

# The Epistle

## JUNE 2024

### 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

*By Rev. Chris Singer*

“God is our refuge and strength” Psalm 46

I was with a group of students today for chapel and shared this verse. It was such a great reminder for me and I wanted to share it for you on this day. From [Psalm 46](#), we read these words – in fact, just say them with me: [“God is our refuge and strength.”](#)

God is our refuge and strength – I mean it – say it out loud. It’s such a good reminder. It’s such a great truth for us. In fact, the psalmist goes on to say, that even if the earth quakes and rattles beneath our feet – we don’t need to be afraid. If the mountains that we depend on and use for visual cues and stability are suddenly crumbling and falling into the sea – we don’t need to be afraid.

If the mountains tremble, if the oceans roar and surge – we don’t need to be afraid because God is our refuge and strength. Think about all the things that we see rattle and shake and tremble around us right now. We don’t need to be afraid, because God is our refuge and strength.

Let’s remind ourselves and each other of that true refuge and strength we have. In fact, I asked the kids, “What is refuge? What does that mean?” and one little boy

said right away, “Home.” I love that. You know, God made a home for us. No matter where we are, no matter even in the midst of trouble, God makes a refuge, a home for us.

He did that, of course, so beautifully through Jesus. He made a refuge, even in the midst of our sin, as He gives us the forgiveness of our sin. I then asked, “Well, what about strength? What a strength mean?” And one little girl began to tell me this very long story about how her mother had packed all of these blankets into a basket, and it was too heavy for her, and she needed strength in order to lift it.

So beautiful from the mouths of babes, right? How many of us are trying to lift something that’s just too heavy for us? But you know, the Bible says that God is our strength. In fact, the Bible goes on to say that when we are weak, then we are actually strong. So remember today, and remember this weekend. God is – He really is – our refuge and our strength.

*Prayer- God, thank you so much for being our refuge and strength. You provide for all of our needs. You promise You will never leave us. You will never abandon us. You did that most gloriously through Your Son Jesus. We thank You, Jesus, for what You did for us, for the forgiveness of sins You give to us. Even though the earth may quake, the mountains may tremble, the oceans may roar, we will be reminded and we will know. And we will say, “You, O God, are our refuge and strength.” Amen.*

### Your Pastors’ Ponderings

Welcome to the Time of the Church! In our Christian Church Year liturgical calendar, that is what the Sundays after Pentecost (roughly June through November) are called. There are only a few major Church Year holy days during this time. Check pages x and xi in *Lutheran Service Book* for a listing of Sundays and Seasons, Feasts and Festivals, of our church year.

The liturgical color for this time of the year is green, the color of life and growth, reflecting the growth of the church’s life during this time. You will see this color on the altar, pulpit and lectern cloths as well as the pastor’s stole that I wear. It also will be the color of the first page of our worship bulletin notes. People are always surprised to find out that is the reason for those different colors in the bulletin.

While our summer months often are spent in rest and recreation, worship should remain in our schedule. We need that hearing of God’s Word for our life and growth!

*Your servant in Christ, Pastor Mark Nebel*

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

Let me start by congratulating all those who have made it through another school year. I would especially like to wish a big congratulations to all who have graduated this year. I'm sure it wasn't easy, but you made it! As you close one chapter in your life, I wish you all God's blessings as you enter the next chapter of life.

The school year has come to a close. This is the time of year when many of us look forward to some time off, some much-needed rest, and vacations with the family. We look forward to sunny days on the boat or at the beach. We look forward to seeing loved ones we haven't seen in a while as we attend family parties. We look forward to sitting back in a chair or swing, enjoying the warmth of the sunshine, and losing ourselves in the peacefulness of God's creation. Wonderful times we will enjoy and remember for the rest of our lives. So, enjoy these days and the time you have with one another. Most of all, we look forward to the joy and peace we receive from these events.

