

The Epistle

OCTOBER 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

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education

Rev. Clifford Adair, Assistant to the Pastor

Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director

From Lutheran Church Charities "Undercover Boss"

I came to the exiles at Tel-abib, who were dwelling by the Chebar canal, and I sat where they were dwelling. And I sat there overwhelmed among them seven days." Ezekiel 3:15

There is a popular reality show on television called *Undercover Boss*. In it the company owner goes undercover disguised as a regular staff member and works alongside the other employees. He or she gets to experience their daily pressures and problems, becomes familiar with their strengths and weaknesses, and finds out what is and is not working. Some of the discoveries are truly eye-opening, and lead to major changes that end up making the organization a more efficient, more profitable, and a more enjoyable place for everyone to work.

A good definition of the word *understand* is "to stand in another person's shoes." That's what happened to the prophet Ezekiel. He writes: "*Then I came to the colony of Judean exiles...I was overwhelmed and sat among them for seven days. After seven days the Lord gave me a message. He said, "Son of man, I have appointed you as a watchman"*" (vv. 15-17). When did God give Ezekiel a

message for others? After he had spent seven days and nights sitting with people who had lost everything, people in deep despair and in need of answers. Referring to Jesus, the Bible tells us, "*This High Priest of ours understands our weaknesses, for he faced all of the same testings we do*" (*Hebrews 4:15*). Your most effective ministry to others can come out of some of the experiences you are going through right now, especially the painful ones you would like to escape and do not even feel comfortable talking about. The truth is that your greatest mess can turn out to be your greatest message. Let God work on you until He gets you to where you need to be.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, help me to understand what others are going through in their lives through their own perspectives. Thank You for being present in my life and knowing everything about me and what I am going through in my own life. I pray this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

Inspired by an email video sent out by Lutheran Church Extension Fund, I talked to our boards of Elders and Parish Education to develop a Ministry Menu of what our congregation does so that people can see where they can be involved (certainly effected by COVID restrictions recently). This also helps us as a congregation determine ministries that we want to add in order to serve and involve more people. The following is what we have developed:

Worship: Music (bells, choir, instruments), Greeters,
Ushers, Altar Guild, Acolytes;

Organizations: Evening Guild, Men's Club, PTL, Senior
Youth, Junior Youth;

Administration: Elders, Education, Trustees, Finance,
Officers, Volunteers;

Education: Day School, Bible classes, Confirmation,
Sunday School, Vacation Bible School;

Visitation: Homebound visits, Sonshine Ministry, Nursing
Home worship services;

Social Media: Facebook, Remind, Website, YouTube,
daily E-mails; and

New Possibilities: Marriage Mentors, Young Adults, New
Couples Club, Senior Lunch Bunch, Lutheran
Emergency Response Team, Short-term Mission
Trips, Prayer Walkers, _____, _____

Please look over these areas of ministry, identify where you are active already and what more you could get involved in as well as something new you would like to see us do as a family of faith. I look forward to hearing your feedback! *Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

Sunday Morning Studies 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

Adult Bible Class meets in the Fellowship Hall with Pastor Nebel. We will finish the Book of Acts this month. We then will read through “A Simple Explanation of Church and State” as our nation is involved in an election. Refreshments are provided.

DCE Bill Becker offers a parents and other adults class in the Junior High Wing of the school off of the new gym lobby. He will begin this month with parenting and end the month with pandemic. Go there to learn the connection.

Seminarian Wade Waterstreet is guiding our high school-aged members in “A Simple Explanation of Heaven and Hell” in Room Two of the Fellowship Hall.

Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Our Fellowship Hall provides plenty of space for social distancing for the following midweek Bible classes:

“Perseverance: Praying Through Life’s Challenges” is the Bible study that our women’s study group is using. We meet on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. and are led by Jennifer Fritsche.

First Samuel is the topic for the Wednesday evening class at 7:30 p.m. led by Pastor Nebel.

The Thursday morning, 8:10 to 9 a.m. class continues studying the Gospel of Luke with Pastor Nebel.

The first and third Saturdays at 7 a.m. are the times for our Men’s Bible Breakfast. This group is reading through the Old Testament account of Job.

