

Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 20 & 21, 2024, 5 p.m. & 8 a.m.

St. John's Lutheran Church
Red Bud, Illinois

PRELUDE: "Prelude in G Minor" by J.S. Bach

THE RINGING OF THE BELL calls us to holy worship.

OPENING HYMN: 402 "The Only Son from Heaven"

**The on-ly Son from heav-en, Fore-told by an-cient seers,
 By God the Fa-ther giv-en, In hu-man form ap-pears.
 No sphere His light con-fin-ing, No star so bright-ly shin-ing
 As He, our Morn-ing Star.**

**O time of God ap-point-ed, O bright and ho-ly morn!
 He comes, the king a-noint-ed, The Christ, the vir-gin-born,
 Grim death to van-quish for us, To o-pen heav'n be-fore us
 And bring us life a-gain.**

**O Lord, our hearts a-wak-en to know and love You more,
 In faith to stand un-shak-en, In spir-it to a-dore,
 That we, through this world mov-ing, Each glimpse of heav-en prov-ing,
 May reap its full-ness there.**

(please stand if you are able)

**O Fa-ther, here be-fore You With God the Ho-ly Ghost
 And Je-sus, we a-dore You, O pride of an-gel host:
 Be-fore You mor-tals low-ly Cry, "Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly,
 O bless-ed Trin-i-ty!" A-men.**

Divine Service Three, page 184ff.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION: pages 184-185

P In the name of the Father and of the (+) Son and of the Holy Spirit. **C Amen.**
P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto
 God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us
 forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,
C **who made heaven and earth.**
P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,
C **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

**God the Fa-ther Al-mighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Je-sus Christ;
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sin of the world, have mercy up-on us.**

Thou that takest away the sin of the world, re-ceive our prayer.

Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy up-on us.

**For Thou only art holy; Thou on-ly art the Lord. Thou only, O Christ, with the
Ho-ly Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. A-men.**

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY:

P: The Lord be with you. **C:** *(sung)* **And with thy spirit.** **P:** Let us pray.

C: **Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.** *(please be seated)*

(8 a.m.) **ANTHEM:** “The Names of Christ”

Kindergarten, Grades One and Two students

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING:

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that He had said He would do to them, and He did not do it.

L: This is the Word of the Lord. **C:** **Thanks be to God.**

THE GRADUAL:

Praise the LORD, all nations! **Extol Him, all peoples!**

For great is His steadfast love toward us,

and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.

Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

bring an offering and come into His courts!

THE EPISTLE READING:**1st Corinthians 7:29-31**

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no goods, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.*(please stand if able)* **ALLELUIA:** page 190 *(sung)***Al-le-lu-ia. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.****THE HOLY GOSPEL:****Mark 1:14-20**P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.**C: *(sung)* Glory be to Thee, O Lord.**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." And immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: *(sung)* Praise be to Thee, O Christ.**OUR CONFESSION OF FAITH: The Nicene Creed: page 191**

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN OF THE DAY: 856 "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
 2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
 3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
 4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
 words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
 broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
 serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
 In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'ring Word. True
 Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
 Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
 teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
 help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
 love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, the apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song,
 The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

SERMON: (*Sat.*) “Follow Jesus” Mark 1:14-20

(*Sunday*) “Proclaim! Repent, Relent, and Restored” Jonah 3:1-5, 10

OFFERTORY: pages 192-193

Cre-ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re-new a right spir-it with-in me.

Cast me not a-way from Thy pres-ence, and take not Thy Ho-ly Spir-it from me.

Re-store un-to me the joy of Thy sal-va-tion, and up-hold me with Thy free spir-it.

