

The Epistle

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**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

Mr. Justin Palm, Principal

Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education

Mrs. Amanda Falkenhain, Daycare Director

From Lutheran Church Charities

“You Can Get Back What You Have Lost”

David inquired of the LORD, "Shall I pursue this raiding party? Will I overtake them?" "Pursue them," He answered. "You will certainly overtake them and succeed in the rescue." 1st Samuel 30:8

While David and his men were off fighting, the Amalekites destroyed their homes and took their families captive. First, David's army wept. Second, they looked to David for guidance. Third, David sought God, saying, “*Shall I pursue this troop? Shall I overtake them?*” And He answered him, “*Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.*” Notice four important points: 1) *Satan will attack your loved ones to get to you.* It may be big stuff like your husband losing his job or your wife discovering a lump in her breast, or little stuff like low-grade family tension and lack of consideration for each other. You need to stay alert and discern Satan's attacks so you can defend yourself against them. 2) *Love people but lean only on God.* The people David fought side by side with one day turned against him the next day. That's why your strength, strategies, and solutions for living must come from God, not others. 3) *Talk to yourself in the right way.* **‘David encouraged himself in the Lord’ (v. 6).** If you

want to end up discouraged, talk about your situation. If you want to be encouraged, talk to the One who can change your situation – the Lord. The Bible says, *‘A wholesome [uplifting, positive, inspiring] tongue is a tree of life’ (Proverbs 15:4).* So learn to talk to yourself in the right way. 4) *You can get back what you have lost.* God told David, *‘Pursue, for you shall surely overtake them and without fail recover all.’* And what God did for David and his men that day, He will do for you if you seek Him.

PRAYER: Heavenly Father, no matter how, and with whom, Satan tries to get at me – keep me focused on You and Your direction – the only direction that makes a difference. In Jesus' Name, Amen

Your Pastors' Ponderings

This is a follow-up to last month's article on when to call your pastor. This is from a newsletter article written by Pastor Donald Schultz from years back. First, a review: Call Your Pastor:

- ...Before Going to or When in the Hospital.
- ...When There Is a Death in the Family
- ...When Dealing With Prolonged Grief
- ...When You Are Spiritually Depressed
- ...When You Get Engaged and Plan to Marry
- ...When You Are Expecting a Baby
- ...Before You Decide to Divorce
- ...If You Want to Discuss a Sermon

I also added to this list that you should call your pastor before you decide to move in with someone outside of marriage. I would like to give you information that you probably will not hear from the world around us.

Pastor Schultz continued his list with:

When someone you know needs pastoral help but does not have a pastor;

When addiction has become a problem;

Before a young person leaves for college or military;

If you know of someone who wants to join the church;

If you know of a church member who could use a call of encouragement;

If you need to talk to someone about a problem you are having.

While the One I work for is all-knowing, I do not share in His omniscience (nor does any other pastor). To better serve you with God's Word and Sacrament gospel message of Jesus Christ, we need to know from you what is happening in your life. This is why God has called us to serve as undershepherds of our Good Shepherd Jesus.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

Can you believe it's October already?? This year feels like it's just flying by. Well, at least the weather should start getting cooler. Being from Chicago, I enjoy all seasons. I enjoy Fall for the cooler weather, fires in the fire pit, the smell of others having fires, opening up the windows of the house and letting the fresh air in, and being able to work outside without the heat and humidity.

School is now well underway and I'm enjoying getting to know all the 7th-Graders. Going from 25 kids last year to 14 this year is quite a difference. It was like last year I was thrown to the wolves, but this year they're being a little easier on me. LOL! I truly enjoy teaching Religion/Confirmation to the students in both the day school and public school. This year's group has started extremely well and I look forward to teaching them more, learning additional ways to connect with the kids, and doing some fun things with this group.

As always, I remain focused on making sure my schedule is beneficial and equal for both congregations. I'm constantly working hard to firm up a better schedule. I have been enjoying visiting, communing, and getting to know those who are in nursing homes, home-bound, etc. If there is someone who needs or would like a visit, please feel free to let Pastor Nebel or me know. Also, please make sure that you are contacting Pastor Nebel or me when someone has been hospitalized, placed into a nursing facility, or is unable to leave the house. We need your help because if we're not informed of what has taken place, then how can we visit or offer prayers? Please contact Pastor Nebel or me and keep us informed. This is important. I cannot speak for Pastor Nebel, but my cell phone is always on. If it's the middle of the night, please feel free to contact me. Don't just leave a voicemail at night. If it's important, keep calling until I wake up.