Website Bible Studies

Bible studies topics under the Media tab of our website www.stjohnsredbud.org are Amen, Angels, Antichrist, Apostles, Apostolic Preaching of the Resurrection, Baptism Q & A, Church and Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, Discussing Homosexuality, End of the World, God’s Will in the Lives of His People, Haggai, Having the Right Attitude, Heaven, The Justice of God, Justification and Sanctification, Islam, Live By the Spirit, Malachi, Meditation, Philemon, Purses, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, Word Dwellers, and more to come!

We Bid a Fond Earthly Farewell

September 23 Death of Melba Liefer

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

September 19 Baptism of Kate Rene Rippelmeyer
Daughter of Jason and Chelsea (Koester) Rippelmeyer
September 26 Baptism of Sophia Lynn Uffelmann
Daughter of Derek and Katelin (Goddard) Uffelmann

Pastor Koen’s Retirement Open House



Rev. Russell Koen with one of his cakes in the Fellowship Hall on the afternoon of September 13. Thank you to our Board of Elders for arranging this special event! Thank you also to all who attended and gave Pastor and Lauri your thanks and well-wishes. This was the first time in St. John’s 165-year history that we observed the retirement of one of our pastors.

The Prayer Chain

Our Prayer Chain Coordinator is Vickie Heller. If you would like to be part of the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please call her 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).

Addition To Worship Prayers

If you are or have in your family an emergency responder, healthcare worker or law enforcement officer whose position has become especially difficult during this time of pandemic, please call or email our office so that we can list the name of that person in our group prayers much like we remember our nation’s military personnel.

October Servers

Flowers: Peggy Hanebutt and Brenda vanBuren
Paraments: Irma Birkner
Communion cloths: Lynn Langrehr

From Your Director of Christian Education

The month of October has always been a favorite of mine. I will celebrate another birthday on the 25th. The leaves begin to change and fall yard work gets done. It was in October 1993 I proposed to Diana. There usually are wurstmarts in the area to attend, but thanks to the Covid-19 virus these have been cancelled. I will start my Little House units in Fourth Grade reading class. The joint district teacher conference of Southern and Central Illinois is usually held. Another victim of the virus this year.

The Senior Youth Group members and I will assemble care packages to send to 37 members or former students of St. John's Lutheran Church/School. We thank Thrivent Action Teams for the funds to buy the items they will receive and the postage to mail most of the packages. Some students are still in the area and I will make sure they receive their package.

I will finish the parenting Bible study on Dr. Kevin Lehman this month and begin a new topic of *Faith in the Shadow of a Pandemic*. Join us at the school each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. in the Junior High hallway extra classroom.

On the 31st we will celebrate the 503rd anniversary of Martin Luther's Reformation of the church. This year it falls on a Saturday. It is also a full moon! May the good Lord have mercy on the teachers that Friday!

October is also Breast Cancer awareness month. This truly holds a special place in my heart. My wife Diana is a two-time survivor. My Godmother, Susan Guebert, as well as my friends Alice, Susie, Lauri, Lori, Pat, Pam, and many others have fought this disease or have earned their crowns of glory. Each Wednesday this month let's wear pink to support our wife, sisters, family members, and friends in their victories or struggles of this disease.

I thank God for the ministry He has planned for us here at St. John's. As we enter the month of October let us take the time to reflect on the blessings that He has provided each of us. *God's blessings to you, Mr. Bill Becker*