A-men.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH (*please stand if you are able*)

(*Each petition ends “Lord, in Your mercy” and we respond, “hear our prayer.”*)

HEALING AND COMFORT: Wil Guebert, Sharon DeRousse, David Blakenship, Marie Voges, Ruth Hecht, Rev. Russell Koen, Sherry Winkelman, Jay Prigge, Susie Harms, Marcy Watters, JoAnna Ellner, Sarah Roy, Ashlynn Crafton, Jack Kennedy; *Family/Friends of St. John’s Members:* Tyson Moonier, Dorothy Fulton, Rhonda Black, Mike Coffey, Isabella Despain, Joe Candler, Roleen Henke. *Help us keep this list current!*

MILITARY: (*Please call with names.*) Army- Casey Vallett, Tanner Valleroy, Brandon Voss, Adrienne Vallett, Easton Lucht, Chase Lucht, Ethan Summers, Tim Healy, Jacob Adams, Donald Roberts, Matthew Kraus, Paul Craft, Jr., Austin Scheibe, Jessica DeMarco, Christopher Dupertius, Garrett Carnahan, Tyler Wahlman, Gavin Roche-Voss; Navy- Carl Muehler; Air Force- Gage Baldwin, Jason Nehrt, Curt Hatten, Terry Koester, David Livingston, Matt Sabo, Ryan Kozarich; Marines- Alex Renner, Cody Koch, Josh Butterworth, Keenan Turnure, Austin Grohmann; National Guard: Jeremiah Brandt

EMERGENCY PERSONNEL: Fire/EMS- Jerre Atchison, Tom Beshoar, Kevin Biffar, Breanna Bingel, Savannah Cowell, Chad Crafton, Steven Falkenhain, Chad Grohmann, Curt Guebert, Jason Guebert, Scot Heller, Blake Koppel, Chad Langrehr, Matt Liefer, Kevin Miller, Craig Moll, Alan Piel, Jason Rippelmeyer, Brad Stechmesser, John Valentine, Mike VanDorn, Tanner Winkelman; Police- Abigail Browne, Ralph Sievers, Chris Hewitt, Nick Mounts, Doug Brennan, Jason Roscow.

+those who mourn: the family of Ken Ruwald who died in the Lord Tuesday

+the defense and protection of God’s gift of life in all of its stages

+ministry of Lutheran Schools during this National Lutheran Schools Week

+for peace in the world and comfort for those who mourn and suffer violence

SERVICE OF THE SACRAMENT: page 194ff.

WE CELEBRATE HOLY COMMUNION: In this Supper of our Lord we receive the true body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ under the earthly elements of bread and wine for the forgiveness of our sins and the strengthening of our faith. Since this Holy Communion is also how we commonly confess the Christian faith, we welcome to the Lord’s Table those who are confirmed members of congregations of The Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. The individual cups of white wine in the center of the cup tray contain non-

alcoholic wine for those who prefer this. For more information about this sacrament, please see pages 326-327 and 329-330 of *Lutheran Service Book*.

P The Lord be with you. C **And with thy spirit.**

P Lift up your hearts. C **We lift them up unto the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. C **It is meet and right so to do.**

P It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who, having created all things, took on human flesh and was born of the virgin Mary. For our sake He died on the cross and rose from the dead to put an end to death, thus fulfilled Your will and gaining for You a holy people. Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying: (*sung*)

**Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord God of Sab-a-oth;
heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo-ry.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.
Bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He, bless-ed is He
that com-eth in the name of the Lord.
Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Pastor prays the prayer; congregation sings the Doxology*)
...For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glo-ry for-ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD AND THE PAX DOMINI

P: ...The peace of the Lord be with you always. **C: (*sung*) A-men.**

AGNUS DEI (*sung*)

O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, have mer-cy up-on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est away the sin of the world, grant us Thy peace. A-men. (*please be seated*)

DISTRIBUTION HYMNS: (*please be seated*)

396 "Arise and Shine in Splendor"



1 A - rise and shine in splen - dor; Let night to day sur -
 2 See earth in dark - ness ly - ing, The hea - then na - tions
 3 The world's re - mot - est rac - es, Up - on whose wea - ry
 4 Lift up your eyes in won - der— See, na - tions gath - er



ren - der. Your light is draw - ing near. A - bove, the
 dy - ing In hope - less gloom and night. To you the
 fac - es The sun looks from the sky, Shall run with
 yon - der From sin to be set free. The world has



day is beam - ing, In match - less beau - ty
 Lord of heav - en— Your life, your hope— has
 zeal un - tir - ing, With joy Your light de -
 heard Your sto - ry; Her sons come to Your



gleam - ing; The glo - ry of the Lord is here.
 giv - en Great glo - ry, hon - or, and de - light.
 sir - ing That breaks up - on them from on high.
 glo - ry; Her daugh - ters haste Your light to see.