Don't forget to join us for worship for Reformation Day (This year observed on Sunday, October 30th).

I have received some suggestions for some things that I should add to this month's newsletter such as: how I feel about living in the area, that I'm starting to be a Cardinals fan, and how I look forward to the playoffs. And, as a Pastor, I must be honest. So, I will announce that my family and I love living here. Both congregations have been so loving, welcoming, and helpful to us. We truly thank you for everything. Yet, yes, the Cardinals beat us overall this year. CONGRATULATIONS! But that's where it stops. I have and will continue to bleed CUBBY blue. It's my goal to convert as many of you to my side. LOL! (Editor: as Shakespeare once wrote, "Methinks he doth protest too

much.) However, being a National League guy, if the Cardinals make it to the World Series, then I will support them on behalf of the National League. No other reason. God's blessings. They will need it.

Pastor Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

Confirmation for Public School Students in Grades 6-8 is Wednesdays, 3:30-4:30 p.m. in our school building (unless otherwise arranged).

6th Grade: Mr. Becker in Classroom 103

7th Grade: Pastor Nowak in Office Conference Room

8th Grade: Pastor Nebel in the library

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

September 6 Transfer in of Lauriel Wingerter and son Cooper from St. John Lutheran Church of Chester, Illinois

September 6 Transfer in of Gary, Nancy and Nicholaus Junge from St. Paul Lutheran Church of New Athens, Illinois

September 6 Transfer in of Ashley (Kipp) Eggemeyer from St. Mark's Lutheran Church of Steeleville, Illinois

September 17 Baptisms of Fletcher Samuel Eggemeyer and Cohen Isaac Eggemeyer

Midweek Bible Classes

Our Wednesday evening midweek Bible class on 2nd Kings will only meet on the 19th during October. Our Wednesday Morning (9:30 a.m.) Women (Colossians) will meet. Our Thursday morning (Matthew) class will not meet on the 6th but otherwise remains in session this month. The Thursday morning class time is 7:15 to 8 a.m.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the first and third Saturdays (3rd and 17th) this month at 7 a.m. We are studying the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living."

Music CDs Available

St. John's member Joan Voges offers music CDs from her Lilyfields Collection to us for a donation to our school's ministry. 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.

*Reformation Trunk or Treat, Monday,
October 31, 5:30-7 p.m. School parking lot*

Worship Greeters

Sat. Oct. 1	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 2	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m.
Sat. Oct. 8	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 9	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. Oct. 15	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Oct. 16	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Oct. 22	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Oct. 23	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat. Oct. 29	5 p.m. Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sun. Oct. 30	8 a.m. Loren Harms and Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf

We need two people or one couple to serve in the Greeter rotation for the late service on Sundays!

From the Principal's Pen

I love October! I look forward to the cool temperatures, apples, pumpkin patches, and football. The harvest is gathered as the days grow shorter. Fall is a wonderful time of year!

Thank you for all those who supported our Golf Scramble on September. 17. The event raised about \$4200 which supports the sports uniform account and the athletic fund.

We enjoyed Grandparents Day on Friday, September 23. Many grandparents and great-grandparents attended the program, toured the school and engaged in activities with their students.



St. John's students sing "JOY" as part of the Grandparents' Day program.

We are blessed to have the return of the Family of Faith Fall Fellowship night on October 12 from 6:00-8:15 p.m. in our new gym We look forward to being able to gather as school, church, winter athletic teams and with our Southern Illinois District Schools and General Executive, Mr. Jeff Fick. This night will be a night to count our many blessings, reflect on church and how it makes the school possible, and an evening when we receive our National Lutheran School Accreditation. I am looking forward to seeing you at this event!!!

Congratulations to our boys' baseball team as they won the Regional Championship game on September 26. The first round gave us a bye. We met Chester Lutheran/St. Mary's co-op team in the next round and we won, 10-0. The final round was against Trinity-St. John/St. Ann Nashville co-op team on September 26 and we won, 3-1, in a very exciting game. A pep rally was held on September 30 at 2:25 p.m. in the new gym to celebrate our team and send them on with best wishes. Go Cougars!!! We played our first state tournament game on Saturday, October 1 in Coulterville against last year's champ Our Lady of Mount Carmel. St. John's won 6-1! We play again on Tuesday, October 4 at 1 p.m. Our team hopes to make school history by capturing their first SIJHSAA State victory. Congratulations to the team and coaches and we wish you the best at State competition.



