

# *The Epistle*

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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***

### **“How to Overcome Discouragement”**

*And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, and your daughters, your wives and your homes.” Nehemiah 4:14*

First, find a better way. While rebuilding Jerusalem's walls, Nehemiah said, *‘I looked things over.’* Realizing there were enemies to be defeated and obstacles to be overcome, he *‘stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows’ (v. 13).* In order to overcome discouragement, Nehemiah realized they'd have to start doing things differently. They needed a new system. So he organized the people according to their gifts and strengths. Insanity has been defined as doing the same thing over and over again and hoping for different results. And there's wisdom in that. When you get discouraged, don't give up on your goals. Instead, devise a new approach!

Question: was it wrong for the Jews to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem? No, they were just going about it in the

wrong way! There's a lesson here for us all. For example, do you have a problem in your marriage? Don't give up; try a new attitude. Do you have a problem in your business? Don't throw in the towel; look for a new approach, reorganize your schedule, and refocus on your goal. Have you ever heard of the 80/20 principle? That's where 80 per cent of your time is spent on the 20 per cent of activities that aren't productive and, as a result, you get frustrated. What you need to do is devote 80 per cent of your time to the 20 per cent that produces the highest results. Business managers call this ROI time – ‘return on investment’. So practice devoting the majority of your time and energy to the things you know bring results.

Prayer- Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, help me to look at the different ways for my life that You already have in mind for me—so that I am spending my time on the most important things that will further Your plan and purpose for my life. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

## **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

Thank you for your kindness and concern that you showed to Cindy and me when we were diagnosed with and quarantined for Covid. It took a lot of energy out of us, me more so than her. She was able to get back to school quicker than I was. Having no appetite for over a week, I lost 21 pounds. I needed to do this, but I would not recommend it as a weight loss program.

With Matthew's wedding and Clara's teacher installation on back-to-back weekends, we had planned to be gone for the first two Sundays in August. Then, with the Covid diagnosis, I had to be gone for another two weeks. In thirty-one years of ministry I have never been away from the chancel that long. It was so very good to be back with you the last weekend of August, but I had to keep reminding myself of how to lead a worship service once again.

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

It's hard to believe that I have been your Associate Pastor for only two months. It has been an honor and joy to serve you. I want to thank each and every one of you for the love and support that you have shown to my family and me over the past two months. I want to express my sincere appreciation, thanks, and gratitude.

Here's an update on the family. We are all adjusting to this new life into which God has placed us. We love the Baldwin parsonage, both communities, and the people. I am starting to get a schedule down, but it is hard with the demands of two congregations. Of course, I wish I were further along as far as having more of a schedule down than I currently do. However, as the sinful human being that I

am, I need to be more patient and allow God to work in and through me for the Glory of His Kingdom. So, that being said, I am happy with the amount of progress I have made.

Heather has returned to work as a Preschool Teacher at Immanuel Lutheran Church and School in St. Charles, Missouri. She loves working with young children and enjoys seeing the growth the children make from the beginning to the end of the school year. Her commute is long, but she loves working with the children so much that it really has not been an issue. She has made the car ride enjoyable and seems shorter than it is by listening to audiobooks.

While the first few days of school were difficult and new for the children, as one might expect, they are now starting to adjust well. Taylor (17) and Matthew (15) are attending Red Bud High School and Lilly (13) is attending 8<sup>th</sup> grade here at St. John's. Taylor has joined the girl's golf team. She has never swung a golf club but, with the help of her coach, she is slowly advancing and learning about the game of golf. I look forward to a day in the future when we can spend some quality father/daughter time out on the golf course together.

Matthew has joined the Bass Fishing Club and is excited about getting out onto the water and learning more about bass fishing. I too look forward to getting out on the water and learning more about bass fishing and spending some much-needed quality father/son time.

Lilly has made several new friends at school. She is getting to know her new school, and really likes her new teachers. She is not sure if she wants to join any sports. She enjoys talking to friends online and working on a multitude of different craft projects. As with the others, I look forward to finding something that Lilly and I can do together and spend some quality father/daughter time together.

