

The Epistle

AUGUST 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

Rev. Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music

Mrs. Deitt Schneider, Principal

Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director

From Lutheran Church Charities

"Laugh More!"

Our mouths were filled with laughter, our tongues with songs of joy. It then was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." Psalm 126:1
(This devotion should prepare our incoming 8th graders for the jokes I will tell them during confirmation class.)

God created every human emotion you feel. He designed you to cry when you are sad and laugh when you are happy: 'For everything there is a season...A time to cry and a time to laugh' (Ecclesiastes 3:1, 4). Jesus said, 'These things have I spoken unto you, that my joy might remain in you, and that your joy might be full' (John 15:11).

Question: how often do you laugh? Doctors say laughter has incredible healing effects on your body. It also has incredible healing effects on your mind and soul. Stop and think about the days you laughed, even though you really didn't have anything to laugh about. You were far from God and bound by sinful habits, but He set you free, didn't He? In the Old Testament we read: 'When the Lord brought back his exiles to Jerusalem, it was like a dream! We were filled with laughter...sang for joy...And the other nations said, "What amazing things the Lord has done for

them." Yes, the Lord has done amazing things for us! What joy!' (Psalm 126:1-3).

If God has set you free, then you truly have something to laugh about. Stop being so 'heavy' about everything! Expecting perfection from yourself; your slow growth in God; your deficient prayer life; your failure to memorize more Scripture verses; your fear of sharing your faith with others, etc. We carry around such heavy burdens. If you are 'laughter impaired' you may have to work at it. It is easy to find plenty to worry about, but to be happy, you sometimes need to work at it a little. So the word for today is – laugh more!

Prayer- Heavenly Father, thank You for Your gift of laughter. Help me to use it more, including joining others in laughing at myself more. In Jesus' Name. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

As is the case with much of the business world around us at this time of the year, St. John's is having a "Back-to-School" Sale. Not just a sale, mind you, but a totally free offer. As I like to say, the only better than cheap is free.

What we are offering for free are worship services that proclaim the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, the free gift of God's forgiveness of our sins, new life in Jesus' name and eternal salvation lived in the glory of our Triune God and with all His saints and angels.

What's more, this "Back-to-School" Sale is not just for children in our school and their families, it is not just for children in any school and their families, it is for all people in Red Bud and our local area. We welcome all people to join us here in worship to receive this free gift of God, to celebrate it with other believing recipients of God's gracious offer and then to tell others about it and invite them to take advantage of it for themselves.

All good things must come to an end, and so does this "Back-to-School" sale of God's free gifts. The sale is over and the offer completed when our Lord Jesus Christ returns for us, either individually with His call into the heavenly home He is now preparing for us, or with His grand return at the end of time, sending His holy angels throughout the world for final judgment.

Gathering together in Christian worship now makes us bettered prepared and joyfully ready to receive the return of our Savior Jesus and His great free gift of eternal life with Him. I look forward to serving you in this way during the month of August.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Welcome Back to School!

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

July 5 Transfer in of Ruth Rohlfing from Trinity Lutheran Church in Racine, Wisconsin

July 5 Transfer in of Ruth (Schrieber) Hecht from Grace Lutheran Church of Uniontown, Missouri

July 17 Baptism of Charlotte Kay Evancich

July 18 Baptism of Cash Nicholas Grohmann

We Bid a Fond Farewell

July 4 Death of Wilma Wagner

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 2nd and 4th 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).

From the Principal's Pen

Plans are underway for the beginning of the 2021-2022 School Year. Our theme for the year is "Jesus is the anchor of my soul. Our verse comes from Hebrews 6:19a, "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure."

We will follow the Red Bud District #132 guidelines for the upcoming year. As of a few weeks ago, we would not be required to wear masks inside the classrooms. With the most recent update from the Center for Disease Control, the direction is for all in school to wear masks. We will not take temperatures at the doors but will encourage parents to be diligent in monitoring their children for fever. Bus students will be required to wear masks on the bus as this is public transportation. We will continue to separate and distance students as much as possible in the classrooms, hallways, and lunch tables. All plans are subject to change due to restrictions enforced by the Randolph County Health Department, Center for Disease Control, or Red Bud School District #132. Our goal will be to keep our students safe and provide for them a healthy environment. We will need to be flexible and diligent in procedures in having another successful school year. We look forward to the privilege of serving your children. The faculty met on July 28 to talk further about plans for the year. The teachers also will make contact with families about visits before the school year starts.