However, let us remember that just like the school year has ended, the season of Easter has come to a close. It's important to remember that this is not the end. The things I have spoken about so far are earthly joys. Let us not forget about heavenly joys. The joys that come to us from our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. So, as we journey out on our summer activities, we cannot forget who made us and why we are here. We cannot forget that only true joy can come from and received from our Lord Jesus Christ.

Do you want to experience what true joy feels like? Then don't forget about Jesus Christ. He loves you more than you could ever imagine. Don't forget that although some things may have ended, Jesus Christ is still here for you. Don't forget to come and worship with us. We must not forget that we continually fall in the sinful ways of this world. We should not forget about coming to praise, worship, and honor our God for all of the gifts He has provided to us. Church services will continue to go on and you should continue to attend them. So, ultimately let us not forget to come, praise, and give thanks to our Lord and Savior. You want to experience what true joy feels like, well He is the only one that can and will provide us with that joy that surpasses all human understanding.

*God's blessings, Associate Pastor Brian Nowak*

### **June Servers**

Flowers: Rebekah and Christine Liefer  
Paraments: Carol Turner Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

### **Out of the Office During June**

Pastor Nebel: June 9 (pm)-13; Pastor Nowak: June 3-16  
Justin Palm: June 5 and 10-12  
Lindsey Hudak: June 22-26  
Sara Shepherd: June 3-7; Cynthia Wilson: Fridays  
While both pastors are on vacation (June 9, p.m. through the 13<sup>th</sup>) please contact Rev. Cliff Adair for your emergency pastoral care needs. He can be reached at 618/417-5900.

### **Welcome to Our Family of Faith**

May 6 Transfer in of Todd Salger from Trinity Lutheran Church, Prairie

### **We Bid a Fond Farewell**

May 11 Death of JoAnn Yarbrough

### **From Your Director of Christian Education**

Looking into the month of June we will hold Vacation Bible School the week of June 17-21 from 9-11 a.m. at school. The theme is *Come Celebrate the Savior*. Throughout this program, we will emphasize how Jesus gives us joy through exciting games, lively music, and more! Let's Celebrate the Savior! Sign up online at: <https://vbsmate.com/events/StJohnsRedBudIL/28980>. Volunteers are still needed too and can register on-line. Please consider making a donation to support this Evangelism Outreach to the children of the area. Place your donation in an envelope and mark it VBS. Thank you for supporting VBS!

Summer Sunday school will begin June 2 and will be held in the school's library starting at 9:30 a.m. and ending at 10:00 a.m. This is for all students from finishing Kindergarten to those entering grade eight.

With school letting out it would seem there will be more time for families to spend time together. Don't forget as you travel away this summer to include the worship of our triune God in your plans. Using the LCMS locator link <https://locator.lcms.org/church> you can incorporate worship into your travels. When you are at home remember we offer 5:00 p.m. Saturday and 8:00 & 10:30 a.m. Sunday services year round.

*God's blessings on the beginning of your summers,  
DCE Bill Becker*

### **Vacation Bible School- Let's Celebrate With Our Savior**

<https://vbsmate.com/StJohnsRedBudIL>

Use this link to register your child for VBS. Ages 3 for those who are entering 4th grade in the fall. All information is posted on-line. Also register to volunteer using the same link! Come join the fun and Celebrate the Savior June 17-21, 9-11 a.m. at the school!

## Congratulations All Graduates

### St. John's Lutheran Elementary School

Mallory Lynn Arbeiter, Josef Carl Biffar, Colin Lawrence Korando, Molly Ann Kuehn, Brian James Liefer, Kade Kevin Liefer, Karleigh Elise Liefer, Lillian Colleen Meyer, Addalyn Jeanette Schloemann, Norah Caroline Wagner, Hollis Emiline Wolfmeier