We have the house organized, other than my office, although we are still working, little by little, on getting all of our boxes unpacked. We are not in any real hurry to accomplish this as we have all been pretty busy adjusting to our new lives here. Again, I want to thank everyone for their love, support, and prayers. Please continue to keep us all in your prayers as we continue to organize and get adjusted to our new lives. I look forward to getting to know each of you. I am truly excited to see what God has in store for me here St. John's Lutheran Church here in Red Bud.

*God's Blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak*

### **September Servers**

Flowers: Doreen Schnepel

Paraments: Carol Turner

Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

### **Welcome to Our Family of Faith**

August 2 Transfer in of Elizabeth Kilpatrick from St.

Mark's Lutheran Church of Steeleville, Illinois

August 2 Transfer in of Kimberly Breier and baptized

child Addison from Immanuel Lutheran Church in

Waterloo, Illinois

August 14 Baptism of Henry Thomas Roy, son of Steven

and Jessie (Roth) Roy

### **We Bid a Fond Farewell**

August 2 Transfer out of Dak and Allison Rainey and

baptized children Connor, Alexander and Logan to St.

John Lutheran Church of Chester, Illinois

### **Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies**

Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. is studying 2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel.

The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class is studying of the prophet

Ezekiel. The 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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).

### **A Musical Moment**

September is one of my favorite times of the year! This

is when the Choir and Bell Choir begin practices for the

2021-2022 season! Listen for both to "sing out" and "ring

out" in our weekend worship services! Both play an

average of 2-3 services per month.

Our Choir is always looking for more singers! We will

start on Monday, September 13<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. in the school's

music room. Choir mostly sings at the 8 a.m. Sunday

services but there are a couple of dates (October 3 and

December 12) where we will sing at the 10:30 a.m. service

instead. Some of the special services we will be singing at

this year include Reformation (October 31st),

Thanksgiving Day (9 a.m. on November 25th), and the

Christmas Day 9 a.m. service). Any and all new and

returning choir members are welcome and appreciated!!

*God's blessings, Mrs. Lindsey Hudak*

### **Men's Club Gathering**

The Mens Club will meet on Thursday, September 9

at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will view a Bible study

from Lutheran Hour Ministries entitled "Nurturing The

Faith: Gotta Love People and Problems." An extra added

treat will be Bill Becker's homemade ice cream.



*The St. John's Lutheran School family gathers outside the building on the first day of school*

**From the Principal's Pen**

School is off to a good start as we enter the third week already! Time flies when you are having fun! It is great to be back in our routine with in-person classes, chapel held together, and sports. Classes are allowed to have lunch and recess together with limited numbers indoors. Yes, we still have to do things differently, but we will make the best of our situation and move forward.

We welcome new families into our school along with all returning students. We have always recognized our Pre School and Kindergarten students but also welcome eleven new students. This is the first year I remember every classroom in grades 1-8 have a new class member. The list of students is as follows: **Three-Year-old Preschool-** Oliver Brown, Colton Fisher, Huxton Grohmann, Madison Jarvis, Vaughn Kern, Jacobe Ramirez, Bently Valentine and Michaela Hartman. **Four-Year-old Preschool-** Fletcher Eggemeyer, Jettson Grohmann, Lane Kern, Kolton Meier, Luke Pollard, Kayli Reinhardt, Emma Schlueter, Reed Schoenbeck, Raelynn Stenzel, Hazel Veath, Ava Wilson, Bralon Brooks, Levi Burch, Madalynn Gulley, Elaina Heck, Tate Markotay, Carter Mehring, Ava Moll, Hayden Schlimme, Rhett Schoenbeck, Colton Thureau and Evangeline Hartman. **Kindergarten-** Charley Arpin, Lucy Badger, Trinity Bolter, Wyatt Clifford, Blakelynn Grohmann, Ella Herriman, Savannah Horrell, Riley Hosfeld, Ava Kiefer, Nora Langrehr, Kolton Liefer, Hayden Mounts, Haven Schaefer, Ellie Stellhorn & Elaina Uffelmann. **1<sup>st</sup> Grade-** Avery Moll and Sam Schumacher. **2<sup>nd</sup> Grade-** Aliviah Gulley. **3<sup>rd</sup> Grade-** Liam Hosfeld. **4<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Addison Breier, Layla Kilpatrick, Blaine Rohlfing and Lucas Summers. **5<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Liam Kilpatrick.

