedule**

- Sat. February 29 5 p.m. Addi Dilley
  - Sun. March 1 8 a.m. Bruce Quinn  
10:30 a.m. Isaac Moll
  - Wed. March 4 8:30 a.m. Kaci Trost  
Midweek Lent I 7 p.m. Cailee Strong
  - Sat. March 7 5 p.m. Ava Clifford
  - Sun. March 8 8 a.m. Jakob Biffar  
10:30 a.m. Emma Kiefer
  - Wed. March 11 8:30 a.m. Lily Kent  
Midweek Lent II 7 p.m. Zandra Harless
  - Sat. March 14 5 p.m. Grayson Herriman
  - Sun. March 15 8 a.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf  
10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel
  - Wed. March 18 8:30 a.m. Morgan Kent  
Midweek Lent III 7:00 p.m. Lyla Hess
  - Sat. March 21 5 p.m. Kerrigan Zeiger
  - Sun. March 22 8 a.m. Luke Kennedy  
10:30 a.m. Kadin Liefer
  - Wed. March 25 8:30 a.m. Olivia Geraldts  
Midweek Lent IV 7:00 p.m. Konnor Cartee
  - Sat. March 28 5 p.m. Chloe Cowell
  - Sun. March 29 8 a.m. Gavin Baldwin  
10:30 a.m. Emme Deterding
  - Wed. April 1 8:30 a.m. Evan Kiefer  
Midweek Lent V 7:00 p.m. Noah Kassing
  - Thu. April 2 7:00 p.m. Jack Crafton
- If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte and contact the office with the change.*

## March Church and School Calendar

### Saturday, February 29-

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

### SUNDAY, March 1-

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

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth meeting in the church basement

### Monday, March 2- No School!

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

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

### Tuesday, March 3- Regional Science Fair at Carbondale (7<sup>th</sup> grade)

10:00 a.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Pinckneyville

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

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

### Wednesday, March 4-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

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

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

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

7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grades Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

### Thursday, March 5-

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

### Friday, March 6- Pastor Nebel in Concordia for Board meeting

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service

*Boys' and Girls' Basketball in Chicago for Lutheran State*

### Saturday, March 7-

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

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

### SUNDAY, March 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

### Monday, March 9- OVC Volleyball tournament at St. Mark's

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

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

### Tuesday, March 10-

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

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

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

6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, March 11-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service 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 the Fellowship Hall

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

10:50 a.m. Office staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

### Thursday, March 12-

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

7:00 p.m. Men's Club meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, March 13- End of Third Quarter

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal

### Saturday, March 14-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, March 15-

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

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible classes; Sunday School at school

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

11:00 a.m. Senior Youth Benefit BBQ at school

### Monday, March 16-

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

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

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

### Tuesday, March 17-

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

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

### Wednesday, March 18-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study 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. & 3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

### Thursday, March 19-

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

### Friday, March 20-

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

### Saturday, March 21-

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

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

6:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker

### SUNDAY, March 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

### Monday, March 23- Achievement tests this week

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

### Tuesday, March 24-

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

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

### Wednesday, March 25-

8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service 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. & 3:30 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation

10:50 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

7:00 p.m. Midweek Lenten service at church

### Thursday, March 26-

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

6:00 p.m. Family Fun Night at School

### Saturday, March 28-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

7:00 p.m. Lock-in with Concordia University students

### SUNDAY, March 29- 7:00 a.m. Lock-in ends

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

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

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

Noon Senior Youth meeting in church basement

4:00- 6:00 p.m. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Retreat at church

### Monday, March 30-

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

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

### Tuesday, March 31-

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