I am happy to report that our enrollment will be similar to last year. We had a class of 24 graduates last year and several students moved or transferred to area schools. However, we will have several new students and an average sized Kindergarten enrollment so our numbers look good. I will give you a complete breakdown when our final registration numbers are complete. Also, I am happy our faculty and staff are returning with the new addition of Leslie Froemling who grew up in this school and congregation and with Pastor Brian Nowak who will teach our 7th grade Religion/Confirmation class this year.

I am looking forward to this new school year as I have always in the past. It will be a little bittersweet as I prepare for my last year serving this congregation in this way. I am entering my 46th year in education and this is an accomplishment on many levels. However, the greatest blessings I have received are the blessings I have had from my students, parents and members of this congregation. It has been a privilege to serve in this congregation and I look forward to the opportunity to complete my last year in His service with you.

God's blessings,

Mrs. Deitt Schneider

New Secretary In The Office

On Monday, July 19 Leslie (Langrehr) Froemling began working in St. John's office as our Pastoral Administrative Assistant. She is a former member of St. John's and the daughter of Ken and Lori Langrehr. She has replaced Julie Ratz who retired on June 15.

A Musical Moment

Lord willing, I am very much looking forward to teaching all my music classes this year! Last year, because of the shortened school day, I only taught classroom music to Grades K-3 and there was no school choir. This year, I am hoping to resume teaching to Grades K-8 and conducting school choir again! I also am looking forward to having the special programs again where parents and grandparents can attend and hear the students praise God with their voices!

God's blessings, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Sunday School News

We continue to offer Christian Education for our children from age three through entering 8th grade from 9:30 to 10:10 a.m. on Sunday mornings in our school's new gym lobby. Mr. Bill Becker and helpers are doing the teaching. Rally Day will be Sunday, August 22nd and the new year of lessons begins on August 29.

From Your Director of Christian Education

On August 1, 2020 I began serving St. John's as the first ever (for St. John's) Director of Christian Education (DCE). I thank God for the opportunity to continue to serve Him and you in this position.

From July 12-16 a LEGO/STEM camp was held with an average attendance of 25 students each day. STEM stands for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics. We also added the letter A (STEAM) which is for art. Students used LEGOs and Chromebooks to build various projects and then used the Chromebook's Bluetooth to make the creations move. Students also made an airplane with craft materials that were provided. My faithful crew of helpers included Christine Liefer, Hailey Proctor, Jakob Biffar, and Samuel Roscow.



Mr. Becker with his Lego/STEM Camp students and youth assistants in the new gym lobby on July 16.

August is the time for back to school. Sunday School teachers will meet on Monday, August 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the school's library to begin making plans for the new school year. Rally Day will be held Sunday, August 22 starting at 9:30 a.m. We will gather in the new gym and weather permitting we will be outside for fun and snacks. The plan will be for this year to be back in classrooms.

Speaking of back to school, I will be teaching fifth grade religion, fourth grade reading, and seventh grade life science this year. I will also teach the Public School sixth grade students confirmation class on Wednesdays. This will start August 25 in my classroom (Room 103). A letter to the students that are in this class will be mailed August 2.

We welcome Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy as the new leader of the Junior Youth Group. The Senior Youth group will host many fundraisers this year in anticipation of the National Youth Gathering to be held in Houston, Texas next July. We appreciate your support as we make plans for traveling, lodging, and a week of excitement as we gather with the 25,000+ attendees! I will lead the Sunday morning High School Bible class starting September 12. We will meet downstairs in the senior youth hangout. Our topic will be "God's Word for Today: Revelation Worthy is the Lamb." The August meeting date is scheduled for the 1st at noon.

I close with the verse that is our school year theme from Hebrews 6:19a "We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure." Jesus is our anchor of faith. He has done all the work to secure our soul's final home with Him in Heaven!"

Serving you in Christ's love, DCE Bill Becker

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)



Pastors who took part in the Ordination and Installation of Rev. Brian Nowak at St. John in Baldwin on July 4.

God's Gift Of A New Pastor

Rev. Brian Nowak was installed as Pastor of St. John in Baldwin on July 4 and then as Associate Pastor of St. John's in Red Bud on Sunday, July 11. We held a "meet and greet" reception for his family in the Fellowship Hall after that service. Pastor Nowak will preach for us on the weekend of July 31-August 1. Please welcome him, his wife, Heather, and their children Taylor, Matthew and Lillian to our family of faith!