**6<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Mackenzie Heimann. **7<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Landon Kilpatrick. **8<sup>th</sup> Grade-** Lillian Nowak. The breakdown by grade is as follows: PreK 3-8, PreK 4-22, K-15, 1st-21, 2nd-13, 3<sup>rd</sup>-21, 4<sup>th</sup>-22, 5<sup>th</sup>-12, 6<sup>th</sup>-15, 7<sup>th</sup>-25, and 8<sup>th</sup>-17. Our enrollment for PreK-8<sup>th</sup> is 191 and K-8 is 161. Our Daycare has 83 more students that are not included in our Preschool number so we have a total of 274 students hearing the good

news of Jesus Christ on a daily basis! We give thanks for all of our children and pray for God's blessings to be upon them throughout our year.

On August 22, the congregation of St. John's Lutheran recognized workers for years of service to St. John's Lutheran Church and School and years of service to the Lutheran Church- Missouri Synod. The following people were given a certificate and gift certificate from the congregation by staff affairs elder, Adam Guebert: Deitt Schneider- 45 years to the LC-MS, Lisa Quinn-10 years to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Nicole Kadlec-10 years to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Darlene Letcher-35 years in teaching, Doreen Schnepel-15 year to St. John's Lutheran School and the LC-MS, Justin Palm-15 years to the LC-MS. Missing from the picture is Melissa Schilling-5 years to St. John's Lutheran Daycare.



Looking ahead we have a busy month with Softball, Baseball and Cross Country. The teachers will attend the Lutheran Elementary School Association workshop on September 3, some virtually and others in person at Christ Community Lutheran School. We will not have school on September 6 in observance of Labor Day. Our first Parent Teacher League meeting is on Sept. 14 at 7 p.m. Palmer music will begin on September 15; students may still sign up if you are interested in playing an instrument. We will join our Daycare by having a Pajama Day on September 20. All students may wear pajamas for a minimum of \$1 for the day. The money will be used for Childhood Cancer Awareness month and will be sent to the Jimmy Everest Children's Cancer Center. September 24<sup>th</sup> is an early dismissal day with no lunch being served and no after school care.

Our school will be going through the accreditation process this year with the National Lutheran School Accreditation through the Lutheran Schools Ministry. This will be the fourth time we have completed this process. Our visitation dates will be April 4 & 5, 2022. The accreditation was postponed one year due to COVID-19. Throughout the

year we will be examining our policies and procedures and documenting what we do. Many people are needed to serve on these committees, please consider our request when asked by members of the committees organized by the teachers. Many willing hands make the task much easier!

A big thank you to our Board of Trustees and all who helped complete projects at school. The big job was the 170 yards of new mulch which was placed on our playground. Other jobs were completing some safety issues for our insurance company. We are thankful to John Preston for organizing the workers and seeing the jobs through completion.

Staffing for our school will look different for next year. Mrs. Letcher and I have announced our retirements at the end of this school year. I will keep you posted on filling vacant positions once it is determined what we need as staff will have first chances to change assignments of classes.

*God's blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider*



*Mrs. Deitt Schneider and Mrs. Darlene Letcher stand before the bulletin board which highlights the theme of what will be their last year of teaching.*

### Sunday School News

We have begun a new year of Christian Education in our Sunday School. Rally Day on August 22 was a great event! We have had our first week of lessons on August 29. On September 5 we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for an Intergenerational Day. Our lesson will be from the Old Testament book of Esther. We will return to normal lessons on Sunday, September 12.

### From Your Director of Christian Education

The first weeks of school are past. College-bound young adults have gone to school. Freshmen students are adjusting to their new found freedoms and responsibilities. Speaking of responsibilities, I would like to let you know what I have planned for the month of September.

