

This Week With Our Lord, March 15-22, 2020

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

SUNDAY, March 15-

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 (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-

8:15 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall (J. Fehr)
8:30 a.m. Midweek Lenten service at church
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
Acolyte: Kerrigan Zeiger Greeters: Harold and Deb Siegfried
6:00 p.m. PTL Dinner Auction at Hecker

SUNDAY, March 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion Acolyte: Luke Kennedy
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 (Alternative) Acolyte: Kadin Liefer
Greeters: Bob and Arlene Pratt; Omer and Neva Liefer

NEXT WEEK'S WORSHIP READINGS

Old Testament: Isaiah 42:14-21; Epistle: Ephesians 5:8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41

THE LUTHERAN HOUR:

Confiscation is a bad word. No one likes having their "stuff" confiscated. But what if it's God Who does the confiscating? Dr. Michael Zeigler says God may take away some blessings He once gave in order to give back even more. Listen to "Gracious Confiscation" (Exodus 7-8) 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).

TEMPORARILY DISCONTINUE THE SHARING OF THE PEACE:

To ease concerns about the spread of infectious disease we will discontinue the sharing of the peace in the service and the shaking of hands after the service for the time being.

TODAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL:

+This week's Bible lesson is "A Shepherd Loves." Jesus calls Himself the Good Shepherd as He promises to lead and guide His sheep. Jesus willingly laid down His life for His sheep, even those who often ignore the voice of the Shepherd. His flock includes "other sheep" (John 10:16), Gentiles not descended from Abraham. David's familiar Twenty-third Psalm describes the work of our Good Shepherd. Discuss, "When do we often hear Psalm 23 spoken?"

+*Perfect Attendance for February:* Nursery- Jettson Grohmann; Pre-Kdg.- Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Layla Meyer, Liza Wagner, Brinley Wolter; Kindergarten- Blake Horrell; 1st Grade- Maverick Cowell, Sydney Krick, Holden Wagner; 2nd Grade- Kellen Herriman, Aubrey Kiefer; 3rd Grade- Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausling, Brooke Wolter; 4th Grade- Josef Biffar, Sydney Kassing, Lillian Meyer, Norah Wagner; 6th Grade- Noah Kassing; 7th Grade- Jakob Biffar, Connor Jordan, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you for your participation and faithfulness in our Sunday School! We welcome Debbie Meyer to our staff as a teacher along with Cyndi Liefer in our Kindergarten class.

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.

OUR RESPONSE TO THE GOSPEL LAST WEEK:

Worship: 366; Communion: 185; Adult/Youth: 35; Sunday School: 50

Midweek Lenten Worship: AM- 182; PM- 66

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

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

We join with one another in the grace of giving. 3/8- General Fund: \$9,314.46; School- \$420; Debt: \$850; Thrivent- \$50. *"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

Exodus 17:3 – "But the people thirsted there for water, and the people grumbled against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us up out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and our livestock with thirst?'" Even the Israelites who saw miracles with their own eyes fall into unbelief and fear. From this distance we can see how foolish their worry is. How foolish will our worries appear from the distance of eternity? The Lord cared for them, and He will care for us.

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 began in our Ash Wednesday services. Page 3

PORTALS OF PRAYER:

The next quarter's edition of *Portals of Prayer* (April through June) is available in the racks by the front and back doors of church. Sonshine Visitation members, please take one to those whom you visit.

EPISTLES:

The March edition of our newsletter, *The Epistle*, is in paper copy in the entryway. It is on our website and has been emailed to everyone for whom Pastor Nebel has an email address.

SPECIAL VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

The Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) wants to purchase a sidewalk easement along South Main on the west side of our school building. They want approval from our Voters Assembly. There will be a short meeting after both Sunday services on March 22.

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.

LENTEN SERVICES AND SUPPERS:

This year's theme for our midweek Lenten services is "Fix Your Eyes on Jesus." We will have services at 8:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. (pre-service hymn sing) for the next three Wednesdays. Lenten suppers are served in the Fellowship Hall from 5:45 to 6:30 p.m. This week's menu is tacos and desserts. Any organization or individual(s) interested in serving one or more of these free-will offering meals should contact Pastor Nebel.

