

The Epistle

JUNE 2021

**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

"You Can Bounce Back"

And David inquired of the Lord, "Shall I pursue after this band? Shall I overtake them?" He answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake and shall surely rescue." 1st Samuel 30:8

(We recently covered this passage in our Wednesday evening Adult Bible Class.)

Are you battling a stubborn habit like drugs and alcohol? Gambling? Overeating? Pornography? Here's good news. Jesus said He came *'that captives will be released'* (Luke 4:18). You can recover. You can get back what you've lost, or something better. How? By doing two things David did when the Amalekites destroyed his home and took his family captive: 1) He turned to God for strength. *'David strengthened himself in the Lord'* (1 Samuel 30:6). Face it; if you could solve the problem yourself you'd have done it. Acknowledging your powerlessness is the first step to victory. But acknowledging it is not the same as giving in to defeat and despair. It means that you can't, but God can, and He will when you surrender to Him. 2) He turned to God for a strategy. *'David inquired of the Lord, saying, "Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?" And He*

answered him, "Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all"' (v. 8). Note the word 'pursue'. David was relentless; he didn't stop until he recovered everything the enemy had stolen from him. And that must be your attitude too. You say, 'But I've failed so often.' The Bible says, 'Though the righteous fall seven times, they rise again' (Proverbs 24:16) 2 Corinthians 5:21). Knowing that will give you the faith and courage to 'pursue...overtake...and recover all' – and bounce back.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, even when things seem hopeless, help me to remember that they are with my lack of strength. But with You they are not! Thank You Jesus and in Your name I pray. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

The following pages reflect how much has been happening here at St. John's this past month. This reflects how we, like much of society around us, is returning to normal from the Covid pandemic. I look forward to more of that normalcy to come!

But there is more to happen here at St. John's during this month. Some get the mistaken impression that a congregation with a day school that is active for nine months of the year shuts down completely during June and July. Not so! Of course, we still offer our regular schedule of weekend worship services. The Bible classes I teach will continue this year through the summer months. Mr. Becker is offering Summer Sunday School. Vacation Bible School will be a busy week. There will be a Lego Camp in July.

I look forward to seeing you and serving with God's Word and Sacraments in the weeks to come.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

May 1 John Kellerhouse (Adult Confirmation) and
Christine Kellerhouse (Profession of Faith)

Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. is studying 2nd Samuel. The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class is studying of the prophet Ezekiel. The 1st and 3rd Saturdays this month will be our 7 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast which is studying the New Testament Pastoral Epistles. A Women's Bible Study is on Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. "All Together Beautiful," written by Heidi Goehmann, explores the Old Testament book Song of Songs (Solomon). For more information on this class call Vickie Heller (618/521-7417) or Janel Kassing (618/977-1175).

God's blessings to Christian Fathers!

From Your Director of Christian Education

Summer is here! This is a time when one can maybe slow down a bit. When was the last time you chased a lightning bug, went fishing, or watched a ball game? The Bible says, “While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease” ([Genesis 8:22](#) ESV). Time has not ceased and it sure doesn’t seem to slow down the older I become! Take some time for yourself but also remember to take time for God. Be in God’s Word daily. Attend a worship service here or wherever you are vacationing. To find a church in your location use <https://locator.lcms.org/dashboard>.

The students have some fun educational opportunities in June. Beginning Sunday, June 6 we will have summer Sunday School in the school's main lobby for those students who are four years old up to finishing grade seven. We will start at 9:30 a.m. and end by 10:10a.m. Masks are being left up to each family's discretion. VBS will be held June 7-11 at the church and fellowship hall. The link to register is: <https://www.myvbs.org/signup/>.

The Senior Youth will have an event on June 27 for the graduating seniors and incoming freshmen. More details to follow. Also on June 27 after the late service we will recognize retiring Junior Youth leaders Jennifer Becker-Roscow and Lisa Quinn for eight years of faithful service to the congregation. We certainly thank them for their service. Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy has agreed to take over this group in August.

As the refrain to *Life is a Journey* (Another AGPS favorite song) says, “Life is a journey we’re takin’ each day. Life is a journey and we’re on our way. And God in His mercy from heaven above blesses our journey in love!” Wherever your journey takes you this summer remember God is always with you and share His love with those around you! *God’s blessings, DCE Bill Becker*

God’s Gift Of A New Pastor

Rev. Brian Nowak will be installed as Pastor of St. John in Baldwin on the afternoon of July 4 and as Associate Pastor of St. John’s in Red Bud in the 10:30 a.m. service on Sunday, July 11. He will first preach for us in the Sat., July 17 service and again on the weekend of July 31-August 1.