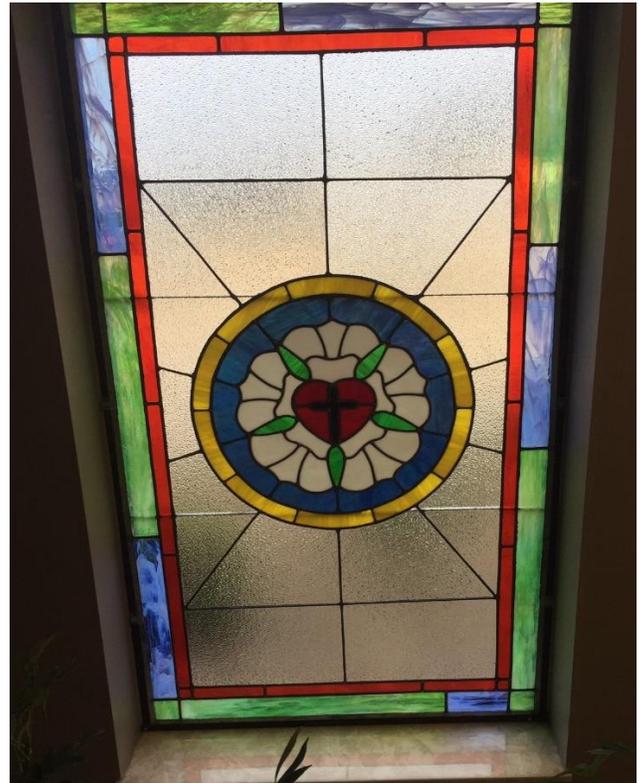
Sunday School Perfect Attendance

These students had perfect attendance in Sunday School for September: Nursery: Carter Mehring, Jettson Grohmann, Raelynn Stenzel; Pre-Kindergarten: Ava Kiefer, Kolton Liefer, Dallas Doeding; Kindergarten: Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr, Brewer Krick, Liza Wagner, Elsie Liefer; 1st Grade: Claire Doeding; 2nd Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick, Lauren Mehring, Holden Wagner; 3rd Grade: Amelia Cheek, Aubrey Kiefer; 5th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Sydney Kassing, Norah Wagner; 7th Grade: Noah Kassing.

Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

From the Principal's Pen

October is my favorite month for many reasons. I love the fall colors, the crisp, clean air, sunny days and cool nights. Our family celebrates many October birthdays, so it seems that a party is every weekend! I am thankful the harvest is in full swing and the Lord has once again blessed us with a great harvest. I am thankful that my baptismal date is October 31 and I am reminded of the Reformation and that God chose me to be His child (no matter how old I am!) Yes, the Lord has been good to me.



The school recently received the stained glass Luther Rose Window in the front lobby. It will serve as a reminder for generations to come of the faith we have. From generation unto generation the knowledge of what Christ endured on the cross through His pain, death and resurrection gives us by faith the assurance of eternal life. The window was a gift from memorial money given in memory of my mother Evelyn Luehrs, and money Bruce and I gave in thanksgiving for our Christian parents, children and grandchildren. Martin Luther was asked to symbolize our faith in a visible means. The seal is explained in this way; "The first thing expressed in my seal is a cross, black, with the red heart, to put me in mind that faith in Christ crucified saves us. 'For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness.' Now, although the cross is black, shameful, and intended to cause pain, yet it does not change the color of the heart, does not destroy nature. In other words, it does not kill but keeps alive. 'For the just shall live by faith' by faith in the Savior. But this heart is fixed

on the center of a white rose to show that faith causes joy, comfort, and peace. The rose is white, not red because white is the ideal color of all angels and blessed spirits. The **rose**, moreover, is fixed in a sky-colored background, to show that such joy of faith in the spirit is but a promise and beginning of heavenly joy to come. This joy, though not yet revealed, is looked forward to and held by hope which we have. Around this background is a **ring**, to show that such bliss in heaven is endless. And since the ring is made of gold, the best and most precious metal, it also shows that the bliss of heaven is more precious than all the joys and treasures.” Martin Luther

We are so happy to have all of our students back in school! We had to quarantine a few classes and both our softball and baseball teams. It was quiet here in school without them and we did miss them! Assignments were completed remotely and the teachers did a great job of keeping them on task. We expect that throughout the year we may have to quarantine students or classrooms again. However, we are happy to keep the rest of our school open and learning each day. Thank you parents for helping us keep your children safe. The students are doing a good job of wearing masks and staying apart, as much as possible. The temperature checks in the morning are another way to help keep everyone safe. We are keeping our building clean and disinfected multiple times daily. We are happy we have had only few absences not related to COVID-19.

We are sad that many activities for the fall have had to be cancelled or postponed. This is to keep everyone safe. We will miss our Fall Festival with the cute costumes and delicious chili and brats. Our Fun Run is being postponed until Spring to be able to include all students. Other activities like our Civil War Day in eighth grade will look different but we are still being able to accomplish this event. The baseball and softball teams will be allowed to have Regional play but games will be spread out with staggered times. Yes, our school year looks different but we are thankful to be here in school!