St. John's Championship Boys' Baseball team following the pep rally in the school's new gym.

Watkins sales will begin October 5 for students in grades 5-8 who participate in sports. The money earned from this fundraiser goes to the school uniform account. Please contact any student in sports or call the school office if you wish to place an order.

The annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run will take place at school on October 13. This is the only major fundraiser the students will have for the school sponsored by our Parent Teacher League. Thank you for your support of our students. The money raised supports items needed for classroom use and materials needed for students.

The students will have a few days off from school on October 6, 7, and 10. On October 6 & 7 the teachers will attend the Lutheran Education Association National Conference in Milwaukee. The 10th is the Columbus Day holiday. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on October 18-20. A letter was sent home with the students for parents to sign up for meetings with your child's teacher(s). Please be aware that we have a one-hour early dismissal on October 18 and 20 when dismissal will be at 1:45 pm. October 21 is a no school day because of conferences.

The Fall Festival is scheduled for October 28. The PTL and Mr. Becker have been able to procure individuals for the three lead positions that make this event possible. We as a school are so thankful for these individuals and look for parents who have younger students to be apprentices to these season veteran volunteers. Please watch the Cougar Tracks, student notes, and Sunday bulletins for updates for this event. The Trunk or Treat event will be held from 5:30-7 p.m. on the parking lot on October 31, Reformation Day.

Yours in Christ, Mr. Justin Palm



Did you know that there is a cross on top of our school's bell tower? Now you do as it is lit up beautifully at night.

Thank You!

We thank Diewald Utility Services for donating the underground boring for the electric line to the lighted cross on the bell tower at school. We thank Ken Voges for his inspiration and support of this project. We thank our Board of Trustees for their work to make this happen.

We thank Savannah Kate's for suppling the delicious pizzas for our Acolyte Training on September 28.

Evening Guild News

LWML Sunday is October 1-2.

Evening Guild Gathering is Tuesday, October 18 in the Fellowship Hall at 7 p.m. Our guest speaker is Rev. Paul Sieveking from Concordia Seminary. Hostesses are Cindy Nebel, chairman, Betty Schmitz, Olivia Schmitz, and Bunny Schnepel.

Immanuel Bunco Night Tuesday, October 25 from 6:30 – 8:30 p.m. Everyone is invited for an evening of fellowship and bunco at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Waterloo. Bring two nonperishable food items or pay \$2. If you need a ride, please contact Sharon Guebert at 618-660-7803

Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship is Thursday morning, November 3 at St. John's Lutheran Church, Red Bud. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. Opening Worship Service is at 9 a.m. with Rev. Mark Harriss, Zone Counselor. Guest speakers are Rev. Dr. Tim and Lisa Beckendorf from Lutheran Bible Translators in Botswana.

Quilting schedule for October is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Sight Ministries Center in Baldwin. Assembly dates for October are the 13th and 27th. Phone Mary Ann Wegener (618-282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

Sunday School Perfect Attendance in September

Nursery: Eliza Schrader, Clarke Thien, Nolan Kassing, Karlyn Meier, Ben Langrehr; **Pre-K:** Case Uffelmann; **Kindergarten:** Kolton Meier; **1st Grade:** Elaina Uffelmann; **2nd Grade:** Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner; **3rd Grade:** Cassidy Palm; **4th Grade:** Natalie Kassing, Lucy Kuehn; **5th Grade:** Payton Liefer, Jozlynn Palm; **7th Grade:** Sydney Kassing, Molly Kuehn, Norah Wagner, **8th Grade:** Kinley Macbeth. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

Sunday School Mission Project

Our international mission project this year is Bible Books for Families in Ukraine through Lutheran Heritage Foundation. LHF has been translating and printing a variety of Bible storybooks and the Small Catechism for families in Ukraine. Only \$5 provides a Ukrainian family with a Bible storybook, Small Catechism, or other Bible resource in their language! If you want to support this project, please direct your offering to the attention of the Sunday School.

From Your Director of Christian Education

The familiar hymn, *Sing to the Lord of Harvest*, begins with these words: "Sing to the Lord of harvest, Sing songs of love and praise: With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise. By Him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a joyous song of love." As we reflect this month on our Lutheran heritage may God grant us the strength of our early reformers to be bold in our proclamation of His Law and Gospel and praise Him for His goodness!