From the Principal’s Pen

The School year 2020-2021 is complete! It was a good year even with all our regulations and restrictions to follow. We were very blessed to be in school, many students in our country did not have this privilege. Thanks for helping make the year successful, it took all of us working together to accomplish this!

The 8th grade class trip to Washington DC and other historic sites went well and I am happy the students and parents were able to make the trip. I always learn something new, even though I have gone many times. The country seems to be opening up again and I hope next year’s class is able to experience even more. The 8th grade class also had great trips to Springfield and Perry Co, Missouri. It is worth a drive to Perryville to see the Missouri Veterans Memorial with an exact replica of the Vietnam wall.

Sports Awards night was held on May 19. Please watch the North County News for recognition of these awards. The last day of school all year awards were presented. These also will be in the paper with pictures but are also listed as follows:

Perfect School Attendance All Year: Kindergarten- Liam Langrehr, Emry Voss, Caden Wegener, Brinley Wolter, Elsie Liefer & Layla Meyer 1st grade- Tripp Gardner & Blake Horrell. 2nd grade- Jackson Neff & Grant Florreich. 3rd grade- Aubrey Kiefer, Jozlynn Palm, Max Voss & Brayden McCarthy. 4th grade- Maya Macbeth & Brendyn Wegener. 5th grade- Cason Birch & Emily Farmer. 6th grade- Olivia Candler, Kendall Crafton, Addie Rahn, Landon Ruebusch & Colby Voss. 7th grade- Alexa Wegner, Addyson Piel & Luke Quintin. 8th grade- Christine Liefer, Samuel Roscow & Cadin Voss.

Perfect Church Attendance All Year: Kindergarten- McKinley Florreich. 1st grade- Evlyn Heck and Henry Schnepel. 8th grade- Samuel Roscow; Perfect Sunday School Attendance All Year: 8th grade- Samuel Roscow

Honor Roll- All Year: 4th grade- Brendyn Wegner & Levi Nagel. 5th grade- Cason Birch, Joey Biffar and Lilly Meyer. 6th grade- Milla Neff, Kinley Macbeth, Colby Voss and Olivia Valleroy. 7th grade- Ava Clifford, Addie Meyer, Kerrigan Zeiger. 8th grade- Taylor Guebert, Gavin Baldwin and Lucas Schwartzkopf.

High Honors- All Year: 4th grade- Cailyn Wilson & Brooke Wolter. 5th grade- Mallory Arbeiter, Karleigh Liefer & Addy Schloemann. 6th grade- Kendall Crafton, Amelia Guebert, Lucas McCarthy, Addie Rahn, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton, Jenna Whelan and Julia Whelan. 7th grade- Alexa Wegener, Addyson Piel, Evan Kiefer. 8th grade- Tori Muench, Sofia Jones, Hailey Proctor, Crewe Wagner, Derek Whelan, Summer Luttmann, Cadin Voss and Christine Liefer.

Highest Honors- All Year: 4th grade- Maya Macbeth, Jack Sachtleben, Tessa Stenzel, Ella Cowell and Carson Moll. 5th grade- Norah Wagner. 6th grade- Landon Ruebusch & Brodie Stenzel. 7th grade- Emma Kiefer. 8th grade- Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Eva Kinney, Samuel Roscow, and Daniel Stapleton.