As in past years, we will have Parent/Teacher Conferences but these also will look different. We are asking everyone to wear masks, no students in attendance, stay socially distanced and be mindful of your allotted time. Because of the large classes in grades 6 through 8, a Thursday night option is also available. The Thursday night option is preferably for families that do not have younger siblings. The information was sent home to the parents in the Cougar Tracks. An option of a virtual conference is also available and arrangements must be made with the teacher.

I pray that you enjoy our Fall with the beauty it has to offer.
God's blessings to you, Deitt Schneider

Daycare Diary

Fall greetings to all! The little ones of the school are doing well and we are all enjoying the much needed break from the heat. In September we welcomed four new families to our center and are grateful to have them here.

Our classes two and up continue to partake in Early Childhood Chapel virtually; watching it via Facebook live in the classrooms. While this is not the ideal way we like to partake in worship, it does bring us some sense of togetherness as our contact with others in the school is limited during these times.

We were abundantly blessed in September with a grant from the Illinois Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies. This grant will help tremendously in covering costs for PPE equipment as well as being able to offset the cost for the extra staff we have to keep on duty during this time due to COVID-19 guidelines.

The staff and I look forward to a fun October filled with fall activities!
Blessings, Amanda Falkenhain

Junior Youth

Our Junior Youth will be packing Operation Christmas Child boxes in November. Start collecting small items now such as school supplies, small toys, socks, gloves, etc. For more ideas, check out www.samitaranspurse.org. Please check out the Junior Youth of St. John's Lutheran in Red Bud Facebook page for more information on Junior Youth activities. Junior Youth is for grades 4 to 8 for those who attend St. John's Lutheran school or are members of the church. For more information, contact Jennifer Roscow at 618-972-5366 (text or call) or mroscow@htc.net.

Senior Youth

Our elected officers are: Ethan Fritsche, President; Annelise Quinn, Activity Director; Dylan Roscow, Treasurer; and Hannah Sievers, Secretary.

Our Senior Youth monthly meeting will be in our church basement hangout on October 4th at noon. At this gathering we will work with our DCE Bill Becker in putting together care packages for our college-aged members.

We plan to host a bake sale in conjunction with the Lion's Club BBQ in our school parking lot on October 18.

Men's Club

St. John's Men will gather on Thursday, October 8 at 7 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. We will watch Dr. Dale Meyer, former President of Concordia Seminary, as he guides us in “We the People: Citizens of Two Kingdoms.” This is an examination of our dual citizenship here on earth and also in heaven, and the responsibility that comes with each. Devotions, meeting, refreshments and conversation will be a part of our time together as well. All are invited!

Evening Guild News

Our Evening Guild is sponsoring an event for all women of St John's on Tuesday, October 20 at 6:00 pm. Please wear your mask entering the Fellowship Hall and leaving... your dinner will be served to you and a free will basket will be available for donations. Pastor Robert Brown will be leading devotions and giving a report on his studies at Concordia Seminary. The Evening Guild has been sponsoring Pastor Brown for the last four years, at the seminary, and again this year, as he pursues a STM degree. Pastor Brown has been called to serve as the Associate Pastor at Peace Lutheran Church in South County, Mo. He is looking forward to meeting the women of St. John's. Hostesses are Brenda Gilpatrick, chairman, Mary Gross, Judy Guebert, Linda Guebert and Nancy Langrehr. Skit chairs are Betty Schmitz and Cindy Nebel. Bring your mite box contributions.

Please check out the new district web site for the LWML SID Virtual Convention that was taped on September 26 at St. Paul's Lutheran Church in Columbia, with the opening divine service and business meeting with SID LWML President Diane Grebing. You will find the new officers and new mission grant recipients. Rev. Dr. Dale Meyer is our featured speaker, along with messages from the past biennium recipients. Go to www.sidlwml.org for the redesigned website, beginning October 1.

Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship: Thursday, October 22 at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. We need two delegates. The Guest Speaker is Rev. Rod Beckendorf of Lutheran Heritage Foundation.

LWML Sunday is October 4 with door collection for Baldwin Sight Center

Assembly of Personal Care Kits will take place on Friday, October 2 at 2:00 p.m., in the Fellowship Hall. The junior youth group will be assembling the kits. This project was part of Lutheran School week in January 2020. We want to get it completed for LWR pickup in October.

