

## The Epistle

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**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.

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*Mr. William Becker, Director of Christian Education*

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### **From Lutheran Hour Ministries**

*By Rev. Dr. Michael Zeigler*

It's common for consumers to give ratings for a business or a service. If you know how, it's easy to assign 1 to 5 stars to that entity or person, based on your level of satisfaction with them. There are systems in place to review almost everything. You could even give a rating for this devotion! All these systems also mean that you can be reviewed as a consumer. If you've ever purchased something through an online marketplace or reserved a vacation rental or took a trip through a ride-share app, it's likely that you have an online rating—some number of stars based on your performance. Perhaps in future systems, we'll all have ratings. Someone could just look you up (or just look at you through their ocular implants) and know instantly whether you're a 5- or 2.5-star human.

That may be in the future, but humans have been rating each other for ages. People talk—over the fence, on the street, in the meeting, after the meeting.

They chat you up. They give testimonials about how you've treated them, how you met standards and expectations, or failed to. And your rating goes up or down, accordingly. I was talking to a friend about this, and I bet you can relate to his comment. He said, "I like my rating systems for other people, but I don't like their rating systems for me."

These systems have been around a long time. They are closely tied to what the Bible calls the "elementary principles of the world" (see Galatians 4). On the one hand, these rating systems are corrupted, misapplied, and oppressive. And from them, Jesus has come to set us free by His death and resurrection. Risen from the dead, Jesus assures us that our value is based on God's fatherly love for us, not on our performance. But on the other hand, these systems are still rooted in God's Law, which is written on every human heart (see Romans 2:15). God uses these systems to keep our sinful nature in check, while He continues to raise us up as His beloved children. But, in Jesus, we are no longer slaves to these systems. We are, however, called to love people who live in these systems. So, how do we do that?

This episode from Jacob's life, recorded in Genesis 33, gives an answer. Jacob has just come from wrestling with God. God appeared in human form to confront Jacob. God wanted to get Jacob's attention, so he would trust that, win or lose, stars or no stars, God loves him and will bless him and will always be for him. By faith, Jacob is set free from the system. But now he must re-encounter his older brother, Esau. And Esau came from a system in which elder brothers were to be honored. But Jacob had behaved dishonorably. He had lied to his father, stole Esau's blessing, and ran away like a coward. "Zero stars for Jacob!" says Esau (see Genesis 27). Twenty years pass. Now Jacob—reassured that he is God's beloved child and free from the system—Jacob is called to love his brother who still lives in the system. So, he works within it to love his brother: he bows down seven times as he approaches Esau, calls him "my lord," gives him an expensive gift. He does this to honor him, according to the rules of the system.

As Christians, we are assured that God loves

us. Our relationship with God doesn't depend on our ratings. At the same time, we are called to love people who live in these rating-systems. So, we need to learn them well, to "give a thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all," as it says in Romans 12—and also to know how not to lose all our stars. But the stars don't tell us what we're worth. Jesus does that. And He says we're worth dying for.

**WE PRAY:** Dear Jesus, thank You for loving me. Help me to know how to love people according to Your will and, whenever possible, in ways that make sense to them. Amen.

### **Your Pastors' Ponderings**

Greetings in the Name of Jesus Christ,

Last month we focused on the five-letter word ... FAITH. This month, being November, I'd like to reflect on the word "THANKS." This month we celebrate Thanksgiving. It is a time of year when we often get together with family and friends. If we gather around the table and celebrate with a meal, "How is the meal started?" Well, it should start by taking a moment, folding our hands, and offering THANKS to God the Father. THANKS for the food He has provided us. THANKS to the family and friends He has placed in our lives. THANKS for the countless blessings He has provided for us.

Now, of course, we cannot just stop there. THANKS, is a way for us to express gratitude or another way of saying THANK YOU. I say THANKS for recognizing me during Pastor Appreciation. It is humbling that you thought of me and it is greatly appreciated. Some of you might be giving THANKS for the bountiful harvest the Lord has provided this year. Others might be giving THANKS that they, loved ones, or friends remained safe during Hurricane Helene and Milton.

What we may not think about as often is that THANKS, is something we need to work on. We need to work on it because it does not generally come naturally. Because it takes effort. Why is this? Because negativity is something that comes much more easily. It is easier to complain ... criticize ... and moan and groan about why things are not going our way. Why could the harvest not have been

more bountiful this year? Why does life seem to be such a struggle lately? Why can't I have that new car or whatever that item is?