Graduation was held on May 25 with 24 students receiving diplomas: Gavin Jacob Baldwin, Jakob David Biffar, Chloe Grace Cowell, Emerson Lynn Deterding, Taylor Nikole Guebert, Blake Aaron Henry, Sofia Leigh Jones, Connor Blake Jordan, Eva Lillian Kinney, Natalie Marie Korando, Christine Joy Liefer, Karson Diedrich Liefer, MaKayla Christine Liefer, Summer Lynn Luttmann, Tori Aevon Muench, Hailey Cecelia May Proctor, Bruce David Quinn, Jr., Samuel Michael Roscow, Lucas Edward Schwartzkopf, Daniel Thomas Stapleton, Cadin Jacob Voss, Crewe Lebraiah Wagner, Trenton Randy Wagner, and Derek Edward Whelan. Thirteen students received the President's Award for Education Excellence. They achieved this by keeping their grade point average at 3.5 or above or have scored at the 85% in Math or Reading for four years. The following students were recognized: Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Sofia Jones, Eva Kinney, Christine Liefer, Tori Muench, Hailey Proctor, Sam Roscow, Daniel Stapleton, Crewe Wagner, and Derek Whelan. Nine students were recognized by the PTL with \$50 for high academic achievement: Scholar Athlete-Sofia Jones, Citizenship Award – Christine Liefer, Salutatorians – Jakob Biffar, Chloe Cowell, and Daniel Stapleton, Valedictorians- Emme Deterding, Blake Henry, Eva Kinney, and Sam Roscow. The Eickhoff-Zobel Scholarship to Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School for \$250 was presented to Christine Liefer. Gavin Baldwin was recognized for competition in Track. He broke the school record earlier this year held by Adam Guebert since 2000 in the 200 M Dash. Then he went on to break his own school record at the Southern Illinois District Track meet on May 22. This time also set a new record for the Southern Illinois District Track Meet with a time of 24.37. Gavin also broke another school record held by Nick Mehner since 2005 in the 100 M Dash on May 22. This time also set a new record at the Southern Illinois District Track meet with a time of 11:36. Samuel Roscow was recognized for having Perfect School Attendance, Perfect Church Attendance and Perfect Sunday School Attendance for nine years, K-8 grade. This accomplishment is met by very few

people. Parents recognized for having their last child graduate were: Kent and Karen Liefer-10 years, Brandon and Jessica Jordan-11 years, Doug and Susan Luttmann-11 years, Jodie and Jennifer Stapleton-11 years, Jason and Becky Guebert-12 years, Brian and Melissa Henry- 14 years, Nathan and Bethany Kinney -14 years, David and Kristy Baldwin-15 years, Curtis and Erin Cowell-15 years, Tim Deterding and Chrystal Deterding -15 years, Bruce and Lisa Quinn-15 years, and Mike and Jennifer Roscow-15 years. The class chose as their Class Flower-rose, Song-“Oceans”, Class Colors-Purple and White, Class Verse-2nd Timothy 4:7, “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.”

Looking ahead, Book Night and Registration will take place on July 7 from 4-7 p.m. I have given several school tours with new prospective families. I look forward to the 2021-2022 school year!

*God's blessings to everyone and have a great summer!
Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



St. John's Class of 2021 graduate Sam Roscow with his certificates for perfect school, church and Sunday School attendance for all nine years of grade school!

Calling for Worship Greeters

Our Board of Elders wants to resume our practice of greeters for our worship services. Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, Pastor would like to hear from you. Please call or email him if you are willing to serve St. John's in this way.

Valmeyer High School- Konnor Stellhorn

College/University Graduates

Brenden Heller- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Southeast Missouri State University

Brandy (Reinhardt) Koppel- Masters in Educational
Leadership (Principal's Certification)
Maryville University

Maria Miller- Masters in Public Administration and Policy
Analysis, Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville

Tessa Miller- Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Southeast Missouri State University

Clara Nebel- Bachelor of Science in Education (Lutheran
Teaching Diploma), Concordia University Nebraska

Matthew Nebel- Bachelor of Science in Mechanical
Engineering, University of Missouri-Columbia

Michael Nebel- Masters of Arts in Educational
Administration, University of Nebraska-Lincoln

Sarah Roy- Masters in School Counseling and Masters in
Professional Counseling, Lindenwood University

Anne Sievers- Masters in Educational Studies (Reading
emphasis), McKendree University

Alex Voges- Associate in Arts in Welding Technology
Southwestern Illinois College



St. John's Lutheran School alumni who are the Class of 2021 valedictorians at Red Bud High School. Congratulations to (left to right) Meredith Whelan, Dylan Roscow, Ethan Fritsche and Avery Piel!

