

The Epistle

NOVEMBER 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 "Temptation"

No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. (1st Corinthians 10:13)

God's plan for turning temptation into triumph is not to 'endure' temptation, but to 'escape' temptation. That calls for two things: 1) Don't get into a tempting situation. Too many people are like the little boy sitting under the farmer's apple tree. When the farmer asked him, 'Son, are you trying to steal my apples?', he replied, 'No sir, I'm trying not to.' His problem was being under the apple tree in the first place. Martin Luther said, 'You can't keep the birds from flying over your head, but you can keep them from building nests in your hair.' You can't keep pornography off the internet, but you can avoid it by obeying God's Word which says, 'I will set nothing wicked before my eyes' (Psalm 101:3).

2) If you get into a tempting situation, get out of it quickly. The Bible never says we are to fight temptation, it says we are to flee from it. Paul tells Timothy, 'Flee also

youthful lusts' (2nd Timothy 2:22). He warns the Corinthians, 'Flee sexual immorality' (1 Corinthians 6:18). Potiphar's wife repeatedly tried to seduce Joseph. 'Now Joseph was well-built and handsome, and after a while his master's wife took notice...and said, "Come to bed with me!"' (Genesis 39:6-7 NIV). But Joseph fled, leaving his coat behind. God does not provide a way of escape before the temptation or after the temptation, but with the temptation. Are you being tempted today? Pray and God will strengthen you. 'The Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations' (2nd Peter 2:9).

Prayer: Heavenly Father, by the power of Your Holy Spirit, move me to turn to You through Your Word both before and during times of temptation. Amen.

Your Pastor's Ponderings

This past week our 8th grade day students studied and learned (ok, the jury is still out on that second part) the First Article of the Apostles' Creed and its meaning for their memory work. In this section of his catechism, Martin Luther lists the many gifts of God to us for which we are to "thank and praise, serve and obey" Him.

Our country sets aside the 4th Thursday of November as our Day of National Thanksgiving. I like to say that for us as Christians, every day is Thanksgiving Day. We are to recognize the daily ways and regular gifts that our Lord gives to us. We then are to thank Him for these blessings by returning a portion of that time, talent and treasure to Him in our worship and service, by assisting others in their time of need, and by making use of His gifts in the vocation of our lives into which He has placed us.

Thank you so very much to all who planned, participated in, and shared kind cards and gifts with me for the Pastors' Appreciation reception in the Fellowship Hall on October 24. Your goodness and generosity to us are overwhelming, humbling and undeserved. I praise God for our fellowship in the faith and shared ministry here at St. John's. My feelings are expressed so very well by the Apostle Paul as he begins his letter to the Philippian congregation in the New Testament: "I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now" (Philippians 1:3-5).

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

November Servers

Flowers: Alverda Rahn and Lynn Langrehr

Paraments: Irma Birkner

Communion Cloths:

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

October 4 Transfer in of Amy (Koester) Zeller and son Clay from Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Avon, IN
October 4 Transfer in of Christopher and Sarah (Mehring) Moll and daughters Avery, Addelyn and Alayna from Trinity Lutheran Church in Prairie
October 10 Baptism of Chase James Henry
October 17 Baptism of William Troy Jeffrey Guebert
October 22 Baptism of Shelbie Christine Ratz
October 22 Baptism of Olive Jane Westcott
October 24 Baptism of Attlee June Thien
October 31 Baptism of Harper Ann Marie Bingel

Thanksgiving Worship Services

We will observe our National Day of Thanksgiving with Holy Communion services on Wednesday, November 24 at 7 p.m. and Thursday, November 25 at 9 a.m. This is a great opportunity to invite your friends, family and neighbors who would not otherwise be in Christian worship to attend St. John's with you. A door offering will be added to the fund we have at ComWell which our pastor uses to assist those who have an emergency need.

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)

Fellowship Hall Midweek Bible Studies

Wednesday class at 7:30 p.m. is studying 1st Kings. The Thursday 8:10 a.m. class is studying the prophet Ezekiel. The 2nd and 5th 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

Greetings to all! We welcome November and remember so many things we are thankful for! We give thanks for our abundant blessings given to us from God each and every day. Our families, friends, neighbors, church family and school family come to mind as I think of how God has blessed us! We have been blessed and I pray we can be a blessing to others because of the love God has bestowed on us.