Front- Matthew and Lillian

Back- Taylor, Pastor Brian, and Heather Nowak

Rev. Brian Nowak was originally an underwriter for many different companies over 16 years in the mortgage industry. He is grateful that he heard the Lord's calling which took him out of the mortgage industry and into the pastoral ministry. He looks forward to his new positions serving God's people at St. John-Baldwin and St. John's-Red Bud. Brian has been married for 21 years to his lovely wife, Heather. They have three children. Taylor is 17, Matthew is 15, and Lilly is 13. They are originally from the Chicago-land area. Brian is the son of a retired Chicago police officer. He enjoys watching movies with his family, working on cars, home improvement, golfing, and cheering for his beloved Chicago CUBS.

Heather is a preschool teacher who currently works at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles, Missouri. Heather loves her job and getting to work with young children. Heather enjoys spending time with her family, crafting, and relaxing with a nice glass of wine and a good book. Taylor, Matthew, and Lilly are enjoying their move to Baldwin. Taylor and Matthew will likely be attending Red Bud High School in the fall, where Taylor will be a senior and Matthew will be a sophomore. Lilly will attend St. John's Lutheran School and will be in 8th grade. All three children are excited about the new opportunities that this move is opening up to them and are looking forward to making new friends.

August Servers

Flowers: Rebekah Liefer and Peggy Sitzes
 Paraments: Virginia Moeller
 Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Men's Club Gathering

Our Men's Club will gather on Thursday, August 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a barbeque meal and meeting. All men of St. John's are invited to attend!

Evening Guild News

The Evening Guild is planning a fun social event for the congregation on September 21, 2021. Stay tuned!

You are invited to attend two retreats in September:

Immanuel Lutheran Women's Christian Ministry in Waterloo is hosting a Mini-Retreat on September 11 from 9-11 a.m. Watch our church bulletin for more details on registration.

SID / LWML 2021 Fall Retreat: September 18 at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds in the Second Heat building. Registration at 9:00 a.m. with opening worship at 9:30. The day will include worship, Bible study and fun activities. Bring your own sack lunch. Cost is \$10. Registration form is on line at www.sidlwml.org, or give Sharon Guebert a call at 618-282-6468 by September 1st.

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

Junior Youth

We welcome Mrs. Stephanie Valleroy as our new Junior Youth Counselor!

Senior Youth

Our next Senior Youth meeting is Sunday, August 1 at noon in the church basement Youth Lounge. Again, we welcome all incoming freshmen to join us and get involved in our Senior Youth activities!

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

Before and After School Care

The Before/After School Care program again will be available for our school year at St. John's. Our hours have changed slightly to coincide with our daycare

schedule. Before-school care hours are 6 a.m.- 7:45 a.m. After-school care hours are from the time of dismissal until 5:30 p.m. There will be no after-school care on days when we dismiss at 11:20 a.m. Parents that have a child in daycare and B/ASC may use the daycare door entrance (number 11). All other B/ASC students will use the North bus door number 8 for drop-off and pick-up unless pick-up is before 4 p.m., then you may use the main office door for pick-up. Cougar Tracks will have the dates listed that there will be no B/ASC due to vacation breaks and days that school is not in session. May God be with you and us as we enter the 2021/2022 school year.

In His Service, Mrs. Nebel and Mr. Becker

College Campus Ministries

College is tough! Our students need Jesus! Campus ministry provides our young people away from home a place for weekly worship, Bible study, fun and fellowship.

Pastor Michael Schuermann serves University Lutheran Church, 604 E. Chalmers Street, and campus ministry for the University of Illinois in Champaign. You can email him at pastor@uniluchampaign.org or fill out an online form at <https://uniluchampaign.org/referral>. His cell phone number is 217/299-2353.

Pastor Jess Biermann serves Trinity Lutheran Ministries, 600 Water Street at Fillmore, and LCMS-U at Southern Illinois University in Edwardsville. His email is jbiermann@trinitylutheranministries.org and his cell number is 314/255-8066.

Lutheran Student Fellowship is the LCMS Campus Ministry at SIU Carbondale. We meet for worship on Sundays at 10 a.m. at Our Savior Lutheran Church on the north side of campus, 700 South University Avenue, across from Quatro's Pizza. Right after worship during the academic year, all college students are invited for a home-cooked meal and Bible study geared to undergraduate and graduate students. The students say it is their favorite meal of the week! We also have opportunities to serve at church, on campus, and in the community. Meet new students, local and international, grow in our Christian faith, and share the joy we have in the good news of Jesus! Contact Pastor Jay Holden at jholden@oslcdale.org or 618-521-8006.

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.

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!