### Red Bud Elementary School

Loreli Aubuchon, Katelynn Braun, Case Hess, and Sydney Kassing

### Red Bud High School

Melayna Ann Crafton, Claire Ellen Diewald, Addison Grace Dilley, Lucas Scott Guebert, Zandra Alexis Harless, Lyla LeeAnn Hess, Jacob Allen Kuehner, Owen Duke Liefer, Chase Allen Lucht, Dylan Blaine Minemann, Isaac Daniel Moll, Ryker Steven Papenberg, Dustin Nathan Salger, Olivia Jean Schluter, Kadin Christopher Summers, Abigail Jane Vallett, Trace Glen-Alan Wagner, Samuel Barnes Wright

Gibault High School (Waterloo)- Konnor Cartee

Freeburg High School- Maggie Brown

Chester High School- Kaci Trost

### College/University Graduates

Jayden Birkner- Murray State University  
Bachelor of Arts in Finance

Sophia Liefer- University of Missouri, Columbia  
(CAFNER)  
Bachelor of Science in Plant Science

Kailyn Moeller- Southern Illinois University-Carbondale  
Bachelor of Science in Agriculture

Traci Proctor- Lindenwood University  
Masters in Health Administration

### A New Bible Study For Moms

Morgan Buch and Kourtney Meier lead a mom-focused Bible Study to connect deeper in our faith as we deal with the ups and downs of motherhood. "Joy: A Study of Philippians" is their first guided topic. They meet on Sundays at 4 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. If you are interested, please reach out to Morgan or Kourtney so they can get you the link to purchase the book and provide you additional details about this Bible Study group. Morgan - 618-317-8246; Kourtney - 618-792-9686.

## Why Go To Church?

A Church goer wrote a letter to the editor of the newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the "Letters to the Editor" column, much to the delight of the editor.

It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher. "I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this: They all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

When you are DOWN to nothing...God is UP to something! Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!



"Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

## 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](mailto: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).*

## Summer Music Opportunities

Even though the summer brings a temporary halt to the regular choir and bell choir seasons, there are still plenty of opportunities to serve God and enhance the weekend worship services with gifts of music!

Once again, I'm inviting anyone who enjoys singing to take part in our "Summer Singers" group! (even if it's just for one Sunday) You do not have to be a regular choir member to participate! We will sing for the following worship services: Sunday, June 9<sup>th</sup> (8:00 AM), Sunday, July 21<sup>st</sup> (8:00 AM), and Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup> (10:30 AM). We will meet a half an hour before each service to practice the song. The songs we sing will be fairly simple, most likely unison, but we can add some part-singing if there is interest. Kids and youth are welcome to come sing too!!

In addition to the Summer Singers, I'm inviting anyone with musical talent to share their gifts with the congregation during worship this summer! If you are interested, contact me and we can set something up! If you are interested in serving the congregation musically in any way during the summer months, please let me know!

*Mrs. Lindsey Hudak, Director of Parish Music*

***God's blessings to our Christian fathers!***



### From the Principal's Pen

"Thank you" seems so simple for the outpouring of love and support I received for my second year! I was overwhelmed by everything! All the many hours and preparation for all those who worked so diligently to help me out were much appreciated!! I have been so blessed by all of you in so many ways. A special thank you to the faculty and staff who made the year a great experience. The volunteers were amazing and helped us accomplish many things we have traditionally done. Thank you to the office staff who have been encouraging and helpful in very difficult decisions; especially the two ladies that keep me on the straight and narrow when I have much to do.

Our Athletic Awards night was held on May 15. Please watch the North County News for all the special awards. The track season continued even after our sports awards night with the Lutheran State Meet. We were blessed to have three students represent our school, Emily Farmer, Mallory Arbeiter, and Maya Macbeth. These ladies represented the school and themselves well; Mallory in the long jump, Emily in the discus throw, and Maya in the hurdles.

The last day of school was May 14 with a closing chapel service, awards, and a short time for games before receiving their report cards. All-Year awards are:

Kindergarten - No All-Year Awards

First Grade - Perfect School - Emma Schlueter, Eleanor Smith. Perfect Church - Elaina Heck, Hayden Schlimme. Perfect Sunday School - Elaina Heck.

Second Grade - Perfect School - Elaina Uffelmann. Perfect Church - Kayda Kaiser, Lynleigh Wingerter.