Awards were presented for the first quarter of the school year on Oct. 20. The following students were recognized:

Kindergarten: Perfect School- Trinity Bolter, Blakelynn Grohmann, Riley Hosfeld, Ava Kiefer, Ellie Stellhorn, Elaina Uffelmann. Perfect Church- Ellie Stellhorn

1st Grade: Perfect School- Brewer Krick, Maggie Kuehn, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Avery Moll, Camden Moll. Sam Schumacher, Jack Valentine, Emry Voss, Liza Wagner, Tripp Wagner, Caden Wegener. Perfect Church- McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Elsie Liefer, Jack Valentine, Liza Wagner. Perfect Sunday School- Brewer Krick, Elsie Liefer.

2nd Grade: Perfect School- Haydn Albert, Leiyini Arpin, Audrey Badger, Aliviah Gulley, Evlyn Heck, Blake Horrell, Cassidy Palm, Loxton Sutton & Aubrey Valleroy. Perfect Church- Audrey Badger, Evlyn Heck & Henry Schnepel. Perfect Sunday School- Evlyn Heck.

3rd Grade: Perfect School- Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Maybre Falkenhain, Grant Florreich, Sydney Krick, Presley Liefer, Roxy Markotay, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, Brody Rahn and Abby Stellhorn. Perfect Church- Aiden Arbeiter, Kenadee Crafton, Grant Florreich, Abby Stellhorn & Holden Wagner. Perfect Sunday School- Aiden Arbeiter & Sydney Krick.

4th Grade: Perfect School Colton Albert, Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Kaydence Proctor, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Elle Sutton & Athena Wolfmeier. Perfect Church- Kaydence Proctor. High Honors- Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Kaydence Proctor, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Lucas Summers, Elle Sutton, Athena Wolfmeier & Sophia Zeiger. Highest Honors- Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch & Max Voss.

5th Grade: Perfect School- Ella Cowell, Caleb Klausung, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben. Lyle Schlueter, Brendyn Wegener, Cailyn Wilson & Brook Wolter. Perfect Church- Maya Macbeth & Jack Sachtleben.

Honors- Brendyn Wegener & Brooke Wolter. High Honors- Ella Cowell, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben & Cailyn Wilson. Highest Honors- Tessa Stenzel.

6th Grade: Perfect School- Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Karleigh Liefer, Addy Schloemann, Norah Wagner, Hollis Wolfmeier & Kade Liefer. Perfect Church- Mallory Arbeiter, Brian Liefer & Norah Wagner. Honors- Emily Farmer, Molly Kuehn & Kade Liefer. High Honors- Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Brian Liefer, Lilly Meyer & Addy Schloemann. Highest Honors- Cason Birch, Braylin Eggemeyer, Karleigh Liefer & Norah Wagner.

7th Grade: Perfect School- Landon Kilpatrick, Kinley Macbeth, Lucas McCarthy, Ian Moll, Milla Neff, Addelyn Rahn, Landon Ruebusch, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton, Olivia Valleroy, Colby Voss, Ty Voss & Barrett Wagner. Perfect Church- Kendall Crafton, Shamus Korves, Kinley Macbeth & Colby Voss. Perfect Sunday School- Milla Neff. Honors- Connor Bumann, Annika Herriman, Landon Kilpatrick, Liam Quintin, Olivia Valleroy, Colby Voss, Ty Voss, Barrett Wagner & Alan Wolter. High Honors- Kendall Crafton, Amelia Guebert, Lucas McCarthy, Milla Neff, Addelyn Rahn, Eve Schwartzkopf, Blayton Sutton, Jenna Whelan & Julia Whelan. Highest Honors- Kinley Macbeth, Landon Ruebusch & Brodie Stenzel.

8th Grade: Perfect School- Grayson Herriman, Austin Kiefer, Kadin Liefer, Addie Meyer, Lilly Nowak, Addy Piel & Alexa Wegener. Honors- Ava Clifford, Lily Kent, Morgan Kent, Austin Kiefer, Addie Meyer & Luke Quintin. High Honors- Evan Kiefer & Alexa Wegener. Highest Honors- Emma Kiefer, Addy Piel & Kerrigan Zeiger.

The 8th grade presented Chapel on October 27 based on the Reformation. They did a wonderful job sharing the story with the students. I am picture with them below for my last Reformation chapel service.



The basketball season has begun for boys and girls along with cheerleading. Please watch the Cougar Tracks, bulletin or calendar for a schedule of games. We are happy we can welcome guests to be with us and enjoy the game.