MUSKETEER MARKET: A LENTEN MISSION PROJECT:

To help provide for needy students at Red Bud High School, our Evening Guild is holding a food/toiletry drive. A donation box is in our Fellowship Hall 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.

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.

FAMILY FUN NIGHT:

Family Fun Night, hosted for Pre-school, Kindergarten and First Grade children and families, is Thursday, March 26 at 6 p.m. At our first Down on the Farm, we had small live animals for our students to interact with. We would like to provide that experience for our students again. If you have, or know of someone who has, small farm animals like rabbits, ducks or chickens and would be able to bring them and supervise young children interacting with them, please call the school office @ 282-3873 or contact Mrs. Steele or Mrs. Schmitz.

JUNIOR YOUTH ACTIVITY:

Concordia University students from River Forest will lead the Junior Youth in a fun lock-in on March 28/29 from 7 p.m. to 7 a.m.! Students should 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 or comment on the event page on the Junior Youth Facebook page.

SENIOR YOUTH HIGHLIGHTS:

Fundraiser BBQ on Sunday, March 15 for youth group. Need all to arrive by 8:30 a.m. to set up. Senior Youth will babysit at school for dinner auction. If needed, 4 p.m. – 11 p.m. Contact Susie Harms. Our March fun event is roller skating at Fun Spot on Saturday, March 28. Leave from school parking lot at 1 p.m. Back to Red Bud shortly after 5 p.m. at the latest. Cost is \$9 admission and \$4 skate rental. I need RSVPs to ensure we have enough drivers. Easter breakfast set up is on Saturday morning, April 11. We serve on April 12. Our next meeting is March 29 at noon in the senior youth lounge (aka church basement). This is moved up one week due to confirmation on April 5.

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."

ANNIVERSARY OPEN HOUSE:

Clifford and Arlou Papenberg invite us to their 50th wedding anniversary Open House in our Fellowship Hall on Sunday, March 29 from 2-4 p.m.

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 Winkelman; Waterloo Garden Place- Alice Smith; Ruma R&R- Fern Schnepel, Willard Uffelman; 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, Arlin and 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.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

3/15- Jeannie Voss, Rebecca Cooper-Westcott, Andrew Quinn, Emma Fritsche, Demi Grohmann; 3/16- Delores Voss, Carolyn Stellhorn, Derek Uffelmann, Makayla Liefer, Eve Schwartzkopf; 3/17- Jane Blankenship, Deb Siegfried, David W. Stellhorn, Ralph Sievers, Kerrigan Zeiger; 3/18- Verla Salger, Harvey Liefer, Tim Kueker, Devyn Liefer; 3/19- Larry Gielow, Staci Candler, Christine Liefer; 3/20- Ron Seymour, Julie Koester, Nicholas Uffelmann, Carlynn Rekosh; 3/21- Virginia Moeller, Glan Muench, Terry Donjon, Emma McCarthy, Bryce Becker. *Call the office for additions or corrections*

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 worship with us this Lenten season with Daily Chapel weekdays at 10 a.m. and midweek service from Peace Lutheran in Lemay on 3/18 at 11 a.m. Find podcasts including The Lutheran Ladies' Lounge, Mission Field: USA—Church Planting, and End Goals from LCMS Youth Ministry at kfuo.org.

FROM LUTHERANS FOR LIFE OF ILLINOIS:

“I write on behalf of the Board of Lutherans for Life of Illinois. Recently we have prayed for your congregation. We have prayed that each of you would be blessed with a very real sense of God’s presence and that He would shine His light into the world through you. As that Gospel Light goes out from your congregation, you become a blessing to your whole community.” *Laura Laesch, Vice President, Lutherans for Life of Illinois*

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.

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.

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

Jesus graciously offers the water of abundant and everlasting life to an adulterous woman (John 4:14-18). He has just as much compassion for those who have participated in violence against life. Let us point out how these famines starve hearts so that we may proclaim Him who showers forgiveness and deliverance. If He draws water from rocks (Exodus 17:6), how much more life will He pour forth from our lips!