Worship Greeters

Sat. July 31	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Aug. 1	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Aug. 7	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Aug. 8	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers
Sat. Aug. 14	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Aug. 15	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. Aug. 21	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Aug. 22	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Aug. 28	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Aug. 29	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

Calling For Worship Greeters

We have resumed 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. We need someone for the 5th Saturday evening of the month (thus only four times a year) and for special services.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. July 31	5 p.m. Chloe Cowell*
Sun. August 1	8 a.m. Summer Luttmann* 10:30 a.m. Addyson Piel
Sat. Aug. 7	5 p.m. Kerrigan Zeiger
Sun. Aug. 8	8 a.m. Amelia Guebert 10:30 a.m. Emma Kiefer
Sat. Aug. 14	5 p.m. Lucas McCarthy
Sun. Aug. 15	8 a.m. Annika Herriman 10:30 a.m. Ty Voss
Sat. Aug. 21	5 p.m. Jack Crafton
Sun. Aug. 22	8 a.m. Lilly Minemann 10:30 a.m. Barrett Wagner
Sat. Aug. 28	5 p.m. Connor Bumann
Sun. Aug. 29	8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Samantha Kuehner

*indicates the last time to serve as an acolyte

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

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).

Upcoming Lutheran Older Adult Retreat

This coming October 20th (Wed) & 21st (Thurs), 2021, the Southern Illinois & Missouri Districts of the LCMS will host the 19th Lutheran Older Adult Retreat at the Pere Marquette Lodge & Conference Center in Grafton. The theme will be "20/20 Perfect Cross-Eyed Vision. ("Cross Eyed" simply means that our Eyes are focused on the Cross of Christ!). Dr. Richard Bimler, expert on aging & humor, will be our Keynote Speaker. Registration cost is \$100 plus lodging. Contact Margo Wolf at 618/622-0264 or dmwvette74@gmail.com. More information to come!

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.

What Is A Steward? From LCMS Stewardship

When it comes to stewardship, a favorite Bible verse is the account of the widow's mite (Luke 21:1-4). It's a moving account. Our Lord praises the seemingly small gift of two copper coins given by a poor widow above the abundance of gifts given by the rich, saying, "Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them" (Luke 21:3). And that is usually where we stop. But the text goes on. "For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on" (Luke 21:4).

"She ... put in all she had to live on." She gave everything. She held nothing back. She trusted that the Lord who made her and all creatures; who gave her everything she had; who redeemed her from her own sin, from death, and the power of the devil; who called her by the gospel and enlightened her with His gifts of Word and Sacrament; would continue to do this. He would provide her with all that she needed for this body and life because that is the character of the God she had.

But this is not why we give small gifts. Her gift, though it appeared small, was actually large. When we are tempted to give small gifts, it is precisely because we want them to be small! We don't trust the Lord to provide for us. We give small gifts because we lack faith in the One who created us, redeemed us, sanctifies us and keeps us in the one true faith. We give small gifts because we doubt that God will really give us what we need and desire. We give small gifts because we are not content with what God has already given.

We are not slaves, children of the slave woman, under the Old Covenant (Galatians 4). We are adopted sons of the free woman. And since we are sons, we are also heirs. And heirs receive the inheritance. For everything is already ours in Christ. And thus, moved by the willing spirit of adoption, we do the will of God in financial matters far beyond all that done by those under the Old Covenant who were forced by legal demands.

So, what have you decided to give? How do I decide what to give? Let the Scriptures be your guide. We are to give proportionally to what we have received from God's giving to us (Luke 12:48; 1st Corinthians 16:1-2; 2nd Corinthians 8:12). But you have not been set free to give nothing. See that you excel in the grace of giving (2nd Corinthians 8:7)!

We are not free to live selfishly outside the Gospel, without regard for God who gives us all good gifts, without generosity for our neighbor who needs us and our gifts, without supporting the community of faith in which we live, without care for our spiritual fathers and those who

teach and help raise our children in the faith, and without resources for the poor and needy.

In short, we are not free to live unto ourselves, hoarding what God has given us only for us. For love is the fulfillment of the law (Romans 13:10). And the sum of the law is this: Love God and love your neighbor (Matthew 22:34–40). We love because He first loved us. We give because He has given to us.

Luther once said, “Possessions belong in your hands, not in your heart” (LW 14:240). There is a reason your 10 fingers spread apart. With your hands you catch God’s gifts for what you need and let the rest fall through your fingers to your neighbors – your family, your friends, your community, your church.

