

The Epistle

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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 Hour Ministries

"We Shall Be Like Him"

By Dr. Kari Vo

1st John 3:1-3 - See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know Him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when He appears we shall be like Him, because we shall see Him as He is. And everyone who thus hopes in Him purifies Himself as He is pure.

Ears like Grandpa. Eyes like Dad. A chin like Mom's. Families can spend hours looking at a newborn, tracing the baby's features, figuring out who the baby resembles. It's a game that never gets old.

Why? I think it has to do with love. If we love someone, we rejoice to see every tiny link between us—even if it's something as silly and unimportant as a cowlick in the same spot, just above the right eye. The shared trait says, "We belong together." Love delights to see that statement, again and again and again.

But it isn't just physical traits we trace. When it comes to God and His children, what we look for are similarities in the heart—in love; in patience; in kindness

and respect. We look at other Christians and notice actions that remind us of Jesus—self-sacrifice; a patient willingness to listen; a humility that puts itself completely at the service of someone else the rest of the world considers unimportant. And we think to ourselves, "Yes! That person reminds me of Jesus. That person is acting like a child of God."

Of course, it's always easier to see these things in other Christians, not in ourselves. For most of us, it's our sins that we think of first—and we see the resemblance to God later, if at all. And that's okay. Because it doesn't matter so much what we see in ourselves; it matters what God sees in us. And God, who sees all things truly, has called us His children.

How can this be? Only through Jesus. Only through that newborn baby, come down from heaven into the human world of sin and loss. Only through that Man, fully grown, who lay down His life on the cross for all of us, so that everyone who believes in Him is born into eternal life.

Prayer- Dear Jesus, because You live forever, so do we. When You come again, we will see You as You are and thank You, that we will be like You, to our everlasting joy. Amen.

Your Pastors' Ponderings

Thank you so very much to everyone who organized, provided food for and attended the Pastors' Appreciation Brunch between worship services on Sunday, October 29! We thank the school children for their nice notes and the Sunday School students for their fine singing. We are grateful to all those who remembered us with your kind cards and generous gifts. We thank God for all of you and for our shared ministry in Jesus' name.

We will have two more baptisms during the month of November. I return to my review of the book, To Baptize or Not to Baptize, by Sarah Hinlicky Wilson, a pastor of the Evangelical Church in America. I introduced this review in this space in September's newsletter.

Baptism is first and foremost God's present, living act of laying claim to this body bearing this name at this point in time. Since baptism is a theological sign, it does not subside. Baptism remains present and active in us, regardless of our reception of it or of anyone else's perception of it.

Baptism accomplishes what it signifies. Baptism performs what it evokes. There is no gap here between action and meaning. They are one and the same.

More on this topic of Holy Baptism next month.

Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel

Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I write this article having completed my first two weddings. In reflecting on the completion of these two major events, I find myself happy and sad. I'm happy because these events are done and that frees some time up for other things. I'm sad because I looked forward to the meetings I held with these couples, what we talked about, and getting to know them better.

However, did you notice where my mind went first? These two "events are done and that frees some time up for other things." We are just people that are never satisfied ... are we? I find myself thinking about what more I can do. It is just never enough. We always want more time, to be able to do more and accomplish more. Yet, we also complain there is not enough time in the day to get everything done. It's weird how our minds work.

I find myself focusing on the hundreds of things that need to be done. We take on too much. Then we wonder why we feel exhausted. I am sure some of you can understand. No matter how hard we try to remain focused on one task at a time, our minds have a way of thinking differently. But does it matter? No. Because all we end up doing is stressing ourselves out. Then we become useless to others.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are approaching. Let us make a change and be thankful for that which the Lord has blessed us. During this time of year, focus on your own personal and spiritual growth. We should allow ourselves personal time. We need it. Then, look into family time. Allowing us personal and family time can allow us to be better leaders. To be better fit to care for others more effectively. Especially when it comes to spreading His Word to all nations and people.

The Bible teaches us, "Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble." (Matthew 6:34). However, that's always easier said than done. Let us take time out for ourselves and see how things change.

