

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

"The Reason You Are Still Here"

So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." Genesis 32:30

'Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "It is because I saw God face to face, and yet my life was spared." The sun rose above him as he passed Peniel, and he was limping because of his hip' (vv. 30-31). The truth is, without God's protective hand on your life, you would not be here today! God is not finished with you yet. Do you remember when some of your friends (and your enemies) didn't think you would make it? But God rescued you and placed you where you are today. After God finished wrestling with him, Jacob said, 'My life was spared.' And so was yours, right? That's because there is more to come. The Bible says, 'God...creates new things out of nothing' (Romans 4:17). He wants to set in place in your life things that weren't there before. Good things!

But notice something very important: *'Jacob was left alone, and a man wrestled with him till daybreak' (Genesis 32:24). When God deals with you on important issues, He does it one-on-one, not as part of the crowd. In fact, being in a crowd can keep you from hearing His*

voice. Being alone with God can feel threatening because your facade and ego get stripped away. Your first impulse may be to stay with the crowd, but you soon discover they can't calm the restlessness in your spirit. That restlessness is God calling you to a meeting! So, like Jacob, don't be afraid to wrestle with Him until a new day breaks for you.

PRAYER- Heavenly Father, as I feel I am wrestling with You, help me to never let go of You! In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

A new year is the time for a review, reflection and renewal of one's life. Mistakes of the past become resolutions for improvement in the future. What can we do better in this new year for ourselves, for others and for the glory of God?

This past month Cindy and I were blessed with our first grandson, Hudson Ray Smithton. His parents are our daughter Chelsea and her husband Shane. They live just outside of St. Louis near Loughborough Road which runs along the River Des Peres. It is a 50-minute drive. Grandpa knows just how long it takes to get to grandson. Our older daughter Mary and her husband Mike in Concordia, Missouri, right now are raising a foster daughter, Cariana. God only knows His plans for her now.

So now for the Lutheran catechism question, "What does this mean?" They say, "If I had known how fun grandchildren are, I would have had them first." Or it goes this way, "Grandchildren are God's reward to us for not killing our children."

Grandchildren are the chance for us to do better for them than we did for our children. I think this takes place mostly through spoiling them and then giving them back to their parents. I know that it does not include changing diapers. I retired from that twenty years ago.

I still do not have much in the way of skills to pass on to grandchildren (like fishing, camping or woodworking). A family baked bean recipe probably will not excite them too much. But I do hope to give them quality time and experiences in ways that I could not do for our children when they were growing up, when both time and money were in short supply.

This certainly will include the modeling, training and education in the Christian faith. Thankfully, we can trust our children and their spouses to be the primary teachers of that, but we definitely will support them in that.

I do look forward to and invite advice from those of you who are experienced grandparents. In return, I will show you some cute pictures.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

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Greetings to you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ,

I pray that everyone had a blessed and Merry Christmas. I hope you had time to relax and enjoy time with family and friends. Let us not forget the significance of this time of year. We remember and celebrate the significance of the birth of our Savior, Jesus Christ. We remember that this same Child that was born to us, is also the very same Child that will also suffer a brutal and agonizing death. A death each one of us deserves. He did this for each and every one of us. He took on all of our sins upon Himself. He suffered and died on a cross and was buried in a tomb. But that wasn't it ... the most important part was what occurred next ... **HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD!!!** If there was no Resurrection from the dead, we have **NOTHING!!!** In doing this, He conquered sin, death, and the devil for all who believe in Him as their one and only true Savior.

As a new year begins, we also think of those other things ... Resolutions. Now there's nothing necessarily wrong with them, but is our mind in the right place? To have a resolution is to purposefully want to stop of give up doing something. Now if we really think about it, is this truly what we are committed to doing. Or is this just a whimsical hope that we wish to accomplish, but know deep down inside that we will never follow through on? And do ever resolve to do things god would want us to do? Read the Bible, attend Church more often, care for our neighbor, etc.

This year let us simply resolve to remind ourselves of the Baby. The one and only Baby that was born in a manger one hallowed day. The Baby that would grow up, teach, and instruct people in the way to act and live. The Baby that would sacrifice everything, even His own life in order to safe us all from our sins. The greatest gift any one could and will ever give has already been given to us over two-thousand years ago.