Telling someone THANKS can be hard at times because it may feel like we are making ourselves vulnerable. When maybe we should be grateful that people care enough. We should change our thinking from what we do not have to what we do have. THANKS that we have been given at least some portion of a harvest. Maybe it is not what we hoped for, but God has blessed us with something.

We can learn about THANKS from the Bible.

1 Thessalonians 5:18: "Give THANKS in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." Colossians 3:15: "And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be THANKFUL."

1 Chronicles 16:34: "Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

We should seek, think, and train ourselves to give THANKS before all things. We are approaching a time of year when we may see social media posts about committing to be thankful for so many days.

Let us not do a momentary thing but seek always to give THANKS. Stop ourselves before making any negative commentary. This can make a remarkable impact on our lives and the lives of the people in our society. Try it and see what happens!!

*God's blessings, Pastor Brian Nowak*

### **Wurstmart/Sausage Dinner**

The seventh-grade class is hosting our annual Wurstmart/Sausage Dinner on Sun. Nov. 10th from 11am-2pm. The menu includes pork sausage, corn, sauerkraut, green beans, mashed potatoes, gravy, applesauce, apple butter, bread, and pies. This year's event will be to-go only, no dine-in will be available.

### **November Servers**

Flowers: Amanda Ruhmann & Doreen Schnepel  
Paraments: Virginia Moeller Cloths: Lynn Langrehr

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

October 5 Baptism of Elizabeth Hazel Westcott  
October 22 Baptism of Jace Beattie Stenzel

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

October 9 Death of Virgil Liefer

## **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).

## **Veterans' Day Program**

Our annual Veterans' Day Program will be held on Friday, November 8 at 2:00 in the school's New Gym. On that day, students should wear red, white, and blue/patriotic clothing. The students, faculty, and staff of St. John's Lutheran School extend an invitation to all veterans and auxiliary members belonging to our church and school families. We invite you to our Veterans' Day Program on Friday, November 10 at 2:00 in the school's New Gym. If you have a family member or friend who is a veteran, please stop by the office next week and pick up an invitation for them.

## **Thanksgiving Holy Communion Worship**

Wednesday, November 27, 7 p.m.

Thursday, November 28, 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 close of softball and baseball season happened during the opening week of October. The young men and women of St. John's Lutheran School's baseball and softball teams made it to the SIJHSAA state tournament in the same year for the first time in school history. Each team plays their first State game on Saturday, October 4 in Coulterville and they combined to make school history as both teams were victorious with the softball team beating Carrier-Mills-Stonefort coop 9-1 and the baseball team beat

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

"Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 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. 8, the Junior Youth will be packing Operation Christmas Shoe boxes on Nov. 9, Wurstmart will be held Nov. 10, the Sr. Youth will assemble jars at 1 pm Nov. 11 to sell at the craft fair Nov. 16, and we will be observing the national holiday of Thanksgiving on Nov. 28.

There are also several class fundraisers happening this month. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will have parents hosting a Bourbon & Martini Tasting Event at Lieferbrau on Nov. 2. The 8<sup>th</sup> Grade class will also host the concession stand for the C-Team BBB Nov. 6, 8, & 9. They also will be selling butter braids, cookie dough, and pizzas starting Nov. 25. The 7<sup>th</sup> Grade class will be taking over what was formerly the Men's Club Wurstmart on Nov. 10. This will be a to go only meal. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade is also in charge of the Craft Fair on Nov. 16. The 6<sup>th</sup> Grade class will start selling bed sheets Nov. 8-28 and will have a Cardinal's Calendar fundraiser following. The 5<sup>th</sup> grade class will have information available for a pumpkin pie fundraiser during the first week of November.

The current 8<sup>th</sup> grade class still has five spots remaining for guests on the upcoming class trip scheduled April 24 through May 2. December 1 \$500 deposits are due for those interested in joining us.

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 from LSB 892 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" verse one "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 you all, *DCE Bill Becker*

Galatia 12-3. This allowed both teams to return to the state competition on October 8th and 10th. Neither team was able to win another game, but their first-round victories allowed them both to finish fourth in the SIJHSAA state competition. Fan buses brought many students and teachers both days and we saw much team spirit and thank God for the blessings he brought each team this year.