Now with that said, I think some time off is deserved.
God's blessings, Associate Pastor Brian Nowak

Veterans' Day Program

The students, faculty and staff of St. John's Lutheran School invite all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families to our Veterans' Day program on Friday, November 10 at 2 p.m. in the new gym of the school building. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran, please stop by our office and pick up an invitation for them.

Wurstmarkt

On Sunday, Nov. 12, from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. our 70th annual Wurstmarkt will be served in our school's old gym hosted by our Men's Club and assisted by our youth groups. Buffet-style service will include pork sausage, mashed potatoes, sauerkraut, gravy, corn and green beans for either dine-in or carryout. There will be a Country Meat Store of pork sausage, liver sausage, summer sausage, chops, backbone and ribs. For advance meat orders call Judy Guebert at 618/979-2206 to leave a message. We need the contribution of your time, gifts of pies, or money to purchase pies. Potato peeling is in the school kitchen on the 11th at 9 a.m.

From Your Director of Christian Education

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

There are several events planned for both the church and the school in November. Some highlights include a Veteran's Day program on Nov. 10, the Men's Club Wurstmarkt on Nov. 12, the Craft Fair on Nov. 18 (that is completely full with vendors), Junior Youth will be packing Operation Christmas Shoe boxes on Nov. 19, and we will observe the national holiday of Thanksgiving on Nov. 23. We also will have our first Advent service on Wednesday, Nov. 29 led by our Grades 3-5.

There are also several class fundraisers happening. The 7th Grade class will host the concession stand for the C-Team BBB Nov. 1, 3, & 4. The 6th Grade class will have their SLAM smoked ribs delivery on Nov. 3. The 7th Grade class will also have parents hosting a Bourbon & Martini Tasting Event at Lieferbrau on Nov. 4. They also are selling butter braids, cookie dough, and pizzas through Nov. 6. The 5th Grade class will finish up their bed sheet fundraiser and have Cardinal's calendars available.

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 through word and sacrament ministry. A favorite hymn of mine is LSB 892 "*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*": "Come, ye thankful people, come; raise the song of harvest home. All be safely gathered in Ere the winter storms begin: God, our maker, doth provide For our wants to be supplied. Come to God's own temple; raise the song of harvest home." God's richest blessings to all of you! *DCE Bill Becker*

Thanksgiving Holy Communion Worship

Wednesday, November 22, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 23, 9 a.m.

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.

The softball season ended the opening week of October. The young women of St. John's softball team made it to the SIJHSAA state tournament for just the fourth time in school history. They were not victorious but will forever have the memories of using their God given talents to win the Regional Tournament.

The Cougar Prowl Fun Run was held on October 5th in the new gymnasium and was a great success. So many students ran soooo many laps and helped to raise so much money. This event has become the PTL's largest fundraiser, aside from the dinner auction, and is a great help in providing the funds for technology, guest presenters, field trips, and so much more.

As if that running was not enough for some of our students the cross country team competed in the Okaw Valley Conference Meet during that week as well. This event was a great chance for the runners to compete and compete well!! The boys team consisting of Jack Sachtleben (7), Landon Bumann (6), Blaine Rohlving (6), Henry Sachtleben (6), Lucas Summer (6), and Loxton Sutton (4) placed 2nd in the OVC meet. We congratulate the boys! The girls out did them by one place and finished 1st in the OVC Conference. This team was led by two eighth graders, Karliegh Liefer and Emily Farmer, both of whom are five-year runners and are great examples of determination and perseverance to the other girls. The other young ladies that round out the team are Jozlynn Palm (6), Elle Sutton (6), Ella Birch (5), Sydney Krick (5), Roxy Markotay (5), and Kelly Pollard (4). Medaling in the respective races was Blaine Rohlving who finished fourth and Ella Birch who finished fifth.