The first quarter of school will wrap up the first week of October. On October 2 the seventh grade class of 2024 will host a fundraising BBQ. The teachers and Pastor Nebel will attend the triennial Lutheran Education Association Convocation in Milwaukee from October 6-8.

On Sunday, October 9 the Senior Youth will have a meeting and also assembling care packages for our college aged members and graduates of St. John's to be mailed. Parent/Teacher conferences will be held October 18 & 19. Then on October 24 the Sunday school teachers will meet at 6:30 in the school's library. We intend to hold the Fall Festival on Friday, October 28 with the help of PTL and our seventh and eighth grade students. The Senior Youth will host a benefit BBQ on October 30.

October is a busy month but with God's grace and favor we take each day as the Lord will provide for our daily earthly needs. He has provided already His best gift in His son Jesus and the work of forgiveness that He completed on the cross. We await the last day when He takes us and all believers with Him into Heaven!

Sola Gratia, Sola Fide, Sola Christus, Sola Scriptura!!!!

DCE Bill Becker

Senior Youth

High School Youth will meet in their church basement hangout on Sunday, October 9 at noon. We will work on creating care packages for our college members.

Our Senior Youth is selling greeting cards (all occasions) for \$1. Cards are on display in the Fellowship Hall. We are using an honor system for payment. A money box is next to the card display. We also have full boxes of greeting cards for sale. They cost \$30 for 30 cards and come with a lovely storage box.

PTL FALL FESTIVAL-Friday, October 28, 4-7 P.M.

We need donations of clean/empty gallon & half-gallon ice cream containers for bulk chili sales. PTL will set up an online sign-up for workers. All school families, please donate a dessert for that evening. Thank you!

Financial Need For Medical Treatment:

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Ashlynn Crafton has been diagnosed with leukemia. We can provide some financial assistance for her treatments at her GoFundMe account <https://gofund.me/3579ba87> or at an account set up with Buena Vista National Bank Account #272745. Thank you for considering how you can help during this difficult time.

Custodial Assistance Needed

A part-time paid position is available in our church custodian rotation for an average of 8 - 12 hours every 2 weeks. We need someone for Saturday evening service ONLY and/or Sunday morning services. You will be trained and learn what will be needed to be successful. This involves the opening and closing of the building for worship, lighting, setting temperatures, ringing the bell, and light cleaning. See John Preston or Pastor.

Family of Faith Fall Fellowship Evening

Wednesday, October 12, from 6:30-8:15 p.m., will be our Family of Faith Fall Fellowship Evening in the school's new gym. Our school students will sing, boys' and girls' basketball teams will scrimmage, and our cheerleaders will perform. In-between those activities we will hear about our proposed Worship Calendar and Workplan for next year and get an update on how this new school year is going. Our Southern Illinois District Schools and General Executive Jeff Fick will be here to present our National Lutheran School Accreditation certificate.

Attention Coffee Drinkers

We are now part of Community Coffee's program, "Cash for Schools." By clipping the proof of purchase off packages of ground coffee and/or K cups our school earns rewards. You can drop off proof of purchases at the school office. Thank you for participating in this program to benefit our school!

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, The Resurrection in Revelation, 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.

5th Annual Cougar Prowl Fun Run! October 13

WHAT IS THE FUN RUN?

- A school wide event in which all students participate
- Students will get pledges before running or walking laps at the fun run course set up at school.
- Thanks to the **AMAZING** sponsors listed below, upwards of **98% of funds raised stay at our school!**

WHAT IS THE GOAL OF THE FUN RUN?

- To include the entire SJL family in a fitness awareness event
- To make this a major PTL fundraiser to support programming such as academic recognition awards, student participation gifts, technology upgrades, classroom wish lists and so much more!

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS DO FOR THE FUN RUN?

- Have a TON OF FUN!
- Use their sponsor form to collect pledges
- Run/walk on fun run course set up at school
- All students participate even if they do not have sponsors

WHAT DO THE STUDENTS GET FROM THE FUN RUN?

- Understanding of the importance of exercise, eating healthy and overall wellbeing.
- Appreciation of teamwork and school unity
- Each classroom has the chance at participation awards!

WHAT ABOUT PLEDGES?

- Sponsors pledge a set amount (**this is not a per lap donation**)
- Please do not allow your children to go door-to-door alone to solicit sponsorship
- Accumulated pledges of \$60.00 per student will achieve our goal!