The Cougar Prowl fun run was held on October 14th at the baseball field and was a great success. So many students ran soooo many laps and helped to raise so much money, \$7917. 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: Lucas Summer (7), Cooper Wingerter (6), Lane Cowell (7), Brewer Krick (4), and Henry Schnepel (5) placed 2nd in the OVC meet. We congratulated the boys but the girls did out do them by one place and finished 1st in the OVC Conference. The other young ladies that scored for the team are Ella Birch(6) , Roxy Markotay(6), Kelly Pollard(5), Jozlynn Palm(7), and Liza Wagner(4). Medaling in the girls' race were Ella Birch who finished first overall, Roxy Markotay who finished fourth, and Kelly Pollard who finished fifth. Teachers attended the Southern and Central Illinois District Teacher's Conference. 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 travel to Bloomington and have some staff bonding time the night before the conference.

October 9 was a great night to celebrate all the blessings God has bestowed upon us as a Church and School. This happened at the "Family of Faith Fall Fellowship Fair" and was a great way for families to reconnect with each other, discover or be reminded of

the many groups and organizations the church has to offer to its parishioners, and hear the children sing worship songs. Thank you to all who attended, and I hope to see you again next year.



*Pictured above are the 4th Place Finishing Teams for the SIJHSAA State Tournament in 2024.*

Awards were presented for the first quarter of the school year on October 17. The following students were recognized:

**Kindergarten** - *Perfect School* - Bennett Buch, Witten Cheek, Demi Grohmann, Ben Langrehr, Everett Liefer, Karlyn Meier, and Case Uffelmann. *Perfect Church* - Colton Gulley, Caleb Huntley, and Eliza Schrader. *Perfect Sunday School* - Demi Grohmann, Colton Gulley, and Eliza Schrader.

**1st Grade** - *Perfect School* - Waylynn Ebers, Huxton Grohmann, Owen Prange, Brynlee Schaefer, Bently Valentine, and Kayleigh Young. *Perfect Church* - Bently Valentine, *Perfect Sunday School* - Bently Valentine.

**2nd Grade** - *Perfect School* - Jettson Grohmann, Lane Kern, Tate Markotay, Kolton Meier, Piper Runge, Hayden Schlimme, Emma Schlueter, and Ava Wilson, *Perfect Sunday School* - Jettson Grohmann, Madalyn Gulley, and Elaina Heck *Perfect Church* - Jesson Grohmann, Madalyn Gulley, Elaina Heck, and Hayden Schlimme.

**3rd Grade** - *Perfect School* - Wyatt Clifford, Blakelynn Grohmann, Ella Herriman, Riley Hosfeld, Kayda Kaiser, Ava Kiefer, Kolton Liefer, Haven Schaefer, Elaina Uffelmann, Lynleigh Wingerter. *Perfect Church* - Kayda Kaiser, Ava Kiefer, Ellie

Stellhorn, and Lynleigh Wingeter. *Perfect Sunday School* - Ellie Stellhorn and Lynleigh Wingeter.

**4th Grade** - *Perfect School* - McKinley Florreich, Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Liam Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Nolan Liefer, Layla Meyer, Claire Sachtleben, Sam Schumacher, Sadie Stellhorn, Jack Valentine, Emry Voss, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner, Tripp Wagner, Cadin Wegener, and Brinley Wolter. *Perfect Church* - Jack Valentine and Sophia Voss, *Perfect Sunday School* - Avery Moll and Jack Valentine. *Highest Honors* - Brewer Krick, Ameliah Langrehr, Elsie Liefer, Layla Meyer, Claire Sachtleben, Sam Schumacher, Sophia Voss, Liza Wagner, and Brinley Wolter. *High Honors* - McKinley Florreich, Maggie Kuehn, Liam Langrehr, Nolan Liefer, Avery Moll, Hailey Nichols, Sadie Stellhorn, Jack Valentine, Emry Voss, and Tripp Wagner. *Honors* - Camden Moll and Caden Wegener.

**5th Grade** - *Perfect School*- Haydn Albert, Penny Lynn, and Cassidy Palm. *Perfect Church* - Aliviah Gulley, Cassidy Palm, and Henry Schnepel. *Perfect Sunday School* - Aliviah Gulley, Cassidy Palm, and Henry Schnepel. *Highest Honor Roll* - Cassidy Palm, *High Honor Roll* - Haydn Albert, Blake Horrell, Kelly Pollard, Loxton Sutton, and Aubrey Valleroy. *Honors* - Penny Lynn, Harper Mounts, and Henry Schnepel.