Third Grade - Perfect School - McKinley Florrieck, Brewer Krick, Liam Langrehr, Layla Meyer, Emry Voss.

Fourth Grade - Perfect Church - Henry Schnepel, Highest Honors - Haydn Albert, Blake Horrell, Cassidy Palm, Loxton Sutton, High Honors - Kelly Pollard, Honors - Aliviah Gulley, Evlyn Heck, Liam Hosfeld, Harper Mounts, Henry Schnepel, Aubrey Valleroy.

Fifth Grade - Perfect Church - Colae Kaiser, Cooper Wingerter. Highest Honors - Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Grayden Schloemann, Holden Wagner. High Honors - Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Maverick Cowell, Kenadee Crafton, Maybre Falkenhain, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Roxy Markotay, Brody Rahn, Abby Stellhorn, Cooper Wingerter. Honors - Alexa Cheek, Lucy Kuehn, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, Kade Young.

Sixth Grade - Perfect School - Aubrey Kiefer, High Honors - Colton Albert, Payton Liefer, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Max Voss. Honors - Addison Breier, Amelia Cheek, Sutton

Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Elle Sutton, Sophia Zeiger.

Seventh Grade - Highest Honors - Tessa Stenzel, High Honors - Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartmann, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Brooke Wolter, Honors - Colby Hartmann, Liam Kilpatrick, Brendyn Wegener, Cailyn Wilson.

Eighth Grade - Perfect School - Cason Birch, Highest Honors - Addy Schloemann, Norah Wagner, High Honors - Mallory Arbeiter, Joey Biffar, Cason Birch, Molly Kuehn, Karleigh Liefer, Honors - Emily Farmer, Colin Korando, Brian Liefer, Lilly Meyer.

Eighth Grade Graduation was held on May 16. The valedictorian for this year was Norah Wagner. Addalyn Schloemann was the Salutatorian. Mallory Arbeiter received the Scholar-Athlete Award and Karleigh Liefer the Citizenship Award. The President's Education Award was presented to Norah Wagner, Addalyn Schloemann, Mallory Arbeiter, Lillian Meyer, Cason Birch, Josef Biffar, and Molly Kuehn.

Parents recognized as having their last child graduate for parental years of service were: Jim and Anita Farmer - 10 years, Brian and Rebekah Liefer - 13 years, Kevin and Becky Biffar - 14 years, Joe and Jamie Korando - 14 years, and Kirk and Stephanie Liefer - 17 years. We thank these parents for all they have done for our school!

We are ending our year, as always, by preparing for the 2023-2024 school year. The staff is working hard to map our math curriculum so we can make the best decisions about our students' education. The three-hundred hallway past the office has received a fresh coat of paint. The perpetual plaques will be updated and new regional banners will be hung in the gym. Finally, we look forward to welcoming Mrs. Sara Shepherd to a new role as our Earth and Life Science teacher. May you all have a blessed and safe start to your summer. The ministry of our school would not be possible without support from all of you. *The Lord bless & strengthen you, Justin Palm*

### LWML District Convention Young Women Reps

We are excited to offer the opportunity for Young Woman Representatives (YWR) from St. John's congregation, ages 22 - 35, to assist in the LWML SID Convention on September 13 and 14. If you are interested in being a YWR, please text Sharon Guebert at 618-660-7803 for details and be a part of this enriching experience.





*St. John's Lutheran School Class of 2024 plays bells under the direction of Mrs. Hudak prior to the May 16 graduation.*

**Vocatio for High School Students: June 22-29**

Find God's calling and direction for your high schooler's life! Concordia Seminary, St. Louis invites ninth- through 12th-grade students to attend *Vocatio: High School* — a retreat that encourages high school men and women to explore many aspects of the seminary, including worship and devotions, sessions with professors, and even some fun and recreation! Registration costs \$100 and closes May 24. For more information, email [admit@csl.edu](mailto:admit@csl.edu), call 1-800-822-9545 or visit the seminary website [csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocation-high-school/](http://csl.edu/admissions/visit/vocation-high-school/).