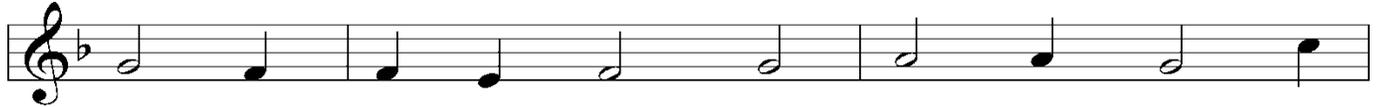
5 Your heart will leap for gladness When from the realms of sadness
 They come from near and far. Your eyes will wake from slumber
 As people without number Rejoice to see the Morning Star.

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623 “Lord Jesus Christ, We Humbly Pray”



1 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray That we may
 2 Give us, who share this won - drous food, Your bod - y
 3 By faith Your Word has made us bold To seize the
 4 One bread, one cup, one bod - y, we, Re - joic - ing
 5 Lord Je - sus Christ, we hum - bly pray: O keep us



feast on You to - day; Be - neath these forms of
 bro - ken and Your blood, The grate - ful peace of
 gift of love re - told; All that You are we
 in our u - ni - ty, Pro - claim Your love un -
 stead - fast till that day When each will be Your



bread and wine En - rich us with Your grace di - vine.
 sins for - giv'n, The cer - tain joys of heirs of heav'n.
 here re - ceive, And all we are to You we give.
 til You come To bring Your scat - tered loved ones home.
 wel - comed guest In heav - en's high and ho - ly feast.

810 "O God of God, O Light of Light"



1 O God of God, O Light of Light, O Prince of Peace and
 2 For deep in proph - ets' sa - cred page, And grand in po - ets'
 3 That life of truth, those deeds of love, That death so steeped in
 4 Then raise to Christ a might - y song, And shout His name, His



King of kings: To You in heav - en's glo - ry bright The song of
 wing - ed word, Slow - ly in type, from age to age The na - tions
 hate and scorn— These all are past, and now a - bove He reigns, our
 mer - cies tell! Sing, heav'n - ly host, your praise pro - long, And all on



praise for - ev - er rings. To Him who sits up - on the throne,
 saw their com - ing Lord; Till through the deep Ju - de - an night
 King once crowned with thorn. Lift up your heads, O might - y gates!
 earth, your an - them swell! All hail, O Lamb for sin - ners slain!



The Lamb once slain but raised a - gain, Be all the glo - ry
 Rang out the song, "Good - will to men!" Sung once by first - born
 So sang that host be - yond our ken. Lift up your heads, your
 For - ev - er let the song as - cend! Wor - thy the Lamb, en -



He has won, All thanks and praise! A - men, a - men.
 sons of light, It ech - oes now, "Good - will!" A - men.
 King a - waits. We lift them up. A - men, a - men.
 throned to reign, All glo - ry, pow'r! A - men, a - men.

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(Lord Jesus, I pray You to make me, unworthy as I am, worthy through Your grace; so that Your body and Your blood may be for me a strengthening of my faith, a proof of my forgiveness, a closer union with You and Your people, an increase of holiness, the basis of a glad resurrection, and a pledge of everlasting life. Amen.)

NUNC DIMITTIS: "Song of Simeon" pages 199-200 (*please stand if you are able*)
Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de-part in peace ac-cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation, which Thou hast pre-pared before the face of all people, a light to light-en the Gen-tiles and the glo-ry of Thy peo-ple Is-ra-el. Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ev-er shall be, world with-out end. A-men.

THANKSGIVING

P: O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,

C: (*sung*) and His mercy endureth for-ev-er.