**6th Grade** *Perfect School* - Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Maybe Falkenhain, Grant Florreich, Emma Guebert, Colae Kaiser, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Roxy Markotay, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, Abby Stellhorn, and Cooper Wingeter. *Perfect Church* - Aiden Arbeiter, Emma Guebert, and Colae Kaiser. *Highest Honor Roll* - Grant Florreich, Colae Kaiser, Roxy Markotay, and Holden Wagner. *High Honor Roll* - Aiden Arbeiter, Ella Birch, Alexa Cheek, Maverick Cowell, Maybe Falkenhain, Emma Guebert, Sydney Krick, Lucy Kuehn, Brody Rahn, Grayden Schloemann, Abby Stellhorn, and Copper Wingeter. *Honor Roll* - Kenadee Crafton, Lauren Mehring, Jackson Neff, and Kade Young.

**7th Grade** - *Perfect School* - Colton Albert, Lane Cowell, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Kaydence Proctor, Blaine Rohlfing, Easton

Ruebusch, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Max Voss, and Athena Wolfmeier. *Perfect Church* - Jozlynn Palm and Evan Muench, *Highest Honor Roll* - Blaine Rohlfing and Easton Ruebusch, *High Honor Roll* - Colton Albert, Amelia Cheek, Sutton Jones, Aubrey Kiefer, Payton Liefer, Brayden McCarthy, Jozlynn Palm, Henry Sachtleben, Austin Stellhorn, Max Voss, and Sophia Zeiger. *Honor Roll* - Addison Brier, Lane Cowell, Kellen Herriman, Layla Kilpatrick, and Elle Sutton.

**8th Grade** - *Perfect School* - Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartmann, Liam Kilpatrick, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Allie Seiber, Tessa Stenzel, Cailyn Wilson, and Brooke Wolter. *Highest Honors* - Tessa Stenzel. *High Honors* - Ella Cowell, Cartr Hartmann, Colby Hartmann, Maya Macbeth, Carson Moll, Jack Sachtleben, Cailyn Wilson, and Brooke Wolter. *Honor Roll* - Liam Kilpatrick, Lyle Schlueter, Allie Seiber, and Brendyn Wegener.

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

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 to welcome guests to be with us and enjoy the games. Congratulations to the girls' basketball team on their 1st place finish in the St. Libory Tournament.



The girl's A team as they pose with their 1st place plaque from the St. Libory Girl's A team basketball tournament. Back Row: Coach David Kaiser, Coach Adam Cowell, Colae Kaiser, Aubrey Kiefer, Layla Kilpatrick, Sophia Zieger, Kayda Kaiser, Coach Quent Stenzel, and Coach Scott Voss Front Row: Tessa Stenzel, Allie Sieber, and Ella Cowell

As the Month of October came to a close, we were so glad to have the fall festival. We thank Tracy Proctor, Kristin Satchleben, and Trevor Stellhon who headed up the main committees and those 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. On the last day of October, we are happy to host trunk or treating in the New Gym Lobby from 5:00 to 7:00 pm. Cindy Steele put together quite the event. Thank you to St. John's Dietrich Bank, Buena Vista Bank, Christ Our Savior Lutheran High School, St. John's Junior Youth, St. John's Senior Youth, Faye Reinhardt, St. John's Lutheran Church and School, individuals from the congregation who attended or supported our event!

McTeachers Night took place on October 29 and was a great success due to the wonderful support we received from our Church and School families. This unbrokered support allowed the School Staff, who worked at the event, to raise money to help offset the costs of attending the LEA Convocation in 2026.

On November 1st 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 8 at 2 p.m. as we welcome some local veterans and the Maureen Liefer will speak with our students. On November 16 the 6th grade class will host the Craft Fair in our school. On November 27 we will be dismissed one hour early, at 1:45 p.m., with no after-school care. We will observe Thanksgiving with no school on November 27 & 28.

*God's Blessings, Justin Palm*

### **Senior Youth**

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.

Any high school youth interested in attending the youth gathering in New Orleans in July 2025, please contact Stephanie Liefer at 618-967-0804 or email at [stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com](mailto:stjohnsseniorityouth@gmail.com).