Quilting continues! The ladies meet in the Fellowship Hall on Tuesday afternoons and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Join them for some social interaction at a distance across a quilt!

Congratulations!

St. John's member, St. John's Lutheran School alumnus and Red Bud High School senior Ethan Fritsche was named a Commended Student in the 2021 National Merit Scholarship Program. He is one of about 34,000 such students throughout our nation. This is the result of his score on the 2019 Preliminary SAT/National Merit Scholarship Qualifying Test.

Virtual "Brew In The Lou"

The Lutheran Elementary School Association (LESA), of which we are a member, will begin sales of "Brew in the Lou" passports on October 1 at www.LESAstl.org. The cost \$30 for a 12-month ticket with more than \$300 worth of beverages, distilleries, wineries, restaurants and retailers in the St. Louis area. Money raised supports students in St. Louis area Lutheran schools.

Music CDs Available

St. John's member Joan Voges is offering the latest, and last, music CD from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. "Peter's Song" tells the story of Jesus through the eyes of His disciple Peter. The seven tracks of this CD include beautiful narrations from the late Chris Bergmann along with Joan's texts and tunes. All of her Lilyfield CDs are available on the table in the entryway for a \$10 donation to our school ministry.

Former St. John's member Bryan Perdue has made his latest CD of music, "Freely Given, Freely Received," available for us to purchase. The \$10 will be used for our congregation's Debt Reduction. They are on the table in the church entryway.

What Is A Steward? From LCMS Stewardship

We celebrate the Reformation at the end of each October. The Reformation began on All Saints' Eve in 1517, which was when Martin Luther posted the 95 Theses to the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg. Let us hear from Luther himself on the topic of giving and stewardship.

In the Small Catechism under the Table of Duties, Martin Luther gives specific Bible passages to help Christians know their duty in their various vocations as members of their family, society at large, and in God's family, the Church. Under the heading "What Hearers Owe Their Pastors," Luther lists five passages from the Bible, three of which have to do with giving to your local congregation. These are:

"The Lord has commanded that those who preach the gospel should receive their living from the gospel." (1 Corinthians 9:14)

"Anyone who receives instruction in the word must share all good things with his instructor. Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows." (Galatians 6:6-7)

"The elders [presbyters, i.e., pastors] who direct the affairs of the church well are worthy of double honor, especially whose work is preaching and teaching. For the Scripture says, 'Do not muzzle the ox while it is treading out the grain,' and 'The worker deserves his wages.'" (1 Timothy 5:17-18)

40 DAYS FOR LIFE PRAYER VIGIL

Sunday, October 18, 4-6 pm

LCMS CHURCHES of the SOUTHERN ILLINOIS DISTRICT will hold a peaceful prayer vigil at Planned Parenthood in Fairview Heights, Illinois. Thousands of Christians across our country are gathering to pray for the protection of the defenseless unborn. Unite with your Lutheran brothers and sisters in Christ as we pray for the salvation of all those involved and affected by abortion. Thank you for committing a portion of your afternoon to meditate on the gift of life.

40 Days for Life Prayer Vigil on Sunday, October 18, 4-6 pm (*Please come pray for as long you're able*) at Planned Parenthood: 317 Salem Place, Fairview Heights. Park next to Planned Parenthood on the Tucker-Allen building lot. All CDC COVID-19 requirements will be observed. You're welcome to bring a lawn chair. Copies of the Litany will be provided, as well as prayers from LSB. For more information, please contact: Monica Shannon, Life Coordinator, S.I.D. Advocates for Life Team 618-580-5573 sidlcmslife@gmail.com

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!

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.

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 position temporarily vacant

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)

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. October 3	5 p.m. Summer Luttman
Sun. October 4	8 a.m. Lucas Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Morgan Kent
Sat. Oct. 10	5 p.m. Ayden Wiegard
Sun. Oct. 11	8 a.m. Gavin Baldwin 10:30 a.m. Luke Kennedy
Sat. Oct. 17	5 p.m. Addyson Piel
Sun. Oct. 18	8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton 10:30 a.m. Crewe Wagner
Sat. Oct. 24	5 p.m. Ava Clifford
Sun. Oct. 25	8 a.m. Sofia Jones 10:30 a.m. Lily Kent
Sat. Oct. 31	5 p.m. Grayson Herriman
Sun. Nov. 1	8 a.m. Bruce Quinn 10:30 a.m. Olivia Gerald

If you are not able to serve when scheduled, please switch with another acolyte and contact our office with the change. Thanks!