I pray that as we begin the year 2023, that we resolve to constantly remind ourselves of what Christ had, is and continues to do for us. That we remind ourselves of how He would want us to be acting towards ourselves and others. That we remind ourselves of want He would want us to be doing to spread His Words to all nations.

So, as we celebrate and "Remember" the birth of Christ, our Lord, Jesus Christ, Immanuel, our Messiah. Let us also remember to give thanks for what this truly means for us.

MAY YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY AND BLESSED NEW YEAR 2023!!!

Pastor Brian Nowak, Associate Pastor

Welcome to Our Family of Faith

December 11 Baptism of Case Lucas Durbin
Son of Landon and Karly (Cartwright) Durbin

We Bid a Fond Farewell

December 9 Death of Robert Burgdorf
December 12 Death of Ellery Byer

Midweek Bible Classes

Our Wednesday 7:30 p.m. (2nd Kings) and Thursday 7:15 a.m. (Matthew) midweek Bible classes will resume the first week of January. Our Wednesday Morning (9:30 a.m.) Women (Colossians) will meet.

Men's Bible Breakfast will meet on the first and third Saturdays (7th and 21st) this month at 7 a.m. We are studying the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "Ancient Wisdom for Modern Living."

January Servers

Flowers: Dinah and Briana Becker
Paraments: Carol Turner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:
SUNDAY, JAN. 22, 9:30 A.M. FELLOWSHIP HALL

OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2023 ARE ON THE TABLES IN THE FELLOWSHIP HALL

If there is not a box for you and you would like one, please call Leslie in our church office (282-2394).

From the Principal's Pen

Happy New Year! I pray for health and safety for everyone in 2023!

The month of December went by quickly as we held many Christmas services. Our 3rd through 5th grade students started the Advent Season off with their service "Behold the Child" on November 30th. The Kindergarten through 2nd grade spread the message via "The Shapes of Christmas" on December 6th. Daycare and Preschool students are sharing the birth of Jesus with a service entitled "Silent Night Holy Night". Then finally on December 20th our 6th through 8th grade students were actors and readers in the "Road to Bethlehem" service. We were so delighted to welcome guests back to these services and enjoyed the ambiance of fellowship that came with it and the opportunity for the children to so proudly share the miracle of Christ's birth.

Many thanks for the many cards, gifts, food, and hugs given at Christmas. All of the faculty and staff appreciate your support. This "thank you" also includes the Christmas bonus given to us from the congregation.

Speaking of blessings we all are very blessed to have everything the Lord has entrusted to us. We have been blessed in this way and are working to be a blessing to others in our community. This has been done in part as the 2nd grade is collecting diapers, bottles and wipes for the Life Network of Southern Illinois. And our school as a whole has been decorating a “Warming Tree” in the lobby near our school entrance. The coats, scarves, hats, gloves, socks, and blankets which will go to support students in need of these items. Thank you to Sara and Leslie for beginning this tradition at St. John’s Lutheran.

The end of the quarter was on December 20 and report cards will go home on January 6. Our students will return on January 4 after a nice break. Please also mark your calendars for January 16 as this is a holiday, M.L King’s Birthday. Lutheran Schools week will be held on January 22 - 28. As always their will be fun, fellowship, and outreach. Dress up days and Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School visiting as well as us collecting donations of hygiene products that will support those in need January 27 is an early dismissal day at 11:20 am.

We will have many games for basketball to fill our evenings in January and just be getting into volleyball so please watch the church and school calendar for schedules. May the Lord Bless and Strengthen You!

In Christ, Mr. Justin Palm



Mr. Palm’s alter ego supervises the parking lot dismissal the last day before Christmas break. Some things you just can’t un-see!