### **Financial Update:**

At this time, we have exhausted the \$200,000 limit from the Estate Fund for the year and were given a gift of \$100,000 from PTL to help us. These funds have also been exhausted. Continual ways are being looked at to solve this issue, but we are still having financial difficulties covering increasing expenses. **We need your help to secure our future at St. John's church and school.**

### **LCMS Stewardship Ministry**

*The consequences of shallow thankfulness*

Can you imagine a Thanksgiving dinner without turkey, mashed potatoes, gravy and pumpkin pie? I know I can't! To not have these on the menu, or worse, to run out of them with the family around the table, would be a culinary sin of epic proportions. An attempt to serve bratwurst and hamburgers in place of the standard fare would ring hollow and seem totally inappropriate and out of place. It isn't that the food would be bad; brats and burgers are pretty tasty. But not for Thanksgiving — they just don't go together!

This month, as we continue to walk through the stewardship hymn, "Forgive Us, Lord, for Shallow Thankfulness" (LSB 788), we turn our attention to verse three. Here, William Watkins Reid, Sr., the man who penned this text, draws attention to some things that do not go along with faithful, thankful stewardship.

Forgive us, Lord, for selfish thanks and praise ...

We see this often with small children. They greedily snatch the candy out of a grandparent's hand, savagely destroy the wrapper, and attempt to stuff the entire delicacy in their mouth in one bite, only to have a parent say, "Tell grandma thank you." This is followed by the pro forma thanks that is uttered between chocolate chews. It isn't really thankfulness; it is simply checking a box to keep mom or dad off their backs.

We never really outgrow this either. Our shallow thankfulness takes the form of feigned humility when praise is being offered. We are thankful that our admirers noticed and called us out: "Look at me! Aren't I special?" No thought at all is given to the fact that the Lord was the One who gave us the ability and opportunity for accomplishment. Our false blush is really only masking our selfish, credit-seeking gain.

Once again, we find ourselves idolatrously thanking ourselves.

For words that speak at variance with deeds ...

What carries more weight: words or action? The steward who gives voice to the Gospel in the Divine Service but then lives like a pagan in the world does great damage, not only to others but to the Gospel itself! This is the consequence of failed stewardship. It is idolatry that separates the steward from the Lord.

Worse yet, it also impacts others negatively. When the failed steward is the reference point outside the Christian community, there are those who want no part of being Christian or following the Christ they claim. We see this play out in the impact of overt political activity

among Christians based on governing policy as opposed to fidelity to the Word of God. When our lips and our lives are out of sync, like what used to happen with old movie projectors, the impact isn't funny — it obscures the Gospel!

Forgive our thanks for walking pleasant ways unmindful of a broken brother's need ...

Our creature comforts often become an obstacle to faithful stewardship. This is true of both individual and corporate stewardship. Financial stewardship is often limited by our desire to be comfortable and have the latest toys and gadgets. Congregational stewardship is often limited by the desire to focus on what is best for the congregation as opposed to how resources might be best stewarded to reach the community with the Gospel.

When we see someone in need, or broken by the world, we often look at them as freeloaders. We admonish them to get a job. We insist that they learn our language, learn our customs, and make them their own. But this gets in the way of seeing every human being the way that Jesus sees them. Remember, that broken person is one for whom Jesus went to the cross to die and rise. When we are unmindful of these needs, our shallow thankfulness also stands in the way of the Gospel.

This stanza reminds us of the challenge we face. Our hearts are master idol-makers. Our shallow thankfulness threatens our souls and hinders others from seeing Jesus as their Lord and Savior. Stewardship is serious business. It is a task for which

we were created. In our sinful failings, we are never relieved of these duties. In our Baptism, we are restored to be stewards of the Gospel. Our faithful stewardship is all about that Gospel.

Forgive us when our thanks are shallow, O Lord! In this month of Thanksgiving, grant us the grace to offer heaping helpings of this stewardship so that others may see Jesus!

### **Men's Club**

Men's Club will meet on Thursday November 14 at 7pm in the Fellowship Hall. DCE Bill Becker will give a presentation on his favorite author Laura Ingalls Wilder who wrote a series of books titled "Little House on The Prairie".

The Men's Club has decided not to continue their annual Wurstmarkt. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade class has decided to continue with a stripped-down version. It will be held on the normal 2nd Sunday of November, being the 10<sup>th</sup>. It will be a carryout event only. One other change is that the sausage will be smoked and grilled. Please support the class in taking on this project.

### **Midweek Bible Classes in the Fellowship Hall**

On Wednesdays Our Women's Bible Class is at 9:30 a.m. and Our Mom's Bible Study is at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Our Men's Bible Breakfast will be at 7 a.m. on Saturday, November 16<sup>th</sup>.