October Church and School Calendar

Friday, October 2- Civil War Day at school

8:20 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel in the new gym

Saturday, October 3-

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

11:00 a.m. Boys' Baseball Regionals at Freeburg vs. St. Joseph

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

SUNDAY, October 4-

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym at school

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible classes in the Fellowship Hall

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in the church basement

Monday, October 5-

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

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

Tuesday, October 6-

10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Marion

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting

Wednesday, October 7- OVC Cross Country

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mr. Palm

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Acolyte Training & Pizza Party at church

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, October 8- End of First Quarter

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the FH

Friday, October 9- No School! Teacher Institute Day

Saturday, October 10-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, October 11-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the new gym

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

Monday, October 12- Columbus Day! Office Closed

Tuesday, October 13-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in new gym lobby

Wednesday, October 14-

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mr. Becker

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in FH

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, October 15-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, October 16- Report Cards go home!

8:20 a.m. School Chapel for PS through Grade 2

Saturday, October 17-

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

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

SUNDAY, October 18-

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

9:30 a.m. Adult/Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Parents class in the new gym

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

4-6 p.m. SID Prayer Vigil at Planned Parenthood-Fairview Hgts

Monday, October 19-

7:00 p.m. Church Council meeting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Tuesday, October 20-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

2:15 – 8 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

6:00 p.m. Evening Guild Women's Gathering in the FH

Wednesday, October 21-

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mrs. Hudak

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in the FH

2:15 – 8 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (1 Samuel)

Thursday, October 22-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

9:00 a.m. Zone LWML at St. Peter's in Evansville

2:15 – 8 p.m. Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in FH

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice

Friday, October 23- No School!

Saturday, October 24-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, October 25-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Parents class in the new gym

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

Monday, October 26-

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

Tuesday, October 27-

12:30 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 28-

8:20 a.m. Chapel Service (Grades 3-8) with Mrs. Schneider

9:00 a.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in Fellowship Hall

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

2:15 p.m. Public School Confirmation classes in the FH

7:00 p.m. Voters Assembly meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Thursday, October 29-

8:10 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Luke)

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony

Friday, October 30-

8:20 a.m. School Chapel for PS through Grade 2

Saturday, October 31- Reformation Day

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

6:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school's west parking lot

SUNDAY, November 1- All Saints' Day

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Parents class in the new gym

9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

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

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement

Luther comments on these passages in his 1535 Lectures on Galatians. He wrote:

“When Paul says ‘all good things,’ this is not to be taken to mean that everyone should share all his possessions with his preacher. No, it means that he should provide for him liberally, giving him as much as is needed to support his life in comfort. ... The apostle is so serious in advocating this topic of support for preachers that he adds a threat to his denunciation and exhortation, saying: ‘God is not mocked.’ ... All this pertains to the topic of support for ministers. I do not like to interpret such passages; for they seem to commend us, as in fact they do. In addition, it gives the appearance of greed if one emphasizes these things diligently to one’s hearers. Nevertheless, people should be taught also about this matter, in order that they may know that they owe both respect and support to their preachers. Christ teaches the same thing in Luke 10:7: ‘Eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages’; and Paul says elsewhere (1 Cor. 9:13–14): ‘Do you not know that those who are employed in the temple service get their food from the temple, and those who serve at the altar share in the sacrificial offerings? In the same way the Lord commanded that those who proclaim the Gospel should get their living by the Gospel.’ It is important for us who are in the ministry to know this, so that we do not have a bad conscience about accepting for our work wages ... it happens when those who proclaim the glory of God and faithfully instruct the youth derive their livelihood from them. It is impossible that one man should be devoted to household duties day and night for his support and at the same time pay attention to the study of Sacred Scripture, as the teaching ministry requires. Since God has commanded and instituted this, we should know that we may with a good conscience enjoy what is provided for the comfortable support of our lives from church properties to enable us to devote ourselves to our office.” (LW 27:125–126)