Teachers attended the Southern and Central Illinois District Teacher's Conference at Good Shepherd in Collinsville on Friday, October 6. We were greatly blessed to be able to attend this event where we could learn from some of the best Lutheran teachers around the district, grow closer in fellowship, and be strengthened and renewed for our service here at St. John's Lutheran. As an added bonus we got to see the familiar face of Pastor Nebel in the pulpit as he gave the sermon at the Holy Communion service for the conference.



St. John's School students singing at the October 11 Family of Faith Fall Fellowship held in the new gym.

October 11 was a great night to celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a congregation. This happened at the "Family of Faith Fall Fellowship Night." This was a great way for families to reconnect with each other, discover or be reminded of what the mission of our church is, to see some of the blessings of our school students, and to be reminded of the opportunities the school families have to help support the church through worship.

First quarter awards were presented on October 26. The following students were recognized:

Kindergarten – Perfect School: Huxton Grohmann, Brooke Horrell, Brynlee Schaefer, and Kayleigh Young. Perfect Church: Bently Valentine. Perfect Sunday School: Bently Valentine.

1st Grade – Perfect School: Madalynn Gulley, Carter Mehring, Kolton Meier, Kayli Reinhardt, Emma Schlueter, Eleanor Smith, and Ava Wilson. Perfect Church: Elaina Heck, Tate Markotay, Hayden Schlimme. Perfect Sunday School: Elaina Heck.

2nd Grade – Perfect School: Blakelynn Grohmann, Ella Herriman, Riley Hosfeld, Kayda Kaiser, Ava Kiefer, Hayden Mounts, Ellie Stellhorn, and Elaina Uffelmann. Perfect Church: Kayda Kaiser, Ellie Stellhorn, and Lynleigh Wingerter. Perfect Sunday School: Ellie Stellhorn.

3rd Grade – Perfect School: McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Maggie Kuehn, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Layla Meyer, Hailey Nichols, Emry Voss, Liza Wagner, and Tripp Wagner. Perfect Church: McKinley Florreich and Elsie Liefer.

4th Grade – Perfect School: Haydn Albert, Aliviah Gulley, Blake Horrell, Liam Hosfeld, Charlie Liefer, and Kelly Pollard.

Perfect Church: Henry Schnepel.

Highest Honor Roll: Haydn Albert, Blake Horrell, Cassidy Palm, Kelly Pollard, and Loxton Sutton.

High Honor Roll: Henry Schnepel and Aubrey Valleroy.

Honor Roll: Aliviah Gulley, Evlyn Heck, Liam Hosfeld, and Harper Mounts.

5th Grade – Perfect School: Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Kenadee Crafton, Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Aiden Kiefer, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Roxy Markotay, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, Grayden Schloemann, and Kade Young.

Perfect Church: Colae Kaiser, Roxy Markotay, McKenzie Niemeyer, and Cooper Wingerter.

Highest Honor Roll: Grant Florreich, Emma Guebert, Colae Kaiser, Sydney Krick, Grayden Schloemann, Holden Wagner, and Cooper Wingerter.

High Honor Roll: Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Maverick Cowell, Kenadee Crafton, Maybre Falkenhain, Roxy Markotay, Jackson Neff, Brody Rahn, and Abby Stellhorn.

Honor Roll: Alexa Cheek, Lucy Kuehn, Lauren Mehring, and Kade Young.



Third, Fourth, and Fifth grade students at St. John's Lutheran School put together 58 birthday cake kits to be given to students on their birthday through the RBES Royal Table and RBHS Musketeer Market. Each kit included items to make a birthday cake and decorate it, candles, cake pan, handmade birthday card from a student, and a bag to hold all the items. Thank you to Mrs. Deb Opel for coming to talk to the students about these two organizations and what services she provides to families in our school district. Also, thank you to Dieterich Bank for the donation of the bags used for the kits. Pictured are all the students in these grades with Mrs. Deb Opel and the kits that were prepared.

6th Grade – Perfect School: Colton Albert, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Brayden McCarthy, Blaine Rohlfling, Henry Sachtleben, Lucas Summers, Elle Sutton, Max Voss, Athena Wolfmeier, Sophia Zeiger.