Graduates

St. John's Lutheran School

Gavin Jacob Baldwin, Jakob David Biffar+, Chloe Grace Cowell+, Emerson Lynn Deterding*, Taylor Nikole Guebert, Blake Aaron Henry*, Sofia Leigh Jones, Connor Blake Jordan, Eva Lillian Kinney*, Natalie Marie Korando, Christine Joy Liefer, Karson Diedrich Liefer, MaKayla Christine Liefer, Summer Lynn Luttmann, Tori Aevon Muench, Hailey Cecelia May Proctor, Bruce David Quinn, Jr., Samuel Michael Roscow*, Lucas Edward Schwartzkopf, Daniel Thomas Stapleton+, Cadin Jacob Voss, Crewe Lebraiah Wagner, Trenton Randy Wagner, Derek Edward Whelan (*valedictorian; +salutatorian)

Red Bud Elementary School- Olivia Grace Gerald

Red Bud High School

Kaleb Barriger, Kinley Bowles#, Wyatt Cowell, Jesse Crafton, Ben DeRousse, Ethan Fritsche*, Claire Grohmann, Brendan Harms, Sara Hewitt, Madilyn Hoock, Adam Kiefer, Jordyn Mulherin+, Avery Piel*+, Dylan Roscow*, Jenna Salger, Christian Stechmesser, Adrienne Vallett@, Parker VanDorn, Brandon Voss@, Makayla Whelan (*co-valedictorians; +class officers; #Service Award; @military)

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School- Annelise Quinn
(co-valedictorian)



Congratulations to St. John's member and school alumnus Annelise Quinn who was a co-valedictorian for Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School's Class of 2021!

June Servers

Flowers: Alice Guebert and Becky Biffar
Paraments: Ella Hemmer
Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Preschool and Kindergarten Registration

Registration is now online and open for Preschool and Kindergarten. Please log on to the addresses below to sign up for the 2021-2022 school year.

Here are the web addresses for the registration forms.

Kindergarten: <https://forms.gle/A8vEHAXcHyz9GcCV9>

Preschool: <https://forms.gle/TDK3QKmnMMBUXjcY9>

A Musical Moment

For the summer months: June, July, and August, I'm inviting anyone who's interested to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! You do not have to be a choir member to participate! We will sing for the following worship services: Sunday, June 6th (10:30 AM), Sunday, June 20th (8:00 AM), Sunday, July 11th (10:30 AM), Sunday, July 18th (8:00 AM), and Sunday, August 1st (10:30 AM). We will meet a half an hour before each service to practice the song. The songs we sing will be fairly simple, most likely in unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to come sing too!!

In addition to the Summer Singers, I'm inviting anyone with musical talent to share their gifts with the congregation during worship this summer! If you are interested, contact me and we can set something up! We can do instrumental/vocal collaborations, playing along with the hymns, accompanying the Summer Singers, etc. The options are endless!

If you are interested in serving the congregation musically in these ways, please let me know!

God's blessings, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Sunday School News

Perfect Sunday School Attendance in May: Nursery: Jettson Grohmann, Hayden Schlimme; Kindergarten: Liam Langrehr, Amelia Langrehr, Layla Meyer, Maggie Kuehn; First grade: Henry Schnepel, Claire Doeding; Second Grade: Aiden Arbeiter, Lucy Kuehn; Fifth Grade: Mallory Arbeiter, Molly Kuehn, Lillian Meyer; Seventh Grade: Noah Kassing; Eighth Grade: Bruce Quinn Jr., Samuel Roscow, Daniel Stapleton. Thank you for taking part in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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).

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 & Homosexuality, Communications Skills, Cremation, Christian Citizenship, End of the World, Discussing Homosexuality, Fear or Faith? Terror or Trust? Worldly Worry or Christian Living, 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!

ELDER ZONES FOR 2021: (Chairman, Eric Fritsche)

Zone 1: D. Adams thru R. Collins-
Elder Eric Fritsche (618/410-5989)

Zone 2: S. Conboy thru D/K Grohmann-
Elder Larry Gielow (618/830-4689)

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 Gerald Hanebutt (618/317-4574)

Zone 7: A/A Piel thru Don Schrader-
Elder Mike DeRousse (618/719-7024)

Zone 8: J/D Schrader thru B/C Turner-
Elder Kevin Guebert (618/973-4356)

Zone 9: D/K Uffelmann thru Doug Zschiegner-
Elder Kirk Liefer (618/559-7950)

Evening Guild News

The Evening Guild will not gather for the summer months, but we are making plans for a fun social event for all women of the congregation on September 21, 2021.

The LWML convention is June 24 – 27, 2021 in Lexington, Kentucky. Theme is: "Running the Race ... Looking to Jesus." "Mites in Action" speakers are inspirational favorites at LWML conventions. Registration has been extended, or plan to view the convention from your phone or computer at lwml.org.