P: Let us pray. We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: (*sung*) Amen.

SALUTATION, BENEDICAMUS AND BENEDICTION

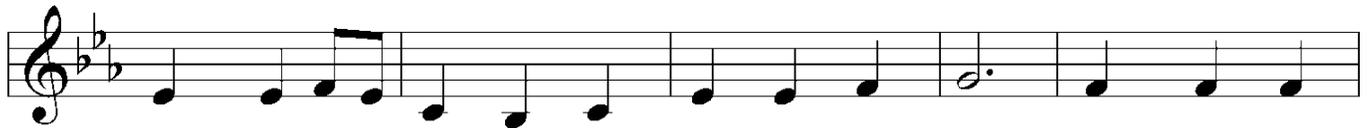
P: The Lord be with you. **C: And with thy spir-it.**

P: Bless we the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and (+) give you peace.

C: (*sung*) A-men, a-men, a-men.

CLOSING HYMN: 861 "Christ Be My Leader"



1 Christ be my Lead - er by night as by day; Safe through the
 2 Christ be my Teach - er in age as in youth, Drift - ing or
 3 Christ be my Sav - ior in calm as in strife; Death can - not



dark - ness, for He is the way. Glad - ly I fol - low, my
 doubt - ing, for He is the truth. Grant me to trust Him; though
 hold me, for He is the life. Nor dark - ness nor doubt - ing nor



fu - ture His care, Dark - ness is day - light when Je - sus is there.
 shift - ing as sand, Doubt can - not daunt me; in Je - sus I stand.
 sin and its stain Can touch my sal - va - tion: with Je - sus I reign.

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THE POSTLUDE: "Christ Be My Leader"

arranged by Benjamin M. Culli

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This Week With Our Lord, January 21-28, 2024

SUNDAY, January 21- *Our new sound system has been installed!*

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

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

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

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

Noon Junior Youth to Perryville Rec Center

3-6 p.m. Kenneth Ruwald visitation at church

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

Monday, January 22- *Lutheran Schools' Week*

9-10:30 a.m. Kenneth Ruwald visitation; 10:30 a.m. Funeral

9-11 a.m. & 12:30-3 p.m. Mission Quilt tying in the FH

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

Tuesday, January 23- *Boys' Basketball Regionals*

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

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

Wednesday, January 24- *Volleyball A team tourney at RBC*

7:00 a.m. & 3:30 p.m. 7th & 8th Public School Confirmation classes

9 a.m. Grades 3-8 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

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

Thursday, January 25- Science Fair at school

7:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

1:30 p.m. Mad Science Assembly in old gym

4:00 p.m. Estate Fund Committee meeting in Pastor's office

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

Friday, January 26- 100th Day of School

11:20 a.m. Early School dismissal; 12:45 p.m. Faculty meeting

Saturday, January 27- 5:00 p.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Sydney Kassing

SUNDAY, January 28-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service; Acolyte- Elle Sutton

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Communion; Acolyte- Jackson Pensoneau

Noon Senior Youth serve lunch in the Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. Annual Voters Assembly meeting

6:00 p.m. Adult Instruction Class in the school library

ADULT BIBLE CLASSES:

Adult Bible Class in the Fellowship Hall meets Sunday from 9:30 to 10:15 a.m. with Pastor Nebel leading "The New Heavens and the New Earth." Mr. Palm's class on Bible Survey will meet this Sunday in the school library.

THE LUTHERAN HOUR: "The Battleground of Forgiveness"

Speaker Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler says that God's forgiveness covers our sins—but it is not a coverup! (Psalm 32:1). Listen on KFUE AM 850 Sundays at 12:30 & 5 p.m., on Bott Christian Radio Sundays at 8 a.m. on KSIV 1320AM or 91.5FM or on Sirius XM Family Talk 131 Sundays at 9 a.m.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS: LCMS Stewardship Resources

Mark 1:14-15 – "Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.'" To repent means to turn away from sins and our former way of thinking and turn toward belief in God and His Gospel of grace and mercy. The whole Christian life is one of repentance and faith. Where is God calling you to repent today? How is He calling you to deeper faith?