Perfect Church: Jozlynn Palm and Henry Sachtleben.

Highest Honor Roll: Blaine Rohlfling and Max Voss.

High Honor Roll: Colton Albert, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, and Elle Sutton.

Honor Roll: Addison Breier, Kellen Herriman, Layla Kilpatrick, Brayden McCarthy, Evan Muench, Jozlynn Palm, Lucas Summers, and Sophia Zeiger.

7th Grade – Perfect School: Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartman, Colby Hartman, Liam Kilpatrick, Tessa Stenzel, and Cailyn Wilson.

Perfect Church: Jack Sachtleben.

Highest Honor Roll: Tessa Stenzel.

High Honor Roll: Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartman, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Cailyn Wilson, and Brook Wolter.

Honor Roll: Colby Hartman, Liam Kilpatrick, Lyle Schlueter, and Brendyn Wegener.

8th Grade – Perfect School: Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Emily Farmer, Collin Korando, Molly Kuehn, Karleigh Liefer, Lilly Meyer, Noah Wagner, and Hollis Wolfmeier.

Highest Honor Roll: Addy Schloemann & Norah Wagner.

High Honor Roll: Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Molly Kuehn, and Karleigh Liefer.

Honor Roll: Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Brian Liefer, Kade Liefer, and Lilly Meyer.

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. Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on their 1st place finish in the St. Libory Tournament.



The girls' basketball A team as they pose with their 1st place plaque from the St. Libory basketball tournament. Back Row: Kolae Kaiser, Aubrey Kiefer, Sophia Zieger, Tessa Stenzel, Ella Cowel, Layla Kilpatrick, Elle Sutton, Front Row: Norah Wagner, Emily Farmer, Mallory Arbeiter.

As the Month of October came to a close we were so glad to have the fall festival. We thank Becky Biffar, Tracy Proctor, Kristin Sachtleben, and Bill Becker who headed up the main committees who prepared for and worked the event. It was a blessing to see all the kids enjoying the event! The costume parade was a blast with some very creative ideas on display.

The 8th grade presented Chapel on October 31 based on the Reformation. They did a wonderful job sharing the story with their fellow students.

On the last day of October we are happy to host trick or treating in the new gym lobby from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Lesley and Pastor have put together quite the event and we were glad to have the indoor option that made this activity more enjoyable. Thank you to St. John's Lutheran Daycare, Dietrich Bank, Buena Vista Bank, Leesman Funeral Home, St. John's Lutheran Church and School which attended or supported our event!

On November 3 we have an early dismissal day at 11:20 a.m. We will have no lunch that day and no after-school care. A very special assembly will be held on November 10 at 2 p.m. as we welcome some local military veterans and Casey Vallett to speak with our students. On November 18 the 6th grade class will host the Craft Fair in our school. On November 22 we will dismiss one hour early, at 1:45 p.m., with no afterschool care. We will observe Thanksgiving with no school on Nov. 23 & 24.

God's blessings, Mr. Justin Palm

November Servers

Flowers: Doreen Schnepel

Paraments: Irma Birkner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Evening Guild News

Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship is Thursday, November 2, at Trinity Lutheran Church, Red Bud. Registration is at 8:45 a.m. The opening Worship Service is at 9 a.m. with Rev. Mark Harriss, Zone Counselor. The guest speaker will be Rev. Dr. Jeffery Nehrt from Southern Illinois Prison Ministry to talk about the new program, "Reaching In". Guests are welcome!

On Tuesday, November 21 at 7:00 p.m. our Evening Guild will gather in the Fellowship Hall with devotions to be led by Cindy Steele. Program: "Women of the Bible." Hostesses: Brenda Gilpatrick, Chairman, Janet Braun, and Gladys Brand. November mission project: Food drive for Musketeer Market.

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

Men's Club

Our St. John's Men's Club will meet on Thursday November 9 at 7 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. We will view parts 5 & 6 of "Nurturing Your Faith: Identity," a Bible study from Lutheran Hour Ministries.