I will attend the SID convention planning meeting on September 2. We had to postpone our triennial convention because of the COVID restrictions last February, but we are moving forward for February 2022. Over Labor Day weekend my family and I visit our son Bryce in the Milwaukee area and attending two Cardinals/Brewer baseball games! On Sunday, September 12 our high school aged youth are invited to a Bible class on Revelation in the church's basement starting at 9:30 a.m. Later that day, after the 10:30 a.m. worship service we will have our monthly Senior Youth gathering in our church basement lounge.

On September 15 I will lead chapel with the fifth grade class. We are allowing one guest per student to come to the chapel services where their family member is involved with the class leading for that week. Pastor Nebel, Pastor Nowak, and I will have an acolyte training on Wednesday, September 29 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. up at church. We will have Di Carlo's pizza, ice cream, and soda thanks to a Thrivent gift card.

On Thursday, September 30 Jo Ellner will lead a crafting event at Lieferbrau starting at 6 p.m. Twelve participants will make a Halloween centerpiece. The cost to participate is \$55 payable to Jo that evening. The non-crafters are invited to join me in a few games of euchre on the main level. Watch for the Facebook post on the church/school page to sign up! I continue to be in the classrooms of the fourth, fifth, and seventh grades teaching reading, religion, and science. I also teach the sixth grade public school confirmation class.

As we enter the season of the year that I love the most, fall, let's remember the following verse from LSB Hymn #869 *With the Lord begin your task: Jesus will direct it. For His aid and counsel ask; Jesus will perfect it. Every morn with Jesus rise, and when day is ended, In His name then close your eyes; be to Him commended.* Have a blessed month and beginning of autumn!

*Serving you and our awesome God, DCE Bill Becker*

### Golf Tournament

On Saturday, September 18 our 29<sup>th</sup> annual St. John's Lutheran School Golf tournament will begin at 9 a.m. It is a 4-person scramble for \$250 a team for golf with cart and meal following. All proceeds benefit St. John's Lutheran School Athletic Fund. Contact Quent Stenzel at 282-4661.

**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)

**Junior Youth**

We are planning an outing for Eckert's Orchard on Saturday, September 11. Details to follow.

**Senior Youth**

Thank you so much to everyone who supported our BBQ fundraiser on Sunday, August 29. With the tragic death of Lilly Vandeford, a junior at Red Bud High School, we passed on the proceeds to her family. We were able to give them a check for over \$4,000!

We will gather in our church basement lounge for our monthly meeting at noon on Sunday, September 12. October 3 will be another fundraising BBQ for our Southern Illinois District mission ministries.

*Terry and Susie Harms*

**Calling For Secret Angels**

If you are willing to be a Secret Angel for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade student (day school or public school), please contact Pastor. You will pray for that student and encourage that student with regular notes and small gifts and large gifts on special occasions. Pastor will give you an information sheet to help you get to know your student.

**Mum Sale**

The 6th grade, Class of 2024, is selling mums!! Colors are Yellow, Orange, Purple, Red, Bronze, White and they are \$8 each. Orders are due September 1st with pre-order pick up on Thursday, September 9th from 2:30-7pm. Your order and payment can be turned into the office or to any 6th grade family. If you have questions, please contact Jamie Korando at 618-615-2818.

**Evening Guild News**

**Women's Retreats:**

**September 11:** Women's Mini-Retreat at Immanuel Lutheran Church in Waterloo. Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. with a delicious breakfast. The guest speaker is Angie Walston from Concordia University Nebraska. "It Is Well... with my Soul" based on Isaiah 66: 12-13. Ingathering: Non-perishable food items and paper products to benefit Bi-County Backpack and Orphan Grain Train. Free will offering. For more information call 618-939-6480.

**September 18:** Southern Illinois District LWML Fall Retreat at DuQuoin State Fairgrounds Second Heat Building. "Peace for my soul – now and forever." The day will include worship, Bible study and fun sharing. Time: Registration is at 9 a.m. with worship at 9:30 a.m. Ingathering: gifts of cash for Blessing Boxes in Perry County or personal care items. Lunch: Bring a sack lunch (water provided). Cost is \$10. For more information go to [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org). We will car pool from St. John's parking lot. Call Sharon at 618-660-7803

**Quilt Day:**

Monday, September 13: Evening Guild is going to assemble and tie quilts on Monday morning starting at 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. and that afternoon from 12:30 – 3 p.m. to tie quilts. We are looking for all individuals who can help in this worthwhile project. These completed quilts will be donated to World Relief, Orphan Grain Train and International Institute of St. Louis.