Please contact Lara Voss or Chrystal Kiefer with any Cougar Prowl questions. We are looking forward to making this a successful event for St. John's!

*Voters Assembly Meeting
Wednesday, Oct. 26, 7 p.m.*

October Servers

Flowers: Jill Hanebutt and Martha Krick
Paraments: Ella Hemmer Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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).

LCMS Foundation

Herb loves his family. Three years ago, the Lord called home his wife, Betty. Now Herb lives within ten minutes of all four of his children. They are close and do many things together. But one day, Herb was talking with his pastor over lunch and shared that he had concerns about the estate plan he and Betty had put together twenty years ago. At the time, his children were forty years old. His grandchildren were just getting ready for college and most of their estate was planned to support their children, helping them through the expensive time of life. "But now," Herb remarked, "My grandchildren are all out of school. Most of them will make more in ten years than Betty and I did in our entire life. My children are all comfortable. But I am concerned that we are not providing enough financial support to assist the training of future Church workers in the LCMS." Herb's pastor put him in contact with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor.

Herb realized that several endowments exist across Synod and certainly at the Concordia Universities, to carry out exactly what was on his heart. After doing some investigation, he determined that 50% of his estate would now be aimed at providing funds for some of those endowments. He also created a fund with his pastor to support annual Church worker career activities in their congregation. He moved money into that fund because he wanted to start that right away.

Financial support of the Lord's work includes Gifts Now, Gifts in the Future, Gifts spread over time. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help uncover the gift for which the Lord has prepared you. Contact Scott Radden, Gift Planning Counselor, at (618) 977-4049 or Scott.Radden@lfnd.org for more information.

High School Bible Class- Mr. Becker's Classroom

Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.

College Fair at Concordia Seminary

Concordia Seminary in St. Louis will host a college fair on November 5, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Representatives from all of the Concordia Universities and both of our seminaries will be available. In addition, there will be presentations on financial aid and tips for choosing an educational institution that fits your needs. The event is free. Chick-Fil-A as well as various drawings throughout the day will be provided. Pre-registration is requested so there will be enough food and supplies for all those in attendance. You may register at:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSd4T6MIJziuD8tJeuvslxlnAEjmMmXC0axuQvllqiF_cYc8w/viewform

What Is A Steward? *From LCMS Stewardship*

“We Are All Beggars”

In the early morning hours of Feb. 18, 1546, Martin Luther closed his eyes forever. Before that happened, the hand that hammered the 95 Theses into the door of the Castle Church in Wittenberg on Oct. 31, 1517, penned its final words: “We are all beggars. This is true.” And this is the truth that our Lord says makes you free.

Ironic, isn’t it? In order to be free, you must be a beggar. You must be utterly dependent and reliant upon God. This makes us uncomfortable – the way we’re uncomfortable when someone gets us a Christmas present when we haven’t gotten them one. We feel we owe them. And we don’t like being in someone’s debt like that.

But what Luther would remind us is that we are all indeed beggars. And we’re not just anyone’s beggars. We’re God’s beggars. Christ came for sinners. He came to seek and save the lost. He came to heal the sick and raise the dead. He came for sinners, and He dwells only with sinners.

If we are to be where He is, we must be willing to be counted among the lost, the sick, and the dead. We must be willing to be beggars. We must cry out for mercy, for grace, and for his undeserved love and kindness. We must be dependent solely on Him and what He gives.

And here’s the beauty: He gives us everything. Everything. Forgiveness of sins, salvation from death and the devil, and eternal life. This isn’t because of any worthiness or merit in us. It is because of His divine goodness, mercy, and grace. On account of Christ’s death and resurrection, the Father forgives you, saves you, and is pleased with you. You receive His love, His righteousness, His holiness, His acceptance, and His inheritance. We are all beggars. This is true.

This is the heart and soul of Christianity and the lifeblood of the Christian Church. God justifies us and declares us innocent and righteous by His grace received through faith for the sake of Christ. This isn’t because of our works but because of His work on the cross. We, who once were enemies of God, are reconciled to Him and made to be His children.

This is what Luther pointed us to when He took up his pen for the last time and scribbled “We are all beggars. This is true.” We are beggars, but we are beggars of the God who does not ignore us and who doesn’t pass by us on the other side. We are beggars of the One who descended from heaven to make His dwelling with sinners.