Attention Coffee Drinkers

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

Senior Youth

Our Senior Youth will help serve in the dining room for our November 12 Wurstmarkt. We also will sell jars and Hemme Brothers cheese at the November 18 Craft Fair to be held at our school. Senior Youth members will have Hemme Brothers cheese order forms (curds, block, quark) available soon as well. There will not be a regular meeting this month due to it landing on the Wurstmarkt Sunday and we'll be meeting to assemble jars.)

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*

Junior Youth

St. John's Junior Youth will fill shoeboxes on Sunday, November 19th for Operation Christmas Child. This will take place in the Fellowship Hall after the late worship service. Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many it's their first gift ever!

The Junior Youth would appreciate the help if anyone from the congregation would like to donate items to fill the shoeboxes! There is a display in the Fellowship Hall with information as well as a box into which you can put items. You also could drop off donations in the school office. Please have any donations in by November 15th.

What's needed: hygiene items, school supplies, crafts, activities, cold weather items, stuffed animals, soccer ball with pump, toys, etc... Ages of the children receiving the boxes will be anywhere from 2-14.

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, Discussing Homosexuality, End of the World, Eternal Election and Predestination, 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, The Resurrection in Revelation, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, and Word Dwellers.

Sunday School

Our mission project this year (10% of our offerings) will benefit a local project, the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. Both of these are operated through our local District 132 Schools that supply families with food, basic care needs, and supplies for making birthday cakes for the elementary children in our local community.

Perfect Attendance for October-

3-Year-old: Nolan Liefer; 4-Year-old: Demi Grohmann
First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Brewer Krick, Jack Valentine; Fifth Grade: Sydney Krick and Abby Stellhorn; 8th Grade: Mallory Arbeiter

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 Fellowship Hall 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.

Financial Need For Medical Treatment

St. John's member and recent Red Bud High School graduate 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.

We Bid a Fond Farewell

October 3 Release of Tony Schrader per request
October 3 Release of Garrick and Nichole Liefer and children Aiden and MaKenzie Liefer

8th Grade Class Trip

Our class of 2024 has 5 spots for guests on their April 12-20, 2024 trip. They will visit Petersburg, Kentucky; Charlottesville, Jamestown, Williamsburg, and Mt. Vernon in Virginia; Washington, D.C.; Philadelphia, Gettysburg, and Somerset in Pennsylvania; and Dayton, Ohio. A \$500 deposit by Dec. 1 will hold your spot as a downpayment. Several meals, all entrance fees, and hotel costs are included. An estimated per guest cost sharing a double room is \$1,250. An estimated single guest room will be \$1,500. If you are interested in joining us on this trip, please let Mr. Bill Becker know at your earliest convenience (618-282-2958).

The Prayer Chain

Vickie Heller is our Prayer Chain Coordinator. To serve in the Prayer Chain or if you have a prayer request, please contact her at dvheller@htc.net or 618/521-7417. Call our office to add someone to our worship prayers. *Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous man is powerful and effective (James 5:16).*

Midweek Bible Classes

Our midweek Bible classes are Wednesday Morning (9:30 a.m.) Women (CPH book, "Unshakeable" by Donna Snow); Wednesday 7:30 p.m. (2nd Chronicles) and Thursday 7:30 a.m. (Amos).

Men's Bible Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on the first and third (4th and 18th) Saturdays in November as we continue to study the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

Lutheran Church Extension Fund

LCEF is offering an 18-month fixed-rate term note at 5% interest and now a 30-month fixed-rate term note for 6.25% interest. This is for new money only with a minimum of \$500. You can open an account online (lcef.org) or by calling 800-843-5233.

By investing with LCEF you earn a competitive interest rate and make funds available for LCMS ministries and church workers. Your investment works twice as hard for you by helping support needed ministries and earning you interest. The need is urgent. LCEF is experiencing high loan demand and needs your investment to make sure we have the funds available for the church.

Thank you for your continued support of LCEF and our mission. By investing with us, you're securing the future of LCMS ministry.