**Social Event for Congregation:**

Tuesday, September 21: What would you call an evening of western dancing? Join us for fun and fellowship at our Western Party Dance Adventure with special guest and caller Tom and Kathy (Guebert) Murray. Tom is a Square Dance caller and will have you moving in 5 minutes. Great mental and physical exercise! Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a Western Chili-Dog dinner. You'll be amazed at how quickly you will learn, even if you don't leave your chair. Remember your freewill offering and Mite Box collection. Grab a partner and get ready to do a little DOSADO! Hostesses for September event: Jeanne Stamm, chairman, Betty Schmitz, Mary Ann Weber, Mary Ann Wegener, and Joan Wiegand.

**Quilting schedule** for September is Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

**Return To Covid Precautions In Worship**

We have returned to every other pew seating, to continuous line distribution for Holy Communion; and to Pastor/Elders wearing masks for distribution. Please wear a mask as you enter and exit the sanctuary.

### 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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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.

### Calling For Worship Greeters

Whether you have done this in the past or would be new to this ministry service, we have need of you. Please call or email Pastor if you are willing to serve St. John's in this way. We need someone for the 5<sup>th</sup> Saturday evening of the month (only four times a year) and for special services.

### Worship Greeters

Sat. Sept. 4	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Sept. 5	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Sept. 11	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Sept. 12	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers
Sat. Sept. 18	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Sept. 19	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. Sept. 25	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Sept. 26	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Oct. 2	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 3	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Sept. 4	5 p.m. Connor Bumann
Sun. Sept. 5	8 a.m. Eve Schwartzkopf 10:30 a.m. Ian Moll
Sat. Sept. 11	5 p.m. Liam Quintin
Sun. Sept. 12	8 a.m. Austin Kiefer 10:30 a.m. Brodie Stenzel
Sat. Sept. 18	5 p.m.
Sun. Sept. 19	8 a.m. Luke Kennedy 10:30 a.m. Landon Ruebusch
Sat. Sept. 25	5 p.m. Ava Clifford
Sun. Sept. 26	8 a.m. Brody Stellhorn 10:30 a.m. Olivia Valleroy

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

### Website Bible Studies

Bible studies topics under the Media tab of our website [www.stjohnsredbud.org](http://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!

### **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](mailto: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**

At the end of the first of his chapters on the virtue of faith in *Mere Christianity*, C.S. Lewis provides a helpful reminder, by way of analogy, for the foundation of stewardship. He wrote:

"Every faculty you have, your power of thinking or of moving your limbs from moment to moment, is given you by God. If you devoted every moment of your whole life exclusively to His service you could not give Him anything that was not in a sense His own already. So then, when we talk of a man doing anything for God or giving anything to God, I will tell you what it is really like. It is like a small child going to its father and saying, 'Daddy, give me sixpence to buy you a birthday present.' Of course, the father does, and he is pleased with the child's present. It is all very nice and proper, but only an idiot would think that the father is sixpence to the good on the transaction. When a man has made these two discoveries God can really get to work. It is after this that real life begins. (128–129)."

This is the first thing we are given to confess about stewardship, and it has to do with ownership. God owns everything, and we are simply managers – stewards – acting on His behalf. This is true not only of all that we have in this life (Deut. 8:17–18) but also all that we are in this life (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 6:20).

The rest flows from here. Since we are stewards, or managers, of what belongs to God, entrusted to make use of it according to His will, there is an expectation of responsibility and accountability. For the Lord said, "Everyone to whom much was given, of him much will be required, and from him to whom they entrusted much, they will demand the more" (Luke 12:48b). And from this comes blessing and reward: "Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master" (Matthew 25:21).