We are beggars of Him who deigns to dwell with us, among us, and – yes – still in us by grace for Christ’s sake. For in the bread and cup that we bless we share together with Christ and each other the riches of God’s grace. The riches of this grace – the Gospel in sermon and absolution, in Baptism, and in Holy Communion – are so inexhaustible that our cups overflow. We, who are God’s beggars, are inexhaustibly satisfied, and we have something to give back in thanksgiving and praise.

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Oct. 1	5 p.m. Landon Ruebusch
Sun. Oct. 2	8 a.m. Amelia Guebert 10:30 a.m. Ty Voss
Sat. Oct. 8	5 p.m. Lucas McCarthy
Sun. Oct. 9	8 a.m. Charlie Muench 10:30 a.m. Carson Bowles
Sat. Oct. 15	5 p.m. Mallory Arbeiter
Sun. Oct. 16	8 a.m. Jacob Liefer 10:30 a.m. Carson Moll
Sat. Oct. 22	5 p.m. Colt Hess
Sun. Oct. 23	8 a.m. Emily Bowles 10:30 a.m. Liam Kilpatrick
Sat. Oct. 29	5 p.m. Landon Kilpatrick
Sun. Oct. 30	8 a.m. Brody Stellhorn 10:30 a.m. Brooke Wolter

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

Event Reminders On Your Cell Phones

Remind Me.com is a free system that will allow us to send text messages to you reminding you of what is happening in our family of faith here at St. John’s. However, it does not allow for group discussions so that there will not be continued unwanted messages from anyone in the group receiving the text. To join this remind system for St. John’s, text the message @8243ad2 (new code) to the number 81010. Please contact our office at 282-2394 with your questions.

October Church and School Calendar

Saturday, October 1-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
9:30 a.m. Boys' baseball plays in state tournament- Coulterville
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

SUNDAY, October 2-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes
10:30 a.m. Divine Service
11:00 a.m. to ??? 7th Grade Fundraising BBQ at school

Monday, October 3- District Pastors' Conference at Carlyle

2:30 p.m. Cross Country meet at Red Bud High School
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, October 4- District Pastors' Conference at Carlyle

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, October 5- End of First School Quarter

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel Service at church
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. OVC Cross Country meet at Randolph County Lake
3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Thursday, October 6- No School! Staff at LEA Convention

Friday, October 7- No School! Staff at LEA Convention

Saturday, October 8- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, October 9- 8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Classes and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
Noon Senior Youth in their church basement hangout
5:00 p.m. Sonshine Visitation meeting in the Fellowship Hall

Monday, October 10- No School! Columbus Day

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

Tuesday, October 11-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service at Red Bud Care Center

Wednesday, October 12-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel Service at Church
9 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting
3:30 p.m. Grades 6-8 Public School Confirmation at school
6:30 p.m.-8:15 p.m. Family of Faith Fall Fellowship in gym

Thursday, October 13- Cougar Fun Run

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

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, October 14- Report Cards go home! Picture Day

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades School Chapel Service at Church

Saturday, October 15-

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

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

SUNDAY, October 16-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Sunday School/High School Bible Class at school
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall
10:30 a.m. Divine Service (Alternative)

Monday, October 17-

Basketball tourneys: Girl's A at St. Libory; Boys' B at PDR

3:15 p.m. School Faculty meeting in the school library

6:00 p.m. Workplan meeting in the school library

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

7:00 p.m. Church Council meets in the school library

Tuesday, October 18-

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

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

Wednesday, October 19-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades Chapel service at church

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

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

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

Thursday, October 20-

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

Parent-Teacher Conferences at school

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

Friday, October 21- No school!

Saturday, October 22- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, October 23-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/High School Bible Class at school

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

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

Monday, October 24-

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

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

Tuesday, October 25-

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

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

5:30 p.m. Boys' and Girls' basketball (A&C) at Holy Childhood

4-8 p.m. McTeacher Night at Red Bud McDonalds

Wednesday, October 26-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel service at church

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

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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

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

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

Thursday, October 27-

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

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

B-ball: Boys 5 p.m. at SPPCS; Girls (AC) 5:30 p.m. at Chester

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

Friday, October 28-

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades School Chapel service at church

4-7 p.m. PTL Fall Festival in the school's old gym

Saturday, October 29-

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

SUNDAY, October 30- Reformation Sunday!

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

9:30 a.m. Sunday School/High School Bible Class at school

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

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

Monday, October 31-

5:30-7:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat in the school parking lot

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