We are sad to say goodbye to Jessica Schloemann as our school secretary. She has been a faithful worker and

stepped in many times to offer a helping hand wherever needed. The students and staff presented cards, flowers, gifts and well wishes as she embarks on new endeavors.

On November 5 we have an early dismissal day at 11:20 a.m. We will have no lunch that day and no after school care. On November 11 we will have no school as we remember our veterans on Veterans Day. A very special assembly will be held on November 12 at 2 p.m. as we welcome some local veterans to speak with our students. On November 20 the 7th grade class will host the Craft Fair in our school. On November 24 we will dismiss one hour early, at 1:45 p.m., with no afterschool care. We will observe Thanksgiving with no school on Nov. 25 & 26.

God's blessings, Mrs. Deitt Schneider



St. John's first grade students sing "Happy Birthday" to their principal, Mrs. Deitt Schneider, on October 14. It also was the birthday of their teacher, Mrs. Rachel Miller.



Ava Clifford narrates as Grayson Herriman portrays Dr. Martin Luther as part of the 8th grade Luther chapel in the school's old gym on Wednesday, October 27, 2021



Principal Deitt Schneider presents Jessica Schloemann with a gift from the St. John's staff during a school assembly for Jessica's last day of work on Oct. 29.

Farewell and Welcome

October 29 was the last day in our office for our school secretary/receptionist, Jessica Schloemann. We thank her for her six and a half years of service to our Lord and His people here at St. John's. We wish her God's richest blessings in all her future endeavors. We are pleased to welcome Mrs. Sara (Siegfried) Shepherd to this position on our staff. Her first day at St. John's will be Monday, November 15.

Evening Guild News

Tuesday, November 16 at 7 p.m. is when our Evening Guild next gathers in the Fellowship Hall. We will welcome a special guest, Erin Legendre from Red Bud High School. She will talk to us about Musketeer Market. Devotions will be led by Brenda Gilpatrick. Hostesses will be Brenda Gilpatrick, chairman, Mary Gross, Carolyn Cooper, and Janet Braun.

Food Drive: We are sponsoring a food drive for the Musketeer Market. A box will be in the Fellowship Hall into which you can place your donation.

Quilting schedule for November is Tuesdays from 12:30 to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center. Call Mary Ann Wegener (282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m., on November 11.

Happy Thanksgiving Day!

An Afternoon with Dr. Dale Meyer

The Southern Illinois District of The Lutheran Laymen's League is hosting Dr. Dale Meyer in our Fellowship Hall on Saturday, November 20 with an 11:30 a.m. registration and lunch at noon. The cost is \$10 per person payable at the door. Please RSVP to our office at 282-3873 or to Jim Guebert at 618/973-6428 by Wednesday, November 17.

From Your Director of Christian Education

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His love endures forever." 1st Chronicles 16:34.

What are you thankful for? Are you ready for Daylight Saving Time to end? Are you ready to thank a veteran for their service? Have you bought your turkey from IGA yet? These and many other questions just don't seem possible to needing to be answered yet. The calendar already seems to be filling up for the month of November and I just seem to be thankful. I am thankful that I can serve you the people of God here at St. John's.

The faculty is working hard on the National Lutheran School Accreditation process. We are asked sometimes why we do this. We go through this process to validate the fact that we strive for a rigorous education for the students, it is a reflection on what we have accomplished, and we make goals to strive to do better in the future.

There are several events planned for both the church and the school. Some highlights include the Men's Club Wurstmart, the craft fair, and observing the national holiday of Thanksgiving.

Whatever events that are planned for us through church and school may we take the time to be thankful for all God provides for us. A favorite song I would have the third graders sing for the Thanksgiving Chapel back in the day was *Our Hearts are Overflowing*. The verses were simple but powerful:

Our hearts are overflowing, Lord, with thankfulness. (repeat) We give thanks for the day, thanks for the food, thanks for these friends we love. We give thanks for our faith, thanks for our joy, thanks for Your precious love. Our hearts are overflowing, Lord, with thankfulness.

Songs Kids Love to Sing 2, Lyric Songbook by Richard Gieske, Concordia Publishing House, St. Louis
God's richest blessings to you all, DCE Bill Becker

Junior Youth

Our Junior Youth will join our Senior Youth in packing Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes on November 21 from noon-2 p.m. in our Fellowship Hall. They can bring donations for the boxes or already filled boxes as well.