Thank a military veteran for our freedom!

Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Nov. 4	5 p.m. Brayden McCarthy
Sun. Nov. 5	8 a.m. Mallory Arbeiter 10:30 a.m. Jackson Pensoneau
Sat. Nov. 11	5 p.m. Colton Albert
Sun. Nov. 12	8 a.m. Charlie Muench 10:30 a.m. Katelynn Braun
Sat. Nov. 18	5 p.m. Kellen Herriman
Sun. Nov. 19	8 a.m. Carson Bowles 10:30 a.m. Amelia Cheek
Wed. Nov. 22	7 p.m. Kade Liefer
Thu. Nov. 23	9 a.m. Max Voss
Sat. Nov. 25	5 p.m. Layla Kilpatrick
Sun. Nov. 26	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 a.m. Sophia Zeiger
Sat. Dec. 2	5 p.m. Brynlee Liefer
Sun. Dec. 3	8 a.m. Carson Moll 10:30 a.m. Tessa Stenzel

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

Worship Greeters

Sat. Nov. 4	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Nov. 5	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter / Cindy Ebers
Sat. Nov. 11	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 12	8 a.m. Roger and Peggy Hanebutt 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel
Sat., Nov. 18	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Nov. 19	8 a.m. Lisa Quinn / Christine Kellerhouse 10:30 a.m. Ron and Donna Burgdorf
Sat. Nov. 25	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 26	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. Dec. 2	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Dec. 3	8 a.m. Olivia Schmitz and Cindy Steele 10:30 a.m. Ron and Diane Kunkelmann

We need a person or couple to serve as greeters for the 5th Saturday of the month (4x a year) and special services. The only qualifications, requirements, expectations and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and say "Good evening" to people as they enter the church. In other words, you can do this!

Lutheran Witness Subscriptions

If you would like to renew, start, or cancel a subscription to our church's monthly magazine, *The Lutheran Witness*, please call our office by November 22. Each issue is full of news, teaching and inspiration. The cost for next year is \$26.50. Thank you!

LCMS Foundation

Learning to acknowledge God's blessings is the beginning step of faithful management of His gifts.

Greg and Mike were meeting for lunch. Greg was dreading this meeting because he was used to Mike always complaining about how hard his life is. On this particular day, Greg was surprised. Mike was telling the story of how he and his wife had recently decided that they should get their estate plan in place. The process began as Mike and his wife met with their LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor. Mike was not really a money guy. He was not the guy who could quickly offer up an estimate of the total net worth of his estate. So, when the LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor asked the couple to fill out a Lifetime Plan for Giving survey, which included many things, but especially an inventory of financial assets, Mike was shocked to see the actual dollar value of his estate.

Mike said to Greg, "All my life I have been comparing myself to others, always believing that everyone else is more blessed than I. I am not a billionaire, but I was actually quite overwhelmed to see the combined value of our house, our cottage, our paid-up life insurance and our retirement accounts. I usually just look at things one at a time. Combined together, I realize that I have been underestimating what God has been doing in our lives. Now I am asking the question, 'I wonder what God wants us to do with all of this?' I have this feeling that it includes more than just inheritance to the kids, as they are all doing quite well."

Greg responded, "Mike this is awesome. With your new-found perspective, I think your estate planning is going to be a lot of fun. Are you thinking about leaving a gift to ministry?"

Mike responded, "I sure am. Every time I see the kids from our Lutheran School in worship, I am so glad they are learning about Jesus. I want to help provide scholarships so more kids can come in the future."

Are you recognizing God's abundance? Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can help. Contact Scott Radden at Scott.Radden@ifnd.org or (618) 977-4049 for more information or to start your plan.