S Illinois District Advocates for Life Team (A4L Team)

“Advocating for Life, Serving our Neighbor”

Psalm 82:4 *“Rescue the weak and the needy; deliver them from the hand of the wicked.”*

A4L Team Formation

As Lutheran Christians, we believe that all human life is a gift of God. We are called to speak God’s truth in love to the world, as well as advocate for life and serve our neighbor. Sadly, in our world today there are increasing assaults against our Lord’s precious gift of life. On Oct. 30, 2019, Southern Illinois District President Timothy Scharr refocused the Southern Illinois District’s commitment to life issues with the creation of the Advocates for Life Team, under the leadership of a District Life Coordinator

Vision

Affirming God’s Will to create and sustain earthly life with the anticipation of sharing the Gospel of eternal life in Christ Jesus!

Mission

With the help of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our mission is to connect district churches, pastors, church workers, families, and schools with life affirming information, education, events and resources from conception to eternal life with Jesus.

Webpage: <https://www.sidadvocatesforlife.com>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/sid.lcms.alt>

Email: sidlcmslife@gmail.com

Team Members

Coordinator: Monica Shannon, Christ Our Savior, Freeburg
Administrator: Robin Schultze, Christ Our Savior, Freeburg
Advocate: Larry Barringer - Trinity, Edwardsville
Advocate: Lynn Cook - Good Shepherd, Collinsville
Advocate: Audrey Daenzer – St. Paul, Hamel
Advocate: Rev. Merritt Demski - Immanuel, Waterloo
Advocate: Katrina Drinnon - Olive Branch, Okawville
Advocate: Kristi Hofferber – Trinity, Hoffman
Advocate: Nancy Lochmann - Holy Cross, Collinsville
Advocate: Pam Meister - St. James, Glen Carbon

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LCMS Foundation

A grand solar minimum is predicted to be happening with the sun over the next decades. That means that solar energy could be reduced by as much as 7%. For an object in our sky that often depicts permanence, that kind of fluctuation can be a bit unsettling. (It happens about every 200 years.) Whenever our sense of permanence is challenged, it is really a good thing, as God’s word speaks to the things that are forever and the things that are not. Most things come and go, shift and change. Yet the only things that remain permanent are God and His Word, and His plan to redeem us through the resurrection and introduce us into His new creation for all eternity, all prepared by Jesus.

So what does that have to do with the present time? Time and the things in time are opportunities to do God’s bidding, to share the Gospel of Jesus, to love God and love our neighbor, all with the goal of God’s Spirit calling people to faith so that they may be part of God’s permanent inheritance that He has prepared for us. We look at something like our estate plans and we make our plans, but always with an eye to eternity. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get your eternally focused plan together. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfn.org.

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!



August Church and School Calendar

Saturday, July 31- *Pastor Nebel is on vacation this weekend*

5 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, August 1-

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

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge

Monday, August 2-

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

Tuesday, August 3-

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

Wednesday, August 4-

9 a.m. to Noon 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, August 5-

7:45 a.m. Staff leave for SID Day of Spiritual Renewal

Friday, August 6-

Saturday, August 7- *Pastor Nebel is away this weekend*

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

SUNDAY, August 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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 with Holy Communion

Monday, August 9-

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball/Boys' Baseball vs Red Bud ES

6:30 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting in school library

Tuesday, August 10-

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

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

Wednesday, August 11-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

10:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Thursday, August 12- *Softball & Baseball in Marisa Tourney*

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

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

6:30 p.m. Men's Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall (BBQ)

Friday, August 13-

Saturday, August 14-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, August 15 -

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 sanctuary

10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative) (Staff Re-dedication)

Monday, August 16-

9:00 a.m. Faculty meeting in the school library

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

Tuesday, August 17- *First Day of School*

8:30 a.m. Opening School Service at church (guests in FH)

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

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball and Boy's Baseball vs. Coulterville

Wednesday, August 18-

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Thursday, August 19-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball & Boys' Baseball vs. Prairie du Rocher

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

Friday, August 20-

Saturday, August 21-

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

SUNDAY, August 22-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:25 a.m. Sunday School Rally Day at the school

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

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

Monday, August 23-

Tuesday, August 24-

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

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

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball and Boys' Baseball at Steeleville

Wednesday, August 25-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades Chapel service in the new gym

9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall

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

9:30 a.m. Office Staff meeting

3:30-4:30 p.m. 6-8th Public School Confirmation at school

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

Thursday, August 26-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)

1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin

4:15 p.m. Girls' Softball and Boys' Baseball vs RBC

Friday, August 27-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service in the new gym

Saturday, August 28-

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, August 29-

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

9:25 a.m. Sunday School at school

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

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

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

Monday, August 30-

Tuesday, August 31-

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