Senior Youth

October 31 (Reformation Day) will be our fundraising BBQ for our trip to next summer's LCMS Youth Gathering in Houston, Texas.

Our next Senior Youth meeting is November 7 at noon in our church basement hangout.

We plan to work in the dining room for the Men's Club Wurstmarkt on November 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

We will have a stand at the craft fair at St. John's on Saturday, November 20. We will sell jar mixes, sugar scrubs, and Hemme Bros. Cheese Curds!

We will join the Junior Youth in building Operation Christmas Child Shoe Boxes on November 21 at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

If anyone needs leaf raking for their yard this year, please contact us directly to arrange for a day and time.

So far, 16 youth are registered for the LCMS National Youth Gathering in Houston next July. More can go but we need to hear from you ASAP! *Terry and Susie Harms*

Operation Christmas Child

As noted above, our Junior and Senior Youth will gather to pack Operation Christmas Child boxes on Sunday, November 21st from noon-2 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

This opportunity is open to the entire congregation and school! Please pick up your shoebox in the Fellowship Hall. There is a brochure on how to pack it as well. The filled shoebox and/or donations may be left in the Fellowship Hall. An optional donation of \$9 will help cover the cost of getting the shoebox to the recipient. To make a donation online, or to find out more about Operation Christmas Child, please go to: www.samaritanspurse.org/occ. If you have any questions, please contact Lisa Quinn at 618-606-4042 or lisa_hunt68@yahoo.com

Operation Christmas Child, (a project of Samaritan's Purse) collects shoeboxes filled with gifts and delivers them to children (in over 150 countries) in need around the world. Every one of these shoebox gifts is an opportunity for the Gospel in the hands of local churches. Many shoebox recipients also enroll in the 12-lesson follow-up discipleship program, "The Greatest Journey." You can be a part of this worldwide effort to grow the Kingdom of God in places where the Gospel has never been heard.

Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner Auction

Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School in Evansville will hold its 22nd Annual Dinner Auction in its gym on Sat., Nov. 6. Silent Auction is from 4-7 p.m. Dinner (catered by Lisa's in Rocher) will be served at 6 p.m. The Live Auction begins at 7:15 p.m. Reservations are \$35 per person.

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.

Congratulations!

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Megan Henry is Student of the Month for October. This program is sponsored by the Red Bud Lions Club. Easton Lucht was chosen Homecoming King. Also serving on the court were Max Diewald, Molly Ellner and Addison Liefer.

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 one person for the late service and two people for the 5th Saturday evening of the month (only four times a year) and for special services (Thanksgiving!).

Worship Greeters

Sat. Oct. 30	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 31	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Nov. 6	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Nov. 7	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. Nov. 13	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 14	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Nov. 20	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Nov. 21	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Cindy Ebers
Sat. Nov. 27	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 28	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzell

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Oct. 30	5 p.m. Jack Crafton
Sun. Oct. 31	8 a.m. Noah Kassing 10:30 a.m. Connor Bumann
Sat. Nov. 6	5 p.m. Colby Voss
Sun. Nov. 7	8 a.m. Emily Bowles 10:30 a.m. Luke Kennedy
Sat. Nov. 13	5 p.m. Colt Hess
Sun. Nov. 14	8 a.m. Jackson Muench 10:30 a.m. Ian Moll
Sat. Nov. 20	5 p.m. Emma Kiefer
Sun. Nov. 21	8 a.m. Addelyn Rahn 10:30 a.m. Shamus Korves
Wed. Nov. 24	7 p.m. Kade Liefer
Thu. Nov. 25	9 a.m. Sydney Kassing
Sat. Nov. 27	5 p.m. Lilly Nowak
Sun. Nov. 28	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 a.m. Norah Wagner
Wed. Dec. 1	7 p.m. Austin Kiefer

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 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?, and Word Dwellers.

Cougarwear

This year PTL is testing a new Spirit Wear Company. What does this mean for you? *Orders can be placed anytime! No more waiting on the PTL to organize a sale. *The PTL no longer has to support minimum orders for each item to place an order. *Shipping is direct to your home and usually an item arrives in 2 weeks or less from the time of the order (all items are printed within a few days of ordering here in the US!) *Watch the site for sales, currently there is a \$6 off long sleeve shirt order promotion and free shipping over \$60...team up with another parent to get free shipping! *Shirts for sports are now available on the site as well!! Check out all the tabs at the top of the page for your order needs!! www.1stplace.sale/30121

Thank You to Our Military Veterans!