### **Evening Guild News**

**Lower Kaskaskia Zone Fall Fellowship**, Holy Cross Lutheran Church, Renault, IL on Thursday, November 7 – Worship service at 9:00 a.m. Guest speaker from "Sleep in Heavenly Peace."

**Tuesday, November 19** at 7:00 p.m. Evening Guild gathers in the fellowship hall with devotions led by Donna Wetzel. Hostesses: Brenda Gilpatrick, chairman. Judy Guebert and Linda Guebert

**November Mission Project:** Musketeer Market's annual food drive. Any canned items and new or gently used coats of all sizes are welcome.

We will also collect for ComWell's Homeless Care Kits to be distributed in Randolph County. The kit bags need warm hats, scarves, gloves, socks, puzzle

books, baby wipes, and snacks. Monetary donations to either of these are also accepted and welcome. Thank you for your kindness to those less fortunate than us this holiday season.

**Quilting** schedule for November is Tuesday from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Wednesday from 9 a.m. to noon.

### Sunday School

Perfect Attendance for October-

Nursery: Brenlee Stenzel, Logan Gramenz, Kullen Liefer, June Russell, Dallin Liefer; Pre-K: Eve Guebert, Lillian Guebert, Nolan Liefer; Kindergarten: Demi Grohmann, Benjamin Langrehr, Eliza Schrader, Nolan Kassing, Caleb Huntley; First Grade: Raelynn Stenzel, Bentley Valentine; Second Grade: Jettson Grohmann; Fourth Grade: Brewer Krick, Amelia Langrehr, Jack Valentine; Sixth Grade: Natalie Kassing, Sydney Krick; Seventh Grade: Jozlynn Palm.

### 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 29<sup>th</sup>. Each issue is full of news, teaching and inspiration. The cost for next year is \$27.85.

Thank you!

### Acolyte Schedule

Sat. Nov. 9	5 p.m. Lauren Mehring
Sun. Nov. 10	8 a.m. Presley Liefer 10:30 a.m. Natalie Kassing
Sat. Nov. 16	5 p.m. Amelia Cheek
Sun. Nov. 17	8 a.m. Cooper Wingerter 10:30 a.m. Maybre Falkenhain
Sat. Nov. 23	5 p.m. Kenadee Crafton
Sun. Nov. 24	8 a.m. Kade Young 10:30 p.m. Jackson Neff
Wed. Nov. 27	7 p.m. Addison Brier
Thurs. Nov. 28	9 a.m. Mr. Becker
Sat. Nov. 30	5 p.m. <i>(To Be Determined)</i>
Sun. Dec. 1	8 a.m. <i>(To Be Determined)</i> 10:30 p.m. <i>(To Be Determined)</i>

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

### LCMS Foundation

"My furnace just died and they are coming to replace it Tuesday. I have already signed a contract to

have our hardwood floors refinished the week after that. When that is all done, I will have to hurry to get the house in order for Thanksgiving because we are having thirty people over for dinner. Before I know it, Christmas will be here, and I don't know when I will get to shopping for presents. I am thinking about just writing checks to my children and having them buy things for the grandchildren this year."

This was the conversation that began between two friends on the way out of worship. The friend replied, "Your children probably don't have more time than you to do that Christmas shopping. Are you sure that's a good idea?"

Struggling with the many responsibilities of life is one of the key reasons that we don't create or review our estate plans, and specifically, the gift plans within them. We are tempted to kick the can down the alley, hoping someone else will get to it. Yet history demonstrates that with charitable gifting, if we don't create our specific plans and have them written out in wills, trusts, or beneficiary designations, those areas of charitable intent will never happen.

Your LCMS Foundation Gift Planning Counselor can assist you in getting specific, enabling you to fulfill the responsibilities the Lord has given you to manage His gifts. To get started, contact Scott Radden at (618) 977-4049 or [Scott.Radden@LFND.org](mailto:Scott.Radden@LFND.org).