Sunday School

Perfect Attendance for December: Nursery: Alayna Moll, Nolan Liefer, Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Benjamin Langrehr; Pre-Kdg: Raelynn Stenzel, Case Uffelmann; Kdg: Addy Moll, Jettson Grohmann; 1st Grade: Elaina Uffelmann, Ellie Stellhorn, Natalie Bowles; 2nd Grade: Amelia Langrehr, Avery Moll, Brinley Wolter; 4th Grade: Natalie Kassing; 6th Grade: Carson Bowles, Brooke Wolter; 8th Grade: Emily Bowles. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

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

A blessed and prosperous New Year as we begin 2023. In hymn 896 from LSB, *Now Greet the Swiftly Changing Year* we sing in stanza one: “Now greet the swiftly changing year with joy and penitence sincere, Rejoice! Rejoice! With thanks embrace another year of grace.” It is God’s undeserved kindness that we do not achieve ourselves but Jesus has secured our eternal and Heavenly home by His death and resurrection!

January starts off with an eighth grade trivia night and silent gift basket auction at Ratzskellar on Saturday, Jan. 7. On Friday January 13 I would like to host a family fun night at the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a snack to share. Lemonade and bottled water will be available. We will have some board games, cards, puzzles (you are welcome to bring a family favorite too), for a fun filled evening. Let’s start at 7p.m. and end around 9 p.m. All ages are welcome to join in on the fun! Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School is hosting a trivia night on Friday, January 20. We will celebrate National Lutheran School’s week the 22-28. With the help of the Senior Youth a lunch will be provided before the Voter’s meeting on January 29.

I pray your 2023 finds time for worship, fellowship, and the study of God’s word as we begin another year with the grace and mercy of our loving God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit! *Happy New Year, DCE Bill Becker*

High School Bible Class- Mr. Becker’s Classroom
Sundays from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m.



Eighth grade students Colby Voss, Ty Voss and Landon Kilpatrick portray the three Wise Men in the Road to Bethlehem Service on December 20.

Senior Youth

Our Senior Youth will have their regular meeting on Sunday, January 8th at noon in our church basement hangout. We also will serve a soup and sandwich lunch in the Fellowship Hall at noon on January 29 prior to the annual Voters Assembly meeting.

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 a lovely storage box. *Stephanie & Kirk Liefer*

Evening Guild News

Evening Guild & Men's Club Joint Gathering: On Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. Jeremy Walker will share his position on the SAFE-T Act that goes into effect in the State of Illinois on January 1st. Evening Guild will meet with the Men's Club that evening.

Mission Quilt Project Day: Tuesday, January 17, assemble and tying will begin at 9-11 a.m. and afternoon from 12:30 to 3 p.m. Bring your own scissors. We will not hold our regular meeting that evening. Our next business meeting will be on February 21st.

Quilting schedule for January is Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesdays from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

Baldwin Sight Center: Volunteer your time to help make large print books at the Baldwin Center on the 2nd & 4th Thursdays of January. Call Mary Ann Wegener (618-282-2839) or come to the church parking lot at 1 p.m.

LWML Scholarships: SID LWML offers scholarships to students going into full-time church work (pastors, teachers, deaconess, DCE). Applications on the website at www.sidlwml.org must be submitted by March 15, 2023.

Men's Club

St. John's Men's Club will gather on Thursday, January 12 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for a brief business meeting and fellowship to follow. St. John's member and newly-installed Circuit Judge Jeremy Walker will speak on current legal issues in our state. Everyone is invited to attend.

Baby Bottle Coins for Life Network

Beginning the weekend of January 7-8 there will be baby bottles available for you to take home. During January you can put spare change in those bottles to support the work of our local Life Network. We will collect those bottles the weekend of February 4-5.

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.

Financial Need For Medical Treatment

St. John's member and Red Bud High School senior Ashlynn Crafton is battling 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. Thanks for helping her during this trying time.

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 Fellowship Hall.

Thursday, January 5, 3 p.m. Epiphany Eve Holy Communion Service at church

Worship Greeters

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

We need two people or one couple to serve as greeter for the Sunday late service and the first and third Saturdays!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Dec. 31	5 p.m. Brian Liefer
Sun. Jan. 1	10:30 a.m. Colin Korando
Sat. Jan. 7	5 p.m. Colby Voss
Sun. Jan. 8	8 a.m. Wiley Minemann 10:30 a.m. Kinley Macbeth
Sat. Jan. 14	5 p.m. Lucas McCarthy
Sun. Jan. 15	8 a.m. Charlie Muench 10:30 a.m. Landon Kilpatrick
Sat. Jan. 21	5 p.m. Mallory Arbeiter
Sun. Jan. 22	8 a.m. Sydney Kassing 10:30 a.m. Loreli Aubuchon
Sat. Jan. 28	5 p.m. Colt Hess
Sun. Jan. 29	8 a.m. Amelia Guebert 10:30 a.m. Brodie Stenzel

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

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.