November Church and School Calendar

Wednesday, November 1- All Saints' Day

7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Public School Confirmation
9 a.m. to noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)

Thursday, November 2-

7:30 a.m. Bible class in the Fellowship Hall (Amos)
9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
6:00 p.m. Girls' A and Boys' C teams basketball at St. Libory

Friday, November 3- C Team Basketball tournament here

11:20 a.m. Early school dismissal
12:30 p.m. Faculty meeting and epilepsy training

Saturday, November 4- C Team Basketball tournament here

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall (Proverbs)
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
6:00 p.m. Christ Our Savior LHS Dinner and Auction

SUNDAY, November 5- Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

2:00 a.m. Time change; fall back to Standard Time
8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
9:30 a.m. Adult & Youth Bible Classes and Sunday School
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, November 6-

6:00 p.m. Boys' A&C at RBC; Girls' home vs. Millstadt
7:00 p.m. Board of Elders meets in the Fellowship Hall
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, November 7- Pastors at Circuit Conference-Marion

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. Boys' basketball A, C & D home vs. Holy Childhood
6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at St. John Lutheran in Chester

Wednesday, November 8-

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School confirmation classes
9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 School Chapel Service at church
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at Marissa
6:30 p.m. Worship Committee meeting in the Fellowship Hall
7:30 p.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (2nd Chronicles)

Thursday, November 9-

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Amos)
9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir practice in the church balcony
5:30 p.m. Boys' A&C basketball at Unity Lutheran, ESL
7:00 p.m. Men's Club gathering in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, November 10-

2:00 p.m. Veterans Day program in the new gym

Saturday, November 11-

9:00 a.m. Men's Club prepares for the Wurstmart
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 12-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service
9:30 a.m. Sunday School and Adult Bible Class
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion
11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Men's Club Wurstmart in the old gym

Monday, November 13-

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at St. John Lutheran in Chester
7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the school's music room

Tuesday, November 14-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at home vs. Red Bud Catholic
7:00 p.m. Parent-Teacher League meeting in cafeteria

Wednesday, November 15-

7 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Conf. classes

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 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

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

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

Thursday, November 16- Girls' basketball tourney at TSJ

7:30 a.m. Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall (Amos)

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. Boys' basketball at home vs. Evansville

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

Friday, November 17- Boys' b-ball tourney at Good Shepherd

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel Service at school

Saturday, November 18-

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

10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Craft Fair at school

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

SUNDAY, November 19-

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

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

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

11:30 a.m. Junior Youth: Operation Christmas Child boxes

Monday, November 20-

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at home vs. Steeleville Public

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

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

Tuesday, November 21-

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at Red Bud Catholic

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

Wednesday, November 22-

7:00 a.m. & 2:30 p.m. 7th&8th Public School Conf. classes

9:00 a.m. Grades 3-8 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

7:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Eve Holy Communion Service

Thursday, November 23- Happy Thanksgiving!

9:00 a.m. Thanksgiving Day Holy Communion Service

Friday, November 24- No school! Office Closed

Saturday, November 25-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 26-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Monday, November 27-

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at home vs. St. Mary's

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

Tuesday, November 28-

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

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

6:00 p.m. Girls' basketball at home vs St. John, Chester

Wednesday, November 29- School Picture Re-take Day

7 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School confirmation classes

8:30 a.m. & 7 p.m. Grades 3-5 Advent service at school

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

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

Thursday, November 30-

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

5:30 p.m. Girls' A & C basketball at home vs. Unity ESL

6:00 p.m. Boys' basketball at Coulterville

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

Southern Illinois District Mission Partnership

Our SID Mission Partnership Task Force is looking for support from congregations. The Dominican Republic Mission Partnership Task Force, a volunteer committee for the Southern Illinois District of the LCMS, is working to support the Lutheran Seminary in the Dominican Republic through partnership with our district congregations. We would like to ask you to consider joining us in our mission. You can join us by:

- Praying for the Dominican Republic seminary;
- Participating in local fundraising efforts and events;
- Partnering with us to organize and plan support ideas.

For information on getting involved, please contact our committee at sidlcmessage@gmail.com Thank you!!

Casey's Rewards

Cash for Classrooms- When you shop at Casey's using its rewards program you can donate your points to our St. John's school. Thank you!