Red Bud Fireman's Picnic is last weekend of June. We are looking for volunteers to help make German potato salad on Friday, June 25, starting at 9:00 a.m. in the school kitchen.

Quilting schedule for May is Tuesdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesdays from noon to 3 p.m.

Junior Youth

We thank Jennifer Roscow and Lisa Quinn for their many years of service as leaders of our Junior Youth. With their youngest sons having graduated 8th grade, they are turning over leadership to Stephanie Valleroy. We thank them for their service in the past and God's blessings on their continued service to Him and His people in the future!

Senior Youth

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

We are graduating a majority of the youth group membership this year. I am hoping that we can fill up the basement with our large 8th grade class as new members!

Looking to this summer- We'll host a new member welcome event and encourage anyone in the congregation in HS 2021-2022 school year to join us. We'll need to host some BBQ's and get back to fundraising. We will have a "I think I am interested in attending the Gathering" meeting.

Our June meeting is Sunday, the 13th. This could also be our new member welcome party.

The LCMS National Youth Gathering for 2022 will be in Houston. Those age 19+ can apply for a Team Flex position. These volunteers are part time. Their application deadline is April 2022. Later this year the application process will open up for YAV Team Captains and YAV's (watch for info July 2021).

All applications can be found on the gathering website: <https://lcmsgathering.com/volunteer/>

Terry and Susie Harms

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.

Retirement Reception

The retirement reception for our office Executive Assistant Julie Ratz will be on Sunday, June 13 in the Fellowship Hall between worship services. She will

appreciate your cards of thanks and congratulations. Her last day in the office will be June 15.

CPH Summer Reading Program

This is a summer reading program that is all about Jesus. It encourages kids to read all summer so they build vocabulary and comprehension skills while learning more about their Savior. CPH runs from June 1st through August 13. Any books children read will earn them points, and if they log 1,000 points by August 13, they will be entered in for a chance to win awesome prizes. For more information, please grab a flier from the Media Board in the school lobby.

A Worship Invitation

For those of you who might travel to God's country of Central Missouri during the summer, here is a worship invitation from a fellow congregation near the Lake of the Ozarks:

From Peace Lutheran Church LCMS Camdenton (Greenview), Missouri to your congregation, greetings! This invitation goes out to all who might plan a visit to the Lake of The Ozarks. We at Peace invite all who will be coming to the Lake of The Ozarks to join us for Sunday morning worship. We offer a liturgical, confessional, sacramental worship experience based on God's inerrant Word and Christ's eternal saving sacrifice on the cross. We are located 9 miles north of Camdenton (9307 N State Highway 5) in a community called Greenview. Our worship service begins at 9:00am with Bible study at 10:15 a. m. We would love to meet you! We'll leave the welcome mat out! Further information can be found at our website: www.plccamdenton.org. God's blessings from our congregation to yours! P.S. If you know of someone who is planning to come to the Lake, please forward this invitation to them. All are welcome at the foot of the cross!

17th Annual BOB STREUTER MEMORIAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, JUNE 12, 2021

ROLAND BARKAU GOLF COURSE

Okawville, Illinois

Four Person Scramble includes: Green Fee & Cart, Lunch*, Skins Game, One Mulligan, 2 Drink Tickets Flighted Tournament; Team Captain Check In: 7:30 – 8:15 a.m.; Shot Gun Start: 8:30 a.m.

*Lunch: Following team play

We have a St. John's sponsor. Let Pastor know ASAP if you can play and represent our congregation!

Vocation: Explore God's Direction for You

Do you know someone entering grades nine through 12 who is interested in serving in ministry? Tell them about **Vocatio**, a free and fun weeklong event, June 19-24 at Concordia Seminary in St. Louis! This event will be in-person with limited attendance to ensure appropriate group size, following all health and safety guidelines for the well-being of all participants. Space is limited, so register today!

Share with a high schooler about this incredible opportunity to spend time experiencing Seminary life, learning from professors and engaging in thoughtful conversation about faith, vocation and the call to pastoral or diaconal ministry. Activities also include a servant event and a virtual college fair!