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).

Men's Club Wurstmarkt

Our Men's Club will meet on Thursday, November 11 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Veterans' Day will be the topic of the evening.

The Men's Club is holding its 68th Annual Wurstmarkt again this year on November 14 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the old gym of the school. The cost will be \$12. You can either dine-in or carry-out. A Country Store will be available featuring pork sausage, liver sausage, summer sausage, pork chops, backbone and ribs. For advance orders call Judy Guebert at 618/979-2206.

Members, we need your help and the donation of pies. Also, if any members of the congregation would be willing to donate pies please call Alice Guebert @ 618-401-4350 and let her know. This would be very helpful and deeply appreciated. Join us for this meal as they use its proceeds to serve and support our congregation and many other ministries with this project.

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!

LCMS Foundation

Do you like to build puzzles? Some have thousands of pieces. As the pieces come together, so does the picture the pieces form. Often, when someone gets stuck on a puzzle, a new set of eyes can insert a piece that gets the whole project running again.

Your life is a puzzle. It has many beautiful pieces, all constructed by our Lord. As we move through life, more and more pieces get put in place, reflecting God's marvelous plan.

But sometimes, we need that special someone to come along to figure out how to put a piece in place when things have been stuck for a while. That can be true about getting your estate plan in place, or your plan for gifts to family and ministry found inside of that estate plan.

Your trusted advisors can help get you going again. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can be the encourager and organizer to keep you on track. Working together we get to see God's good things unfold in front of our eyes, enabling us to do far more than we could have ever imagined. For help getting started, contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

Sometimes people don't like it when pastors talk about stewardship. For some, it hits too close to home. It is easier to talk about bad people in Washington, in history, or wherever than it is to think about what our daily life in Christ is supposed to look like and how we are supposed to love our neighbor.

God calls us to first-fruits, sacrificial giving. That means that we should give off the top. We should set a percentage of our income as a deliberate gift for the work of the Church and then give that first. We write the check to the Lord's work in the Church before we pay the mortgage or pay for our medicine or pay for anything else. We don't pay for all the stuff we need – and stuff we think we need – and then give from what is left over. That is the first-fruits idea. It is hard because we think we need all sorts of other things first. But that is the point of "sacrificial."

Next, how could the starting point for Christian generosity and sacrifice really be anything less than a tithe – 10%? The ceremonial law of the Old Testament was never arbitrary. In the Old Testament, the Levites received this tithe so that they could be full-time ministers.

Does the New Testament have a ministry that is larger or smaller? It is far larger: "Make disciples of all nations" (Matt. 28:19). And we are still to have a full-time ministry: "The Lord has commanded that those who preach the

Gospel should make their living from the Gospel" (1st Corinthians 9:14). So if 10% is what it took in the Old Testament, and we have a bigger mission need in the New Testament, how can we expect the Lord's work to be done on less than a tithe?

By first-fruits, sacrificial, and generous giving – that's how. We shouldn't fool ourselves into thinking that we've outgiven God's goodness or that we've given plenty. We might be tempted to think that way, but consider that no one in the Church has given plenty because no one has given all. No one has died for his sins. Only the sinless Son of God did that.

St. Paul brought the Good News of Jesus into the discussion of our giving to support the Lord's work in the Church when he wrote: "I say this not as a command, but to prove by the earnestness of others that your love also is genuine. For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich" (2nd Corinthians 8:8-9).

As you can see, what the Bible commands about our stewardship can sting. It's Law, and the Law shows our sins. It calls us to repentance. The Law is meant to expose and accuse for the sake of showing us Christ and His fulfillment of the Law. So if first-fruits, sacrificial giving has you squirming, that's the point.

In Mark's account of the feeding of the 4,000, Jesus took the disciples' seven loaves and blessed them. It was nothing among so many, but, of course, it was plenty. Jesus makes something from nothing. Mark doesn't say that all the disciples gave Jesus all the bread they had. It is quite possible that some of them held something back. But even if they did, that didn't stop Jesus from blessing them. Jesus makes something out of nothing. He, who fed His people in the desert with Manna every morning, doesn't need their bread.

But they need to give it. And what they give – however little it might be and however grudgingly they do so – He blesses. He not only blesses those whom He feeds with it, but He blesses them – the givers. He blesses the givers not just in that they wind up with a basketful for each loaf, but they are blessed by learning to trust and rejoice in Him.