*Alumni of St. John's Lutheran School gather for a picture following their May 17 graduation from Red Bud High School. Pictured are (l-r)- front row: Abigail Vallet, Addi Dilley, Melyna Crafton, Claire Diewald, Josie Meyer, and Olivia Schluter; Back row: Lucas Guebert, Ben Whelen, Byron Schlueter, Chase Lucht, Dustin Salger, Trace Wagner, Isaac Moll and Ryker Papenberg (co-valedictorian). (not pictured, Dylan Minemann and Sam Wright)*

**Junior and Senior Youth**

This is open to anyone, any age!!! Junior and Senior Youth Group (and family and friends) will hold an Event/Fundraiser on Tuesday, May 28th at Skate City in Belleville from 6-8 p.m. The skating rink will be closed to the general public, this time slot will be for anyone that you invite to come along! The cost is \$7 admission and \$4 skate rental if needed. Then, the Senior youth will earn back \$3-\$4 per skater at the door that they can use as fundraising toward the National Youth Gathering! They do have a concession stand that will be open.

Our Senior Youth will have their regular monthly meeting on Sunday, May 12 at noon. They continue to sell 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.

**Sunday School Mission Project**

Our mission project this year benefited both the Musketeer Market (\$250) and the Royal Table (\$250). 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. St. John's member Katelin Uffelmann spoke to our students about this work and accepted the checks on Sunday May 5 (pictured below).



**Perfect Sunday School Attendance for May**

Nursery 3: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Clarke Thien, Attlee Thien; Pre-Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann, Nolan Kassing, Eliza Schrader; First Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Third Grade: Jack Valentine; Fourth Grade: Jackson Carnahan, Cassidy Palm, Henry Schnepel; Sixth Grade: Jozlynn Palm. Thank you for your participation in and your dedication to our Sunday School ministry.

**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!



### Evening Guild News

The Evening Guild does not meet in June, July, or August, but the board will plan the 2024-2025 programs. We welcome your input. The SID LWML Convention is held on September 13 and 14 at Christ Our Rock Lutheran High School in Centralia. Vickie Heller and Vernitta Wolter are the guild delegates. Registrations must be submitted by August 15th. Go to [www.sidlwml.org](http://www.sidlwml.org) and download the convention forms.

The **quilting** schedule for June is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon in the quilting room.

The LWML mission grant projects, which are in need of your support year-round, are greatly impacted by your donations. Members are encouraged to donate mites throughout the summer months. An oversized Mite Box is located on the table in the narthex. Your generous contributions will be sent to LWML/SID and will be deeply appreciated.

### Congratulations to our School Custodian Bob



*St. John's Lutheran School custodian Bob Schramm was nominated and awarded the Homegrown Hero Award by the St. Louis Area Dairy Council for the Illinois Region. He is pictured receiving his certificate and plaque with Dairy Council representative Maggie Cimarolli at our May 8 school assembly.*

### 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. We recently received a \$100 check from participating in this program!

### Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall

Our Wednesday Women Bible Class is on a break until September 4. Our Wednesday evening class continues to meet at 7:30 p.m. to study Nehemiah. Our Thursday morning class meets at 7:30 a.m. to study Romans. Men's Bible Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on the first and third (1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>) Saturdays in May as we finish our study of the Old Testament book of Proverbs, "God's Ancient Wisdom for Our Modern Living."

### SID Student Aid Endowment Fund Golf Scramble

Saturday, June 8, 8 a.m. Okawville

Roland Barkau Memorial Course again hosts our Southern Illinois District's annual golf scramble to benefit students from our district who are studying to become church professionals at one of our Concordia universities or seminaries. \$100 per player golf fee includes green fees and cart, coffee, donuts, lunch, skins game, 1 mulligan & 2 drink tickets. Prizes for low score, skins, closest to the pin (par 3s), and longest drive (men & women).