Camp Wartburg Men's and Women's Retreats

Camp Wartburg in Waterloo is hosting a Women's Retreat on January 20th - 21st and a Men's Retreat on February 3rd - 4th.

The Men's Retreat will feature keynote speaker Jacob Youmans who is currently serving as a Professor of Ministry at Concordia University Texas and is a 5-time author. He will explore the topic, "Word Hard. Pray Hard." Men are encouraged to bring their sons as well (jr. high and older) if they would like. During the weekend, all meals will be provided and there will also be an opportunity to do some fun activities and/or a service project.

The Women's Retreat will feature the editor of curriculum resources at Concordia Publishing House Lisa Krenz. The weekend's topic will be, "Unchanging Identity In An Ever-Changing World" as Lisa focuses on how our identity in Christ never changes even though our vocations and life circumstances may. You are encouraged to bring family and friends to this weekend which includes meals, devotions, fellowship time and a special "Womanly Adventure."

Registration for these events is available online at www.campwartburg.com. They both cost \$60 to attend.

LCMS Foundation

Sharon was having coffee with her good friend, Karen, a week after Christmas. Sharon was sharing how much fun she had giving gifts to her family over Christmas. Karen shook her head, indicating she was very displeased with the same experience in her family. When pressed by Sharon for the reason for that reaction, Karen said, "They are all so entitled. They just expect things and don't really appreciate the gift."

Teaching each other to appreciate "the gift" is why God designed families. It begins with appreciating the gift

of Jesus to be our Savior. That faith then spreads out into thankfulness and appreciation for all the items shared and the time and energy expended. Teaching an understanding of gifting is crucial to a Christian family.

Planning your Christian estate is a crucial element of teaching gift. As you put the pieces of your plan together, you can celebrate with family how the gifts you have planned for them will bless them someday. You can encourage them in advance to receive the gifts with thanksgiving and begin to think about how they will also become good givers. You can share with family the reasons why you are planning gifts to support ministry, making it possible for ministries to share Jesus even after the Lord has called you home to heaven. You can invite family to celebrate those ministry gifts as well.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in putting your plan together and preparing you for family celebration of the gifts of God. Contact Scott Radden at Scott.Radden@LFND.org or call his cell phone at 618-977-4049.

LCMS Stewardship Newsletter

“Your Past Does Not Define Your Future”

New Year’s is a celebration of the past and the future. We take stock of the past with thanksgiving and sometimes even relief (that it’s over), and we look to the future in hope and anticipation, and perhaps with some worry, for what it holds.

The point is that New Year’s celebrations remind us of who we are as opposed to who we would like to be, what we have done in comparison to what we want to do. It reminds us of our accomplishments, but mostly it reminds us of our failures. What we’ve lost. Who we’ve lost. New Year’s is our own version of Charles Dickens’ classic, A Christmas Carol. And we all play Scrooge. We are visited by the ghosts of our pasts, presents and futures.

St. Paul writes: “The point is this: whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work. As it is written, ‘He has distributed freely, He has given to the poor; His righteousness endures forever.’ He who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will supply and multiply your seed for sowing and increase the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way for all your generosity,

which through us will produce thanksgiving to God” (2nd Corinthians 9:6–15).

St. Paul tells us that the Lord will both supply and increase what we need to give to the church for its work in the world. He tells us that this work God does in us will enrich and bless us in every way, and through this, will produce thanksgiving to God. With this in mind, here is some practical advice to help you take stock of your giving in years past and change what needs to be adjusted, improved, or done away with altogether.

First, attend the Divine Service to receive God’s gifts of forgiveness, life and salvation. If you’ve not been faithful in attending worship to hear the preaching of God’s Word, to receive forgiveness and feast on the rich food of our Lord’s body and blood for the eternal benefit of your body and soul, then repent and come to receive the gifts God freely gives. God doesn’t want your money. He wants you — all of you (Matthew 22:20–22).