The Lord gives, and the Lord takes away. The Lord gives abundantly, or He asks us to fast. We do not know what will happen. Blessed be the Name of the Lord. He does all things well, and He works all things together for good. The disciples don't give their bread to Jesus because it is a good investment. They give it because He is good, because they love Him, and because they trust Him. Let us go and do likewise.

November Church and School Calendar

Monday, November 1- a.m. *Pastor at district board meeting*

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at Coulterville

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

Tuesday, November 2-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference at Baldwin

6:00 p.m. 8th Grade class meeting in the school library

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

Wednesday, November 3- *Boys' C team tourney here*

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

3:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grades Public School Confirmation (school)

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

Thursday, November 4-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at Prairie du Rocher

Friday, November 5- *Boys' C team tourney here*

11:20 a.m. Early dismissal 12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, November 6- *Boys' C team tourney here*

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

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

6:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner Auction

SUNDAY, November 7-

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

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement lounge

Monday, November 8-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at New Athens

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

Tuesday, November 9-

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

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (ABC) at home versus Steeleville

Wednesday, November 10-

8:30 a.m. School Chapel Service in new gym w/ 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. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (A & C) at Marissa

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

Thursday, November 11- *Veterans' Day! No school*

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

Saturday, November 13- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 14- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

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

11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's Club Wurstmarkt in the old gym

Monday, November 15-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) at Red Bud Catholic

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

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

Tuesday, November 16-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (A & C) at St. John Luth. Chester

7:00 p.m. Evening Guild Gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, November 17-

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. 6-8th Public School Confirmation at school

7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in cafeteria

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

Thursday, November 18-

Boys' Basketball tournament at Good Shepherd-Colinsville

Girls' Basketball tournament at TSJ in Nashville

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

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

Friday, November 19- *Fall Picture Retake Day*

Saturday, November 20- *Craft Fair in our school building*

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

Noon: S. Illinois District Lutheran Laymen's League in FH

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

SUNDAY, November 21-

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

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

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

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

Noon – 2 p.m. Junior and Senior Youth in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, November 22-

5:30 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & B) home vs. TSJ and ILS

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

Tuesday, November 23-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (A & C) at home vs. RB Catholic

Wednesday, November 27-

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

2:30 p.m. 6th-8th Grade Public School Confirmation (school)

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Thursday, November 24- *Happy Thanksgiving Day!*

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Holy Communion Service

Friday, November 26- *No school!*

Saturday, November 27- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 28- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School in the school building

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

Monday, November 29-

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball (A & C) home versus Evansville

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

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

Tuesday, November 30-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' Basketball (A & C) at Red Bud Catholic

ST. JOHN'S LUTHERAN CHURCH-Red Bud, Illinois

Worship Calendar: 2021-2022 Church Year

NOVEMBER 2021

Sat/Sun 27/28 1st Sunday in Advent

DECEMBER 2021

Wed 1 8:30 a.m. 3rd Grade Christmas (school)
 Wed 1 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (church)
 Sat/Sun 4/5 2nd Sunday in Advent
 Wed 8 8:30 a.m. 4th Grade Christmas (school)
 Wed 8 7 p.m. Midweek Advent Service (church)
 Thu 9 ***3 p.m.** Holy Communion Service
 Sat/Sun 11/12 3rd Sunday in Advent
 Wed 15 8:30 a.m. 5th Grade Christmas (school)
 Wed 15 7 p.m. Sunday School Christmas Service
 Sat/Sun 18/19 4th Sunday in Advent
 Tue 21 8:30 a.m./7 p.m. 6-8 Christmas Service
 Fri 24 *3 & 5 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion
 Fri 24 *9 p.m. Christmas Eve Com./Candlelight
 Sat 25 *9 a.m. Christmas Day Communion
 Sun 26 1st Sun of Christmas (St. Stephen, Martyr)
 (one service at 9 a.m.)
 Fri 31 *6 p.m. New Year's Eve Communion

JANUARY 2022

Sat/Sun 1/2 2nd Sunday of Christmas
 Thu 6 ***3 p.m.** Epiphany Communion Service
 Sat/Sun 8/9 1st Sunday After the Epiphany
 Sat/Sun 15/16 2nd Sunday After the Epiphany
 Sat/Sun 22/23 3rd Sunday After Epiphany (Life)
 Sat/Sun 29/30 *4th Sunday After the Epiphany