Registration forms and sponsorship sheets (if you are not able to play) are on the bulletin boards at church. In its 19-year history, this tournament has added over \$160,000 to our district's Student Aid Endowment Fund. Talk to Pastor Nebel for more information as he is on the committee for this event.

### LCMS Foundation

Most of the congregations that the Apostle Paul planted on his missionary journeys did not last for centuries. It may very well be that ministries in the Lord's Church are meant to be changing and nimble to reach the world as it changes. Nonetheless, we often become attached to ministries that have played a significant role in our life in the Kingdom of God. Maybe those ministries have been connected with our families for multiple generations. We thank God for the spiritual blessings, but can't help but feel a twinge of sadness as what we knew in the past, passes away in the present.

That sense of change in this fast-paced world may make us apprehensive about planning gifts for future ministry. Maybe that apprehension is the Lord's sign to you to consider making ministry gifts today, instead of waiting until He calls you home. Yet some of your assets might not be available for a gift until that glorious day.

What plan makes sense for you? More importantly, what is the eternal plan for which God has placed His gifts in your life to manage? Talking about these plans and praying about them is the way in which we arrive at confidence about what to do. Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor Scott Radden can walk with you in this. Contact him at [Scott.Radden@lfnd.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@lfnd.org) or (618) 977-4049 for more information or to start your plan.

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. June 1	5 p.m. Kellen Herriman
Sun. June 2	8 a.m. Mallory Arbeiter 10:30 a.m. Lucas Summers
Sat. June 8	5 p.m. Landon Bumann
Sun. June 9	8 a.m. Charlie Muench 10:30 p.m. Hollis Wolmeier
Sat. June 15	5 p.m. Layla Kilpatrick
Sun. June 16	8 a.m. Carson Bowles 10:30 a.m. Lilly Meyer
Sat. June 22	5 p.m. Athena Wolfmeier
Sun. June 23	8 a.m. Joey Biffar 10:30 a.m. Tessa Stenzel
Sat. June 29	5 p.m. Ella Cowell
Sun. June 30	8 a.m. Jacob Liefer 10:30 a.m. Liam Kilpatrick

*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. June 1	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. June 2	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Jim and Judy Guebert
Sat. June 8	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. June 9	8 a.m. Lisa Quinn / Christine Kellerhouse 10:30 a.m. Ron and Diane Kunkelmann
Sat., June 15	5 p.m. Stanley and Lynn Langrehr
Sun. June 16	8 a.m. Kalin and Kathy Liefer 10:30 p.m. Gerald and Jill Hanebutt
Sat. June 22	5 p.m. Virginia and Mark Moeller
Sun. June 23	8 a.m. Cindy Steele and 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter / Cindy Ebers
Sat. June 29	5 p.m. Kim and Addison Breier
Sun. June 30	8 a.m. Clyde and Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Ken and Karen Wetzel

*We need a person to serve as a greeter along with Cindy Steele for the 8 a.m. service and a couple for the same service. This will be once every five weeks. The only requirements, expectations and duties are to stand for about 15 minutes, smile and greet people as they enter the church.*

### Summer Babysitting And Tutoring Offered

Christine Liefer, Mrs. Rebekah Liefer's daughter, is tutoring the lower grades in reading, phonics and other skills over the summer. She also will babysit all ages. Please call Christine at 618-612-5996 or contact Mrs. Liefer at 618-570-4957 if you are interested.

### LCMS Stewardship Ministry

#### *The Gift of Contentment*

As children grow up, they often feel cramped by their parents' restrictions. Dad says to be home by 11. But why can't I say out 'til midnight? Mom says to clean your room on Saturday morning. But I want to sleep in late, then roll out of bed, hop in the car and go to my friend's house without delay. I want to do what I decide is best.

The older we get, and especially when we have kids of our own, we begin to see the truth. Mom and Dad were not cramping our style or trying to crush our personal freedom — they were looking out for us, providing for us and teaching us a better way of life.