CHRISTIAN SYMPATHY:

We extend our Christian sympathy to the family of St. John's member Ken Ruwald who died in the Lord Tuesday afternoon at the age of 84 years. His visitation will be at St. John's this Sunday from 3-6 p.m. and again on Monday from 9:00-10:30 a.m. with a 10:30 a.m. funeral. Thanks be to God for His gift of eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord!

HOLY BAPTISMS:

Carol Ann Gulley and her granddaughter Aliviah Lynn Gulley (4th grader in our school) will be baptized in a family service following our late service on Sunday. Thanks be to God that He gives us new life through our Lord Jesus Christ!

POINSETTIA FLOWERS:

If you donated a poinsettia for our chancel and sanctuary's decoration over the Christmas season, please feel free to take one home with you today. Thank you!

THANK YOU:

We thank Marie Voges for her many years of recording on the computer our worship and Holy Communion attendance as listed in our Friendship pads. Cindy Steele now will be doing this for us.

SUNDAY SCHOOL MISSION PROJECT:

Our mission project this year (10% of offerings) is benefitting the Musketeer Market & Royal Table. 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. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry!

JUNIOR YOUTH EVENT:

Our January Junior Youth Group Event is this Sunday, January 21st. We will meet at the school parking lot at noon to go to the Perryville Rec/Aquatic Center (800 City Park Drive, Perryville, MO). The rec center has a large pool with a slide, high diving boards, and a lily pad thing. There are also basketball courts and pickleball. A day pass is \$5 for all activities. We plan on leaving the rec center at 4 p.m. at the latest.

SUPPORT FOR LIFE NETWORK:

Please bring baby items to help support Life Network of Southern Illinois! Tables are set up at school and church. This is a mission of 2nd Grade and Lutheran Schools Week this year. We are collecting throughout the month of January. Thank you!

NEW MEMBER WELCOME:

Those who joined St. John's family of faith in the year 2023 through baptism, transfer of membership or Adult Confirmation are invited to be recognized and celebrated at our New Member Welcome this Sunday, January 21 in the Fellowship Hall between worship services (9:30-10:15 a.m.). Baptism lambs will be distributed. Representatives from our congregational groups will share what their members do. Refreshments will be enjoyed!

Baptisms: Leighton Rae McCarthy, Katie Jane Pollard, Briggs Michael Henry, Eleanor Lynn Liefer, Wrenley James Grohmann, Brooks Neal Liefer, Clara Sue Zeller, Grace Leigh Langrehr, Hadalee Renee Crafton, Crew Scott Grohmann, Lynleigh Blake Wingerter, Lily Grace Liefer, Kennedy Suzanne Moll, Briggs Michael Seibold, Brynlee Clare Gramenz, Elise Kinsley Uffelmann, Emery Jane Hollis, Elsie Lorraine Eggemeyer, Laney Twyla Henry.

Transfer In: Chad, Bennett and Cooper Buch; Natalie (Ruebke) Liefer; Lauriel, Cooper and Lynleigh Wingerter; **Adult Confirmation:** Morgan Buch, Deborah Lewis, Lindsey Schumacher (baptized son Samuel), and Cathleen Uffelmann

NATIONAL LUTHERAN SCHOOLS WEEK:

We will observe National Lutheran Schools Week January 22-26. The theme is "Connected." To show the connection with our church family, we ask for students and/or families to help at worship by passing out bulletins and greeting people as they arrive. We need two students/families to volunteer for each of these services: Saturday, Jan. 27 @ 5:00 pm; and Sunday, Jan. 28 @ 8:00 am or 10:30 am. Grades 3-8 are singing at 10:30 service on Jan. 28. To volunteer, please contact the office at 618-282-3873 or use this sign-up genius link: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0B4CA5AD29A0F4C70-47127917-national>

BIBLE PRESENTATIONS:

St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma and St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville are again hosting a series of six presentations on the Bible. This series features "The Seven Letters to the Churches in the Book of Revelation". Light refreshments will be served after each presentation. This Sunday, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 p.m. The topic will be "the letter to the church in Ephesus," presented by Rev. Mark Nebel, St. John's Lutheran, Red Bud. Tuesday, January 23, join us at St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Evansville at 6 pm. The topic will be "the letter to the churches in Smyrna and Pergamum," presented by Rev. John Lukowski, Retired. Sunday, January 28, join us at St. John's Lutheran Church in Ruma at 1:30 pm. The topic will be "the letter to the church in Thyatira," presented by Rev. Tony Troup, Retired.

VOTERS ASSEMBLY MEETING:

Our annual Voters Assembly meeting will be on Sunday, January 28 at 1 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. There will be an election of officers and ministry board members. There will be a report on our financial results for 2023. Our Senior Youth will host a lunch in the Fellowship Hall beginning at noon.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman:	Kevin Liefer	_____	
Vice-Chairman:	Mike DeRousse	_____	
Treasurer:	Eric Fritsche	_____	
Secretary:	Joan Ruwald	_____	
Elders:	(3) Stuart Langrehr	Mike Schnepel	_____
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Trustees: (2)	Curt Guebert	William Kuehn	
	Steve Uffelmann	Jeremy Voss	
Education: (2)	Chad Crafton	Travis Krick	
	Angie Rahn	_____	
Finance:	Christa Brundage	Staci Candler	Kim Mehring
(Vote 3)	Kody Schoenbeck	Sarah Wetzel	_____
Estate Fund	David Guebert	_____	
COSLHS Board:	Christina Gidley	Rebekah Liefer	

LUTHERANS FOR LIFE:

The Senior Youth LIFE Committee working with Lutherans for Life, is developing care packages for the residents of Zoe's Home, an LCMS maternity home in Clinton,

Missouri. We ask for donations of kitchen and bath linens, cleaning supplies, and kitchen utensils. Gift cards to Wal Mart or Amazon also are welcomed. The LIFE committee will assemble these care packages on January 28th after the Voter's meeting. You can bring your donations on that Sunday or leave them in the school office any time before that date. Please contact Jennifer Roscow with questions (text or call at 618-972-5366 or email at swillinoislutheransforlife@yahoo.com).

ADULT INSTRUCTION CLASS:

An Adult Instruction Class has begun on Sundays at 6 p.m. in the school library the basics of Christian Doctrine as taught in the Lutheran Church. This would be a good refresher course for those already confirmed or it could lead to communicant membership at St. John's for those who so desire. You still can join! Contact Pastor if you have or know of one who has an interest in this class.

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).

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!:

1/21- John Liefer; 1/22- Brian Stellhorn, Cathy Thompson, Emma Koester, Noah Hernandez; 1/23- Mary Ann Wegener, Kevin Matzenbacher, Angela Rahn, Abigail Browne, Brianna Hudson, Harlow Sutton; 1/24- Jeffery Moll; 1/25- Fred Salger, Arlene Pratt, Stuart Langrehr, Blaine Rohlfing; 1/26- Hal Mueth, Amber Stenzel, Trisha Ruebusch, Mallory Arbeiter; 1/27- Kathy Grohmann, Shawn DeRousse, Joshua DeRousse, Kaleb Barriger, Adam Kiefer, Grace Guebert. *Please call our office with any corrections!*

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT:

Three Springs-Chester: Eunice Wiatr; Oak Hill-Waterloo: Jody Winkelmann; Magnolia Terrace-Waterloo: June Lawrence & Jean Menke; Randolph County-Sparta: Don Kueker; Bethesda Gardens-Kirkwood: Ruth Hecht; Bria-Columbia: Sharon DeRousse; Freeburg Care Center: Wil Guebert.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH AT GARDEN PLACE:

Kathryn Chunn, Mary Gross, Elaine Guebert, Margaret Hanebutt, Dorothy Heizer, Omer and Neva Liefer, Vernon Muench, Paul Schrieber, Arlin and Helen Winkelman, Carl and Flo Zschiegner