FEBRUARY 2022

Sat/Sun 5/6 5th Sunday After the Epiphany
 Thu 10 ***3 p.m.** Holy Communion Service
 Sat/Sun 12/13 6th Sunday After the Epiphany
 Sat/Sun 19/20 7th Sunday After the Ephany
 Sat/Sun 26/27 *The Transfiguration of Our Lord

MARCH 2022

Wed 2 *8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. Ash Wednesday
 Sat/Sun 5/6 1st Sunday in Lent
 Wed 9 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
 Sat/Sun 12/13 2nd Sunday in Lent
 Wed 16 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
 Sat/Sun 19/20 3rd Sunday in Lent
 Wed 23 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
 Sat/Sun 26/27 4th Sunday in Lent
 Wed 30 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent

APRIL 2022

Sat/Sun 2/3 5th Sunday in Lent
 Wed 6 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Midweek Lent
 Sat/Sun 9/10 *Palm Sunday/Sunday of the Passion
 (*Rite of Confirmation at 10:30 a.m.)
 Thu 14 *8:30 a.m. & *7 p.m. Maundy Thursday
 Fri 15 8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Good Friday
 Sat 16 *5 p.m. Resurrection Festival Service

Sun 17 *6:30 a.m. Resurrection Sunrise Service
 Sun 17 *10:30 a.m. Resurrection Festival Service
 Sat/Sun 23/24 2nd Sunday of Easter

MAY 2022

Sat/Sun *30/1 3rd Sunday of Easter
 Sat/Sun 7/8 4th Sunday of Easter (Mother's Day)
 Sat/Sun 14/15 5th Sunday of Easter
 Sat/Sun 21/22 6th Sunday of Easter
 Thu 26 *7 p.m. Ascension Day
 Sat/Sun 28/*29 7th Sunday of Easter (Freedom Celebration)
 (Saturdays and Sundays do not match up this month!)

JUNE 2022

Sat/Sun 4/5 *Day of Pentecost
 Sat/Sun 11/12 *The Holy Trinity
 Sat/Sun 18/19 Pentecost 2 (Proper 7) (Father's Day)
 Sat/Sun 25/26 Pentecost 3 (Proper 8)

JULY 2022

Sat/Sun 2/3 Pentecost 4 (Proper 9)
 Sat/Sun 9/10 Pentecost 5 (Proper 10)
 Sat/Sun 16/17 Pentecost 6 (Proper 11)
 Sat/Sun 23/24 Pentecost 7 (Proper 12)
 Sat/Sun 30/31 Pentecost 8 (Proper 13)

AUGUST 2022

Sat/Sun 6/7 Pentecost 9 (Proper 14)
 Sat/Sun 13/14 Pentecost 10 (Proper 15)
 Sat/Sun 20/21 Pentecost 11 (Proper 16)
 (Staff Re-Dedication and Rally Day)
 Sat/ Sun 27/28 Pentecost 12 (Proper 17)

SEPTEMBER 2022

Sat/Sun 3/4 Pentecost 13 (Proper 18)
 Sat/Sun 10/11 Pentecost 14 (Proper 19)
 Sat/Sun 17/18 Pentecost 15 (Proper 20)
 Sat/Sun 24/25 Pentecost 16 (Proper 21)

OCTOBER 2022

Sat/Sun 1/2 Pentecost 17 (Proper 22) (LWML)
 Sat/Sun 8/9 Pentecost 18 (Proper 23)
 Sat/Sun 15/16 Pentecost 19 (Proper 24)
 Sat/Sun 22/23 Pentecost 20 (Proper 25) (James of Jeru.)
 Sat/Sun 29/30 *Reformation Day

NOVEMBER 2022

Sat/Sun 5/6 *All Saints' Day/Faithful Departed
 Sat/Sun 12/13 Mission Festival/Pentecost 23 (Proper 28)
 Sat/Sun 19/20 Last Sunday of Church Year (Proper 29)
 Wed/Thu 23/24 *7 p.m. and *9 a.m. Thanksgiving

*Worship: Saturdays at 5 p.m.; Sundays at 8 and 10:30 a.m.
 Holy Communion is at 5 p.m. on the 1st & 3rd Saturdays
 Holy Communion is at 8 a.m. on the 1st & 3rd Sundays
 Holy Communion is at 10:30 a.m. on 2nd & 4th Sundays
 *Holy Communion also is every 5th Saturday & 5th Sunday
 of the month and on major church festivals*