We have everything we need to support this body and life from our God's fatherly divine goodness and mercy, without any merit or worthiness in us. We have everything we need for our spiritual life also from His merciful hands. On account of the sacrifice of His Son, our Lord Jesus, through the preaching of the gospel and the administration of the sacraments, we have the forgiveness of sins, eternal life, and everlasting salvation delivered to us with absolute certainty that it is ours – not as stewards but as sons (Galatians 4:1–7). Let us then, as His own, press all that He gives to us into the service of His church and to His glory.

### **LCMS Foundation**

For those who are handy, a new project around the house is always an excuse to purchase a new tool for the garage collection. While that might be an obsession, there is deep truth in knowing that to do a home improvement project correctly, you must have the right tool. The project will go more smoothly, and the craftsmanship of the result will be far higher, if the right tool is used.

One of the biggest "projects" the Lord gives us with money is planning how to distribute our estates when the Lord calls us home. A will or trust might get the job done. A charitable trust or personal endowment might be required. Maybe the choice is a donor advised fund.

Which is the right tool? We don't use wrenches to pound a nail and don't cut tile with a wood saw. Knowing what you are trying to accomplish, you grab the right tool and, in the end, have something beautiful. The same thing is true about using the right gift planning tools in creating your gift from your estate.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help you get started in constructing your plan. Contact Scott A. Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org).

## September Church and School Calendar

### Wednesday, September 1-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel in the new gym with Pastor Nowak  
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 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (school)  
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

### Thursday, September 2-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)  
4:15 p.m. Softball and Baseball home vs. Chester Lutheran

### Friday, September 3- No school! LESA Workshop

### Saturday, September 4- Cross Country at Pinckneyville

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

### SUNDAY, September 5-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Intergenerational Sunday School in Fellowship Hall  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

### Monday, September 6- No school! Office Closed!

*Pastor and Cindy Nebel are out of town today*

### Tuesday, September 7-

9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
10 a.m. Pastors are at Circuit Pastors' Conference in Marion  
4:15 p.m. Softball and Baseball away at Evansville  
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 8-

8:30 a.m. School 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 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (school)  
6:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in school library  
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel)

### Thursday, September 9-

7:15 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Ezekiel)  
1:00 p.m. Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony  
7:00 p.m. Men's Club Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

### Friday, September 10- Baseball at Edwardsville

### Saturday, September 11- CC at Smithton; Softball at RBC

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, September 12- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school  
9:30 a.m. Adult (FH) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge

### Monday, September 13-

9:30 a.m. Quilt Assembly and 12:30 p.m. Quilt Tying  
3:15 p.m. Faculty meeting in the school library  
4:00 p.m. Cross Country meet at Christ Our Savior LHS  
4:15 p.m. Softball and Baseball home vs. Valmeyer  
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

### Tuesday, September 14-

9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in school cafeteria

### Wednesday, September 15-

8:30 a.m. School 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 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

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

### Thursday, September 16-

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

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

### Friday, September 17- Baseball Regionals

### Saturday, September 18- Cross Country at Edwardsville

9:00 a.m. St. John's Lutheran Golf Tournament at NCCC

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

### SUNDAY, September 19-

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at the school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

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

### Monday, September 20-

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

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

### Tuesday, September 21- Softball Regionals

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

6:30 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

### Wednesday, September 22-

8:30 a.m. School 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. 6-8<sup>th</sup> Public School Confirmation at school

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

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

### Thursday, September 23-

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

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

### Friday, September 24-

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal

4:00 p.m. Cross Country at Okawville

### Saturday, September 25- Cross Country at Lincoln Park

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

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, September 26- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School classes at school

9:30 a.m. Adult (FH) and Youth (basement) Bible Classes

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

### Monday, September 27-

7:00 p.m. Sunday School Teachers' meeting

### Tuesday, September 28-

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

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

### Wednesday, September 29-

8:30 a.m. School 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 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

4:30 p.m. 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grades Acolyte Training and pizza at church

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

### Thursday, September 30- Cross Country at Shooting Complex

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

6:00 p.m. Koester/Sondag wedding rehearsal at church

6:00 p.m. Crafting and Euchre at Lieferbrau

### **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!