### Worship Greeters

Sat. Nov. 9	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 10	8 a.m. Cindy Steele & Sharon Henke 10:30 a.m. Ron & Diane Kunkelmann
Sat. Nov. 16	5 p.m. Stanley & Lynn Langrehr
Sun. Nov. 17	8 a.m. Clyde & Kathy Rowold 10:30 a.m. Gerald & Jill Hanebutt
Sat. Nov. 23	5 p.m. Virginia & Mark Moeller
Sun. Nov. 24	8 a.m. Christine Doerr & Lisa Quinn 10:30 a.m. Vernitta Wolter & Cindy Ebers
Sat. Nov. 30	5 p.m. Kim & Addison Breier
Sun. Dec. 1	8 a.m. Kalin & Kathy Liefer 10:30 a.m. Ken & Karen Wetzel

*We need two people (two individuals or a couple) to serve as greeters for the 8 a.m. 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.*



## November Church and School Calendar

### Monday, November 4-

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball vs. RBC (1<sup>st</sup> Home game)  
7:00 p.m. Elders Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

### Tuesday, November 5-

No School – Election Day  
9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Office Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball @ Holy Childhood  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball @ RBC

*1 Timothy 2:1-2 “I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone — for kings and for all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.”*

### Wednesday, November 6-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel– Mrs. Schnepel & 6th Grade  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. New Members Class in the Library  
6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
Boys Basketball “C” Team Tournament @ RBL

### Thursday, November 7-

5:30 p.m. GBB & BBB vs Unity (A Team Only)  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

### Friday, November 8-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel – Pastor Fischer  
2:00 p.m. Veteran’s Day Program  
Boys Basketball “C” Team Tournament @ RBL

### Saturday, November 9-

Boys Basketball “C” Team Tournament @ RBL  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service

### SUNDAY, November 10-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
10:30 a.m. 3yr PreK – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Sing

### Monday, November 11-

No School – Veteran’s Day  
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

*“The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge” (Psalm 18:2).*

### Tuesday, November 12-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Office Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. RBC

### Wednesday, November 13-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel – Bob Polansky  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. New Members Class in the Library  
5:30 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. Marissa  
6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. Board of Parish Education Meeting

### Thursday, November 14-

6:00 p.m. GBB & BBB vs. St Libory (C Team only)  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church  
7:00 p.m. PTL Meeting

### Friday, November 15-

8:30 a.m. Early Childhood Chapel – Mrs. Nowak & Pre-K

### Saturday, November 16-

7:00a.m. Men’s Bible Breakfast in the Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

### SUNDAY, November 17-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service

### Monday, November 18-

3:15 p.m. Faculty Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball @ Evansville  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. TSJ  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

### Tuesday, November 19-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Office Staff Meeting  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball @ Chester Lutheran

### Wednesday, November 20-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. New Members Class in the Library  
6:00 p.m. Mom’s Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall

*1 Timothy 4:4-5: "For everything God created is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, because it is consecrated by the word of God and prayer."*

Thursday, November 21-

5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball @ Steeleville  
6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church  
Girls Basketball "A" Tournament @ TSJ Begins

Friday, November 22-

8:30 a.m. All School Chapel- Mrs. Miller & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade  
BBB "A" Tournament @ Good Shepherd Begins

Saturday, November 23-

5:00 p.m. Divine Service

SUNDAY, November 24-

8:00 a.m. Divine Service  
9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School  
10:30 a.m. Divine Service with Holy Communion

Monday, November 25-

6:00 p.m. Boys Basketball @ St. Mary's (A & C only)  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. St. Libory  
7:00 p.m. Choir in School Music Room

Tuesday, November 26-

9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:45 a.m. Office Staff Meeting  
5:30 p.m. Boys Basketball @ St. James (B & C only)  
6:00 p.m. Girls Basketball vs. Steeleville

Wednesday, November 27-

7 a.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
9:00 a.m. 3-8<sup>th</sup> Grade Chapel - Sherry Prange  
9:00 a.m. to Noon Quilting in the Fellowship Hall  
9:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. Public School Confirmation Class  
5:30 p.m. New Members Class in the Library  
6:00 p.m. Mom's Bible Study in the Fellowship Hall  
5:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service with Holy Communion

Thursday, November 28- Happy Thanksgiving!

No School & Office Closed

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

6:00 p.m. Bell Choir Practice at Church

Friday, November 29-

No School & Office Closed

Saturday, November 30-

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

SUNDAY, December 1-

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

9:30 a.m. Adult Bible Class & Sunday School

10:30 a.m. Divine Service



*2 Corinthians 9:10-11: "Now he who supplies seed to the sower and bread for food will also supply and increase your store of seed and will enlarge the harvest of your righteousness. You will be enriched in every way so that you can be generous on every occasion, and through us your generosity will result in thanksgiving to God."*