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF FAITH CONFINED IN-HOME:

Pat Byer, Don/Betty Fausz, Nancy Holmstrom, Kenneth Koester, Barb Korves, LuAnn Liefer, Joyce Lopez, Ed Luttmann, Viola Muench, Harold Thies, Trudy Woolbright

KFUO AM 850 LUTHERAN RADIO:

KFUO Radio AM 850 & kfuo.org, a media ministry of LCMS congregations, shares Christ for you on AM 850 & kfuo.org via worship services, Bible and theology studies, practical talk programs, and sacred music. Find programs on demand at kfuo.org and wherever you get podcasts! Find us on social media @KFUO.org, Facebook, Twitter, and Instagram. This week on KFUO AM850, Hear Mental Health Monday and the 3rd

episode in the LCMS History Series on The Coffee Hour (weekdays at 9:00 a.m.), study 2nd Corinthians 6-9 on Sharper Iron (weekdays at 8:00 a.m.), and study all of Colossians and the beginning of Lamentations on Thy Strong Word (weekdays at 11:00 a.m.). Find your favorite programs on demand at kfuo.org or the KFUE Radio app!

CHRIST OUR SAVIOR LUTHERAN HIGH SCHOOL- 618/853-7300

Thank you for attending our Trivia night Friday! We appreciate your support. If you would like to donate to our mission trip or to post-Prom, please send it to our school.

Smoked Ribs Fundraiser for Shooting Sports: Support the trap and archery teams at COS by purchasing smoked ribs. Each side is \$25. Orders are due February 5 and will be available for pick up Feb. 10. Call to order.

Banner Updates: Twenty years ago, our Association Churches created banners to hang in our gym. Some of the banners are showing their age. COS is encouraging our Association Congregations to create new banners to help us celebrate our 25th anniversary. Call school for details. Hours: Office hours are open Monday – Friday from 8:00 am - 4:00 pm.

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Associate Pastor Brian Nowak 708/369-7741 Principal – Mr. Justin Palm 618/214-1103

Director of Parish Music – Mrs. Lindsey Hudak 618/340-6055

Director of Christian Education/School Librarian–Mr. Bill Becker 618/282-2958

Secretaries – Mrs. Leslie Froemling and Mrs. Sara Shepherd

Senior Youth – Kirk and Stephanie Liefer 618/967-0804

Junior Youth – Erin Kuehn 618/581-5928

Sherry Prange, Principal, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High, 618/853-7300

Faculty and Staff

Preschool – Heather Nowak Kindergarten – Betty Schmitz

First Grade – Rachel Miller Second Grade – Rebekah Liefer

Third Grade – Stephanie Valleroy

Fourth Grade and Before/After School Care – Cindy Nebel

Fifth Grade – Amanda Ruhmann Resource Teacher – Judy Stephens

Sixth Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Doreen Schnepel

Seventh Grade Homeroom (6th-8th) – Nancy Whelan

Eighth Grade Homeroom: Kristin Sachtleben Athletic Director – Scott Voss

School Custodians – Wil Krick and Bob Schramm

Cooks – Jill Gross and Marilyn Oettle

Serving Us in Worship Today

Preacher/Liturgist: (*Sat.*) Pastor Brian Nowak; (*Sun.*) Pastor Mark Nebel Organist: Mrs. Lindsey Hudak

Lectors: (*8 a.m.*); Seminarian Lucas Frauenhoff; (*10:30 a.m.*) DCE Bill Becker

Acolytes: (*5 p.m.*) Case Hess; (*8 a.m.*) Blaine Rohlfig; (*10:30 a.m.*) Kaydence Proctor

Greeters: (*5 p.m.*) Stanley and Lynn Langrehr; (*8 a.m.*) Roger and Peggy Hanebutt; (*10:30 a.m.*) Vernitta

Wolter and Cindy Ebers

Video: Eric Fritsche/Justin Palm Communion Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

Flower Server: Cindy Steele Paraments: Ella Hemmer