Second, pray for the Lord’s help. Your right as a Christian is to speak with your Father, the King of all creation, freely through His Son, our Lord, Jesus Christ. Go to the throne of grace and ask for strength and wisdom to follow His bidding faithfully (John 15:1–16).

Third, consider what the church is and what the church does. The church is a place of mercy. It inhales the mercy of the Father by the death, resurrection, and ascension of His Son through the preaching of the Gospel and the Sacraments. It exhales this mercy in love toward neighbors. You are a member of the church, of God’s family. Thus, you are not only a recipient of God’s mercy, but a bearer of that mercy for the life of the world. You spread that mercy through the generous giving of your income to support the work of the church in the world, as the Israelites did in the Old Testament (Lev. 27:1–34).

Fourth, take stock of your current giving in light of the New Testament’s teaching on supporting the work of the church. Are you giving of your first fruits, taking it out of your paycheck first, or does God get what’s left over? Are you giving voluntarily and cheerfully? Are you giving proportionally and generously? The Old Testament required a tithe, or ten percent. The New Testament gives freedom to be generous, to give more for the Church’s work. Are you relying on God’s promise to provide and increase what you need to do His work? If your answer is no to any of these, repent. If God gave you His only Son, will He not provide for you all things, even physical things? Trust Him, His Word, and heed it.

So, don’t let your past define your future. Rather, commit for the year a generous proportion of your income, which is God’s gift to you for this body and life.

January Church and School Calendar

Saturday, December 31-

5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve Holy Communion Service

SUNDAY, January 1, 2023- No early service or Sunday School

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

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

Monday, January 2- Office Closed

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

Tuesday, January 3-

8:00 a.m. School faculty meeting in the library

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Circuit Pastors' Conference in Carbondale

Wednesday, January 4- Third Quarter Begins

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

7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

Boys & Girls' B Team Basketball tourney at Collinsville

Thursday, January 5-

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

3:00 p.m. Epiphany Eve Holy Communion Service (church)

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

6:00 p.m. Basketball-Boys' A (home); Girls at Valmeyer

Friday, January 6- Report cards go home

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades Chapel Service in the new gym

Saturday, January 7-

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)

Noon: Take down decorations at Church

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

SUNDAY, January 8-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School, Youth and Adult Bible Classes

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

Noon Senior Youth gathering in the church basement hangout

Monday, Jan. 9- Boys' Basketball OVC tourney at St. Mark's

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

Tuesday, January 10-

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

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

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

Wednesday, January 11-

8:30 a.m. Upper Grades School Chapel 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. Worship Committee in the Fellowship Hall

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

Thursday, January 12-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball

7:00 p.m. Men's Club/Evening Guild combined gathering (FH)

Friday, January 13-

8:30 a.m. Lower Grades School Chapel in the new gym

7-9 p.m. Family Fun Night in the Fellowship Hall

Saturday, January 14- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, January 15-

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

9:30 a.m. Adult and Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School

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

Monday, January 16- No School; MLK Day

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

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

Tuesday, January 17-

9 a.m. - 11 a.m. & 12:30 - 3 p.m. Quilt Tying in Fellowship Hall

6:00 p.m. Boys' Basketball at home versus Valmeyer

Wednesday, January 18-

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

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

Thursday, January 19- Boys' basketball ALT tourney

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

4:30 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Pastor's office

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

Friday, January 20-

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

Saturday, January 21-

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

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

SUNDAY, January 22- Life Sunday

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Youth Bible Classes

9:30 a.m. New Member Welcome in the Fellowship Hall

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

Monday, January 23- National Lutheran Schools' Week

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

Tuesday, January 24-

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

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

Wednesday, January 25- A Team Volleyball tourney at RBC

8:30 a.m. All-School Chapel 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

3:00 p.m. Office Staff meeting

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

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

Thursday, January 26-

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

Friday, January 27- A Team Volleyball tourney at RBC

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

Saturday, January 28- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, January 29-

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 with Holy Communion

Noon Senior Youth serve a soup and sandwich lunch in FH

1:00 p.m. Annual Voters' Assembly meeting in the FH

Monday, January 30-

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

Tuesday, January 31-

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