The deadline to register is **June 5**. Interested participants can **learn more** and sign up below. For information about a virtual option for this event, contact Rev. Micah Glenn, glenmm@csledu.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. May 29	5 p.m. Karson Liefer
Sun. May 30	8 a.m. Bruce Quinn 10:30 a.m. Milla Neff
Sat. June 5	5 p.m. Brodie Stenzel
Sun. June 6	8 a.m. Daniel Stapleton 10:30 a.m. Olivia Valleroy
Sat. June 12	5 p.m. Shamus Korves
Sun. June 13	8 a.m. Blake Henry 10:30 a.m. Cadin Voss
Sat. June 19	5 p.m. Christine Liefer
Sun. June 20	8 a.m. Jakob Biffar 10:30 a.m. Addelyn Rahn
Sat. June 26	5 p.m. Olivia Candler
Sun. June 27	8 a.m. Jack Kennedy 10:30 a.m. Emme Deterding
Sat. July 3	5 p.m. Kinley Macbeth
Sun. July 4	8 a.m. Sam Roscow 10:30 a.m. MaKayla Liefer

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

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!

Lansdowne Community Initiative

We have the opportunity "to do good and show mercy" by engaging in mission work right outside our church's doors – in the neighborhood of Lansdowne, East St. Louis, with Unity Lutheran Church/LCI's home renovations and community clean-up on every second Saturday or a date of your choice. Unity Lutheran Church/LCI, in partnership with Lutheran Churches across the Southern Illinois District (SID) and R3 will be working collaboratively to conduct "Clean-up Days" and renovations of properties, in close proximity to Unity Lutheran Church and Unity Lutheran Christian Elementary School. Through this initiative, we seek to care for our neighbors' bodily needs and share Christ's love with them; to do good and show mercy!

To make this program a success we need your help!

You can help in the following ways:

- 1) Keep renovations and clean-up effort in your prayers.
- 2) Help with tasks such as yard cleanup, painting, and neighborhood beautification, etc...
- 3) Provide financial support.
- 4) Donate labor and materials: paint, drywall, drywall screws, plumbing supplies, doors, roofing supplies, gently used appliance, ceiling lights and fans, etc.

To learn more ways that you can participate and/or contribute to this project with your gifts, time, and talents, please contact Rev. Dr. Willie P. Stallworth, Pastor of Unity and LCI's CEO, at (314) 724-9949 or 618-874-6600.

Also, please consider making a monetary gift today to support LCI. Please, make all gifts payable to LCI and mail to 4200 Caseyville Ave, East St. Louis, IL 62204.

To learn more about LCI and this important work, please visit: **Facebook: Like us @**

Unity Lutheran Church East Louis or
Lansdowne Community Initiative-LCI
@LansdowneEastStILCI.org

June Church and School Calendar

Saturday, May 29-

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

SUNDAY, May 30- The Holy Trinity

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, May 31- Memorial Day! Office Closed

Tuesday, June 1-

Office Hours for June and July will be 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.!

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference here

Wednesday, June 2-

Noon to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, June 3-

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

Friday, June 4-

10 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Saturday, June 5-

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

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

SUNDAY, June 6-

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

1:30 p.m. Decorating the church for Vacation Bible School

Monday, June 7-

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School at church

7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting **in the school library**

Tuesday, June 8-

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School at church

9 a.m. -3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

Wednesday, June 9-

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School at church

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

Noon to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, June 10-

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School at church

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

Friday, June 11-

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School at church

11:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School Closing Service

Saturday, June 12-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, June 13 -

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Retirement Reception for Julie Ratz in FH

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

Noon Senior Youth meeting in church basement hangout

Monday, June 14- Flag Day!

DCE Bill Becker is on vacation this week

Tuesday, June 15- Julie's last day in the office

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 16-

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Noon to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, June 17-

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

Friday, June 18-

Saturday, June 19-

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

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

SUNDAY, June 20- Happy Father's Day!

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

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, June 21- Jessica out of the office on vacation

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

Tuesday, June 22-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 23-

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Noon to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, June 24-

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

Saturday, June 26-

5 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, June 27-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Summer Sunday School in new gym lobby

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

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

Senior Youth Farewell to Graduated Seniors and Welcome of Incoming Freshmen

Monday, June 28-

Pastor in Concordia for his last Board of Trustees meeting at Saint Paul Lutheran High School

Tuesday, June 29-

9 a.m. -3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 30-

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

Noon to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Samuel)

Thursday, July 1-

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

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