ORGAN RECITAL:

Dr. Steven Wente of Concordia University in Chicago will present an Organ Recital this Sunday, March 15, at 3 p.m. at Peace Lutheran Church, 737 Barracksview Road, St. Louis, Missouri 63125

FISH FRY:

St. Peter UCC in Red Bud will hold a Fish Fry on Friday, March 20 and April 3 from 4-7 p.m. The dinner will include jumbo cod, catfish cutups, chicken strips and shrimp with sides of German potato salad, American potato salad, stewed tomatoes, macaroni and cheese, baked beans, slaw, French fries and cucumber salad to eat-in or carry-out.

LIFE-LINE SCREENING: April 7 in our Fellowship Hall

There is a simple, convenient way for you to get preventive health screenings and learn your risk for stroke, heart disease and other chronic conditions. These painless screenings go beyond your regular checkup to identify dangerous plaque buildup or blockage, a major risk factor for stroke and heart disease. The screenings are accurate, affordable and will give you valuable information about your health that you can share with your doctor. We are pleased to host Life Line Screening, who will be on site on 4/7/2020 at St John's Lutheran Church to conduct these valuable screenings. These 5 vital screenings are offered for only \$149 and take 60-90 minutes to complete. If you register today, you will receive a \$10 discount. Register by calling toll free 1-888-653-6441, visit www.lifelinescreening.com/communitycircle, or text "circle" to 797979.

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL 618-853-7300

The Third Annual Shamrock Shootout NASP Tournament and Fun Flights will be held at COS on March 21 from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Join the fun and shoot a flight of arrows or just watch. Parents and community members can get more information and register using this form: <http://bit.ly/coslhs-shamrock2020> Registration is \$10 per archer. Admission is \$2 for students, \$3 for adults, or \$10 per family. Medals will be awarded to the top archers. Concessions will be available.

COS FFA Alumni: Join the COS FFA Alumni to help support FFA at COS! The next meeting is at COS on March 23 at 6:30 p.m.

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.

Don't forget to direct Thrivent Choice Dollars® Grant funding from Thrivent Financial through its Thrivent Choice® program can help support organizations that eligible Thrivent Financial members have designated for their Choice Dollars. You have until **March 31** to direct any remaining 2019 Choice Dollars. You can use those dollars to support Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School. Go to Thrivent.com/thriventchoice to learn more and find program terms and conditions. Or call 800-847-4836 and say “Thrivent Choice” after the prompt.

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; 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; Lisa Quinn, Ashley Brittingham, Megan Diercks, Jennifer Pfannebecker, Nicole Kadlec, Patty Brewer, Kristi Martel, Courtney Schoenbeck, Lexis Carner, Terra Williams, Brittney Eichholz, Pam Henry, Eileen Seibold, Christy Deterding, Melissa Schilling, Kaleigh Johnston, and Geraldine Thompson

Church Council

Chairman: Bruce Schneider Vice-Chairman: Gary Buatte

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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 Mark Nebel Sunday Liturgist: Pastor Russell Koen

Organist/Instrumentals: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Brandon Nehrt, Jonathan Nehrt

(5 p.m.) Greeters: Virginia and Mark Moeller Acolyte: Grayson Herriman

(8:00 a.m.) Greeters: Ken and Joan Voges; Lisa Quinn

Lector: Seminarian Wade Waterstreet Acolyte: Lucas Schwartzkopf

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

Acolyte: Addyson Piel

Flower Servers: Vickie Heller and Vernitta Wolter

Chancel Paraments: Virginia Moeller Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

Red Bud, Illinois

The Third Sunday in Lent 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. Please extend your hand for an individual cup and then hold it up to be seen by the one offering the common 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 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!!

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).

Signal Hill Counseling- A Family Sharing Christ!

Rev. Mark D. Wiesner, Mdiv, MS (Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist)

8100 West Main Street, Belleville, Illinois 62223

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PARISH NURSE NOTE: from *LCMS Better Health*

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.

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 . Tune in weekdays from 3-5 p.m. on KFUE 850AM in St. Louis, at www.issuesetc.org or LPR mobile app.

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! [Page 5](#)

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.

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.

LOST AND FOUND:

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

ISSUES, ETC.:

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 Uffelman thru Doug Zschiegner- Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

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!

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.