If that's how it is with fallible human parents, how much more so with our Heavenly Father! We sinners often feel cramped by the Law of God. Our sinful flesh wants to go its own way, do its own thing and be in charge. But in our heart of hearts, we know how foolish this is. We know that God loves us, and therefore all of His commands are for our benefit. Each one of His commandments is meant to bless us. Consider the last two commandments:

You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not scheme to get our neighbor's inheritance or house, or get it in a way which only appears right, but help and be of service to him in keeping it. (SC II)

You shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or his manservant or maidservant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

What does this mean? We should fear and love God so that we do not entice or force away our neighbor's wife, workers, or animals, or turn them against him, but urge them to stay and do their duty. (SC II)

The commandments against coveting are warning us against losing one of the greatest gifts we can possess: contentment. Being content and thankful with what God has provided for us is a necessary building block of living a happy life. Unthankful coveting of what we have not been given will only make us miserable, so God warns us against it.

God has proven His love for us in sending His only begotten Son to shed His blood for us, cleanse us of our sins and brings us back into His family. If He loves us this much, then when percentage of His commandments do you think are meant to harm us? Probably no more than one or two percent, right? Of course that's absurd. God means to bless us with everything He says to us. The Law of God simply describes what a truly happy life, lived in thankfulness to Christ, looks like: It's a generous, merciful, contented life that uses all of the resources God has given us for His purposes.

## **June Church and School Calendar**

### **Saturday, June 1-**

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

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

### **SUNDAY, June 2-**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, June 3- Pastor Nowak on vacation thru the 16th**

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

8:00 p.m. Board of Trustees meeting in the school library

### **Tuesday, June 4-**

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

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

### **Wednesday, June 5-**

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

6:30 p.m. Board of Parish Education meeting in the library

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

### **Thursday, June 6-**

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

9:00 a.m. Office Staff meeting

6:00 p.m. Junior/Senior Youth Roller Skating in Belleville

### **Saturday, June 8-**

*S. Illinois District Student Aid Endowment Fund Golf Scramble*

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### **SUNDAY, June 9-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

Noon Senior Youth Gathering in their church basement hangout

4:00 p.m. Moms' Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

### **Monday, June 10- Pastor Nebel on vacation thru the 13th**

### **Tuesday, June 11-**

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

### **Wednesday, June 12-**

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

### **Saturday, June 15-**

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

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

### **SUNDAY, June 16-**

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

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

10:30 a.m. Divine Service

### **Monday, June 17-**

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

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

### **Tuesday, June 18-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

### **Wednesday, June 19-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

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

### **Thursday, June 20-**

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

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

### **Friday, June 21-**

9-11 a.m. Vacation Bible School in the school building

### **Saturday, June 22- Lindsey Hudak on vacation thru the 26th**

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### **SUNDAY, June 23-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

### **Tuesday, June 25-**

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

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

### **Wednesday, June 26-**

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

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

### **Thursday, June 27-**

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

### **Saturday, June 29-**

5 p.m. Divine Service

### **SUNDAY, June 30-**

8:00 a.m. Divine Service

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

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

4:00 p.m. Look for our participation in the Fireman's Parade

## **Website Bible Studies for Summer Study**

Bible studies topics under the Media tab of our website [www.stjohnsredbud.org](http://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, New Heavens and a New Earth, Philemon, Popular Proverbial Phrases Inspired by Bible Passages, Purses, The Resurrection in Revelation, Was Jesus a Vegetarian?, and Word Dwellers.

## **Opening For A Preschool Aide**

We are looking for a part-time Preschool Aide for the 2024-2025 school year. This position is Monday through Friday from 7:45 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The aide will support the teacher in her rules of the classroom, routines, expectations, and structure. This position requires a person who loves to share the love of Jesus with children and who is willing to help with day-to-day tasks such as cleaning and sanitizing the classroom. If you have interest in the position email [office@stjohnsredbud.org](mailto:office@stjohnsredbud.org) or call the school at 618-282-3873.